



EAST KOOTENAY SCENES

1. Bridge Over Elk River.

2 and 3. Elk River Valley.

During the season of 1897 fifteen hundred and four quartz mineral claims were staked and recorded in the recording office for the district. Ledges of free milling gold have been located and also all the elements for smelting fluxes, such as limestone and hematite iron.

EDMONTON BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual general meeting of the Edmonton, Alberta, board of trade was held on Feb. 7, President C. Gallagher in the chair, and Isaac Cowie acting secretary. The following officers were elected: President, T. W. Lues; vice-president, J. H. Picard; secretary, Mr. Cowie, to act until the return of F. Fraser Tims, when a permanent appointment will be made; council, Messrs. Bellamy, Blowey, Gallagher, Johnson, Kinnaird, Kirkpatrick, Strang, McDougall, and Walser; board of arbitration, the president and members of the council. Standing committees were appointed under the following headings: Agriculture, immigration, mining, public works and railways, finance, retail tariff.

A vote as to whether a banquet should be held or not, resulted in favor of the banquet.

The committee on fair grounds and park reported that they had secured over \$8,000 subscriptions towards a company to purchase and improve the fair grounds, and that they would recommend the acceptance of fifty-five acres of land on the lower Hudson's Bay Co. flat. There was every prospect that the remainder of \$10,000 required to ensure the incorporation of the company would be forthcoming.

The immigration committee was instructed to press upon the town council the desirability of providing accommodation for immigrants in town during at least three months in the coming spring, by renting a building. And falling action by the council to circulate a subscription list to secure the necessary funds to provide such a building.

The committee appointed at a former meeting to memorialize the government regarding the desirability of the early completion of the bridge across the river was instructed to proceed with their memorial.

The mining committee was instructed to take up the question of the geological survey of Great Slave lake, already alluded to in correspondence read by Mr. Cowie.

Messrs. Picard, McDougall and Cowie were appointed a committee to memorialize the government regarding mail service to the Peace and Mackenzie river regions. A letter from H. H. Lawrence, of Vermillion, Peace river, was read, in which an urgent case for mail facilities was presented.

Dry Goods Trade.

In the United States cotton goods hold firm all along the line. Gray cottons maintain a very strong tone at the advance, while other cottons in the way of bleached and finished goods are also being worked higher in price. The mills are full of business and the outlook very promising. Printed fabrics are going well. Gingham are free sellers and very strongly situated. In some instances henriettas, serges and chevots have been advanced in price 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. The few firms who reduced their prices on domestic woollens have put the prices back to where they were, and in some instances have increased them.