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OUR COAL MEASURES.

importance which Great Britain has at- ferers. It is singular, to put it mildly. tained in manufacturing, in commerce and on the high seas is largely due to ot affairs has until now reached America the immense deposits of coal which have and it looks very much as if it were a neer found there. The pientitude and cry for mercy from a beaten people. cheapness of this fuel has made it pos- Shansi is not very far from the scene sible to found and maintain many in +a. of the late trouble and outrages and ufacturing industries. These have been throughout its confines disaffection the backbone of the commercial activity against the Christian intruder was very that prevails there, and the greatest mer- rampant. It would be rather amusing chant marne extent is sustained largely after doing their best to oust the hated by bringing in the raw materials for the foreign from the sacred soil they should tactories and transporting the manufacture now become the recipients of his bounty. tured products all over the world. The message savors somewhat, however, presence of fuel in large quantities, we of Oriental craftiness and might be in-believe, is one of the main reasons why "Britain rules the wave. Besides all against too severe exactions on his counof this the coal mined in Great Britain try. It would be just as well, at any and sold in other countries has brought many millions into the United Kingdom, It may therefore, be said that coal is buting their money until they learn on one of the most important bases of British prosperity.

in Great Britain why should not its pres. Shansi is one of the richest minera ence in this province be of great ben- provinces of China, containing imme efit. It exists in almost every section and is of a superior quality, in most in-Queen Charlote Islands are preferred by native enterprise. If any conisderm the markets along the coast to she able sum could be raised in America product of the Washington Collieries. On and sent to this province the distributor the mainland it is to be found on both of the fund might take with him, as assides of the Cascade mountains, including the deposits of the upper Skeena, the who would be able to accomplish much Peace river country, in the Westminster good work in their several departments district and the Nicola valley. The Comox, the Nanaimo and the Crow's Nest deposits, however, so far as known, are the most important in the future explorations may develop others of the country.

The measures of the Crow as Mark Twain would thus be turnished Nest section are particularly valuable in the on "the man who sits in darkness." coal found in them can be manufactured into a coke of fine quality that is most suitable for smelting our ores.

ing a much larger supply of coal than cation of the X-rays to the human body ement of future wealth and greatness in addition to many others. To this province it will form one of the bases on wfacture industries, maintain vast commercial interests and put on the ocean an immense merchant marine of which

"The sea of mountains," as British Col than some of the provinces which are level or comparatively level, and which now ada'

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The city engineer, Mr. W. F. Van Buskirk, has submitted his report to the city council on the repairs and improvements which he considers should be undertaken during the year. The engineer has gone very carefully into the necessities of the city in this respect and his report, while here and there, objections may be taken, by individual citizens, to the small amount which may seem to be allowed for their particular section, will meet the approval of everybody who takes a fair view of the matter and realizes ho much more is to be done and how little money there is to do it with. At the present time, when the citizens are complaining of the taxes, \$23,000 for renairs and improvements seems a considerable sum, and especially so when it is remembered that a very large expenditure is contemplated and is necessary for placing the water works system on a sound and satisfactory basis. We are quite well aware that to mention the water works system to the citizens of Rossland is like waving a red rag in front of a exonerated from all responsibility.

People are already interested and bull. The disgraceful way in which the THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION

Toronto and Spokane capitalists bave is like waving a red rag in front of a whole matter of the purchase and patching mp of the present system was conducted, is sufficient to arouse indignation in the breast of every property holder; but the paper for the past few days that so many sources working in one direction while this must be acknowldged it is use either Jimmie Burns or Charlie Goff was the country should be rapidly developed less, since the money they did vote has in the editorial chair since the arrival Then, too, with such a wealth of re been wasted, to register impotent pro- of these gladiators there. In the Tribune sources and the possibilities presented in tests or say that they will not expend of Friday it has the following concerning the way of mining, farming and manuany more money in this direction. The Mr. Smith Curtis: water works system must be remodeled

which the city engineer considers mecessary for repairs and improvements seems, in view of other absolutely neces- the building of the Coast-to-Kootenay large population.

ns must remember that every dollar they disburse in making their city presentable will have a two-fold return. There are so many streets, on which comfortable dwellings have been erected at considerable cost, which need grading, that it is impossible any longer to overlook the necessity in this respect, and even if the taxation should be increased pretty considerably the citizens should not grumble at it too greatly. The engineer deserves much credit for the care and conscientiousness which he has shown in preparing his report.

