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### SOUR DOUGH ALLEY.

The Rosslander says: "For many years this alley was an Indian trail, and the early settlers built along this path, following its configurations, which accounts for its curves. Its name, Sour Dough alley, old settlers say, arose from the fact that some prospectors who lived on the alley ran shy on provisions and were compelled to subsist for quite a period on bread made from flour that had turned sour in consequence of having been wet."

As Sour Dough alley is going down to fame as one of the last, and by no means the least, picturesque features of western mining life, its history should be cleared of misunderstandings. Sour Dough alley was not Sour Dough alley until after the advent of sawn lumber. It was the course of the government wagon road between Trail and the Le Roi mine. It became a street on this account. There are no log cabins on Sour Dough alley and none of the early prospectors built on it. It derives its name from sour dough bread, the best kind of bread where yeast is not obtainable, and familiar to every prospector. People built on it, as it was on railway land, who could not afford to buy lots or live at hotels. It was not known as Sour Dough alley until late in the spring of 1895, and the name was first applied by Harold Kingsmill, who at that time was editing the Record newspaper. The idea in the name is that the people who lived there "batched" and presumably used sour dough to make bread with. Sour Dough alley is a little side street such as you very seldom meet with, and although it is doomed to disappear shortly, it will linger in the recollection of every one identified with the early history of Rossland.

### MINING PROGRESS IN ONTARIO.

Following is a list giving the number of stamps in operation, or in place, or in process of being put in place (that is, on the ground) at the present time in the Rainy Lake district of Ontario.

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Lyle, 10-stamp, now being moved to Little American.  
Foley, 20-stamp.  
Ferguson, 3-stamp.  
Preston, 2-stamp Alosa, equal to 5-stamp.  
Lucky Coon, 5-stamp.  
Saw Bill, 10-stamp.  
Lake Harold, 10-stamp.  
Empress, 20-stamp.  
Hawk Bay, 10-stamp.  
Sultana, 10-stamp, expected to increase to 40.  
Gold Hill, 10-stamp.  
Golden Gate, 20-stamp.  
Regina, 10-stamp.  
Ophir, 10-stamp.  
Neepawa, 10-stamp.  
Crawford, 10-stamp.  
Haycock, 2 Tremania, equal to 5-stamp.  
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### MONEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Strange what force wealth lends to one's opinions. While yet a beggarly carpenter out of a job, with no companionship but that of a hired burro, and no earthly possession but the scanty outfit of a prospector the now famous millionaire Stratton wended his way into the Oripple Creek gold camp, a tramp would have laughed at his opinion in mining, and it was not until he accidentally stumbled onto the Independence, which has made him a multi-millionaire, that any prospector would have given him a penny for his thought. But now things have changed. It matters not that Stratton is a accident; it matters not that, heart sick and unschooled in the miner's craft, he was on several occasions about to give up in despair. His accidental fortune has made him a new man, and large mining syndicates and men of wealth and influence eagerly catch at any hint which he may let drop, and his opinions are sought for far and wide. Although there are hundreds of poor prospectors in Cripple Creek today who are better posted than Stratton, they are pushed aside and the accidental rich man is sought out.

### APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days from date hereof the undersigned intends applying to the stipendiary magistrate for West Kootenay District for a license to sell liquor by retail, on the premises known as Barney's ranch, at Barney, situated at the intersection of the Dewdney trail and the Northport wagon road, five miles from the town of Rossland.  
Dated this 20th day of March, 1897. B. O'BRIEN

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