

British Columbia.

BELLA COOLA.

Bella Coola, May 20.—The weather is very nice, and although this has been considered a very late spring, all the garden planting is done and most of the plants are up and give good promise.

A large bridge over the Bella Coola river is now going up and soon will be finished. Town lots are now being surveyed, and a town site laid out. The location is very beautiful.

Mrs. O. Swidahl, who increased the population with a bouncing baby boy some time ago, has been very sick some time, and there is regret that no doctor is located at or near this place. The health condition in general is very good.

MIDWAY.

The Advance is a victim this week to the tariff laws and red-tapeism. The billious-headed paper on which the weekly happenings of Boundary Creek for the last seven days are chronicled. The paper as usually used in this office was ordered from Spokane nearly seven weeks ago, but through vexatious and needless delays at the customs house has not yet reached its destination. It is unfortunate for the liberal cause that every man in the country is not a newspaper proprietor, for let a man's private interests be in any way affected by a public policy and he at once develops a passion for reform.

As the mines of the district are being known, owing to the obscurity of some of the local assayers, that a large variety of metals are to be found in the various districts, some of which are of rare occurrence. In making an analysis of ore taken from one of the Kinger mountain claims the other day, Mr. A. Guess, of Midway, discovered that it contained, greatly to his astonishment, two rare metals, or combinations of metals, viz, selenite, or telluride of silver, and tellurite. The analysis is associated with pure gold and carbonate of iron, or siderite, and so far as known it is the first time it has been identified as existing in ore from any of the camps in this vicinity.

Several important transactions were consummated last week. On Thursday Mr. John Weir bonded, on behalf of the American Exploration company, a wealthy and powerful association of eminent reputation, the Copper claim in Copper camp, for \$20,000, the first payment being made on that day. The balance is to be paid over in six months if the claim proves after so much development anything like as valuable a property as the magnificent indications seem to promise. The showing on the Copper is marvellous. The ledge can be traced for over 4,000 feet, and varies between 50 and 80 feet in width. The ore is copper, in the form of red oxide, native copper, and copper glance, with a small percentage of gold, and runs from 6 to 35 per cent. in copper. Besides the copper, three other claims—the No. 7, Rob Ray and Falcon—have been bonded for Mr. Weir and his associates. All three claims are in Atwood's camp. The No. 7 was located by Mr. J. Atwood, E. Levevre and J. Schell. There are three parallel veins on the claim, and all three carry the same character of ore, a high grade silver and gold. Picked samples have run over \$800. The No. 7 is geologically interesting from the fact that it is one of the most perfect examples of a concretion vein to be found in any country. The footwall consists of a peculiarly soft mica schist, and the hanging wall is a granite or trachyte of very close grain. The Rob Ray, an east extension of the No. 7, was located in the fall of '94. It was abandoned by the original holder, Mr. Mangott, of Fairview, on account of the fall in the price of silver. The ore is of the same character as the No. 7. The Falcon is likewise an easterly extension of the No. 7.

Dan McClung has bonded a claim near Catherine Creek to Spokane parties. Captain Hall is visiting Fairview with a view to handling properties there. Mr. Munroe has staked a claim at Grand Prairie. The ledge crosses the wagon road. Work will soon be commenced on the ledge at Long Lake. The locomotive of the Cariboo at Camp McKinney was in Midway on Wednesday looking for miners to work in the mine.

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As will be seen by this week's record, some quite important deals have taken place lately in the camp. Messrs. Gardner and Hay, who have bought into the Gem in Deadwood, and the Jewel

and the Gold Drop in Long Lake, represent the class of people one is glad to see investing in Boundary Creek. Both are wealthy and enterprising men and the claims into which they have bought will doubtless be well prospected this season.

A gang of men is to be put on the road on the 1st of June, and this will not be a bit too soon. Apropos, when will there be money available for widening the highway? Under the present state of affairs, fatal accidents may at any time occur, supposing a heavily laden wagon were to meet near some of the spots overhanging precipitous descents, where "backing" is hardly possible. In fact, an accident which by mere good fortune only was not serious, happened last week. A horse passing the stage at a narrow place, slipped, throwing itself and its rider over the bluff.

Mr. Mitchell, a bricklayer by trade, now working at Midway, located last year a placer claim near Rosland. Later on a quartz location was made by two men on the same ground, but the respective owners came to an understanding of a mutual ownership of the property. Mr. Mitchell received word last week from his partner that the claim has been sold, and that as his share he was entitled to \$5000. Such are the chances in a new mining country.