AN APPEAL FROM CHINA.

Li Hung Chang has made an appea through the Christian Herald of New York, for assistance to the province of Shansi which, he cables, is threatened with a famine that will affect 11,000,000 people. In response to his message the Herald has announced its intention of It is generally conceded that the great raising a fund for the relief of the sufthat no rumor of this serious condition rate, for the Christian people of the continent to be somewhat cautious in contriauthoritative testimony that conditions are as represented by the Chinese diplo-

> coal measures, great deposits of gold, silver and tin, and many of the mines have for untold centuries been operated

> > INJURY BY THE X-RAYS.

The question as to whether the appli

Great Britain, we have an important el- causes any pain to the patient naderspread discussions, but, according to a recent case, which happened in England it is evident that severe suffering is ocwhich we will be able to build great man-casionally inflicted by their application. will play an important part in the devel A lady, 68 years of age, while cycling, met with an accident, which was sup- been found, as that region contains posed to have fractured her thigh. Short- more natural resources than any other her stumach, and to diagnose the case, may be found the largest copper deposit umbia has been called, will, we believe, the Roentgen Ray apparatus was brought in the province and gold, silver and lead when her coal and other resources are into use. The lady eventually succumbed properties. The soil is fruitful, the direction better developed, be more prosperous to the malady, and at the inquest which ate mild and the winters short, and followed a letter was read in which she as a consequence nearly all the hardier stated that she had suffered un cereals, fruits and vegetables are grown. consider themselves the gardens of Can told agonies by the "cruel over There is no section of the province exposure of the X-rays." The photographer stated that he had made two vantage. exposures of 35 and 45 minutes, respect- With opportunities almost unlimited ively. The surgeon , who was present at for the metalliferous and the coal miner the exposures, and superintended the for the farmer, stock raiser, fruit growe operations, stated that death was du and lumbemen it s easy to see that one to the exhaustion from shock produced the railway is constructed into that see by the fracture of the thigh and the ap- tion it will come rapidly to the front and plication of the X-rays. Expert evidence become one of the most important in the upon the subject was given by Dr. province. Nothing then can keep it Lewis Jones, the medical officer in back, charge of the electrical department of When it gets a start it is certain that St. Bartholomew's Hospital , London, who the coast cities will take a deep interest said he considered the exposures had in it because it will be as close to them been normal. He had discovered in the as Rossland is to Spokane, and they course of his investigations that some will consider it in the light of being people were sensible to the rays,, while tributary suburb, and hence will assis others experienced an immunity from materially in its upbuilding by investing their effects. This was believed to be their surplus money in its mining and due to the condition of the skin at var- other ventures. The section around Rossious times. There was always a risk of land was neglected to a very large ex skin-burn when the exposures were pro- tent by the people of the coast cities longed, but he had never heard of death because of the long distance and roundbeing attributable to the X-ray burn, about roads which had to be traversed in The jury, however, returned a verdict order to reach it, but we are dertain that the woman died from shock and exhaustion following an accident and the veloping the resources of the Similkameen effects of X-rays upon a weakened system. The photographer and surgeon were They will not, h wever, have a mon exonerated from all responsibility.

The Nelson Tribune is nothing if not

and made thoroughly adequate in every during the last campaign as a word province. There will be nothing ephempainter, in the picture he drew of the eral in such a city because even if the Although, then, as we say, the amount prosperity and happiness which would metalliferous mines are worked out in have arranged a plan of co-uperation come to the province as the fruit of his time there are other resources in the ideal railway policy, which provided for country sufficient to maintain a very will not clash with the others. By the

sary expenditures, to be very large, the railway as a government work. Smith Curtis has now shown himself to be a political trickster by opposing in the Similkameen country. legislature the nearest approach which the finances of the province will permit to the state-owned railway he applauded from the stump." Mr. Curtis now just as much as when

