contract with the public ow's Nest Coal company rmous acreage of choice s that fuel was to be furreasonable figure. The vever, is absolutely indifits obligations in this re-

o guarantee against furand the policy of the s been demonstrated so unmistakably in the advance in coke, that a must be worse than blind end its aid to such an int this is exactly what the vernment is doing when icenses to provincial coal t Kootenay.

Y'S MISREPRESENTA-TIVES.

nays are represented in the gislature by W. C. Wells Kootenay, E. C. Smith of otenay, John Houston of rt Green of Slocan, Tom orthwest Kootenay, and of Rossland.

ber, W. C. Wells, E. C. hn Houston are supportgovernment, although at ons they posed as "friends

not have to dissemble so other two because of the ence in his district. To P. R. behind you in Northmeans election: without has never been successtrict. It is, therefore, not to find the member for doing what he does for and the other big corporat surprising that he should y into the Dunsmuir and and remain there.

was elected as an Opporemained so until the e present session, when, terious influence, he "flop-Government. From the son News tries to excuse treachery to Southeast looks as though the Crow's onopoly had a lot to do ever, there will soon be a ning for Mr. Smith, if we reports as to the feeling Kootenay that has arisen nge of front.

he an out and out corpor-Smith may sell out his and his principles, but position when compared John Houston? The memon has sunk to the level of politician. He was electnt a town that is practient upon the prosperity of all the surrounding dishas deliberately joined ent party and is silently while the country is throtcoal monopoly, and he does induce the government to to those of his constituendeavoring to break the nd so greatly advance the f every district in Southern

reen, Taylor and Curtis ed to do the right thing in ion, but they are largely by the influence of the rs who are too busy with politics to give much conthe welfare of the Kooteis, however, a mass of the East Kootenay scandal sweep the Prior governf existence. It is easily here should be no difficulty the case against the Govshould be done without v. Messrs Green, Taylor owe it to themselves and ys to see that the whole thoroughly threshed out

from East Kootenay would all the coal and petroleum to one company! Heaven talliferous mining industry alamity were to happen. however, it is impossible e is no law against the accoal and petroleum licendistrict.

layes Fisher, M. P., has rest as financial secretary of treasury because he had acius of shares in a financial hich afterwards came berts under charges of wrongas not suggested that Mr. any responsibility for the in urse of the syndicate, and d in his statement to the mons that he actually lost is connection with it, but he could no longer hold his osition because of the shadthrown on him. If Mr. lived in British Columbia have needed to carry so

PROVINCIAL General News Of the Kootenay

There is now down at the freight shed Trout Lake about 900 tons of Silver Cup and Nettie L ore. This is about 200 further than Ferguson. It is understood that there is in the neighborhood of 100 tons lying at Ferguson.

is reported at Trout Lake that a deal is now pending on the St.Elmo, a Great Northern mountain. Capitalists favorably. represented by George W. Stead, manawishing to invest.

The construction train and a large Kettle river and Okanagan horses are

and repairing the Lardo railway with ritories. a view to having it in running order from five to six days after the train gets through to Gerrard.

that a mail service between South Koot-enay points and the Lardeau via Gerrard

fights and a big sawmill, are likely to the makers, the Allis be three of the substantial marks of from Chicago shortly. Trout Lake's progress during the com-

The plans are now out for the Oyster-Criterion stamp mill, on which work will be started as soon as possible.

W. B. Pool has bonded the Home-The properties are near the Oyster-Criterion and Eva mines, and are owned by McKay Bros., Strutt and

THE SLOCAN.

The provincial government expended \$35,252 on improvements in the Slocan district last year. Ruby silver has been struck for the

first time in the Payne. In the lower tunnel can be seen along the hanging wall a streak of this exceedingly !ich The road leading out of Three Forks towards Sandon is being repaired by church, milers from the Monitor and local tea.

The government will be asked to is making arrangements for a lumber P. J. Hickey, manager of the Ivanhoe camp to be put in at Fire Valley.

