LAST DAY IN OTTAWA

The Royal Party Look Into the Lumbering Business.

A Brilliant Reception Scene in the Senate Chamber.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall spent today on the Ottawa river and in the forest lining its banks, and were given a complete exposition of the lumberman's life with all its native picturesqueness. They shot the timber slides on a raft, lunched in a lumberman's shanty and enjoyed a day's outing that was a novelty to them.

The royal party were brought in from Rideau Hall on a specially built electric car, and boarded the rafts at Regans street. There were six rafts, each manned by half a dozen rivermen in red shirts and blue jeans, and from the one assigned to the Duke and Duchess flowed the royal standard. Beside the members of the royal party, the governor-general and the Countess of Minto, Premier Laurier and Lady Laurier, representatives of the lumbermen and the newspaper correspondents travelling with the royal party were the only ones to make the trip.

The rafts were floated down the stream and then in succession sent wheeling through the slides, dropping 45 feet in a quarter of a mile. Every bridge spanning the river was crowded, and the banks were lined with people who cheered wildly as the royal couple floated quickly past on their exhilarating trip. Scores of river craft of every kind waited below the slides, and there was a repetition of the cheering. The cribs were quickly collected and the passengers taken off in birch bark canoes. The whole flotilla proceeded down the river to Rockcliffe Point. A landing was made at the club house of the Ottawa Canoe club, from the verandah of which the duke and Duchess witnessed the aquatic sports.

The lumbermen first gave an exhibition of their skill in handling logs in the water, and then a series of log rolling contests, in which the losing man was invariably ducked. The river sports closed with an exciting race of war canoes. Seven crews competed, and there were 15 men in each canoe. The pace was very fast, with a desperate spurt at the finish. The Grand Trunk Boating club of Montreal won. The Britannias of Ottawa finished second and the Ottawas third. The Duke and Duchess were then escorted to Rockliffe Park, where in the midst of a heavy growth of hemlock and spruce a model lumberman's shanty had been thrown up. Fifty red-shirted woodsmen lined up to receive them, and they were shown at once to the shanty. A great open fire burned in the middle of the log-walled house, and the smiling cook announced that dinner was ready. He offered steaming pork and beans and other staples of bush life, and the Duke and Duchess sampled each.

A large tent stood next to the shanty and was stocked with the fare of civilization, and here the entire party lunched.

After lunch the lumbermen gave an exhibition of their wood work. They attacked a great tree with their axes, felled it, sawed it into lengths and piled it on a sleigh. After that they danced on a rough platform to the scraping of a violin in the hands of one of their number, and sang the songs of the old voyageurs. When they finished they gathered together and here the Duke thanked them. He said: "The Duchess and I thank you very much. We have seen many interesting things on our way around the world, but none more interesting than this."

William Whistle, the French-Canadian foreman of the camp, replied to the Duke, and his speech, strongly marked by the dialect of his race, was highly amusing. It dealt with his own woes and debts, and the Duke and Duchess, who faced him, could not restrain their laughter. The Duke and Duchess returned to Rideau Hall on the special electric car.

Late in the afternoon a delegation representing the ladies of Ottawa called at Rideau Hall and presented the Duchess with a mink cape. Lady Laurier made the presentation and the Duchess in reply expressed her appreciation and thanks.

The reception given by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall in the senate chamber tonight was the most brilliant social affair of the Canadian tour. All the local troops were massed in Parliament square, and the entire group of buildings was brilliantly lighted, as were all of the streets in the centre of the capital. The square and streets were crowded with people anxious for a glimpse at the guests. The senate chamber was splendidly decorated. The Duke and Duchess stood upon the speaker's throne, and before them stood the members of the former's staff in uniform and the local officers. Aides de camp received the guests and escorted them to the throne for presentation, calling their names as they appeared before the royal couple. The lights, the colors of the decorations, the gowns of the ladies and the uniforms of the officers made an attractive picture in the stately chamber.

