British Columbia.

CHILLIWACK.

Chilliwack Progress.

Mr. Duncan McRae, who has taken charge of Mr. Vance's mine, feels confident it will turn out very rich.

Mr. James Wardell, of Hope, rumor says, has discovered some very rich gold prospects his side of Hope, the assay giving $300 to the ton.

The welcome rain set in early Tuesday morning and will extinguish the fires that have been raging the last few weeks in the mountains. A quantity of fine timber has been destroyed, besides damage done to the fences of some of the outlying settlers.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

An extensive bush fire is raging in Surrey municipality, with the result that the Kirkland road is blocked by fallen trees, and the great difficulty is experienced by the farmers in that locality in getting in or out.

Large numbers of Willow grouse are being killed in the vicinity of this city by Indians, who have no trouble in selling them at a good price in town. There is good reason to believe the grouse are being killed off fast, and but poor sport will remain at the beginning of the grouse season for those sportsmen who have observed the conditions of the game laws strictly. Nothing is being done anywhere in the district to prevent unlawful hunting.

VANCOUVER.

Advices received from Everett last night were to the effect that a recent shipment of ore from the Channe Mining Company's Bobby Burns mineral claim at Shoal Bay, near the entrance to Bute Inlet, has returned $31.20 in gold to the ton. This result is another evidence of the existence of payable ore in some of the coast mines, several of which are being vigorously worked in the vicinity of Shoal Bay and Phillips Arm.

The Shoo Fly claim in the Shoal Bay district, has been bonded by an English syndicate, a representative of which recently paid the locality a visit of inspection. The syndicate propose getting to work without delay, and for this purpose men and supplies will be sent by the next steamer going up to the Shoal Bay camp.

Amongst the arrivals on yesterday's Pacific express was Sergeant-Major Cornish, the representative of the Mainland companies of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., on the Canadian Shoeburyness team. It had been proposed by the members of the local companies to give their representative a suitable welcome at the station, but the day of his arrival being unknown, this could not be done.

NANAIMO.

The Free Press has been informed on reliable authority that the Union Steamship Company has decided to withdraw the proposals now before the Nanaimo municipal council asking for a bonus of $25,000 to continue running the steamer Cutch on the Nanaimo-Vancouver route for five years, at a passenger and freight rate not exceeding those charged when the Cutch was withdrawn. This question had received a good deal of attention from the municipal council, several conferences having taken place between the aldermen and the directors of the steamship company. The first proposition was a bald subsidy of $30,000. Then it was reduced to $25,000; then an agreement was arrived at by which the city might obtain an interest (five-twelfths) in the steamer. This latter agreement, which has already been published in full in the Free Press, was discussed at a recent meeting of the council, and laid over for further consideration and amendment. It was arranged that a meeting of the committee and directors should take place this evening. In this connection it is stated, but the report is not confirmed, that the steamer City of Nanaimo has obtained the contract for the conveyance of the mails on the Nanaimo-Vancouver route.

BOUNDARY FALLS.

Boundary Creek Times.

A promising find was made last week by "Jim" Dale on the west fork of Kettle river. The claim, which is called the Carmie, has a quartz ledge running through it over four feet wide and traceable for 2,000 feet. The quartz is mineralized with iron pyrites, galena and zinc blende.

On the Rambler claim, about a mile south of Pass creek, recently stocked by the Everett & Spokane Mining Co., considerable work is to be done this winter. The claim was located by C. Frank and E. J. Davis, who ran a number of cuts on the ledge, the estimated width of which is 30 feet on the surface.

The Lexington and Silver Bowl, situate about a mile west of the Golden Giant, in Pass Creek, have the same big surface showing of arsenical iron. They were located this summer by Mr. D. H. Harrington, a well-known prospector from Butte.

The latest strike was made on Saturday and Sunday last, when a number of claims were staked up the west side of Boundary creek, on Lost creek. The ore, or rather the capping, is hematite and iron pyrites. The ledge, which it is said can be traced for a distance covered by three claims, is reported to be 40 feet wide. This discovery verifies the statement that the country is hardly walked over, much less thoroughly prospected. It is very probable that the best finds in Boundary Creek district are yet to be made.

Mr. C. E. Bartholomew, one of the old-timers in the camp and the original locator of the Providence, is now working on the Combination, a claim recently bonded for $600,000. The returns from the Combination assays were: Lead, 30 3-10 per cent., value, $18.12; silver, 512 8-10 ounces, valued at 68 cents (the price at that time), $348.70; gold, 3.20 ozs., valued at $66.15; total value per ton, $432.97.