The Paystreak printing plant was bridges on the Fire Valley and Kettle shipped to Vancouver last week by R. River trail, work to be commenced

Indications are bright for a good mill return there in a few days o tesome work at the Wakefield. Work will supreme Court of Canada Rules in Insome work at the Wakefield. Work will soon be started on the Hewitt mill. The Pisher Maiden will resume calp ne its shortly, and there is the likelihood of the Galena Farm being worked. The

the Ottawa.

four tons of ore on the dump awaiting

EAST KOOTENAY.

There have been several buyers from the Northwest, looking for East Kootenay horses during the past week, and a number purchased. The West Kootenay Indians sold two carloads of horses for shipment and will likely ship several more when their horses are in better

The Crow's Nest coal mines are being repidly opened. In the three camps about 70 per cent of the men are at work, but at Coal Creek owing to the condition of No. 3 and the lower levels of No. 2 only about 50 per cent are yet employed. No. 3 is being pumped more rapidly than was expected, a larger

pump having been secured. future of Cranbrook was never brighter than it is now. Although in the t has always been prosperous, yet there never was a time when the people had reason to feel so good over the future

Accord of the town. Every element of prosferity in the district seems to be shap-

ross & McDonaid have mished at the first that what money he owes to that rock work for the new coke ovens at organization within a week, so that he Morrissey and have moved their outfit can fulfill his contract and play with to Michel, where they have commenced the Washington American league similar contract. Of the 250 ovens to be built at the latter point E. Wrigles- Davis has given no intimation as to what construct 125, and Harry Oldland of debtedness to the New York National Pittsburg has received the contract for league club. Davis says his affairs are le number at Morrissey. The entirely in the hands of his legal adbrick for the ovens are on the way and visers.

moved its camp to Fish lakes las week. There are 12 men in the party. A number of new placer locations were recorded at Fort Steele last week James Cronin, manager of the St. tons short of what the company intended Eugene silver-lead mine, still adheres to have down before the lake ice broke to his determination to keep the mine np, but the road conditions are such closed until the Dominion government that it is impossible now to get ore any increases the duty on lead and lead

THE BOUNDARY.

Work on the bridges over the West very promising mining property, on the Fork of the Kettle river is progressing

The Anarchist Mountain district is ger of the Ethel and Lucky Boy claims, fast becoming famous as a stock coun-front Lake, are said to be the parties try. Mixed farming is also very profitable there.

erew of men are now at work opening being extensively shipped to the Ter-

Double shifts are now at work exshortly. The railway people expect to tending the tunnel on the Blue Jay, a have Trout lake open for navigation couple of miles below Phoenix. It is understood that the Sunset smelter at Boundary Falls will shortly There is now not a question but begin the installation of a fourth fur-

It is expected that the work of inbe inaugurated during the opening stalling the two additional furnaces at ties \$14,000; increase for adminstration with a total capacity of 2200 tons of ore for the establishment of a chartered daily, will be started about May 1, the bank in Trout Lake. This, with electric additional furnaces to be shipped from the makers, the Allis-Chalmers Co.,

Seventy-five men were put to work at the Mother Lode mine last week, and shipments to the company's smelter at Greenwood were to have com-

During the month of March the stake, Idaho and Detroit claims for Granby mines shipped 22,318 tons to the company's smelter. In February the tonnage was 37,837, and in January 28,824, making a total of 88,979 tons for the first three months of 1903.

REVELSTOKE DISTRICT.

J. D. Sibbald, manager for the Revelstoke and McCullough Creek Hydraulic company, feels elated over the fact that he has sold all the stock authorized to be issued for development purposes. The company is reserving

Rev. Dr. Herdman has arrived at Fire Valley to open the Presbyterian The Yale-Columbia Lumber company

mine, has gone to New York. He will
teturn about the end of the month.

E. J. Bangs has charge of the government work of putting in two new

teresting Action.

The following outline of recent devel-

concentrator.

