it'zens of Nanaimo, and they are nes that must deal with it.
JUSTICE.

naimo, May 15.

IVORCE GRANTED

Maria Matthews Granted a Divorce from Her Husband, R. J. Matthews.

al in the Strouss Case Being Heard Before Hon Mr. Justice Walkem.

divorce case of Matthews vs. ews was heard before Mr. Justice em this morning and an order nisi vorce was granted the petitioner. e Maria Matthews applied for e from her husband, Robert James ews, a barber and tailor of Douglas street. Mr. Fell appeared for the ner. Adultery and cruelty were rounds on which the divorce was for and the adultery of the husband with Annie Tranter, a tailoress, he subsequent birth of a child in Francisco in March, 1896, were l. Mrs. Matthews also swore that husband had struck her several and had used abusive language to As the case was not contested and vidence was clear the trial was over and his lordship made the order asked. After six months the divorce will be made absolute. The parties married here in December, 1896, by ev. M. L. Rugg, and have lived ver since. They have no children full court this afternoon dismissed efendant's motion in Koksilah vs. neen for an extension of time for ing from the judgment in the case. . Irving for plaintiffs and Gordon r for defendants.

appeal in the Strauss cases came fore Mr. Justice Walkem this afn. On the 6th April last Maurice ss was tried before Magistrate e with having unlawfully had in ssession at Victoria on 30th March 77 deer hides in their raw state ntent to export the same or cause to be exported or carried out of mits of this province contrary to ame Protection Act and pleaded guilty," but admitted having had possession the hides with intent to the same, and upon hearing the ce the information was dismissed ground that in the absence of any s provision in the statute casting he defendant the burden of provwful possession, it was not proved e prosecution that the skins were wfully held. George E. Powell appfor the appeal and F. B. Gregory

TAL A SMALL ONE

es Made by the Schooners Sealing Off the Coast This Spring.

her Umatilla Loading Oriental Freight—Two Chinamen To Be Deported.

unofficial report, which can differ little from the official report, of the catches of the schooners engaged aling on this coast, places the catch at 4,487, the smallest in years. small catch is accounted for by the rough weather encountered during season. There were three vessels he Maud S. and Sapphire, the latbeing burned, two of the best ers of the fleet, and the Osprey, a r vessel. Here are the vessels and atches up to April 30th, the close e season: Pioneer, 602; Mary r, 379; Mary Ellen, 300; pb. 209; Sapphire, 98; Alnoko, C. D. Rand, 302; A. I. Alger, 640; May, 162; Penelope, 119; Beatrice, Minnie, 80; Ocean Belle, 167; Fawn, eresa, 53; Arietis, 155; Otto, 192; f San Diego, 64; Enterprise, 38; Marvin, 220; Dora Stewart, 85. 4,487.

Chinamen arrived by the steamer ton on Sunday night, and since hey have been held in the ticket They came over from the Orient C. P. R. Empress of Japan, and leaving the Empress they went the Sound to Port Townsend. their troubles began; the officials t city refused to admit them, and hem back to Victoria. They will Vancouver on the Charmer to-morrow morning and be held there until the ess of India, due from the Orient row, returns, when they will be ack to China.

British ship British Yeoman goes Vancouver to-morrow morning she will discharge the balance of rgo. After unloading, which will bout ten days, she goes to Chemus to load lumber for the United om. As soon as she leaves the wharf the British ship Balmore ake her berth and discharge her consigned to this city.

tain Whitelaw's band of wreckre hard at work removing that old e to Victorians, the wreck of the ollier San Pedro. On Saturday oon several shots were fired, some m throwing up a large volume of to a height of nearly fifty feet. ull is being removed in sections.

steamer Umatilla is at the outer loading 1,100 tons of Oriental t, which arrived on the N. P. R. ship Olympia, in transit for San isco. The Umatilla will return to ound before proceeding to San isco.

sealing schooner Minnie has rd from the coast with 101 seals on . Capt. R. Balcom came down on om Dodger's Cove. The Enterprise t that port when the Minnie left. Capt. Todd reported that he had but als.

British Columbia.