VERNON.

Vernon News.

The Morning Glory mine on the west side of the Okanagan lake, near Vernon, is promising good returns. An assay of rock taken out at a depth of six feet showed the ore to carry: Gold $32, silver, 42 and zinc $2 per ton. The shaft is now down about forty feet on a large and well defined ledge.

Hop picking commenced last week on the Coldstream ranch. The crop this season is unusually heavy and if prices are at all good the forty acre yard on the Governor-General's estate should prove a profitable investment.

At a meeting held at Enderby of gentlemen interested in the proposal to establish a creamery in that town, a committee was appointed to deal with the matter, and the enterprise is to be vigorously pushed forward.

The meeting for the purpose of organizing a board of trade came off at last on Monday afternoon, and as an outcome of it this much-needed business institution was given a start. It was unanimously decided to launch the new institution under the title of the Okanagan board of trade, with head offices at Vernon. It being necessary to secure 30 charter members, a committee was appointed to secure the requisite number of names.

Another fire occurred on Sunday evening at White Valley, at the house of Mr. Ewen Campbell. Nothing could be done to check the spread of the flames, and it was with difficulty that the fire was prevented from spreading to the outbuildings. The house, which cost about $1,000, was partially insured.

ROSSLAND.

The Rosslander.

Yesterday the Walters Company, now in charge of the Union, despatched men and supplies to that property, to resume active development.

At an early hour this morning W. W. Wyard, a young man of 30, formerly cashier of the First National Bank at Spokane, and brother-in-law of F. Lewis Clark and A. A. Newbery of that place, died in his rooms at the International hotel, this city, of appendicitis.

For want of a better place to stow the hose and reel, those very important articles have been allowed to stand on the street in front of the Bank of Montreal building. One night this week some evil disposed person, with a sharp knife, cut the rubber of one of the nozzles, if not destroying it, at least very much impairing its usefulness.

It was stated on the streets yesterday that the plan of the railway reserve north of the townsite recently sent to Victoria for registration had been returned because it included past of the land claimed by the Paris Belle Mining Company. Mr. H. B. Smith, C.E., who made the survey, states that this is not the case. The plan has not been returned to him, as it would be if it were refused registration. There is, however, a possibility that the Paris Belle people have taken steps to prevent its registration.

On the Nest Egg yesterday afternoon chalcopyrites appeared amongst the ore, which so far has not run very high in copper, but has been chiefly iron pyrites. This adds considerably to the value of the ore, and shows as depth is reached the ore of South Belt is found to be of the same nature as that found in the older mines on Red Mountain.

On the Phoenix, on which two shifts are working, the ore is changing from white arsenical iron to pyrrhotite and shows more copper than at any time since the mine has been worked. This pyrrhotite was found at a depth of 18 feet and about 200 feet to the westward of No. 1 shaft.

Ed. Maloney, who is interested in the Keystone group in the Burnt Pass section, returned last Thursday night from doing work there. The shaft is down 50 feet and in solid ore, some of which Mr. Maloney brought down. In appearance it can scarcely be distinguished from Nest Egg ore. Work is being done on most of the Burnt Pass claims.

On Tuesday last John Sinclair, late of Great Falls, Montana, bought from J. E. Saucier, a half interest in the Gold Brick, a mineral claim situated about one mile west of the O.K. The price paid was $2,000, the purchaser also agreeing to do 100 feet of work.

The Josie No. 2, a free-milling property south of the Poorman at Nelson, has been bonded to a Minneapolis syndicate for $30,000. A company will be formed to work it.

The conditional purchase of one-half interest in the Gold Hunter group was effected by the Walters Company last week. This group comprises the Gold Hunter, Alabama and Sunset, No. 2.

L. Scholl, who has been for two months prospecting in the Slocan, came in the other day. About fifteen miles north of Kaslo he located three claims, but did not do any work on them. The ledge, which surface indications show to be about 100 feet wide, has the same iron-capping as is common around Rossland. Guy Reeder, who has been in the Slocan all summer, is working on a claim which has same surface appearance as Scholl's. On the surface only a trace of gold was got, but upon sinking the proportion in gold steadily increased until as high as $18 has been obtained.

