

INTERIOR INTELLIGENCE

Happenings of Interest From the Mountain Exchanges.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY BECOMING COMMON

Tacoma Lawyer Accidentally Killed—Bright Outlook for Revelstoke—East-ward and Mine Progress—Kaslo and Nelson Town Talk.

Trout Lake City, B.C., Oct. 7.—The first snow of the season fell on the flat today, making everything exceedingly slippery and disgusting. There is, however, every prospect of a long spell of fine warm weather before the winter finally sets in.

Our newly appointed recorder, Andy Craig, left yesterday for Revelstoke to attend to the shipment of his winter stock. As a large supply of goods will be necessary to meet the requirements of the settlers during the winter, the pack trains will probably be kept busy for some time.

Messrs. Hoare, T. Hamilton and E. Mansell left for Revelstoke yesterday. Mr. Hamilton is expected to return next week. Meanwhile Mr. Cook is running the Queen's hotel alone.

Two mines will be worked during the winter months. The Silver Cup and the Black Prince. Messrs. Hanfield and Green, the purchasers of the Black Prince, with their employees, are constructing a trail from Lardeau to their property, and will commence mining operations as soon as the trail is completed.

Messrs. Downes, Walker & Co., the owners of the Silver Cup, arrived yesterday. They are to erect a shaft house, cabin and other necessary buildings immediately, and will store a supply of provisions for the winter, after which they will leave to attend to their outside interests, returning to the Silver Cup early in December and remaining to work upon the lead until next summer.

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When at Nelson, Captain Armstrong, of Golden, stated that the opening of the steamboat transportation route south from Fort Steele to Jennings, Montana, has been of great benefit to East Kootenay. It opened up that section to prospectors, and prospectors, apparently, all come from the United States. Yet, there are some people in British Columbia, and some of them in high official position, who would close every route leading to the south; would keep out the men who make it possible for British subjects to thrive in southeastern British Columbia.

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