VERNON.

Vernon News.

The Bon Diable Mining Company have now a well defined ledge over six feet wide on their claim, and have reason to feel satisfied with the nature of the rock they are getting out.

A. H. Craven has two men at work on the Blue Jay shaft; they are down about 15 feet. The rock looks well, and there is every reason to believe that this claim will develop into a dividend payer at an early date.

A larger crop of potatoes and other roots has been put in this year throughout the Okanagan Mission valley than has ever been the case before, the growing demand for Okanagan produce in the Kootenay towns having induced the farmers to largely increase their acreage in these crops.

We had the pleasure on Monday of seeing a piece of rock taken from the Iron Cap claim, on Okanagan Lake, which for richness will bear comparison with any specimen found in this district. The rock is siliceous in character and carrier copper and iron pyrites. The piece in question carried a specimen of pure gold about the size of a split pea, and was taken from the shaft at a depth of eleven feet. The Iron Cap is owned by Messrs. H. Knight and N. P. Nelson, and is situated almost opposite Okanagan Landing.

A meeting was held on Monday night in Cameron's Hall in connection with the Creamery Association. The object of the meeting was to elect directors for the ensuing year, the provisional trustees who were appointed for the first three months having resigned. The following gentlemen were elected: W. J. Armstrong, W. T. Shatford, W. C. Ricardo and E. J. Tronson, Vernon; A. J. Palmer, Salmon Arm; R. Dickson, Blue Springs; R. Munson, Okanagan Mission, and G. R. Lawes, Enderby. The association is now on a good footing, a sufficient amount of stock having been subscribed to warrant the directors at once making arrangements to start work, and it is probable that in the course of a few weeks business will be commenced.

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance.

Many new locations are being made on and around Rock creek, and as the neighborhood has not yet been half prospected, many discoveries will no doubt be made. Some very promising free-milling propositions have recently been taken up.

A few days ago a good strike was made up on the main Kettle river, above Rock creek, by some men who were out on a prospecting expedition by some parties at Greenwood City. The exact location of the find is not as yet discosed, but some fair specimens of ore have been exhibited which were taken from the ledge, which is said to be about six feet wide.

Away up the main Kettle river large ledges of copper sulphide ore are known to exist, and much attention will be paid this summer to their exploration. Those familiar with the country say that the ledges existing in the locality indicated are nothing more or less than the extensions of, or rather the same veins of ore as are found on the west side of Okanagan lake at Camp Hewitt, and that as soon as the trend of the veins is understood, they will be traced and located right across the country, and west to the Similkameen.

FAIRVIEW.

Midway Advance.

Some men who recently came over from Boundary creek have discovered a new free-milling quartz camp on the top of a mountain to the east of Keremeos. The ledges are from two to five feet wide, and nearly all the ore pans out good results being obtained by the method in some instances. The ore is completely free-milling and resembles in texture that found in this district.

In the copper belt another new strike has been made, as a party, now out prospecting, discovered a few days ago a ledge of good copper sulphide ore, from which assays running as high as 50 per cent copper and $300 in gold per ton have been obtained. Along Keremeos creek, the west face of the mountain in question has been pretty freely staked, but the top and upon the west slope there is still room for prospectors still remains. Some prospectors are paying attention to the Similkameen section this spring, and so far they have been very successful.

CAMP M'KINNEY.

Midway Advance.

Quite a number of good locations have been made here lately in the new field to the south of the camp and along the valley of the South Fork of Rock creek. The claims taken up are pretty much in a bunch, four being upon the ledge of ore, with the others closely in touch. A few of the claims taken up and the names of the locators are as follows: Accident, R. McIntyre; Great Eastern, T. McDonnell; Yukon, J. Cook; Defender, J. McDonnell; Ocean, C. Haas; No. 4, C. J. Lundy. These claims are situated near where the road leading to Anarchist mountain crosses the south fork of Rock creek. The ore is of a free-milling quality, carrying on the surface a small amount of copper and a little iron pyrites, and which, upon development, show up well. Mr. H. Cameron has a gang of men at work on the extension of the Fonteno and already a shaft several feet has been sunk, and a tunnel run, which as it progresses, is expected to tap the lode at a considerable depth. Altogether the property looks well.