Less than two weeks ago Robt. Scott, who for several years was mayor of Galt, Ont., J. Smith, H. Kennedy and Geo. Moore, all of Galt, arrived in Rossland, and within a week purchased the Electra, Chief Spokane and Red Hawk mineral claims on Green Mountain, to the north and west of Red Mountain, from S. H. Bryan. They put on men at once to cut a trail from the Murphy creek trail, and it was expected that by last night they would have reached the claims and have cabins up. Two shafts will be kept at work sinking until fifty feet at least is reached.

Quartz bearing free gold is brought in almost daily from the Salmon River country, to which much attention has been directed lately. On Friday night W. J. Maxwell came in bringing some pretty quartz. The quartz is white, slightly reddened by oxidation, but in it may be seen specks of free gold and copper pyrites, giving it the appearance of rich ore, which the assay proves it to be.

The stock market this week has been comparatively active, with all prices remaining firm and some advancing. There is good demand for stocks in all the mines of promise. Eastern investors are inquiring for Josie, Evening Star and Deer Park, all of which have advanced and practically all offering has been taken up. During the week Redden & Jackson alone sold 55,000 Deer Park at 8c. and 8½c., 12,000 Evening Star at 27½c. and 6,000 Josie at 58 and 60c. The highest sale for some time in stocks was made through the same firm of 10,000 War Eagle at $1.65, meaning a transaction of $16,500. Both buyer and seller were local parties. All Crown Point to be had has been picked up and is in the hands of parties likely to hold it.

The 1000-foot diamond drill hole being sunk on the Mugwump is going down rapidly. For the first few days loose, "jointy" rock near the surface occasioned delay, but at 174 feet from the surface the drill is in solid ground, and is working finely. Whatever may be said against diamond drill prospecting, time, a great factor in mine development, is certainly saved at a great rate, as the Mugwump Company's drill goes down about fifteen feet a day.

An important strike was made yesterday afternoon on the Evening Star, one that takes away every particle of doubt that the claim will make a front rank mine. A shaft was sunk upon the ledge and a tunnel driven from there down the hillside. On Monday afternoon this tunnel broke into a fine body of high-grade ore. This ledge, from which $30 and 40 assays were obtained, is now proven to a depth of 200 feet, which in itself is sufficient ore to take a long time to mine, while the sinking from this lower lever may reveal still richer ore of unknown depth. It is probable that a spur of the Columbia & Western Railway will be built to the mine, which has now upwards of 100 tons of shipping ore on the dump and can fill several cars a day with the force employed.

KAMLOOPS.

Inland Sentinel.

James Blair has assigned to J. J. Carment.

Thomas O'Connor, an inmate of the Old Men's Home, aged 67, died in that institution early this morning. Deceased came from Fort Steele last January. He had followed mining and prospecting in the province for years.

On Monday night engine No. 364, with 22 loaded freight cars, was crossing the Columbia River bridge when it ran into a spur on the east side of the bridge, the consequence being that the engine, tender and six cars fell a distance of some 20 feet. The engineer, Jack McKarracher, and William Hume, fireman, jumped to the ground as soon as they were aware that the train was running on to the spur, the engineer first signalling "down brakes." The engine was badly wrecked and the cars were considerably damaged. No one was hurt. Someone had turned the switch and forgot to replace it, and the night being dark it was not noticed until too late to prevent a smash-up. Among the wreckage were two cars of rock, two cars of shingles, one car of ties and one car of pavement blocks. Fireman Hume had his watch smashed to pieces. The wrecking crew are working on the wreck.

NAKUSP.

The C. P. R. have built a railway barge for the transfer of freight cars from Arrowhead to Nakusp, and vice versa. The barge will take six cars at a time. A tug is being built for towing it. By this means the C. P. R. will save an extra handling of all freights for Slocan points.

A. G. McCandless, of Victoria, was among last night's arrivals.

Patsey Clark, president of the famous War Eagle, has returned from Spokane. Upon being interviewed Mr. Clark said: It is still the same. We are the owners yet of that property and it is amusing for me to read and account of the confirmation of this deal in every paper I pick up. Upon being asked what the prospects were he said: The purchasers will have to pay us for our property and we are practically no further ahead with the deal than we were on the 31st of August.

ROSSLAND.

(Rossland Record.)

