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THE CROW'S NEST RAILWAY EXTENSION.

No opportunity should be overlooked by Rossland to impress upon the management of the C. P. R. the advisability of constructing its Crow's Nest Pass extension from Goat river to the Columbia river via the Summit creek-Sayward-Trail route.

The survey of the Nelson line is an extremely tortuous route, winding along the west shore of Kootenay lake and following the southern side of the west arm of that body of water to Five Mile point, where its further progress is practically blocked by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway right of way, which cannot be used by the C. P. R. except Mr. Corbin is disposed to make such a great concession to his competitor.

If the C. P. R. decides to leave Nelson to the north of its main line through the southern portion of the district, that town will suffer no particular inconvenience. Nelson would still have access to the Crow's Nest railway by two routes, one via water to Goat river and the other via rail to Robson.

It is not saying too much to predict that if the southern route can be utilized, Rossland, in five years, will be a city of 50,000 inhabitants.

THE TRUCK ACT.

The Kaelo Kootenian raises its voice against the passage of the Kellie Truck Act, which is now pending before the legislative assembly. In its efforts to make a point against the measure and to support the contention that it should not be adopted, in the local columns of the paper, among other things, says that "The Truck Act was unanimously disapproved at the recent meeting of the Kootenay Mining Protective association. It is a copy of an old English statute of 1831, or some other remote period, perhaps of the days of William the Conqueror, and the discussion showed plainly that it had no place in this day or age."

The editor of the paper, however, exceedingly remote, as the majority is large; and such an action would meet with general disapproval. The third and remaining course open to the Liberals is to resign office and appeal to the country, in the hope that they would be returned with a larger majority in the house of commons than exists at present, and so cause the senate to reconsider its action.

It is probably too much to hope that the killing of the Stickeen-Teslin railway bill will have the effect of allaying to any great extent the Klondike craze in Eastern Canada. It is hoped, however, for the good of the country that it will, and that the undivided attention of the investing public and the more adventurous will be centered on money making that exist in Kootenay. If this action of the senate results in directing Klondike travel to Kootenay, those who are thus influenced will not have to live long to bless the day when the Mackenzie-Mann scheme was completely upset.

THE CUBAN CRISIS.

The dispatches this morning indicate that the United States and Spain are nearer to a conflict than they have been since the first talk of trouble. The situation in brief is that the United States submitted an ultimatum to Spain demanding that hostilities cease in Cuba and that the island be given its independence. The reply of Spain is evasive and unsatisfactory. It expresses no regret for the loss of the Maine, and offers to leave the matters at issue between the two nations to arbitration. It is a plain refusal to comply with the terms of the ultimatum, although there is an attempt to diplomatically wiggle out of the situation. It may be that Spain makes this offer in the hope of securing a modification of the terms of the ultimatum. It is certain that President McKinley and his advisers feel that they have exhausted all means at their disposal to bring about a peaceful solution of the Cuban imbroglio, and now regard war as certain. The only loophole through which Spain can get out of the difficulty in which she finds herself entangled lies in the fact that both houses of Congress have adjourned in order to give President McKinley an opportunity

to prepare a message in which he will lay the whole matter and situation before Congress with certain recommendations. It is almost certain that he will favor intervention on behalf of the Cubans, and this is certain to be followed by war. At the eleventh hour, between the present writing and the time that McKinley delivers his message to Congress, there is a remote possibility that the Spanish may come to their senses and accede to the demands of the United States. The Spanish government in this matter is between the devil and the deep sea, and in any event, she is certain to lose Cuba. If she accedes to the demands of the ultimatum of the United States, it will result in the freedom of Cuba. If war is declared it is certain that the Pearl of the Antilles will be torn from her grasp by the hands of soldiers wearing the uniforms of the United States and the Cuban insurgents. In this case it would seem that her statesmen would choose the lesser of two evils and comply with the terms of the ultimatum.

Of the ultimate outcome of this conflict there is one certainty, and that is Spain will be hopelessly beaten. The Spanish soldier on land is, at best, only a second class fighter, while on the sea he is a complete failure. In all the conflicts that Spain has had on the water (and the bulk of the coming battles with the Americans will be fought on the ocean), she has always been ignominiously beaten, and it is palpable that history will repeat itself in the present instance. While we deeply regret that such a condition of affairs has come to pass it is manifest that the fault lies principally with Spain, for the reason that she seems to lack the ability to govern her colonies, and, one by one, they have wrested from her. The minute that she declares war against the United States means that she will have lost the last of her possessions on this side of the Atlantic and when the conflict is over the only country over which she can exercise sovereign power will be on the other side of the ocean.

As cousin-germans of the Americans we sincerely hope they will win and feel certain that they will do so. In this dispute the American people do not desire to acquire Cuba, as the fight will be for humanity and not for territory.