REVELSTOKE.

(Revelstoke Herald.)

Mr. Atkins, of the French Creek Co., has made arrangements for the S.S. Illecillewaet to come up and make a trip to the Bend at the end of the week. If it is thought advisable she will stop at the head of the canyon on her return, and make that he starting point on future trips. Captain Troup will navigate her himself.

The new C.P.R. hotel is being rushed through as fast as lumber can be got for the builders. Mr. Tompkins, the contractor, went down to Vancouver yesterday to hurry more lumber up.

In view of the rapid crumbling away of the bank opposite the schoolhouse and the great danger that communication should be cut off by the destruction of that portion of Third street, Mr. Graham has put a party of men on clearing the cross street just west of the Methodist church up to Second street, which will have to be the road before very long.

ROSSLAND.

It was reported last night that an important strike has been made on the White Bear. This is not surprising, since there has been a most favorable showing in the west drift for several days. There were strong indications of proximity to an ore body. The drift is the one started some time ago from the 100 foot level.

The east shaft on the Great Western was pumped out yesterday morning and the timbering of the shaft has begun. Skids are being put in for the bucket to run on, and it is expected that a drill will be put to work at the bottom on Monday.

Instructions were received yesterday from the comptroller of customs at Ottawa to put a customs Inspector on the Red Mountain train between Northport and Rossland, so that baggage can be inspected en route to Rossland. This will do away with the nuisance of keeping passengers locked up in the coaches after the train arrives, until the inspector looks through the hand baggage. The salary of the new officer will be paid by the Red Mountain railway. President McLaughlin, of the Rossland board of trade was instrumental in bringing this reform about.

The crosscut on the Monte Christo is still being run, but it will probably be abandoned to-day or to-morrow and the drill taken back to the clear ore in the footwall. A drift will then be started on the ore and continued indefinitely. The clean ore is fully as wide as the tunnel, if not wider, and ore will therefore be knocked down very rapidly. A carload will be shipped in order to get its exact value.

Superintendent McGuire, of the City of Spokane, received detailed instructions yesterday to close down the mine and proceed to the Lardeau country to take charge of some of the Lillooet Gold Field Company's properties there. The showing in the winze was so favorable when the work was supended last week that Mr. McGuire concluded to do a few day's work on the City of Spokane before leaving. If nothing is found in the next 10 feet, work on the claim will be discontinued.

Rossland, May 13.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade to-night, at which many alien mine owners were present by invitation, it was made plain that the Le Roi Company has about decided to build its smelter at Northport, Wash., four miles south of the boundary line. E. H. Widekind, who at one time had charge of the Trail smelter, addressed the Board of Trade on the advantages of Northport as a smelter site over any point in Canada. His audience was composed largely of Americans owning mines here, who, of course, agreed with him. There is intense indignation in Rossland over this matter, and steps will be at once taken to petition the Dominion government to place a heavy export duty on ores. Mr. Wedekind had the audacity to insinuate that Canada dared not put an export duty on ores.

Rossland Miner.

British Columbia mining stocks are coming into demand even in far off Japan. The Walters company have sold 5,000 shares in that country during the past month, and are preparing to establish an agency there.

It looks as thought the Colonna would soon be one of the producing mines of the camp. The tunnel now being driven to connect with the shaft on the hill near the Evening Star ground will soon be under the shaft so that the upraise can be started and the connection made. There has been more or less ore in the face of this tunnel for several days, and Manager Pfunder believes he has struck the ore chute opened in the shaft above.

Two men went out yesterday morning to do the assessment work on the Legal Tender, a claim lying on the south of Le Roi and west of the Nickel Plate. They put in a single shot and opened a very pretty vein of ore. The showing would justify more extensive development than is now contemplated. Unfortunately the Legal Tender is only one or three locations covering the same ground. The other two are the Olivette and the Park Train. Consequently there is a sort of three-cornered law suit over the property. The Legal Tender location belongs to Ed. Haney, who sold the City of Spokane to the Horne-Payne Company for $47,500 cash.