The royal party resume their journey westward to the Pacific coast tomorrow morning and their first stop of any length will be at Winnipeg, which they will reach on Thursday afternoon. It has been definitely decided that the Duchess will make the entire journey through to Victoria and will not stay at Banff as once planned. Lord Minto, governor-general, will not go to the Pacific coast with the party, but Premier Laurier will accompany them.

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IN THE SIMILKAMEEN

PROMISING COAL FIELDS THAT CALL FOR MORE DEVELOPMENT.

IMPORTANT MINERAL STRIKES IN BOULDER CREEK DISTRICT.

PRINCETON, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The townsite company has started work on the grading of Bridge street—the main business thoroughfare. Engineer James Hislop has surveyed the street from end to end to obtain a grade to the new Tulameen bridge. He estimates that 1,120 yards will be required to be filled in from the Princeton hotel to the bridge. Tenders for this piece are being called for. In time the whole of Bridge street will be properly graded.

Mr. Ernest Waterman, resident manager of the Vermilion Forks Mining & Development company, has submitted a scheme to his directors to place a row of shade trees down each side of Vermilion avenue. This road is 100 feet in width, and perfectly level for its entire length of several blocks. The shade trees will be planted 20 feet out on either side, leaving 60 feet for a driveway. Another minor improvement the company has in view is fencing in a triangular piece of ground at the junction of Vermilion avenue and Bridge street. Next summer this spot will be made beautiful with shade trees and flowers.

Construction work has started on George R. Jackson's combined store and office building. Contractors Irving & Finnegan were the successful tenderers. Mr. Jackson is at Victoria perfecting arrangements and purchasing stationery, books, etc., for his private bank, which he will open as soon as the building is completed. Its cost will be $2,500, outside of fittings.

The branding season is now on. The annual round-up for this purpose is being conducted by an outfit of cowpunchers representing Messrs. Lowe, Barcello, Richter, Daly and Cawston of Keremeos. Stock has done remarkably well this season on the ranges west of Princeton, notwithstanding the drought. While the Similkameen district is perhaps best known on the outside for its extensive and varied mineral resources, nature has endowed it with the finest ranges in the province. Countless herds of cattle and horses are bred, and this industry will in a short time become one of its leading mainstays. Given railway facilities, profitable markets are to be had in the cities of the coast as well as the towns of the Boundary.

The coal measures near town give promise of being the scene of much activity this fall. Among recent arrivals is Alexander Sharp, M.E., of Rossland. He is the engineer for the Vancouver Coal syndicate, and will superintend the development of this concern's extensive holdings between the Tulameen and Similkameen rivers.

The drilling outfit ordered by the Vermilion Forks Mining & Development company is reported to have reached Vancouver. If this correct it will not be long before operations will be resumed on the company's mine. This coal mine is on the south bank of the Similkameen, but a few minutes walk from the centre of the town. Two tunnels have been driven, opening up a large seam of good domestic coal. It is sold locally at six dollars per ton delivered. With the aid of the drilling machinery the company will be enabled to prospect the measures at depth.

The discovery by Frank Aiken, during the week, of a truly big seam, or seams, of coal on the land under lease by the Similkameen Valley Coal company has attracted great interest. Daily numbers go out to look at the discovery, which is conceded by all to be the largest surface showing yet found in the district. The correspondent of the Miner in company with Mr. Aiken went out to the showing yesterday. The cropping is exposed for over 100 feet in length along the bank of a creek. Sufficient work of course has not been done to obtain any intelligent idea of how wide the measure is. The coal is clean, has a conchoidal fracture, and gives promise of turning out well when opened up. The company leasing the land was promoted by D. R. Young of Rossland. It has under lease some 7,680 acres, in all 12 claims. The press of Nelson has stated time and again that quite a sum of money is on hand for development. If this is true it would seem to the correspondent that now that coal has been discovered some use could be made of the funds.