ROSSLAND STOCK MARKET.

The Spokane papers are inclined to take issue with the contention of THE MINER that Rossland is the cheapest and best place in which to purchase the stocks of mines of this and adjoining camps. This contention of THE MINER is borne out by all the facts in the case. There are no stocks in the Kootenay district, that are more dealt in than are those of the mines of the Trail Creek division. The head offices of most of the mining companies operating here are extra-provincial companies, whose principal offices are situated outside of the Province, they are compelled by the laws of British Columbia to maintain an office and to have an attorney to represent them here. There are millions of the shares of the companies operating in the division held in this city. The reason why shares can be purchased cheaper here than in Spokane is obvious. This is a selling market, while Spokane is to a considerable extent a buying place for shares. Here the shares are acquired in the course of the organization of companies. Prospectors, in numerous instances, sell their holdings for a certain number of shares in the companies that are formed to operate them. The promoters, in a large number of instances, are residents of this city and they, too, receive big blocks of stock as compensation for their services. The result is that there is usually a large supply of stock in hand here in the properties in which the strikes are made. When a strike is made in a local property and there comes a sudden demand for the shares, where does Toronto, Ottawa, London, Spokane, Butte and other cities send to when they desire to purchase shares? Not to Spokane, not to Butte, not to Toronto, not to Ottawa, but to Rossland, where the bulk of the purchasable shares are held. That is why Rossland is and always will be the stock mart for the mines of West Kootenay. It is here, more than elsewhere, too, that the value of the shares of the local companies are best understood. Even though this be the case the holders of Rossland are at times long on stocks and short on money. They are compelled by reason of the peculiar condition to part with shares that they know are worth more than the price at which they sell. This, too, helps to make Rossland the leading stock selling center of this section. If any one interested in this subject will take the pains to look at the quotations, under the headings of snags and bargains, in the several advertisements that appear in the columns of the DAILY and WEEKLY MINER and compare them with the prices quoted by the brokers of Toronto, Spokane and other cities, they will immediately be convinced that our contention is true that Rossland is the cheapest market in which to purchase shares.

BOUNDARY CREEK TRADE.

It seems likely that the Kettle River Valley Railway line will pass both branches of the Dominion parliament. We have the assurance of Mr. Corbin that as soon as he is granted the right to

build the road, construction work will commence and will be vigorously prosecuted. It is, therefore, reasonable to suppose that the line will be in operation before winter comes again.

Present indications warrant the supposition that the traffic over the road from British Columbia points will be very extensive as soon as the line is ready for use. Unless the C. P. R. proceeds with the construction of the Robson-Pentiction line without further delay, much of the trade of the Boundary Creek country that would otherwise come to Kootenay will be diverted to United States channels. It is all-important that the trade of this portion of the Province should be drawn to British Columbia cities.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Owing solely to the fact that the Kootenays paid such an enormous sum into the public treasury last year, Premier Turner in his budget speech the other day was enabled to make an excellent showing of the marked increase of the prosperity of this Province during that period.

The resignation of D. J. McDonald from the position of inspector of metalliferous mines will necessitate the appointment of another man to the position. Once again THE MINER strongly urges the authorities at Victoria to nominate a Kootenay miner for the office.

The people of Rossland are becoming impatient at the delay of the C. P. R. in improving its train service to this city. They are anxious to see the Columbia & Western railway widened to a standard gauge, or the proposed Murphy Creek line built without further delay.

MR. CHARLTON (we almost wrote it Charlanton) the member of the house of commons who, by his so-called Sunday Observance bill, would compel those employed on daily newspapers to work on the Sabbath, is getting his "roast" in the public press from Halifax to Victoria.

There seems to be out little hope for the cause of silver in India. It is almost a foregone conclusion that the mission appointed by the Imperial parliament to inquire into the practicability of the Indian government's proposals for a gold monetary standard will recommend such a course.

It is reported on good authority that Price Ellison, owner of one of the largest ranches in the Okanagan valley, will contest East Yale in the Government interest at the approaching Provincial elections. Mr. Ellison is exceedingly popular in his district and is almost certain to be elected if he becomes a candidate.

MR. KELLIE, the member of the legislative assembly for this district, is not far wrong when he declares that if work in the mines are to be taxed \$5 per annum for so doing, it would be only fair to impose the same condition on every male resident of the Province over 18 years of age. The tax as it stands is an outrageous discrimination.

The Victoria Colonist makes a very able protest against the proposal of Mr. McInnes, M. P., to place a \$500 tax on Japanese immigrants. We have no doubt, however, that a popular vote on this question would show that a very large majority of the people of British Columbia are with Mr. McInnes in this particular instance. This country can get along very well without the presence of Japanese.