A few minutes before 4 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the room over the kitchen at the Clifton house on the northeast corner of Spokane street and Columbia avenue. The occupant of room 15, who saw the flames about the same time that the man in the next room noticed them, gave the alarm. A few seconds later the guests in the different rooms had been aroused, and a pell mell rush from the burning structure began. Women and men in scant attire, some carrying what clothes they could snatch up in their hurry, fell over each other in getting downstairs and out of the hotel. A man named Boynton, whose room was near the one in which the fire was first seen, was awakened just as the flames were licking his forehead. He sprang from bed and dashed through the window taking the sash with him and landing on the ground below with severe injury. The hair was burned off the front of his scalp and his hands were badly cut.

KASLO.

Kaslo, May 11.—There is still considerable activity in the office of the mining recorder and records are multiplying at a very rapid rate. The Ainsworth mining division is a very extensive one, and one is surprised to see on adjacent pages of a book of records, notes of claims so widely separated as White Grouse Mountain and Hall Creek on the Duncan river in one direction, and the head of Kokanee in another direction. Yet the records are so promptly made after a deposit that little difficulty is experienced in tracing the most recent transactions.

W. H. Fife, of Rossland, has bought out from Franklin Mallory, E. P. Bayles and J. E. McNall, of Spokane, the mineral claims Bob Ingersoll, Come by Chance, Capital Prize and Timberline, on White Grouse Mountain. The agreement of sale was dated in December last.

George S. Wallis of Ontario, has deeded to George D. Wallis and Edward E. King as "jointenants and not as tenants in common," an undivided three-quarters interest in the mineral claims Globe and Anticline, located 15 miles west of the city of Kaslo, and one mile north of the Kaslo & Slocan railway.

George W. Hughes, the young veteran of the Slocan, was in Kaslo on Monday last, and more confidant than ever concerning the district in which he has shown his faith by his works from the very beginning. He has been doing development work during the winter at the Best, and has a very large ore body blocked out. As soon as the snow disappears he will continue the McGuigan Creek wagon road to the Best basin, and when this work is completed the Best will enter the list of shipping mines, and once there, as Mr. Hughes remarks, "it will be to stay," with a steady monthly output.

C. F. Caldwell, for the West Kootenay Mining Company, has bonded the mineral claim Kootenay Lake, formerly belonging to what is known as the Steamboat Gave, and situated on the east side of Kootenay lake about 11 miles below Pilot Bay, to Messrs. Dabney & Parker, of Rossland, who have already commenced work on the property by way of development. The terms for the bond have not yet been announced.

TRAIL.

The refinery at the Trail smelter is being pushed, and unless something unlooked for happens it will be done next month.

There is still a week's work on the Stony Creek bridge of the Trail-Robson road, and until it is done no tracklaying will be undertaken. The rails are not yet on the way.

There was a largely attended meeting of the Rossland Liberal Association at the office of J. B. Johnson & Co. last evening, to hear the report of the special committee appointed last Friday to look into the matter of the Le Roi's proposed smelter. The report was unanimously adopted and it was resolved that a copy of the report be sent with the endorsement of the association to each member of the Dominion cabinet and that copies be sent to the press for publication. The report of the committee is as follows:

To the Rossland Liberal Association:

The report of the committee appointed to investigate and report on the dutiable materials which enter into the construction of a smelter beg leave to report as follows:

1. We find the chief materials which enter into the construction and operation of a smelting or matting plant to be the machinery itself which is by far the largest and most expensive item in its construction and operation, and the timber dressed and undressed, shingles, lime, cement and brick.

2. We find by the recent tariff promulgated by the Liberal government that the machinery which would be used in the construction and operation of a smelting, matting and refining plant of the kind which the Le Roi Mining Company proposes to erect for the reduction of its ores to be wholly free of duty. The clause in the tariff being as follows: "Machinery of a class exclusively used and required for mining, smelting or refining purposes, and also all materials for the construction of such machinery in Canada, to be free for that purpose, the whole to be subject to regulations to be made by the controller of customs."