The impression that has got abroad that the Bosun stopped shipments of their books debts, and also obtained a ladgment against the concern. Another cowing to unsatisfactory returns, is absolutely without foundation. The Iola people settled on terms entirely satisfactory to the mining company. All factory to the mining company. All favor of the bank; (3) that is was not are quicker.

H. B. Alexander sails from England on the 20th inst., to open the Ruth mines. The Idaho-Consolidated Mines, Limited on the 20th inst., to open the Ruth mines. The Idaho-Consolidated Mines, Limited, which a capital of £130,000, has been registered in Scotland.

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About a foot of clean ore has been about a foot of clean ore has be About a foot of clean ore has been lifetees of also on the Meteor.

Connections were made last week becone the shaft and the main workings lent and void. The judge at the trial in British Columbia, affirmed by the su-The Payne was again the only shipper preme court of that province, held that ast week, sending out 30 tons of con-ast week, sending out 30 tons of con-mortgage, and as it was given under entrates.

The machinery for a compressor plant pressure, it ought not to be set aside, is being installed at the Rambler-Cari- although it comprised the whole of the brewing company's property, and was given at a time when the debtor was in insolvent circumstances to the knowledge four tons of ore on the dump awaitiag the trail to get in shape for packing.

The ledge on the Dayton has been priving other creditors being paid their crosscut by the lessees and drifting will claims. It was also held that the mortnow be undertaken to catch the ore gage, which had been made by the directors without proper authority, had been legally ratified by a subsequent re-solution of the shareholders of the compeal to Ottawa, but the supreme court also affirmed the validity of the securi-ties obtained by the bank. (32 Supreme Court Records 719, Adams vs Bank of Montreal).

ON THE DIAMOND.

Arrangements for the Opening of the Season Today.

NEW YORK, April 14 .- As the na tional baseball season will begin to-morrow at Philadelphia and St. Louis and at New York and Cincinnati on Thursday, President Pulliam of the Naticnal League announced today the assignments of his umpires for the initial games as follows: At Philadelphia, Mopast it has enjoyed prosperity, in fact ran and O'Day; at St. Louis, Johnstone at New York, O'Day; at Cincinnati,

According to President Pulliam, all the principal claims of the clubs on players have been satisfied with the exception of affairs of Edward Delehanty and when the season begins on April 22nd Worth and F. D. Alexander will each he intends doing in reference to his in-

The Kootenay Central survey party, which has been operating in the vicinity of Steele for the past two weeks,

DON'T ALL **ESTIMATES**

Still Heavier Expenditure Protest Offered Against Proposed by the Government.

gard to the Two Per Cent. Tax.

VICTORIA, April 14.—The estimates vere tabled this afternoon by Hon. Mr. Prentice, and the house goes into supply tomorrow. The estimated expenditure is \$2,491,566, as against \$2,475,467

The charges for the public debt have increased about \$24,000; civil government salaries \$8000; administration of justice (salaries) about the same; maintenance of public institutions about the same; hospitals and charithe Granby smelter, making six in all, of justice other than salaries, about \$6000; education about \$29,000, and transport \$5000. Against these increases a marked reduction is made in the appropriation for public works, which

falls from \$655,200 to \$568,250. The increase in civil salaries is due to several additions to the staff, like Rod Tolmie, deputy minister of mines, at \$150 per month. There is no change in the administrative staffs at Nelson and Rossland. A mining recorder is added at Revelstoke at \$1020.

For the courthouse at Nelson an appropriation of \$40,000 is made. The government wanted it limited to \$20,000, but Mr. Houston is said to have in-sisted on doubling that. Plans have been prepared for this building by Architect Rattenbury. They show a four-story handsome building, with turret and tower, slate roof, etc.

The appropriations for the upper country include \$14,000 for Northeast Kootenay, \$17,000 for Southeast Kootenay, \$14,000 for Revelstoke, \$14,000 for Slocan, \$14,000 for Nelson and \$15,000 for Rossland. There is \$10,000 for surveys through the province. The Fernie conciliation committee cost \$210.