The case of Rickard vs. Newton, in which the plaintiff made application for the ejectment of defendant from the Pleasant mineral claim, was tried before Gold Commissioner Lambly at Osoyoos on the 21st instant. The plaintiff stated that he had located the Pleasant claim, which is an easterly extension of the Snowshoe in Greenwood camp, on the 6th of July last, and recorded the claim on the 24th of the same month. The claim was jumped by defendant, located and recorded on the 24th of June. The defendant failed to appear in answer to summons. The gold commissioner in giving judgment said the case was clearly a deliberate attempt at claim-jumping on the part of defendant. The application was granted with costs.

KAMLOOPS. Inland Sentinel. The trial trip of Mr. Foster's steamer Selkirk up the North Thompson was most successful. A run of about 40 miles was made, proving the machinery to be all that was expected of it. Those taking part in the trip besides the owner were Messrs. Pegrum, Stuart and Wood. The government road party, under the superintendence of Mr. Arthur Steffen, who have been working on the Nicola road for some three weeks, started up the North river to-day. They will complete the wagon road through to the upper reaches of Lewis creek, thus providing a very necessary public work on an account of the absence of which complaint was lately made by Mr. Bartlett Newman in these columns.

PORT STEELE. Fort Steele Prospector. It is reported that the Wass and Monmoth mines have been inspected preparatory to bonding. There is more snow in the mountains at the present time than there has been for many years, and if the winter ever continues, we can look out for a flood. The Prospector's Dream, situated on Weaver creek, and owned by Steve Young, has been bonded to the late Gray, of Bonner's Ferry. The consideration is \$12,000, and the bond runs for five months; \$1000 to be paid in 60 days, the balance in 90 days from the first payment. The ore is gold quartz.

NANAIMO. As the result of the examination for coal mine managers' certificates, held here recently, Messrs. W. H. Wall, T. Morgan and D. Wilson are the successful candidates. James Farr, an elderly man, well known in the city, was taken into custody yesterday on suspicion of insanity, and placed in the provincial jail until a medical examination has been made. A special deposit check for \$1800 and about \$40 in coin were found upon his person. It is understood a movement is on foot to obtain consent of the city storekeepers to close their places of business on Wednesday afternoon.

W. P. Brannan died from heart failure last night, at his residence on Pridcaux street. Deceased was 67 years old and a native of Ireland. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Father Verbeke officiating.

METCHOSIN. Mr. Dunn arrived from England last week. Still another panther met its death at the hands of Mr. Pears. Sherwood bridge is nearly completed, and it appears to be very substantially constructed. The officers of the Metchosin Agricultural Society have decided not to have political meetings in connection with this. This appears a pity, since more light is needed on this subject. A word or two about the political feeling here. As is well known, Metchosin is a Conservative stronghold. The farmers stand in anxious dread of the terrible (7) results which might follow should the Liberals get in power with their "tariff for revenue only." This lowering of the tariff is the phantom which causes them to be oblivious to the most glaring government corruption and extravagance, and to the weak and passive action of their representatives in the house of commons. I think that if it were not for fear of this lessening of the duties on farm products, many here, who are not hide-bound party men, would vote to condemn the corruption and extravagance of the government and to uphold Manitoba in fighting her plucky battle for national schools.

VERNON. (Vernon News.) On Friday evening last an entertainment was given at the Methodist church, Armstrong, when a large number of Mr. Munroe's friends met together on the principle of "honor" to whom honor is due—to show their regard for him and their sorrow at his impending removal from the district. On Saturday last Vernon lost a valuable and much esteemed citizen in the person of Mr. G. P. Clerin, who, having recently disposed of his milling interests here, has gone with his family to the coast, where he intends to make his home. A well-executed counterfeit American

half-dollar of the issue of 1894 was received by a local merchant last week. As far as we can ascertain no others are in circulation, and it does not appear as if any effort, similar to that of last year, was being made to push spurious coin in the city.