The idea of coralling large tracts of land for speculative purposes and holding same from year to year by the payment of a nominal fee of $50 per 640 acres, was not the intention of the framers of the coal lands act. What was intended, and it is not being fulfilled, by this company and other concerns, was that locators of coal land should prospect their holdings. This matter is simply pointed out by the correspondent with a view to stirring up those on the outside who have become interested in the coal measures of this district. It is easy to be seen that a non-compliance with the act might subject holders to a forfeiture of the permission granted. To obtain crown grant to the land it is absolutely necessary to mine continuously for a period of five years, before the land can be purchased outright on payment of $5.00 per acre.

Local parties interested in the Similkameen Coal company, promoted by I. W. Reddin of Rossland, would also be pleased if some action was taken by the directors with a view to starting operations This company has under lease a considerable acreage awaiting development.

Work has started at last on the clearing out and rebuilding of the Roche River camp and Summit City camp trails. Road Foreman George Goldsbrough and his men will build the Roche river trail, while Dan Ross, a pioneer prospector of Summit City camp, will have charge of the work on the other trail. While it is late in the season, and for the most part the prospector has finished his assessments in both camps, yet it was welcome news to all when the announcement was made by Superintendent of Roads Stevenson last Saturday that the appropriation for both trails would be expended immediately, and the work pushed as rapidly as possible.

Spearing, Brooks and Todd, who have this season been actively developing their properties in Boulder Creek and Tulameen River camps, made an important strike on their Bear Creek properties this week. The new camp was discovered last fall, when several locations were made by C. Law, M.E., of Vancouver. The principal claims were called the St. Lawrence and the St. George, but although enormous ledges of mineral bearing rock were found, values did not run high, and the owners contented themselves with merely doing assessment work this season. Spearing and his partners located a group consisting of the Liverpool, Chicago and Columbia locations, and about a month ago decided to determine the value of the find by thoroughly exploring the iron cap which covered the ledge. A large open cut was run, stripping the capping and exposing a cropping of rich copper ore in an oxidized condition. This decomposed mineral evidently covered the sought for ledge, for on sinking a shaft 20 feet deep, a well defined body of mineral was encountered which to all appearances should assay well in gold and copper. The foot wall is clean and regular on the south side of the shaft, but as yet no sign of the hanging wall has been found. On the surface the ledge is found between a lime and shale rock, the latter being heavily impregnated with quartz. The boys are greatly elated over their discovery, and immediately staked three extensions on the ledge, calling them the London, Frisco and Uncle Sam.

Several local prospectors who have visited the new strike declare it is the most important discovery made in that district. Some splendid samples were brought into Princton for assay by Mr. Spearing who will remain in town a few days attending to recording, etc. C. Debarro of the Hotel Otter at Tulameen is one of the lucky owners in the new find, owning the Chicago claim adjoining the Liverpool, on which the ledge was discovered. The new camp is located about four miles from the mouth of Bear creek on the divide between the head waters of Boulder and the Tulameen. Professor Robertson, who recently visited Boulder creek, stated that nowhere in the district has he found such a promising group of prospects as those located on Boulder creek, and gave it as his opinion that that section of the country was the most promising he has visited on his present trip.

EAST KOOTENAY IRON.

More Discoveries Made and Claims Located.

On Sunday last D. Monroe and George Geary returned from Iron creek, where they have been prospecting for some time. Mr. Munroe in conversation with a Prospector representative said: "Yes, we have discovered several large and strong veins or iron ore. We have located 12 claims south and east of the Bull river claims. Our locations extend from the summit of Fenwick mountain down to and across Iron creek and up Monroe mountain. There are three are three leads that traverse the group; one is from 40 to 50 feet in width. I am unable to state the width of the others, though they are large. The ore is of the same high grade and quality as is found on the other side of Fenwick mountain, and the veins extend through both groups. We shall prospect the property thoroughly this fall. Fenwick mountain is a mountain of ore. Since I came to town I have heard it said that the ore body has no depth. You may say that the people who are now engaged in spreading this report 'are talking through their hat.' Several years ago a man named Boyer discovered a small vein of grey copper on one of the claims located on Bull river. He sunk a shaft some 50 or 60 feet. At eight feet he lost his copper, then struck iron, and sunk at least 40 feet trying to get through what he thought was capping. He then went down the mountain 50 or 100 feet and drove a tunnel some 70 feet through iron. He was seeking copper and not finding it let his claim run out, not doing any more work. The big iron lead covers the claims held by him and show that the iron deposits have a depth of 150 feet or more, but I think that there is a depth of over 1,000 feet."