The British America corporation is to be congratulated upon securing the services of D. J. McDonald, Provincial mine inspector. That gentleman's long and varied experience as a practical miner, and his intimate knowledge of the modern methods of lode mining, eminently fit him for the position that he has been called upon to fill with the corporation. By Mr. McDonald's resignation the Province will lose a faithful and efficient servant.

It is exceedingly gratifying to know that the railway committee of the house of commons has provided for the control by the Dominion government of the tariffs of the Kettle River Valley railway. This was the main point contented for by THE MINER in all its allusions to the charter. It would have been extremely injudicious for the committee to recommend the bill without this provision.

The Provincial press and the members of the British Columbia Bar association seem to be almost a unit in their desire to see a local man appointed to the chief justiceship, made vacant by the death of Hon. Theodore Davis. But there is evidence of a movement among certain Liberal politicians, notably of the East, to take advantage of the opportunity to secure this high office for an eastern Liberal more notorious for the performance of party services than a profound knowledge of law.

A FLARING headline in a recent issue of the Victoria Times proclaims to the world that "An analysis of the public accounts shows that the Province has retrograded." The statement is nothing short of a malicious falsehood. The Times should know that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, the general prosperity of the Province was advanced to a very considerable and gratifying extent, and that the sole cause of this was the development of the mineral resources of the Kootenays during that period. The Times should not resort to fiction in order to sustain its flight

against the Turner administration, and should not thus go out of its way to injure the credit of the Province.

With the lapse of time it becomes more apparent that Rossland is destined to be a place of great commercial importance, both as regards retail business and as a jobbing center. The opportunities for success here in the ordinary channels of business are far superior to those of other towns in the district is best evidenced by the fact that within the last six months nearly a dozen mercantile houses that were firmly established and doing fairly well at nearby points have transferred the base of their operations to Rossland. In each instance the soundness of their judgment is verified by a decided improvement of their business prospects. Among those who have taken this step during the past six months may be mentioned the Mac Machine company, the Columbia Bottling works, one clothing house and a fruit store, formerly of Trail; Stein & Co., the wholesale liquor dealers, and S. J. Mighton & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers, formerly of Nelson; M. J. O'Hearn's clothing house, formerly of Sandon, and the large dry goods house owned by the Crescent company, formerly of Kaslo. The very encouraging business outlook for Rossland is attracting other merchants, and there is every reason to believe that before the close of the present year, the volume of retail and jobbing business of this city will have assumed very extensive proportions.

Auction Sale . . .

Under Assignment for Benefit of Creditors

The Estate of Houghton & Bannett

Will be sold at the store of the said firm, No. 42 Columbia avenue, in the city of Rossland, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1898, at 2 p. m., by Public Auction.

THE STOCK Consists of Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Boots and Shoes, Watches and Jewelry, Hardware, Tinware, Glass and China, amounting at invoice prices to \$8,000. The assignee and creditors reserve the right to offer the stock in bulk and also in separate parcels and to accept whichever offer or offers seem to them the most advantageous. Stock on view morning of sale. Terms cash.

Further Particulars from the Assignee: W. R. HARTLEY, P. O. Box 214, ROSSLAND, B. C.

May Flower Gold Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the May Flower Gold Mining Company will be held at the chief place of business of the company in British Columbia, at the company's office, Rossland, B. C., in the John A. Cook building on Columbia avenue, on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The purpose of said meeting is to consider methods for the further development of the May Flower mine, to empower the Board of Trustees to negotiate for the sale of the mine, and to consider resolutions for the sale of the mine.

Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 18th day of March, A. D. 1898. F. E. SNOODGRASS, Secretary, May Flower Gold Mining Co.

St. Elmo Gold Mining Co.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the St. Elmo Gold Mining Company will be held at the chief place of business of the company in British Columbia, at the company's office, Rossland, B. C., in the John A. Cook building on Columbia avenue, on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1898, at 5 o'clock p. m. The purpose of said meeting is to consider methods for the further development of the St. Elmo mine; to empower the Board of Trustees to negotiate for the sale of the mine, and to consider resolutions for the sale of the mine.

Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 18th day of March, A. D. 1898. F. E. SNOODGRASS, Secretary, St. Elmo Gold Mining Co.

Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Fourteen Gold Mines Consolidated Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the office of the said company at the city of Rossland in the province of British Columbia, on Saturday the 30th day of April, A. D. 1898, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, passing a resolution authorizing the disposal of the whole or any portion of the assets and subsidiary interests and properties of the said company, and to transact such other business as may be lawfully brought before the said meeting.

Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1898. JOHN S. ATCHISON, Secretary.

Certificate of Improvements.

