

British Columbia

SALMO.

Salmo, March 24.—Snow in many places on the ground nearly five feet deep and no signs yet of the weather clearing.

Several good substantial buildings have been erected and others are being contracted for and so soon as the snow is off the ground the town will be a busy place.

Arrangements for the establishment of a newspaper are now about completed. A company, so soon as the weather permits, will erect a brewery.

The sawmill machinery and boiler are set and saw work.

The Salmo Consolidated Mining & Development Company, with Spokane as headquarters, has just sent eight men to Salmo to open up their claims.

Quite a number of men are at Salmo, who are interested in the snow to get a property in the adjacent hills.

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enter the employ of Simon Leiser & Co. Mrs. H. A. Howell went to Victoria to-day.

GREENWOOD CITY. Boundary Creek Times.

Mr. Hugh Wood, of Armstrong, has purchased the Climax at Camp McKinney.

Application will be made next week for crown grants to the Jewel and Denoro Grande.

A fine body of red oxide of iron and copper ore has been exposed by recent surface cross-cutting on the Harqua Hala, in Copper camp.

The Mountain Sheep, at McKinney, has been bonded, and a contract let for sufficient work to be done to entitle the owners to a crown grant.

Remarkably fine copper ore, so rich that it is almost malleable, was discovered a short time ago by the Josie, in Summit camp, by the upturning of a tree. The Josie was twice staked as a wild-cat, that is to say, without mineral being found in place.

Work will be started next week on the Highland Chief, one of the properties of the Highland Chief Consolidated. An attempt was made without success to force a way through the deep snow this week to the Snowdrop with the intention of developing this claim simultaneously with the other.

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question is admitted, but it is claimed that the plaintiff by accepting a payment of 40 per cent on the dollar, being the equivalent of an amount offered and paid by the defendant to his creditors under a trust deed, has released the demand although the plaintiff did not execute the assignment.

To sustain this defence it must be shown that the plaintiffs assented to the assignment (Gardner vs. Klopf, 6 Ont. 603). If he does so and accepts a composition under it he is undoubtedly estopped from again asserting his claim. But that does not appear to be the case here; on the contrary, the plaintiffs' solicitor in the clearest terms repudiated the deed and said he would accept nothing short of his full claim.

Mr. Leiser, the defendant's assignee, then paid him 60 cents on the dollar by a cheque, which he afterwards received back again; so far then from assenting to the assignment it is clear that both parties (Leiser acting as defendant's agent) ignored it. The subsequent payment of 40 cents on the dollar cannot, I think, be viewed as an acceptance of what had been expressly repudiated. I, therefore, give judgment for the plaintiff with costs court costs. Let the money now in court be securely deposited with the court, and let the plaintiff's costs (\$100) be paid out to the plaintiff's solicitor.

Thornton fell for plaintiff and S. P. Mills for defendant.

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A GOOD THING TO LET ALONE

The Times in Canada Decide Not to Discuss the Manitoba School Question.

Arrangements All Complete for a Jubilee Regiment to Go to England.

Some More Talk Regarding the Approaching Lieut.-Governorship Vacancies.

Ottawa, March 31.—The Conservatives met in caucus this morning in the railway committee room. Bennett, East Simcoe, presided. The party decided not to discuss the Manitoba school question. Sir Charles Tupper addressed the meeting at length and there were a number of other speakers.

It was decided not to permit the government to go on with the franchise bill until such time as the tariff bill was introduced. A good deal of time was spent discussing wages and means and the central government for the provincial elections in Nova Scotia. Mr. Poirer did not attend the caucus. Some of the Ontario Conservatives were also absent.

Lieut.-Col. Burland and Major Maclean, of the Sixth Fusiliers, were here yesterday and completed arrangements for a Jubilee regiment to go to England next June. It will be made up of volunteers of the different corps, and each will have to pay \$75. Lieut.-Col. Burland will be in command, Captain Macleod, Royal Regiment Canadian Artillery, adjutant, and Captain Cartwright, assistant adjutant.

There begins to talk in government circles regarding the lieutenant-governorship which will have to be filled very long. In spite of the denial that has been made in some quarters, it is nevertheless true that Chas. H. Macintosh has tendered his resignation as lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territory. There are reasons for this step other than his honor's wish to return to his home in the West. Mr. Macintosh has been in the West for some time and has become well acquainted with the people and the conditions of the territory. He has also been successful in his efforts to improve the territory and to bring about a better understanding between the government and the people.

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Japanese were ordered to return to their plantations immediately with the alternative of being fired upon within five minutes. They slowly dispersed and went back to their huts, but it is believed that not the strongest stand been made the coolies would have destroyed the jail and overrun the island of Maui.

BEHRING SEA CLAIMS. The British Counsel Have Filed Their Argument in the Case.

Montreal, April 1.—The British counsel before the Behring Sea claims commission have completed, signed and forwarded to the members of the commission and the United States counsel their written factum of argument in the case pending before the commission. The American counsel will again reply to this argument before the meeting of the commission which is fixed for June. The factum covers over 200 printed pages and each claim is argued separately, the introductory remarks covering over thirteen pages. The claims upon which the Behring Sea claims are based are those of 1886, 1887, 1889, 1890 and 1892. The factum is signed by Hon. Frederick Peters, F. L. Belque, O. C. Ernest, V. Bodwell and Sir Charles Herbert Tupper.

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