3. That undressed lumber is also duty free.

4. That there is a duty on shingles of 20 per cent; on dressed lumber of 25 per cent; on lime of 20 per cent; on cement 12½ per cent per 100 lbs, and on brick of 20 per cent.

5. We find that ample supplies of lumber and shingles can be had within reasonable distance of the proposed smelter site.

6. We also find that there are ample quantities of lime rock and brick clay within a very short distance of the proposed smelter site which can be made into lime and brick.

We submit under the above findings of our committee that the Le Roi Mining Company ought to build its smelter near Rossland in British Columbia without asking any further concession from the government of Canada.

We further beg leave to report that in the opinion of your committee the time is approaching when the government of Canada ought to intimate that in view of the free admission of mining, smelting and refining machinery into Canada and the opening market in Great Britain for our matte and bullion it will be the policy to place an export duty on ore to countries other than Great Britain at the next session of the Dominion parliament. Respectfully submitted.

A. N. PATERSON,
Chairman.

CHEMANIUS.

Chemanius, May 13.—A very sad accident, causing the almost instant death of the infant daughter of Jas. Crozier, occurred yesterday. The child was playing on a pile of railway ties when a number of them rolled on top of her, inflicting internal injury, from which she died inside of an hour. The sympathy of the community is extended to the parents in their sad bereavement.

Harry Evans is making several improvements to his house and property. The bark Pomona is loading lumber here, and other vessels are expected in shortly.

The Chemanius Prospecting and Mining Company, who have had their men on prospecting for several months, have struck a very rich lead in the mountain back of this place. They have five claims recorded, and are now doing work on one which is opening up far better than the most sanguine could wish. This camp will no doubt prove one of the richest in the whole of British Columbia. An article from the pen of an expert, appeared some time ago in one of your city papers, giving a description of the formation and prospects of successful mining in this section of the country. He stated that gold was to be found in most paying quantities in the locality where this company have located their claims, and from assays made, they have one of the finest properties in British Columbia.

The lodge of Foresters started here a few weeks ago is in a flourishing condition, having had some new members added every meeting since their organization.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer returned from Victoria to-day.

Mrs. Hill left here yesterday to visit friends in Vancouver, B. C., and Fairhaven, Wash.

Dr. C. A. Elliott has been very busy since he located here; we harly know how we got along without a doctor so long.

SLOCAN CITY.

(Slocan Pioneer.)

The Australia, two and a half miles, and the Richmond, four miles up Springer Creek, have been bonded by McGerry & Woolery. They intend to put a force of men to work on both claims.

George Roberts and Bert Pearson last week refused $3,000 cash for the Silver Bryan, a prospect that they own on Twelve Mile. The offer was made by J. A. Johnston, of Sandon. The surface assays show $7 in gold in 14 ounces in silver. The owners will work the ground themselves this summer.

Mr. McCune purchased the Lexington, Polly and Sunnyside Fraction claims from David Sutherland and Thomas Montgomery, the consideration named in the bill of sale being $20,000, and will incorporate the properties under the name of the Lexington Mining Company, with a capital stock of $1,000,000.

McGerry & Woolery have bonded the Pacific and Gladstone properties on Springer Creek, from Alexander Stewart, John McKinnon, Melcher Johnson and Fred Brennerman, for $30,000. These claims are four miles from town and are now accessible for summer development work, which will be continued. These claims are believed to have the leads of the Lily B. and the Arlington groups.

Mr. W. M. Brasch, the owner of the Pioneer group of mines, on Lemon Creek, is awaiting the disappearance of the snow to take in a force of men and an outfit of tools and provisions to his claims to do some extensive work this summer. Gold predominates in the ground owned by Mr. Brasch, one assay, made by Dr. W. E. Everts, of Tacoma, showing $2,202.80 in gold and 20 ounces in silver. An effort will be made during the coming summer to build a road to the mines and if this is successful, shipments of ore will be made from the Pioneer group and other mines in the immediate vicinity.

(Slocan City News.)