Some three weeks ago N. A. Wallinger located four or five claims on Dibble creek, another tributary of Bull river. He was in town on Wednesday, and hitting The Prospector man on the back said: "More iron. I have located three more claims on Dibble creek; there is a big body of hematite in that vicinity. It is a hard country to prospect, but there is iron to be found on the contact. It will be found in many places for the zone extends for miles."

The locators of the Bull river properties are J. T. Laidlaw, VanArsdalen, George Watson, C. M. Edwards, W. R. Ross, E. Johnson, A. B. Fenwick and T. Fenwick.

The locators of the Hematite group of mines on Iron creek are D. Munroe, George Geary, Jay Usher, Hank Eller, J. A. Harvey and A. B. Grace.

The Dibble creek properties are owned by N. A. Wallinger and others.

S. W. Gebo has a force of 10 men at work on the Bull river mines. Several tunnels are being run. J. T. Laidlaw is now engaged in surveying this group of claims.—Fort Steele Prospector.

SHUTTING UP SHOP—

The Columbia Telephone and Telegraph company's exchange in this city will be closed up on the first of next month. The business has been taken over by the Vernon & Nelson company, and as the old company's list had dwindled down to less than 50 services the necessity of keeping the office open has ceased. Superintendent Hodge, of the Vernon & Nelson, was in the city yesterday. Referring to the change he stated that there would be no alteration in rates as the result of the passing of the old company.

CRANBROOK FAIR—

Several Rossland people left yesterday for Cranbrook to take in the first annual fair commencing there today. Harry Mackintosh, of the Hoffman House, headed the Rossland contingent, and others will join the party at Trail.

THE STOCK MARKET

CENTRE STAR MAKES A VERY RAPID RISE DURING THE WEEK.

OTHER STOCKS WITHOUT MUCH CHANGE—TRANSACTIONS NOT LARGE.

The sales on the local stock exchange reached only a small total for the past week, 40,500 being the aggregate. This was partly accounted for by the Thursday adjournment because of the memorial service for the late president, but on the other days the business done was comparatively small.

The feature of the market has been the second phenomenal rise of Centre Star, which has gone up by leaps and bounds. Two weeks ago this stock was selling at 35 and 36, while yesterday it came into the market at 47 1-2 and 48, the asking price at the close being 50 and the bids 47. The stock is now a point or two above Rambler. There is evidently considerable confidence in the future of the mine, and now that work has been resumed on the Le Roi group there is a natural expectation that the others will soon follow. It is noticeable that comparatively small amounts of Centre Star come out even at this much advanced price.

Rambler-Cariboo has moved but little during the week, remaining in the neighborhood of 47 1-2, at which price a good many shares have been sold. There is no indication of any serious decline.

Winnipeg has reacted to some extent, the first sales of the week being made at 7 1-4 and 7 1-2, and the price towards the close declining to 6 3-4. Several solid blocks of the stock have changed hands. Reports from the mine continue generally favorable.

Dealings in other stocks were limited in amount. Black Tail sold at 10 1-4 and 10 1-8, Morning Glory at 3, Giant at 2 1-2 and Lone Pine at 4 1-2.