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ment ownership of railways, but, as he many, Austria-Hungary, Sweden. Norhas often told the public, when he found way. Italy, Russia, Japan and China that the present government was oppost were the chief producers, and their total ed to the system, he advocates what he annual product, so far as the records considers the next best policy, the build show, was only 15,145 tons of refined so fortunate, as they depend upon priving of competitive lines. For this reason copper, of which the Anglesea and Corhe has favored the construction of the nish mines of Great Britain contributed Coast-Kootenay railway by an indepen 6,823 tons, Russia 3,800 tons and Japan dent company. It is not Mr. Smith Cur. 2,800 tons. The total copper production tis who has gone back on his principles, of these countries now is 64,386 tons, of but it is the men who profess the same which Germany contributes 20,785 tons views as he did, and whom he trusted, and Japan 27,560, while Great Britain who have attempted to use him for the yields less than 600 tons. advantage of a company whose aim was The United States was not a producer to obtain the transportation monopoly of copper at the opening of the nineof the province, who have done so.

nay district. The fact that Mr. Joseph one-nan or the copper or the which he professed and has thrown him only one sixth. upon the electorate, not so much the decades than by my other method there is nothing that the province should turn of the government and the suc- Montana, Michigan and Arizona. manipulate the interests of a great prov ince and tamper with the future prosperity of the country.

THE NEXT B. C. BOOM.

In another column in this issue will be found an account of the stampede to take up coal lands in the Similkamee country. The existence of these coal lands has been known for many years. but as they were considered valuele on account of their remoteness from transportation they were not taken up Just as soon, however, as a railway was promised they assumed importance in the eyes of those who knew their valu and about 50 square miles have been lo cated by enterprising capitalists. The coal opment of the section in which it has where cattle can be raised to greater ad-

poly there for the Rossland and Boundary also acquired coal and mineral proper ties there, and each will contribut rude, and one would think from reading something toward its development. With

facturing there is certain to spring up "Smith Curtis made a name for himself one of the largest interior towns in the

next bodm in this province

A CENTURY OF COPPER.

The production of copper has andergone a wonderful change during the cenhe was on the stump favors the govern tury just closed. In 1799 kingland, Ger-

teenth century, and only a vague knowl The fact of the matter is that the edge existed in the Old World of Cali-whole trend of government manipulation fornia and the region in which the cophas been for the purpose of preventing per producing states and territories of not only railway competition in West the Pacific coast have since been created. Kootenay and Yale, but of so clouding But the United States is, at the close the issue, which is now before the legis of the century, contributing 265,156 tons, lature, that the people, while they may or over one-half of the total world's imagine that they are getting what they production of copper, which aggregated desire, are really duped. The whole in in 1899 473.818 tons. A German publica tent of the government's railway bill is tion, entitled "A Century in Copper," to deceive the people of the province shows that the United States during the and especially the people of the Koote years 1891-1900 has produced more than Martin has abandoned every principle although in the previous decade it yielded

self, not only in with Premier Buns- The growth of the industry of copper muir, but with the C.P.R., must impress production is best shown, perhaps, in fact that he is utterly dishonest, for comparison. In the first decade of the this is a secondary consideration, but century the total production was 91,000 that they must in the future see that tons. In the fifth decade it rose to 291,they do not trust men of this stamp and 000 tons. The last decade ot, the century send to the legislature those who will notes a production of 3,643,000 tons, of look after the public interest as opposed which 1,963,000 tons have been supplied to private gains. We repeat that we think by the mines of this continent. Over nine-tenths of the present copper producso heartily applaud as the complete over- tion of the United States comes from The cession of a company of men who have first decade of the coming century will nothing to gain beyond that which will doubtless shift the scene or major pro-be of benefit to every individual resident duction to the Pacific coast entierly, as be of benefit to every individual resident duction to the Pacific coast entierly, as of the country. It has been clearly shown the copper properties of the Pacific that neither monopolists, whether they states and territories will, before the debe coal barons, or railway magnates, o cade closes, be fully developed. By that their hangers-on, should be allowed to time California will assume a much more conspicuous position in the industry than it does now. In fact, before the close of the year 1901 the state will be true, however. He gives a list of noted tance a good road has been built and probably trebling if not quadrupling its present output of copper, as several new