No better weather could be desired by the farmers than that which has prevailed for the past few weeks. Warm rains and bright sunshine have caused the crops to shoot ahead at an amazing rate, and the prospects for a heavy yield of both fall and spring wheat were never better than this season. Mr. Charles Malin, of Kelowna, left on Friday for Prince Albert, N.W.T., and it is probable that he will not again return to the country. His many friends will sincerely regret to hear that business difficulties, principally connected with land speculations in the Northwest have forced him to make an assignment and his affairs in this district will be wound up for the benefit of his creditors.

What came near being a very serious accident occurred on Saturday evening, when Miss Zillwood, who was riding in company with a party of friends on the road near Swan Lake, was thrown from her horse and dragged some distance, her foot having been caught in a stirrup. The horse was going at a brisk canter, when in some way Miss Zillwood lost control of the animal and was thrown. When she was picked up she was in a very unconscious condition. Pleasant mineral claim, was tried before Gold Commissioner Lambly at Osoyoos on the 21st instant. The plaintiff stated that he had located the Pleasant claim, which is an easterly extension of the Snowshoe in Greenwood camp, on the 6th of July last, and recorded the claim on the 24th of the same month. The claim was jumped by defendant, located and recorded on the 24th of June. The defendant failed to appear in answer to summons. The gold commissioner in giving judgment said the case was clearly a deliberate attempt at claim-jumping on the part of defendant. The application was granted with costs.

UNION. F. S. Roper, veterinary surgeon of Victoria, has been paying this section an official visit. While here he inspected the dairies from which Union is supplied with milk. He tested several cows about which a suspicion had been raised, but found them perfectly healthy. He examined one cow in Union which was found to be affected with tuberculosis. The animal was condemned and killed. It is only fair to say that the owner reported the case for inspection. He also visited our butteries and found the butter perfectly healthy.

WELLINGTON. Wellington Enquirer. The two-year-old daughter of Mr. Jas. Dik, of Wellington, was drowned on Thursday afternoon last. While playing on the bank of the creek at South Wellington, she fell into the water and was too far gone when discovered to be resuscitated. It has been reported to us that one of the delegates to the recent convention of the Liberal Conservatives, held at Nanaimo, got there by "travelling in the dark" and was "in a mean." The "delegate" referred to called a meeting near his residence (somewhere between Wellington and Alberni), but alas! not one of the "true and independent" electors turned up. Nothing signified our worthy "delegate" elected himself chairman, secretary, etc., ad lib., without any serious opposition, and nominated himself a delegate to the Liberal-Conservative convention. Coming from such a strong party of the constitution, he was a conservative pillar of no mean order. Thus another of the "delegates" is accounted for.

NEW DENVER. The concentrator at the Washington water supply is sufficient. A deal is on for the purchase of the Reed and Burt's land, Vanderfoot, Jenkinson and other properties. If successful, a tramway and concentrator will be put in this summer. Messrs. Benedum, Price, Rackliffe, Curtis, Kye, Teeter, and Lorenson own the Howard Fraction, which is a crown land, but it is only right that he should go and thank them for past kindnesses. This is the first visit he has made up the river in many years. I believe why he is making it something so quietly; there must be something in the wind. Have a care, ye who are there. Mr. Askwith, who for some time has owned the Robble Burns mine in the McMurdo district, has it reported sold to Mr. Townsend & Co. The property has at present a five stamp gold mill on it, which was worked at the great disadvantage for a sort time in the summer of 1892. It is the intention of Mr. Townsend to again work the mine as soon as the weather will permit. He has also procured the International gold mine, which is a crown grant claim situated close to the Robble Burns. Though they have not yet decided what character of plant to place on it, this will be done during the summer.

Mr. Kingsmill, of Toronto, who was staying at Golden two weeks ago, passed through here this week from West Kootenay, on his way back to Toronto. He has bonded several properties in West Kootenay and has obtained an interest in mines in East Kootenay near Golden. Some of these are at Ottentat and on the C. P. R. near Field. The properties there are yet covered with snow for the most part, but work will be commenced in a few weeks on an extensive scale. Mr. Kingsmill is their representative here. Mr. Kingsmill has, I believe, formed a strong company of Toronto and English capitalists. They intend to pay much attention to East Kootenay this year.