An appropriation of \$4550 is made for the new government house and a further appropriation of \$10,000 for the reformatory at Vancouver, together with \$4550 for different contingencies n connection with the new government louse in this city.

noon, in answer to the taunt of Mr. Curtis that he had failed to keep his promise to repeal the 2 per cent tax, replied that the tax would be repealed, an act for that purpose being brought down later in the session.

THIS LOOKS BAD.

The Sea Serpent Appears to the Bam-field Creek Cable Men.

VICTORIA, April 14.-Officers of the cable station at Bamfield Creek are sponsors for the story that a sea serpent from forty to sixty feet long and with a station. The cable operators say in letters to local papers that the Indians had been telling of the existence of a sea serpent, but the stories were not credited. David Osborne, one of the officials, says that a week ago the animal was seen from the cable station to raise a big horse-like head and swim out a big horse-like head and swim out from the mouth of Bamfield creek into Barkley sound. Mr. Godson, of the cable staff, says that when he first saw the animal it looked like a mass of seaweed, but presently he saw a head elevated and the big serpent moved off, its outline visible, toward the sea. Mr. Godson sees it mixed. ferity in the district seems to be shap-ing in a manner that it bound to contri-bute to the business and growth of the town.

Foss & McDonald have finished the

York club what money he owes to that

Foss & McDonald have finished the the breakers, left it and fied along the beach to the cable station. The Indian said the thing had a head shaped like a horse and its body, ten feet of which was lifted, was the size of a barrel. The Indians in the neighborhood are terri-

COAL LAND TACTICS KEEP YOUR EYE ON

Postponement of Tax Sale.

An Announcement in Re- Some Think Government Should Have Proceeded With It.

> The postponement of the tax sale of crown granted mineral claims did not Jackson has addressed the following ommunication to Hon. J. D. Prentice, of a redemption clause into the Min-

"As the Rossland Miner contained a telegram from Victoria this morning announcing that you would postpone the sale for taxes of crown granted mineral claims, I write you at length on the subject, urging that the sale

"In explanation I desire to state that the action of the government so far has been strictly in line with the policy Trade, and a postponement of the sale we would consider the first departure from that policy and as involving use-less expense and delay which would When the Associated Boards of Trade recommended to the government the in-crease of taxes on crown granted min-eral claims from 25 to 50 cents per it had in view two main objects: (1) The encouragement of the mining industry, (2) a reasonable contribution to the provincial treasury. The first the government adhering to the policy of offering for sale on a specified date non-working crown granted mineral claims on which no taxes had been paid and selling these claims without redemption. This policy was in strict onformity with the spirit of the Mineral Act, which leases to the individual year or pays to the government \$100 in

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In reply to Mr. Curtis, Col. Prior said it was not the intention of the government to change the name of Trail Creek mining division to Rossland.

The re-enacted anti Trail Creek policy which here the connection that if redemption is permitted the inducement to purchase these claims when sold for taxes will be almost nil. The same dog-in-the-manger policy which here the connection that if redemption is permitted the inducement to purchase these claims when sold for taxes will be almost nil. The same dog-in-the-manger policy which here the connection that if redemption is permitted the inducement to purchase these claims when sold for taxes will be almost nil. mining division to Rossland.

The re-enacted anti-Mongolian measure passed its third reading.

The select committee to inquire regrants of land to the Columbia & Western met this morning and issued orders for voluminous correspondence to be brought down. Mr. Oliver is acting as prosecutor. It is believed the game of the government will be to delay the sittings of the committee in the hope that the session will conclude before real progress is made with the inquiry.

Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, will be secretary to the commission to inquire into the labor troubles in British Columbia.