Little Giant, Tilly H. Copper King and Little Vira mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: One and one half miles south of Trail, on the north side of the Boundary Creek. Take notice that I, Sydney M. Johnson, acting as agent for the Canada Mutual Mining & Development company, limited, free miner's certificate No. 3726, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 23rd day of March, 1898. 3-21-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Free Coinage mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear and Champion creeks and about 50 feet south of the Jeff Davis mineral claim. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. B. Garrison, free miner's certificate No. 97,737, T. C. Collins, free miner's certificate No. 98,784, Charles Ink, free miner's certificate No. 83,345, Nils Pearson, free miner's certificate No. 25,469, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 9th day of March, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

April Pool mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lookout mountain adjoining the Oriental. Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for George D. Johnston, free miner's certificate No. 9374 A, Charles H. Wynn Johnson, free miner's certificate No. 8,323 A, M. C. McIvor, free miner's certificate No. 73,704, Alfred C. Bald, free miner's certificate No. 70,327, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of March, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Penobscia mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Near the source of Stony Creek, northeast of Rossland. Take notice that I, William Bauer, acting as agent for Charles Newson, certificate No. 16,284 A, Jas. Stark, certificate No. 6,394 A, James Byrne, certificate No. 24,926 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 27th day of January, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Jeff Davis mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Bear and Champion creeks. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for T. B. Garrison, free miner's certificate No. 97,737, T. C. Collins, free miner's certificate No. 98,784, Charles Ink, free miner's certificate No. 83,345, Nils Pearson, free miner's certificate No. 25,469, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 9th day of March, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Baltic Fracting mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Red Mountain, between the Surprise, You Know, and Gertrude mineral claims. Take notice that I, Saml. L. Long, acting as agent for C. H. Mackintosh, free miner's certificate No. 8,775 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 24th day of February, 1898. 3-21-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Spitzee mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the west boundary of Rossland township. Take notice that I, J. A. Webb of Rossland, July 12, 1897, free miner's certificate No. 3,358 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 3th day of January, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Gladiator mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: At the head of Champion creek and about three-quarters of a mile northerly from the Jeff Davis and Free Coinage mineral claims. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for A. B. Bailton, free miner's certificate No. 79,525, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 2nd day of February, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Black Hawk No. 3 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On the east side of Champion creek about four miles from its mouth. Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for R. M. Miller, free miner's certificate No. 81,641, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 2nd day of February, 1898. 3-10-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Big Chief mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one-half mile west from Stracey O'Brien's ranch. Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for John S. Colton-Fox, free miner's certificate No. 5,262 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 7th day of March, 1898. 3-17-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Red Bird mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 400 feet north of the international boundary line, six miles west of the Columbia river. Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for John S. Colton-Fox, free miner's certificate No. 5,262 A, and Campbell Sweeney, free miner's certificate No. 98,793, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 7th day of March, 1898. 3-17-101

Certificate of Improvements.

Blue Bird No. 3 mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About 400 feet north of the international boundary line, six miles west of the Columbia river. Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for John S. Colton-Fox, free miner's certificate No. 5,262 A, and Campbell Sweeney, free miner's certificate No. 98,793, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 7th day of March, 1898. 3-17-101

NOTICE.

Ninety days after date I, J. C. Hole, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 300 acres of land situated on Fourth of July creek in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, British Columbia, commencing at a post marked "J. C. Hole's N. W. corner post" close to the south line of B. H. Lee's land running thence east to chains, thence south to chains more or less to the international boundary line, thence west eighty chains, thence north forty chains, more or less, to point of commencement. Dated this 10th day of February, A. D. 1898. (Signed) J. C. HOLE.

NOTICE.

Ninety days after date I, Thomas Gambling, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 200 acres of land situated on Fourth of July creek in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, British Columbia, commencing at a post marked "T. Gambling's S. W. corner post" running thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 30 chains, thence west forty chains to point of commencement. Said post being situate about 1,000 feet west of Fourth of July creek and about one and one-half miles north of the Greenwood-Grand Forks wagon road. Dated this 8th day of February, A. D. 1898. (Signed) THOMAS GAMBLING.

Advertisement for Co. (likely a steamship or railway company) listing routes to various destinations like Portland, Ore., and Spokane, Wash. Includes details about schedules and fares.

Advertisement for the Crow's Nest Railway, detailing routes, schedules, and services. Mentions the Summit creek-Sayward-Trail route and the Nelson line.

Advertisement for the Stickeen Railway, discussing the proposed route and its potential benefits for the region.

Advertisement for the Spokane Railway, providing information about the line and its connection to other regional routes.

Advertisement for the Trail Creek Railway, highlighting the scenic route and the quality of the service.

Advertisement for the Columbia Railway, detailing the extensive network and the convenience of travel.

Advertisement for the Boundary Creek Railway, focusing on the local routes and the reliability of the service.

Advertisement for the Kootenay Railway, providing information about the line and its services.