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## DAILY EDITION

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IN CASE OF A  
GENERAL ELECTION.

If the Borden government should go to the people at the present time, or in two months or six months, would it be endorsed? That is a question which occurs to many people who have been noticing the elections in Ontario, and the Morning Albertan very ably and conservatively sums up the situation as it stands. It says the Borden government might be endorsed but it is very doubtful. It would have the advantage of being in power, which, unfortunately, is a big advantage in this country. It has control. It takes charge of the election. Its officials man the polls. With Rogers in control the party will be organized as no government party was ever organized before. With him directing affairs, the election methods will be different from elections in the past. That will mean much to the government. But there is some indication that these methods do not always prevail. There is here and there some sign that Ontario is swinging back again and the Liberals have done well in the two by-elections, winning one and reducing the majority in the other. In the recent by-elections for the provincial house the majorities of the Conservative candidates have been reduced. The government has much greater advantage in a by-election than in a general election. So judging by the signs of the times, with a fair redistribution, Ontario would probably increase the Liberal contingent by at least one dozen.

Reports of the general disaffection from the government in Quebec doubtless are somewhat exaggerated. The government framed its navy bill for Quebec, and the Nationalist supporters of the government are telling their constitu-

ents that the emergency vote will not be followed by any permanent policy and the best way to dispose of the navy is to vote the \$35,000,000, even though it be large, and let it go at that. In the next election, doubtless, Bourassa and his associates will support Mr. Borden again, though perhaps not as vigorously as before. The Conservatives, however, are weak in leaders, and Pelletier is the only one who can stand up for his government. The Liberals would gain ten seats without doubt, and probably more.

The reports from the Maritime provinces seem to be satisfactory. The government has made some serious blunders in its detailed administration. The shifting policy of the minister of railways has caused dissatisfaction. The administration of the public works has caused some disappointment.

The government would not gain in the west, unless the redistribution were unreasonable. The Liberals will make some gains in British Columbia. The Conservative organization is complete, but the people are beginning to lose faith in McBride and the Conservative party. The Dominion government is not fulfilling the extreme promises that some of its supporters made for the coast province.

The two new provinces would return Liberals. They have no reason for altering their decision. The Conservative party seems utterly demoralized in Saskatchewan. Manitoba would probably do better for the Liberals than at the last election.

The west will have more seats in the new house and the majority of them should be carried by the Liberals.

Summing it up thus closely and fairly the Albertan concludes that an early election would probably result in the defeat of the government.

GRANBY MINING COMPANY PAYS  
HANDSOME PRICE FOR MINE

COMPANY OPERATING AT GRANBY BAY PURCHASES MIDAS  
COPPER MINE FOR \$123,000—NEWSY NOTES  
FROM THE SMELTER CITY.

(Special Correspondence.)

Granby, Nov. 15.—It is hard to realize the magnitude of the undertakings of the Granby Consolidated Mining Company at Anyox without being on the spot and seeing them for oneself.

Work on their property bordering Granby Bay is, however, proceeding at a rapid pace, and a force of over 1,000 men is employed here at the present time rushing construction forward as far as possible before snow flies. Large, up to the minute machine shops have been in operation for some months. The temporary power house is doing good work, and the mines, which are about a mile from the residential part of Granby Bay, and have a separate little mining village close to them, are in shape to feed two thousand pounds of ore per day to the large smelter, which, it is expected, will be completed by the first of the year.

The construction of the smelter presents a scene of extraordinary activity daily, for from here comes the incessant noise of the steel riveting, while the massive machinery is being put up and numerous gangs of men, under Mr. Frank MacVaugh, are working as if they had not a minute to spare.

The building of the dam is making good progress, the pipe line from the dam to the new power house is completed, and for the latter the brickwork is practically finished, and it only remains for the machinery to be placed before it will be in readiness to generate the power for the many huge undertakings throughout the works.