Month of Trail Creek month of Trail Creek minist of the same dog-in-the-manger policy which has tied up so large areas for such a long time would likely induce these people, as soon as they found others willing to pay taxes on their claims, to reclaim their property within the period of redemption, without which the properties would be of no real value to the province, while during the period of redemption the new owners would not dare to do any work, thus keeping the property uselessly idle.

"With regard to the second object, that of producing a reasonable revenue to the government, we beg to point out

"With regard to the second object, that of producing a reasonable revenue to the government, we beg to point out that no owner of a crown granted claim is required to pay any taxes at all. All he has to do is to work his property, in which case he is exempt from taxation, but if he does not work his property we are firmly convinced that a tax of 50 cents an acre is a very small penalty to be inflicted on him for keeping his property idle to the detriment of the country.

"We also consider that it is a most

essential part of this policy that the claims unsold should instantly revert to the public domain, so that they may immediately be made available for relocation, in which case they would at once become revenue producing 'prop-

ASKS INVESTIGATION.

A Charge of Corruption Against French Premier's Son,

PARIS, April 14.-Edgar Combes, the premier's son, has asked the public pro-secutor to open an investigation into the charges made against him by M. Besson. charges made against him by M. Besson, the editor of the Petit Dauphinois, of Grenoble. Besson in an article published this morning alleged that an intermediary, who he declared to be a prominent politician named Vervoort, had approached him on behalf of Edgar "just as good" medicines which some dealers, who care only for profit, offer their customers. See that the full name, Dr. Williams'Pink Pills for Pale People, is on the wrapper around every

SEE ALIKE DIFFERENT TREATMENT OF THE DISTRICTS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

> LICENSES GRANTED IN PLACES AND REFUSED IN OTHERS.

VICTORIA, April 14.-"Why locations n the Similkameen and other districts nade in accordance with the law are to e recognized and those in South East Kootenay not, is not clear to me," says Smith Curtis, M. L. A., discussing the matter of the reserved crown lands.

"The main ground upon which they can reject those in South East Koote nay must resolve itself into this, that neet with the approval of all interests. the present law is not sufficient to pro-As secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern B. C., H. W. C. of refusing applications is to be invoked, but if that is so in regard to South East Kootenay it must be so in regard to every other coal district of the prominister of finance, under date of April ince, and therefore all applications for 14. The letter represents the opinions coal should, according to this contention, be rejected. The government, of course, has not been rejecting, and does not now reject, such applications from other districts. I think the time has come when the press should dwell upon this phase of the case where it believes the present applications should not be

"You will have learned that the gov ernment propose to make the cancella-tion of the crown grants issued to the Columbia & Western railroad company effective by passing an act confirm the grants. It is the suggestion I mad in my interview in The Rossland Mine three or four weeks ago, and will even tually shut out the Canadian Pac from these lands, but may leave the province liable for a large amount of damages to the Canadian Pacific."

THE STOCK MARKET

ing days. Prices show very little net change from the opening. North Star was strong, two small sales being made at 131-2 and the quotations closing at 14 and 13. Rambler has also shown some strength, advancing to 283-4 in a mineral claim on the understanding the bids, but with no sales recorded. cariboo McKinney has remained fairly GOOD MINING PROPfirm around 13, and White Bear sold at 33-4, the asking price being advanced to 4. There was very little

American Boy, 1000, 41-2c; 1000, Cantre Star, 1000, 2000, 29 1-4c; Cariboo McKinney, 500, 12 3-4c; North Star, 1000, 11 1-2c. Total, 6500.
Cariboo McKinney, 500, 12 3-4c; 1000, 13c; Centre Star, 1000, 29 1-2c; Bonanza,

1000, 39 1-2c; Giant, 500, 2 3-4c. Total Giant, 1000, 2 3-4c; North Star, 500, 500, 13 1-2c; Fisher Maiden, 2000, 3 1-2c; Payne, 1000, 17 1-2c; Cariboo McKinney,

1000, 13c; White Bear, 3000, 3 3-4c. Total, 9000.

Many People Weaken Their System by Taking Purgative Medicines.

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