This morning the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company took over the wire they had leased to the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company and startled the business men of Rossland by renouncing a reduction of 50 cents on all east bound and 25 cents on British Columbia business. This action, no doubt, was brought about by the action taken by the Western Union and the Spokane Falls & Northern in extending their wires to Rossland. This has long been wanted, and no doubt the C. P. R. will have a first class service in the Kootenays and the operator will let the term become obsolete, "wire down north to-day." Superintendent James Wilson, of the C. P. R. system in British Columbai, is here making the transfer. The local telegraph rates from Rossland to Arrowhead and all intermediate points is now 25 cents for ten words.

NEW DENVER.

The Ledge.

The Highland, a claim on the Galena Farm, owned by James Delaney, J. C. Bolander, D. A. Van Doran and Jack McClement has ben bonded to H. T. Bragdon for $8,000. The payment is to be made on January 11.

What is the slowest thing on earth? The Kootenay mail service. Who discovered Rossland? A man from Bruce. How long is the wagon road from Three Forks to New Denver? About ten years. When is the close season for claim jumpers? There is none. Did the B. C. Government come to America in the Ark with Noah? No. It was here before his time. Where are cyclones born? Principally in Kaslo. When will next Christmas be? On the 25th of December if Captain Fitzstubbs does not veto it.

The Ottawa, on Springer creek, is showing up well and is rich in native silver. It is under bond to Winnipeg people.

The Snow group of claims, in the Cariboo creek district, belonging to Maxwell and others, is to be stocked for a million.

Gilbert Stanley, of Nelson, recently purchased Captain Moore's interest in eleven Slocan claims. The sheriff sold the properties.

Osborne Plunkett, of Vancouver, has secured a short option on the Black Prince, and two adjoining claims on the south side of Lemon creek.

Five outfits, employing about 30 men are working in the Jackson basin. The properties being worked are the Northern Belle, Sunset, Echo, Alameda and Lucky Boy.

This week 220 sacks of ore from the Promastora, will be shipped to the Trail smelter for treatment. If the result is steisfactory it means a great deal for Cariboo creek.

Several experts are looking at the Howard Fraction, on Springer creek. Another shipment will soon be made from this property. The last shipment to the Tacoma smelter brought back returns of 206 ounces silver and $26 in gold to the ton.

PORT SIMPSON.

Port Simpson, Sept. 11.—The Vigilant arrived here from Metlakatla on the 1st. The naptha launch Rita returned the same evening from Work channel with a large hunting party aboard.

Mr. H. E. Good has been succeeded in his meteorlogical work by Miss M. O'Neill. The former, who has been in the surface of the Hudson Bay Co., will leave to-morrow for the Kootenay country. The U. S. lighthouse tender Manzanita, having been detained by the fog, dropped anchor here on the 1st on her way to Alaska.

The Danube called on the 8th for a short time on her way from the Naas, without freight or mail and with very few passengers.

On the afternoon of the 9th the Nell came in loaded with lumber from Georgetown.

The fast and commodious steamship Boscowitz arrived here safely from Victoria, after a trip of eight days. She returned from Naas river on the 10th, remained for an hour and left with every stateroom on board occupied.

The Nell came in again this evening and will leave to-morrow for Victoria with the following passengers: Mr. and Mrs. Williscroft and children, Miss M. Williscroft, Master Wm. Williscroft, Mr. H. E. Good, Captain J. H. Bonser and Mr. E. Kloppingburgh.

GOLDEN.

Golden Era.

Archdeacon McKay has been stricken down with scarlet fever.

Chas. Newham, aged 22, commonly known as "Capt. Snowball," an employe of the Golden Lumber Co, fell off the steamer Pert into the Columbia river and was drowned last Saturay evening. The deceased was buried on Monday afternoon.

As Li Hung Chang's special was nearing Field on Saturday last the fireman, Dan Sutherland, of engine 465 fell off on his head severely injuring his brain. The unfortunate man was brought to Golden and conveyed to the hospital, where he is being attended by Drs. Taylor and Brett. The latest report states that the patient is improving gradually. It is reported that when Li Hung Chang heard of the accident he enquired the fireman's name and sent him a message of sympathy accompanied by a handsome cash present.

ASHCROFT.

B. C. Mining Journal.

Mr. Clemes, the well known English expert, is now in Lillooet investigating quartz properties for his company.

Messrs. McDonald and Cameron, Seattle, spent a couple of days in Ashcroft last week and left on Monday by stage for the Cariboo country. They report a strong mining sentiment among the Seattle people and have good reports from Cariboo.

Fruit is a splendid crop in this vicinity this year. Apples, plums, some grapes and peaches, currants, and berries of all kinds. No country in the world can equal the Thompson river valley for the classes of fruit mentioned. No better climate for all the year around is known, taking health and comfort into consideration, than the climate of this part of British Columbia.