Every day in the week Granby is bustling, but on Saturdays and Sunday mornings particularly the wharf is at its busiest, for these are steamboat days, and the regular arrival of the Prince Rupert Sunday at 7 a. m., bringing passengers mail and freight, is an event looked forward to with no small amount of interest.

This big company, the Granby Consolidated, is undoubtedly the most progressive mining company in British Columbia at the present time. Their shares are quoted in the neighborhood of \$70, and their expansion policy culminated last week in their closing negotiations for the purchase of the Midas copper mine, on Solomon Gulch, near Valdez, Alaska. The purchase price is said to have been a cash deal representing an investment of \$123,000. The first payment of \$25,000 has already been made, and the balance is to be turned over within thirty days.

Quite recently the company acquired the Copper Queen mine, on Texada Island, where large deposits of lime bearing ore exists suitable for fluxing purposes.

The Mamie mine at Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, has also been bought by the company from the Brown Alaska Company, and this property contains a large tonnage of magnetic iron ore carrying a considerable percentage of copper. This mine is at present equipped with a power plant, compressor plant and an aerial tramway 8,000 feet to the beach with a capacity of 100 tons per hour. It is the intention of the company to ship the ore from these mines to their smelter at Anyox for treatment.

In addition to the above mentioned acquisitions the Granby Company is developing under bond a number of properties in

Washington, as well as operating their extensive mines at Phoenix and smelter at Grand Forks, in the Boundary country.

Everything possible in the short time available has been done by the company for the comfort and welfare of their employees at Granby Bay. There is a commodious and well filled general store, with post office and drug department in connection right by the landing stage. The general office building, in which the engineers and other officials of the company have their offices, is modern in every way. The hospital, in charge of Dr. Dickson, assisted by Dr. Stone, is thoroughly up to date, and for the present there are two resident nurses to take care of the sick. Quite a number of well built houses are occupied by the married employees of the company, and Granby already has the appearance of a flourishing mining town, where only a few short months ago there was practically nothing but rocks and trees. The large saw mill mess and bunkhouse accommodate about 500 men, and there is another camp at the dam, also a large mess and bunkhouse up at the mines.

A spacious school building has been erected for the educational needs of the youngsters in the community, and this is in charge of Miss Fotheringham.

The Granby Bay Hotel Company, Limited, runs a splendidly equipped hotel, and Mr. Manly is to be congratulated on his meals and service, all the bedrooms having electric light, hot and cold water and telephones in them.

The recreation hall and pool room is close by, and a grand hall was recently given by Mr. Manly to celebrate the opening of that building.

A social club has since been inaugurated and it is proposed to devote at least one evening a week to dancing. Moving pictures are put on in the recreation hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings by Messrs. Strassberg and Koller of Prince Rupert.

The Northern Cross makes Granby a regular place of call, and Archdeacon Collison is expected here again the last Sunday in November. Between times Rev. H. C. Andrew holds service in the recreation hall every Sunday night. A handsome building is in course of erection for the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church, and Rev. Father Schuster, O. M. I., meanwhile looks after the spiritual needs of his congregation and preaches in a private house.

Mr. F. M. Sylvester, the general manager of the company, has been here for several days, and left for Vancouver last week.

Mr. Wake Williams, the company's general superintendent of smelters, is in residence here, and will probably remain in Anyox until the smelter is operating.

The Canadian customs are represented at Anyox by "Doc" Hyde, and the other Dominion government officials are Mr. R. T. Cook, postmaster, and "Jimmy" Bryden, telegraph operator. John Hutchings of the Provincial government police department is the constable stationed at Granby Bay.

## The Wherefore.

"Why does that hen refuse to associate with the other hens?"  
"Oh, that hen is descended from one of the original Plymouth Rocks."

## CANAL READY SOON

Goethals Believes Navigation May Open in January.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, in a letter to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, writes that the Panama Canal will be ready for navigation in January or February, 1914. Colonel Goethals says it is his plan first to pass one of the large Panama Railroad steamships and after that has been accomplished other shipping will be looked through.

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