Lemon Creek properties are becoming much sought after by prospective purchasers. A bond of $50,000 on a claim and a fraction is about to be consummated.

J. E. Tattersall goes up Springer Creek the first of next week to run a tunnel into the Violet, which joins the Chapleau. Assays from the Violet run as high as $3,000 in gold to the ton, and Mr. Tattersall has been offered a large bond, but he proposes to find out its true worth himself.

A rather startling rumor was prevalent on the streets this week to the effect that gold had been discovered on Twelve Mile Creek. In tracing the rumor the News man gleaned the fact that a prospector interested with Rogers & McFadden brought in some rock which, he said, came from a claim which he had staked on Twelve Mile, about three-quarters of a mile from Slocan Lake. As the result of a "new hat" bet on what the rock carried, an assay was made showing it to be gold quartz carrying $20 to the ton. A. M. Rogers accompanied the prospector the first of the week to inspect the prospect, but up to going to press further information was unobtainable.

VESUVIUS BAY.

Vesuvius Bay, May 14.—The Salt Spring Island Creamery commenced operations on May 1st.

The schooner Honolulu arrived on the 9th inst in tow of the tug Constance for a cargo of mining props for Santa Rosalie, Mexico.

Steamer Hope arrived from Victoria on the 9th inst with a scow load of lumber and material for the erection of Mr. E. J. Bitancourt's new residence at Vesuvius Bay, which will commence building on or about the 1st June. She had also a lot of lumber etc. for Mr. Scovell, of Ganges Harbor, who is about to erect an addition to his dwellings. Messrs. A. R. and J. A. Bitancourt are the successful contractors for the work to be done.

The steamer City of Nanaimo struck the wharf here with such force that it carried away several stringers and so broke other portions of the wharf as to make it necessary to be repaired. Mr. A. Baynes, government superintendent of wharves, has arrived and is now at work making good the damage.

Ripe wild strawberries were picked here as early as the 11th inst.

Whooping-cough is prevalent among the children of the island.

Mr. J. H. Falconer has been on the island lately to establish a lodge of the Independent Order of Foresters here.

KAMLOOPS.

(Inland Sentinel.)

Some splendid looking ore was brought in from the Bonanza shaft yesterday.

F. Rushton and J. Rafferty are working on some promising claims 30 miles up the North Thompson.

The Geraldine Prospecting and Mining Company, of Montreal, of which G. B. Guthrie is the local representative, have purchased the Grail claim, the property of the Middleton Mining Company, the members of which are Geo. Brown, Geo. Middleton and James Meldrum. The sale was made on a basis of part stock in the new company, and part cash. It is expected that active development work will be commenced on the Grail at once.

The sale of the Iron Cap property to E. P. Carey is one of the most important transactions that we have yet had the pleasure of reporting in connection with the mining development of this camp. The reason for this statement is that Mr. Carey intends shipping ore at once. The Iron Cap is situated about one mile west of the Iron Mask, and is regarded by the best mining men who have visited this camp as one of the most promising properties in the district. Very little work has been done so far on the claim, but assays of surface rock have given returns of from $27 to $278 in gold.

ASHCROFT.

B. C. Mining Journal.

A company under the name of the Ashcroft Gold Mining Company has been incorporated with a capitalization of 100,000 shares of a par value of 25 cents, and with headquarters at Ashcroft. The trustees for the first three months are F. S. Reynolds, H. L. Roberts and Herbert Cancellor of North Bend. The first work undertaken by this company will be opening up some hydraulic ground near Keefers on the Fraser river. This company has over 3,000 feet of river front and an average depth of the ground is 600 feet of what undoubtedly is the old bed of the Fraser river.

J. Ruddolph with a gang of men has started operations near Gladwin with a gold saving machine.

The Finch company's mining property will be sold by Deputy Sheriff Sutherland on June 1st.

Near John McKay's ranch opposite Gladwin, a mountain of mineral, principally copper, was struck a few weeks ago and returns from rock sent away give from $10 to $12. About fourteen claims were recorded last week and development work is being done by Miles Silverthorn.