Almost as much of a change has taken place in the cost of mining and smelting the richest men in the world. Rocketeller ranks fourth at \$250,000,0000, and been in the production, although the depth of the mine workings has increased immensely. In 1799 the Delcoath mine, 1000,000. Fifty-four other Americans have in Cornwall, was only 60 feet. In 1900, under the stimulus which mining has received through the use of steam power for hoisting and the introduction of high explosives for blasting the rock, the Dolcoath mine has reached a depth of 2,582 feet, while the Calumet and Hecla, i Michigan—a development of the last half of the nineteenth century-has attained a depth of 4,900 feet. In 1822 it cost \$380 to produce a ton of refined copper delivery at smelter, concentration, caleining, smelting, converting and refining producing metallic ores. \$160.75.

refining has been thus decreased, lower of the country, grade copper ores are now being handled with profit. In 1877 the copper ores extracted from the Atlantic mine yielded 97 per cent of fine copper per ton of ore; ests of the country. It is beyond question in 1899 the grade was reduced to .62 per that a good display at Glasgow would And further take notice that action, cent per ton; the Calumet and Hecla in be much more valuable to us than one under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of 1877 worked ores averaging 4.55 per cent at Paris or even at any American city. of fine copper per ton of ore, and it has The Scotch capitalist has so far taken since averaged 3.10 per cent. It took, in little notice of British Columbia as 1877, 103 tons of Atlantic ore to produce field for investment and yet we know one ton of refined copper, and at the that he is not averse to putting hi present time it takes 161 tons. A ton money in mineral properties if he received of refined copper was obtained from 22 any reasonable assurance that they ar tons of Calumet and Hecla ore in 1877, as represented. He has sent much capital whereas it has since worked on an aver- to West Australia and Africa for thi age of 38 tons of ore to produce the same purpose. If such testimony were produce result in retined metal. The cheapening as would convince him of the value of methods in mining and smelting has this country there is litle doubt that it enabled the copper miners to handle in- would be of the greatest advantage to divided ferior ore at a greater profit than they the Province as well as to the investor could have handled an ore of superior grade twenty-three years ago. Processes are still undergoing improvement, and the field of the copper miner is expanding through them, because ore which was too poor to take out of the vein a quarter of a century ago yields a big profit in mining and smelting today. The revolution in smelting methods is best illustrated by the statement that a leading Swansea smelter in the beginning of the century turned out only 900 tone of copper a year, whereas the Keswick smelter turning out annually over 10,000 tons of copper matte. Smelting

overywhere has undergone a similar change.

ANTARCTIC EXPERTIONS.

Four Antarctic expeditions are scheduled for a start this year. In harmony with the general spirit of the time, they so that the aim and work of one outfit program just published of their different

outes, the British expedition will work Australia and New Zealand. That from Scotland goes southeast of Cape Horn in the vicinity of Graham's Land. Sweden ends her explorers to the mainland directly south of the Cape, Germany's oprations will be centralized on the area between Australia and the Cape Each party has its own landing point and will work forward from that to the south and interior. German has thoroughly equipped her expedition. The others are not ate and voluntary contributions party. The time for sailing extends from August until November; the Scotch expedition, which starts in September, devotes itself to oceanography, and Germany and England to magnetic research es. Considering that there are also three expeditions in search of the north pole. which are to start the coming season, something of scientific value ought to re

VANCOUVER'S PROGRESS

Vancouver is rapidly coming to the ront, and as rapidly as its progress has een in the past it will be as nothing o what it will be in the future. The following figures, culled from the recent annual report of the Vancouver Board of Trade, will give an idea of the growing importance of the metropolis of long before the tunnel British Columbia: The imports in 1899 were valued at \$3,373,966, and in 1900 at \$4,264,385, an increase of \$890,419. The bank clearings at Vancouver in 1899 were 842,333,975, and in 100 \$46,644,098, the ncrease last year being \$4,310,123. new buildings erected last year cost \$1. 500,000; the assessed value of property 2 \$15,210,000, and the population is from 30,000 to 35,000 souls.