Philip Parke, one of the old timers, and for many years a prosperous farmer and stock raiser on the Bonaparte, was in town this week. Mr. Parke, when he finishes his haying, will have stacked about 500 tons of hay and expects to winter his cattle, numbering 1,000 head, in good shape. Mr. Parke says experience has shown him that as a rule in this country a dry summer is exceeded by a light snow fall. The late rains will help the late feed, and the present outlook for stock to winter well is better than it was a few weeks ago.

With the starting of the steamer Charlotte on the Fraser, which will soon begin to make regular trips from Quesnelle to Soda Creek, the journey by stage to Quesnelle will be shortened to two days. Passengers leaving Ashcroft on Monday will stop at present at the 83 Mile House, 68 miles. The next day's drive will be a long one, 95 miles, but passengers will be landed at Soda Creek, go on board the steamer and comfortable rooms and beds will be at their service, and the next morning they will be at the dock at Quesnelle. If they wish, the same night will see them at Barkerville after a ride of 60 miles. It will be an agreeable break in the journey to spend a night on the steamer and thereby escape 54 miles of staging. The steamer will employ a crew of about seven men, and will serve meals on board. It is expected that next season the river will be navigated for a hundred miles or more above Quesnelle, which will shorten the long journey to the Omineca mines. Captain Frank Odin will be in command of the steamer.

GERMAN NAVAL TESTS.

Their Autumn Manoeuvres Conducted With Secrecy.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Never before have the German naval manoeuvres, either in the Baltic or Mediterranean ocean been conducted with so much secrecy as during the autumn of the present year. There has always been a rule, strictly enforced, to exclude from witnessing these manoeuvres the naval ataches of the various nations accredited to Berlin, and to prevent, as far as possible, accurate reports of the evolutions reaching the press.

The manoeuvres, which lasted three weeks, were ended on Tuesday last at Heligoland. The evolutions there commenced on Sunday and consisted of an attempt on the part of the seven ships including three huge ironclads, to effect a landing. One pair of the ironclads, the Sacohann and the Wurtemburg, favored by a dense fog, aproached within two miles of Heligoland, but were driven off after shelling the island for hours, by the effective fire from a battery of Howitzers placed there last summer by command of Emperor William. The long range Krupp fortification guns wer also satisfactoritly tested by Commodore Stubenrauch, the commander of the island. It was shown that a single shot from one of these big guns at a distance of over a mile can instantly disable the most powerful ironclad. On Tuesday night the fleet was declared hors de combat.

The national meeting of the beet sugar manufacturers was held in this city early in the week and a resolution was adopted asking the railroad committee to amend the existing laws by eliminating the paragraph restricting and localizing the amounts manufactured by each factory. The directors were also requested to prepare a plan for creating a German sugar syndicate, "in view of the dire needs of the industry," and the government was also asked to bring about an international agreement with France and Austria for the abrogation of direct and indirect export bounties, the uselessness whereof, it was asserted, was plainly demonstrated.

The army manoeuvres just completed were unusually prolific of fatal and serious accidents, owing to the weather and the bad roads. Count Von Kanitz, of the Fourth Dragoons, had a fatal fall during a charge, and seven other cavalry officers were seriously injured.

The International Congress of women's rights asemblies will meet in a few days in Berlin. Six hundred delegates are expected, including an American, Frances M. French.

The return of la grippe is feared in this city. Ten deaths from the disease have occurred during the week.

Capatin R. K. Evans (Fighting Bob), the United States naval attache here, was tendered a farewell dinner at the Palace Hotel on Thursday last by the other military attaches. United States Ambasador Uhl gave a dinner in his honor on Tuesday. Captain and Mrs. Evans start for home on Monday.

"BOOMING" MINES.

A Rossland Paper Cites an Instance of Prospectus Exaggeration.