Wm. Shannon, representing Vancouver people, recorded several claims last week. His claims are at Foster's bar, about half way between Lytton and Lillooet, and reports from his assays are $32.

There has been more gold brought into Lytton this season than ever before. This is on account of the exceptionally low water.

VANCOUVER.

Louis Uzman, a Mexican strolling musician, was found dead in bed at the Dougall House. It was found that the cause of death was internal hemorrage from a ruptured blood vesel.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

In the case of Tenas George, the Siwash accused of murder, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

It is probable that the Blue Bird mine on Harrison Lake will ship about 40 tons of ore by the transfer, which left hr for Harrison Lake on Saturday morning.

In the district court Saturday morning before Captain Pittendrigh, a man named H. Brophy was charged with assaulting Purdy, a brakeman on the C.P.R. The magistrate sentenced the prisoner to six month's imprisonment with a fine of $100 or six months' additional imprisonment, as the assault was evidently committed with the intent of doing serious bodily injury, which, if carried out, might have been the means of causing serious accident to the train.

NEW DENVER.

The Ledge.

A great rush is being made for Wilson Creek. Late discoveries made in that vicinity are of the most encouraging nature.

The Dalhousie and Whycocomagh, Ten Mile properties, have been bonded again for $35,000, Geo. B. D. Turner being the buyer.

Claims carrying gold are being staked on Six Mile Creek and other parts of the district on the opposite side of the Lake from New Denver.

Several claims have been staked on lower Eight Mile creek during the past week. Telluride of gold is reported to have been found on one of them.

S. C. Hill discovered a ledge on Wilson Creek last week while getting out some timber. The ledge was at the roots of a tree which had been blown down by the wind.

J. D. Farrell has transferred all his interest in the St. Keyarne, O.B.H., Exeter Dominion and Felix and a two-third interest in the Keystone to the St. Keyerne Mining Company.

The gold commissioner has allowed the work done on the Argenta, a tunnel 215 feet, to be transferred to the Mardon Fraction for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant.

Wednesday afternoon, shortly after the arrival of the steamer W. Hunter kfrom her trip down the lake, the new C.P.R. steamer, which has been under construction at Rosebery for the past few months, was launched, and in tow of the Hunter was taken around to Rosebery Bay, thereto receive the finishing touches that will make her Queen of the lake and be placed in readiness for the enormous business awaiting her.

FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele Prospector.

Another rich strike has been made on Perry creek, about half a mile from the falls. The ore is a free-milling quartz, similar to all the ore found on the creek. Several locations have been made on the ledge. The original locations are called the London, Treasury Box and the New York Jewelry Box. The ledge crosses the old placer diggings of early days, and trends in a northerly direction, and is some 60 feet in width and can be traced upon the surface for 1,500 feet.

Several important discoveries of gold quartz have been reported, situated on the western slope of the main range of the Rocky mountains, within three miles of Fort Steele. Several leads have been found varying from 4 to 8 feet in width. Assay returns give from $8 to $20 in gold.

J. E. Hardman, of Montreal, who bonded some property on Perry Creek last fall, is on his way to Steele with a portible stamp mill, which will be used for testing ore in the vicinity of Perry Creek.

A large number of prospectors are prospecting in the vicinity of Tracey creek, and some 70 or 80 locations have been made between Tracy and Cheep creek. The ore in this vicinity carries gold and silver and copper. Over one hundred prospectors are in the mountains at this point.

An unusual activity is noticeable on Wild Horse creek; many rich strikes of gold quartz having been reported. Placer mining will be carried on to a greater extent this year.

Mr. Conklin has brought in some very good looking specimens of gold quartz from Wild Horse creek.

Joe Davis has made several locations on Wild Horse creek.

H. L. Amme and Steve Young have made a rich strike on Wild Horse creek. The ledge crosses the creek at a point where the hydraulic companies are working.

OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, May 9.—The general opinion is that parliament is within a month of prorogation. The opposition is fairly demoralized and will be glad to get away from here as soon as possible. Dr. Montague has already taken flight and gone to British columbia with a view of doing something in the way of gold digging. The doctor is not likely to do much hard work, but his name as an ex-minister of the crown may assist in furthering the interests of some company in disposing of its shares. Some members of the present government have been approached with a view of accepting stock for the use of their names. A letter of this character was sent to Sir Henri Joly, but he at once declined.