The sales for the week were:

Friday	12,000
Saturday	7,000
Monday	5,500
Tuesday	7,500
Wednesday	8,500
	40,500

	ASKED	BID
Abe Lincoln	8½	4
American Boy	10	9
Athabasca	$4 00	
B. C. Gold Fields	3	
Big Three	2¼	
Black Tail	10½	9¾
California	6	4
Canadian Gold Fields	6	4½
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	21	18
Centre Star	50	47
Crown Nest Pass Coal	$80 00	$72 00
Deer Trail No. 2	3	2
Dundee		
Evening Star, [assess. paid]	5	
Giant	4	2
Golden Crown Min s, Limited.	3½	2
Homestake [assess. paid]	1½	1
Iron Mask. (assess paid)	16	13
Iron Colt	1	
I. X. L.	20	
Jumbo	10	
King (Oro Denoro)		
Knob Hill		
Lone Pine	6	5
Monte Christo	3	1½
Montreal Gold Fields	3½	2
Morning Glory	3¼	
Morrison	3	1½
Mountain Lion	30	20
Noble Five	10	8½
North Star [East Kootenay]	35	25
Novelty	2	½
Old Ironsides	85	75
Payne		15
Peoria Mines		¼
Princess Maud	2	1½
Quilp	25	18
Rambler-Cariboo	48	47
Republic		3
Rossland Bonanza G M & M Co	3	
Spitzee Gold Mines	$5 00	4 50
St. Elmo Consolidated	2½	
Sullivan	11	9¾
Tamarac (Kenneth) Ass'mt paid	5	3
Tom Thumb	13½	11½
Van Anda	3	1½
Virginia	3	1
War Eagle Consolidated	15	10
Waterloo	1	¼
White Bear	3	1½
Winnipeg	6½	5¾
Wonderful	4	2

FRIDAY'S SALES.

Winnipeg, 500, 1000, 7 1-4c; 2500, 7 1-2c; Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 47 1-2c; American Boy, 1000, 9 1-4c; Black Tail, 5000, 10 1-4c; Cariboo, Camp McKinney, 1000, 20c. Total sales, 12,000 shares.

SATURDAY'S SALES.

Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 47c.; Winnipeg, 1000 at 7 1-4c.; Morning Glory, 2000 at 3c.; Lone Pine, 1000 at 4 1-2c.; Giant, 2000 at 2 1-2c. Total, 7000.

MONDAY'S SALES.

Winnipeg, 500, 6 3-4c; 1000, 7c; Rambler-Cariboo, 2000, 47 1-2c; Centre Star, 2000, 41. Total 5,500.

TUESDAY'S SALES.

Rambler-Cariboo, 1000 at 47 1-2c.; Morning Glory, 3000 at 3c.; Black Tail, 1500 at 10 1-4c.; Winnipeg, 2000 at 6 3-4c. Total, 7,500.

WEDNESDAY'S SALES.

Centre Star, 500, 1000, 47 1-2c; 2000, 48c; Black Tail, 5000, 10 1-8c. Total 8,500.

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BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Extraordinary precautions have been taken at Romenton for Emperor William's safety during the deer stalking there, according to a special despatch, Troops have been stationed in the village near the Romenton forests. Passes are demanded from all persons going to the village of Romenton. All sightseers are excluded.

THE CABINET VACANCY

British Columbia May Now Get Representation.

A Steam Barge Wrecked on an Island in Lake Huron.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—There will be no appointment in the place of Sir Louis Davies in the cabinet for some time. Mr. Sutherland will probably act for one of the ministers, as he generally does, until it has been finally decided whether the portfolio is to go to New Brunswick or British Columbia. The outlook at present is that British Columbia will get it.

Thanksgiving day has now been changed from October 31st to November 28th.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Mayor Prefontaine is very indignant over the cancellation of the civic reception which was to be held by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. He declares there were other reasons besides the death of President McKinley behind the cancellation, but refuses to discuss them.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Sept. 23.—Thomas Turcotte, of Black Bay, was struck by the Imperial Limited while driving home and instantly killed.

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—J. J. Franklin, formerly general manager of the Montreal street railway, died here today in St. Michael's hospital.

The city council today decided to present Lieut. Cockburn with a sword of honor, which the Duke of Cornwall will be asked to present when he pins the V. C. on the lieutenant's coat.

THOROLD, Ont., Sept. 23.—Atkinson Stephenson, a wealthy farmer, was killed today. His horses took fright and threw him off a roller, which passed over his body.