The report of the Board of Trade gives he is secretary, is the value of the gold received at Seattle group. Six tunnels have been driven, the Canadian Value district a Sea the highest being five hundred feet above from the Canadian Yukon district as \$16 -374.448, and from Atlin, \$493,116. Vancouver desires a government assay office to be established in the city for the pur- dry, the values being in silver and gold. chase of gold, instead of its being shipped to the United States

The statistics of reputed wealth are so varying, and unreliable, that comparisons company, which owns properties in the formed upon them are dubious. When a writer in Chambers' Journal says that one-half or the millionaires in the world are Americans it is probably relatively Peachland. For nine miles of this disrich men reputed to be worth \$25,000,000, or more. Li Hung Chang and Beit, the large smelters will soon be in operation. diamond prince of South Africa, are \$25,000,000 or more.

THE GLASGOW EXPOSITION.

The date for the opining of the Glas-gow Exhibition is rapidly drawing near and nothing has yet been done by the Provincial Government for a special mineral display from British Columbia. It is evident now that nothing will be don after the ore was delivered at the smel- and that the great mining region of Canhibit which was sent to Paris, the specimens for which were collected unde instructions by the Dominion Govern Kootenay district. Where located: On ores is today only \$172.50, and from mines ment. While this exhibit is a fairly good Malde mountain, south of and adjoining one, it will not be put prominently to the Gold Bar mineral

ment has been extremely lax in this ply to the mining recorder for a certi-matter and negligent of the true intermatter and negligent of the true inter-of obtaining a crown grant of the above The project which was outlined last fall by the late Mr. A. W. Ross was a capital one and should have received the strongest endorsation and assistance of the Provincial Government. For such an exhibit as he proposed a constant and the proposed a constant and the proposed and the proposed a constant and the proposed are the proposed as the pro exhibit as he proposed a competent man nine hundred and would then have been appointed to go over the whole mining area of British Columbia and collect specimens from all the various properties in the different districts and arrange and classify them.
Such a display placed in charge of a competent man would have been an idea advertisement for the district, and it is a matter for regret that the government. a matter for regret that the governmen were unable to perceive this.

HARDY MOUNTAIN TUNNEL

Mr. Kehoe's Project for Crosscutting Veing at Depth.

Mr. W. R. McPherson, the well-known Grand Forks architect, is at the Allan. He reports that the Gateway city is enbeen as a result of the early construct sense, within the territory name

tion of a railway from Marcus, Wash. Quite a large number of stores and resi-dences have been erected this spring and other buildings are contemplated. Commodore Biden, who is an optimist respect ing the future of Grand Forks, has or-dered plans for three additional business blocks and has succeeded in interesting Chicago and St. Louis capital in a numjects. The project for tunneling Hardy mountain, Mr. McPherson stated will be carried out. The idea is to tap and pena trate the mountain at a depth of 1,200 thus crosscutting all which trend in a northerly direction. A beginning has been made. The chipromoter, Mr. John A. Kehoe series of surveys, had three men driving the tunnel during the past winter from the Fourth of July creek side. Although a distance of only 110 feet has been gain ed one ledge was encountered. Mr. Ke hoe now feels confident that he has sue ceeded in interesting outside capital ir the project. The proposed tunnel will be two miles long and will tap at depti all the leading claims on Hardy mountain. The citizens of Grand Forks heartily endorse the project. Some of the local subscribers include Tony Dunham, Hugh Cannon, R. F. Petrie, E. A. Rainey, Commodore Biden, Charles Vahey, S. Muir, G. A. Fraser, J. Rutley, W. Mack, Al Traunweiser, Colin Campbell, R. A. Brown, C. C. Tilley, F. A. Sinclair, R. Gilpin, Fred Whitaker and w. C. Haywood. Negotiations for the sale of a large block of treasury stock to Chicago parties are now in progress. If the deal goes through a plan will be installed. Mr. McPherson thinks that the proposition if one is encounter ed, can be made a paying proposition

ELI GROUP A SHIPPER. Mr. T. J. Smith on Slocan and Okanagan

e is an expert, having been asso-

ciated with Marcus Daly for many years.