There a number of railway bills before parliament in which British Columbia is interested. Two of them, as already stated in the telegraphic dispatches have been held over until the policy of the government on the Crow's Nest Pass road is announced. One of these is an act respecting the Columbia & Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company. This company, which, it ought to be said, is wholly controlled by the Canadian Pacific, asks power to build a railway between some point on its present line between Nelson and Robson on the south, and Revelstoke on the north, together with such brach or branches of that railway or its main line, as are from time to time authorized by the Governor in Council, not exceeding in any one case the length of thirty miles. The company also asks power to extend its railway from any point at or near Nelson, thence easterly to a point at or near Queen's Bay, thence easterly and southerly to some point on Kootenay Lake, and westerly or southwesterly and westerly from Robson to a point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Hope, in the Fraser valley. Ex-Judge Clarke, who was present at the committee when this bill came up, admitted that it was really the Canadian Pacific that was making the application. This drew forth the remark from Mr. Blair that it would be very much better if the Canadian Pacific came there in their own name and not in the name of another company. But the minister of railways objected to granting the charter until such time as a decision had been reached regarding the Crow's Nest Pass, and therefore the bill was allowed to stand.

Another bill which was allowed to stand over awaiting the announcement on the Crow's Nest Pass is an act respecting the Trail Creek & Columbia Railway Company. In addition to those two bills the Alberta Railway & Coal Company's bill, which applies for a charter through the pass, was also kept back for the same reason.

An act to incorporate the British Yukon Chartered Company is also before parliament. Full reference has been made to this company already, but as a good deal has been said and written over the idea that the company wants to govern the whole Yukon country, it may be of interest to give the exact wording of this clause, which is as follows:

"The company may enter into agreements with the government of Canada for the performance of postal and police service, and other services, or any of them, or for the performance of such other duties of administration as may be imposed upon it by any such agreement, with the said government for compensation for such services by royalty upon precious metals mined in the Yukon territory of Canada, or for such other consideration as may from time to time be agreed upon. The company may also enter into agreements with the government of the province of British Columbia for the performance of any services for the said government, and upon such consideration as may from time to time be agreed upon."

It is not likely that this clause will pass in its present shape.

Dr. Landerkin has charge of a bill respecting the British Columbia Southern railway. This bill brings the local charter within the control of the Dominion government. It also asks power for the company to extend its line from its terminus in the Crow's Nest Pass across or over the eastern boundary of British Columbia into the district of Alberta, thence in an easterly direction to Macleod, or to a point on the Macleod & Calgary railway, and thence easterly to Lethbridge. Power is also asked to lease the road to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

SLABTOWN.

BARNARD AGAIN FLIES.

Inventor of the Airship Travels From Nashville to Madison.

Nashville, Tenn., May 15.—After much difficulty in getting off yesterday at 7 o'clock, Prof. Barnard attempted another voyage wnth his airship. It sailed aloft rapidly, and as Prof. Barnard vigorously worked the bicycle pedals of his propelling and steering atachments, the airship turned around several times, but was drifting with the wind.

It passed over the centennial grounds, floated rapidly over the city at a high altitude, in a northeasterly direction, and passed out of sight in the gathering twilight. At 7:45 o'clock the machine landed near Madison, about twelve miles east of this city. Prof. Barnard says of this trial trip:

"I find that I can manipulate the machine right or left, even in a light wind. This is certain. I cannot go directly against a wind of eight miles an hour with muscular power as at present arranged, but by cutting across obliquely I can make progress in the direction desired."

Further trials with changes in apparatus will be made.

So successful have the English been in the administration of Burmah since its conquest a few years ago, that it has just been endorsed. With the same civil government as the remainder of the province of Queen Victoria's Indian empire. The British deserve all the more credit for what they have done in Burmah, as its population enjoys a reputation throughout the Orient of being the most turbulent, savage and unruly of all Asiatic races.