KINGSTON, Sept. 23.—Principal Grant's condition showed some improvement today, though he is far from being out of danger yet.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Sept. 23.—The steamer H. H. Dixon brings news of the loss of the steam barge City of Cleveland en route to Midland with iron ore, on Perseverance Island, last Sunday morning. The crew escaped in boats to the rocks and were rescued in the nick of time by the Dixon.

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—Henry Mann went out to South Africa with Baden-Powell's constabulary. In July last his family received notice of his death from enteric. Today a letter came from him saying he had been ill for three months, but was now convalescent.

SARNIA, Ont., Sept. 23.—The Grand Trunk elevator here was burned this morning.

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Sept. 23.—Alphonse Raymond, while performing on a trapeze at La Framboise Park on Sunday before 700 people, fell to the ground, breaking his neck. The rope holding the trapeze broke.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Thomas Johnson, accountant of the passenger department of the C. P. R., has been selected by Sir William Van Horne as an accountant of the Cuba Railway company, and will leave for Havana on Wednesday.

LARDEAU DISTRICT.

Flattering Predictions Made for its Future.

It is always in order to discuss a mining camp's future outlook, and though from a newspaper business point of view the past and present is none too lucrative, we must confess that though we fill our pockets with our hands and perforce mortgage the future to print these lines, the outlook for this camp was never so bright. There was a time in the history of the Lardeau when the Silver Cup mine was considered the only worthy property in the camp. But now it is scarcely ever spoken of, since it is owned by an old country company and subjected to the usual manipulation. The Nettie L. mine next sprung into prominence, and has been a drawing card ever since. Though English shareholders hold a controlling interest in it, it is under practical management and gradually becoming one of the biggest silver-lead producers in the province, a railway being the only requisite to make it a regular daily shipper employing from 100 to 200 men. Then the Triune was leased and its rich ore shipments last season did much to bring this camp to the notice of the investing public. This season its development on a larger scale has been one of the most encouraging features of the camp's progress. It is doubtful whether there is another mine in Canada with such capabilities as are possessed in the Triune. Next season it will help the Lardeau to put the Slocan silver-lead mines in the shade, with a force of men of from 50 to 150. And it has not been silver-lead properties alone of which we must mention, for the Lade group, recently bonded for $100,000, promises to become one of the biggest gold propositions in B. C. A small force of men will work upon it all winter, but next season should see 25 to 75 men engaged. The product of this mine will, however, not create much railway tonnage since the ore is likely to be treated on the spot. The installation of machinery, supplies, etc., will of course mean much for Ferguson's increasing pay roll. There is, too, the Cromwell, from which ore is being shipped this season, the Triune Fraction, the I. X. L. group, the Metropolitan group, the Sunset, the Black Warrior, the Mountain Lion, the Old Gold camp, the American, the Beatrice, which will ship 300 tons of ore via Ferguson this winter, the Ottawa, under lease, the Free Coinage, under lease, the Ruffled Grouse, all working at present, and more than half of them will continue work the year-round hereafter. This is indeed an encouraging aspect, and there is not the shadow of a doubt but what the railway will be extended to Ferguson next season. Locally, the buildings of Ferguson have been doubled in number this season, and there will be more men working in the camp this winter than ever before in the summer; in fact this winter promises to be the liveliest months we have ever experienced. The business houses have done a big supply business this season and the payroll is larger than ever before, and still growing. The ore output this winter, under the same old conditions, will eclipse all previous records combined. To think that we can make such strides of progress with an uncertain silver and lead market, no railways, and adverse natural conditions, is most gratifying and speaks volumes for the rich resources of the Lardeau.—Lardeau Eagle.

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SMALLPOX IN LONDON.

Spread of the Disease is Causing Much Alarm.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says:

Londoners are frightened at the spread of the smallpox epidemic. The disease has gained quite a foothold in one or two metropolitan districts.

The London school board was asked by the dual government board to allow children in its schools to be examined to see if they had been vaccinated, but permission was only granted on condition that parents saw no objection to examination. Vaccination is, by the law of the land, voluntary, not compulsory, and many people attribute the appearance of the disease to this very fact.

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