Mr. T. J. Smith, a Vancouver mining broker, who resided here four years o, was in town yesterday. He had from Slocan City, where the V. & M. Mining company of which ped for a distance of one thousand feet and is in ore all the way. The ore is A carload shipment was made this week that the group is now on a permanen shipping be president. Mr. Smith also fills the duties of secretary of the Canadian-American

trict. sively developed. It is located in Glen the remaining trail will be improved this summer. The recent estimates down by the government contain an appropriation of \$3,000 for this purpose. and the demand for them is very marked. All the small fruits and peaches grow in abundance owing to the mild climate. One grower last season sold his fruit at landing for six and one half cents per pound. Each tree yielded about two

Mr. R. Grieger of the Thomas & Grieger Co., limited,

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Tailor Boys" mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West

While the cost of mining, smelting and the front among the industrial products of the country.

While the cost of mining, smelting and the front among the industrial products of the country.

Take notice that 1, N. 4. Townsend, acting as agent for S. G. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. B 31102, intend,

Dated this 2nd day of May, A. D. 1901.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

I nereby certify that the "St. Louis Mines, Lamited," "Non-Personal Labil-ity," has this day been incorporated un-der the "Companies" Act, 1897," as a Limited Company, with a capital of one million five hundred thousand divided into one million five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The time of the existence of the com-

pany is fifty years. The company is specially limited under ection 56 of the said Act. Given under my hand and seal of office

L.S) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companie (L.S)

The following are the objects for which the company has been incorporated:

To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, keep the company has been incorporated. reduction business; to purchase, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric light and hold, erect and operate electro light power plants for the purpose of furnishing lights and creating power; to bond, buy, lease, locate and hold ditches, flumes and water rights; to construct, lease, buy, sell, build or operate tranways or other means of transportation ways or other means of transportation. for transportation of ore, mining and other materials; to own, bond, buy, sell, lease and locate timber and timber claims; and finally to do everything con sistent, proper and requisite for the joying the first fruits of an impending aforesaid, in their fullest and broadest

Alderman McDonald gest Equines ONE IS OF THE Other Twe Were Rei partment-Allan Hou iard Refuses to Acce Professional Services.

HURSDAY

HORSES

Alderman Clute pre lebate at the meeting ast night on the re committee over two for horses purchased Donald in Calgary for ment and \$100 for t by calling for an exam the horses were not s pose intended. This brought Alder his teet with an expl be stated that he was and regretted that he

trip to the Northwest purpose of purchasing matter of fact, the ro been made and horses but had there been size he would have paid as high as \$600 them, but as it was i which were much taken at the year. As to his expe trip, he promised to them into the city of weighed 1,250 pound enough. He had been weeks, and though he gent search he had just what he wanted. ever, that the horses would turn out all 1 would weigh more w opinion that those vi Chief Guthrie was

his opinion as to the ses purchased, and suitable and would for another already partment. The other The hills to be clir in this city are steep are needed to haul with speed. A horse pounds was too small weighs 1.040 and the Alderman Hamilto

the contention of A proper team was too with by waiting. Su be procured and the trid of. Alderman Mo that two of the hor Alderman McKenz the board of works the better of the two for the fire department other could be sold.

Alderman Hamilton sertion that it would folly to wait. A team book and ladder true be secured at once. Mayor Lalonde then bate, and poured oil sroubled waters. It w metter he said, to I ses in this vicinity. increased demand for able supply had bee quiries thad been Walla Walla, Anaco to the south, but equ sired for the departs eccured. A wire was quiring if animals of could be secured their reply to the effect

thither, and he had he possibly could ur Alderman Rolt tho one of giving one of board of works and He was opposed to the immediate purch able for the hook an passage of a resol are, water and light immediate action in chase of a suitable the hook and ladder

a disposition of the

was why Alderman

The matter of the bylaw providing that of the Allan House or outside the fire a veneer brick in its a bridge Annecting brought up in a re City Attorney Abbot debate. The veneer moval of the wooden within the city limi tions of the bylaw. ter should not be sp laws. It was sugges Hamilton that if any ed it would be aime allowing the remov building to a point and Mayor Lalonde and Rolt agreed King was allowed cil, and said in exp tention was to prov building could be s he removed to a polimits it would help considerably from a Finally Mr. King w wanted the matter ratepayers in two some, and he replied to have time in wh

of intention to intro ing the matter at t

sider the question, with Mrs. King in

question went over In the meantime n