Rosslander: In July a company was incorporated under the name of the Big Three Gold Mining Company, with a capital stock of $3,500,000 in $1 shares. The stock was offered for sale in Toronto, and very large advertisements set forth the many inducements this company offered to purchase its stock, "of which a limited number of shares to enable the company's management to commence immediate development, at the low price of 10 cents per share." The prospectus set forth that the Big Three consisted of El Dorado, Southern Belle and Snowshoe mineral claims. The work said to be done on these claims was as follows: On El Dorado, about 40 acres, tunnel 75 feet and several open cuts and small shaft. Southern Belle, about 30 acres, two shafts from 15 to 20 feet each. Snowshoe, about 40 acres, numerous open cuts and shafts. These claims are not yet Crown granted, and it will be seen that four thousand dollars would be a liberal estimate of the total amount of work done on all three. The public were therefore invited to purchase an interest in these three at a valuation of $350,000. The situation of all three claims is good, they may be promising prospects, but such valuation upon properties neither surveyed or Crown granted looks like imposing upon the credulity of a public unused to mining matters.

Were this stock offered upon the local market, where intending purchasers can without much trouble examine the properties, the course of the company would not be so reprehensible. The officers of the company no doubt believed that each of the claims contained the ore as stated in the advertisement, but in a part of the country where so many locations have been made even the owners cannot always tell how large the claims may be until surveyed. The rule that only the stocks of those companies whose property is Crown granted should be offered to the public is one whose wisdom is demonstrated in the case of the Big Three Co. In all business matters canfidence has to be put in statements that cannot be investigated, and when people say the names of such well known men as Rufus H. Pope, M.P., Hon. H. B. Ives, M.P., ex-minister of trade and commerce, O. G. Laberee, who are well known in eastern Canada, among the list of officers, no doubt they took it for granted that all was right and affairs would be capably managed.

It now transpires that it is doubtful whether the El Dorado has an existence at all, or if so that its area may be very small. It now appears that the ground it was supposed to occupy is taken by other locations, among them the Reba, Mascot and St. Lawrence. Surveyors will soon be out to survey the claim, and if they can find it the exact area will then be known, but those who have taken the trouble to inquire assert that it will be hard to find. How it is with the Snowshoe and Southern Belle also remains for the surveyors to demonstrate.

In this connection some of the statements made in the prospectus coming from Rossland reads peculiarly. For instance the advertisement contains the following excerpt from a letter of the Mail and Empire's special correspondent, who was sent out as stated in the editorial columns of that paper, that his letters might guide eastern investors clear from doubtful propositions:

Mail and Empire, Aug. 12, 1896:

THE BIG THREE.

El Dorado, Southern Belle and Snow Shoe Mines—All Three in the Kootenay District.

Rossland, B. C., Aug. 8.—J. Reavis, editor of the Rossland Miner, speaking of Snow Shoe, Southern Belle and El Dorado mining locations, combined under the title of "The Big Three," says: "El Dorado is a full claim, fifteen hundred feet square, belonging to Kootenay and Columbia group, on Columbia Hill. Only one claim, the Mascot, lies between it and Kootenay, for which forty thousand dollars cash was paid last fall, and in which there are now abundant signs of fine ore.

"A strong ledge runs clear thorugh El Dorado, from southwest to northeast. It runs out of Mascot, and is one of the most well defined and most continual ledges in camp. It has been opened in two or three places, one by a tunnel forty or fifty feet long, from which several tons of ore have been taken. Ore is very similar to that of Kootenay.

"I believe El Dorado to be one of the best prospects of the district. Southern Belle is on Red Mountain, adjoining View on east, and north of St. Elmo. A vein of fine copper ore has been found on View within forty feet of Southern Belle, west end line, same vein running into that claim. This alone makes Belle a valuable property. There are several other veins running through ground, but with these I am not so well acquainted.

"Snow Shoe adjoins Northern Belle on the north. It catches all the ledges of Northern Belle, and is good ground.

"Snow Shoe and Southern Belle occupy about eight acres of east slope of Red Mountain, and are in vein centre of great mining district. I regard them as being away the best of our undeveloped properties." J.A.C

It is easy to be mistaken, but to state offhand the size and description of unsurveyed mineral claims is more than many people would undertake.

There may be mineral wealth enough in one or either of the three claims owned by the Big Three Company to justify the value at which the public was asked to buy stocks, but that has not been demonstrated; but one thing of which there can be no doubt is that a proposition of the class of the Big Three offered in the east will do much to make difficult the sale of Trail Creek stocks in the eastern market, and the aggregate of small sums from those in the east who would like to speculate in British Columbia mining stocks will help forward very materially the development which everyone wishes to see.

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"For several years I have recommended Castoria, and shall always continue to do so as it has invariably produced beneficial results."
Edwin F. Pardee, M.D., New York City.

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Rev. W. A. Cooper, Newport, Ky.

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I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to asist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having ben of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5 c silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.