ROSSLAND. The Prospector. Paterson, Johnson & Co., yesterday sold the lot to the west of their office for \$3000 to parties from Portland, Oregon. John Y. Cole has put on a force of men to work on the White Bear, which adjoins the Mayflower and San Francisco. The Mayflower vein has been uncovered on the Confederation. The latter claim joins the Hill Top and is one of the Great Republic group, owned by W. D. Pratt and associates. Sol Cameron and Roy Clark not very long ago took a bond on the Mayflower and did some work on it. On Saturday Col. Turner and his associates re-bonded it for \$16,000. After an examination of the property, Col. Turner declared that \$30,000 would not buy it now. A company with a capital stock of \$1-

225,000 was organized in Spokane on Saturday to develop three claims on Lookout Mountain, near the Little Pittsburg. The name of the company is the Black River Mining Company. The persons interested are: T. N. Cacerel, Fred Flint, J. D. Hinkle, A. J. Stout, Peter Steep, James Maxwell, E. O. Berg, W. D. Benson, H. E. Mann, F. D. Flint, C. W. Geib and A. F. Worbes.

The Trail Creek and Colville Stock Exchange expect to get started at business this week in Rosland. A vein of stibnite, or sulphate of antimony, is said to have been struck on the Consolidation mine, Deer Park. These mines have just been incorporated as the Conso Gold Mining Company. Antimony has a commercial value of seventy cents a pound, but there is a demand for only a limited quantity. The ledge shows well in other minerals and the claim is considered a good one. Rosland Record.

Ore of good grade, eighteen inches of solid sulphide, has been struck on the hanging wall of the St. Elmo. The newly new bodies of ore are being opened on the War Eagle and Iron Horse. The North Star on Columbia mountain, which was recently sold to a London syndicate, is preparing for active development. It is reported that the Foreman will commence regular shipments of ore. The ore body recently uncovered in the Monte Christo is said to extend the full width of the shaft of five feet and the foot wall is reported as a solid mass of ore. The 100-ton ore contract entered into by the Josie with the Tacoma smelter company has every indication of being easily filled. The smelter at Trail is moving along very smoothly. All obstacles that have appeared in the way have been overcome. Additions to the machinery are made and are working nicely, and the smelter with its present increased capacity, is able to handle 250 tons of crude ore daily. A fine lead was uncovered during the week on the Great Western, while the men were grading for the tramway. It is thought to be twenty feet wide. The St. Paul has been bought by W. A. Campbell, of Toronto, from the original locators, who are S. Nelson and A. Jackson, last Friday. Mr. Campbell paid \$3000 in cash for the property, and has advanced \$10,000 for the same. It adjoins the Mayflower No. 2, White Bear and San Francisco. Work will commence at once. The ten-stamp mill and compressor plant for the O. K., and also a seven-stamp mill for the Georgia, is en route from Sherbrooke, Quebec. Messrs. Acorn & Co., who hold a bond on the Mayflower No. 2, sold it to the Le Roi people last Saturday. The company will stock the property and go forward with the development at once. The past week has found many investors for prospects in the camp. It is evident that the camp has not near reached its top pinnacle of fame yet. A great many good prospects are being uncovered that promise immense wealth to the investor. The camp has not "found itself yet" by any means, and there is every indication that the Le Roi and War Eagle will not be the only veins in the camp to reward its workers. The Celtic Queen, which is in the south belt, adjoining the Robert Lee, was purchased by James F. Herrick for a New York syndicate on last Tuesday. Superintendent Gutelius, of the tramway company, says the road will be ready to handle freight and passengers between Rosland and Trail next Tuesday. A train will leave here and return each morning and return in the evening, connecting with the daily boat between Trail and Northport. The fare one way has been fixed at \$1. A temporary depot will be built to-day. Track laying is now going on just below town.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S BAD BANKS. A True Bill Returned Against the Union Bank Directors. St. John's, Nfld., June 1.—A true bill has been returned against the Union Bank directors. Counsel for the defence held that the finding should be set aside on the ground that the jury panel was irregularly drawn and that the jury are insolvent and do not possess sufficient property upon which to qualify. This proceeding was taken in the name of the Commercial bank directors, but it equally affects the Union bank directors. The court permitted the crown three days in which to make answer to the defence.

IN THE DISTRICTS. Messrs. Templeman and Milne Arrange Meetings. The Opposition candidates, Messrs. Templeman and Milne, will address meetings of the electors of Victoria Electoral District at Colahia Hall on Thursday, June 4th, and at Cedar Hill school house on the following evening, Friday, June 5th. Other meetings will shortly be arranged for and the dates announced. An invitation is extended to Messrs. Prior and Earle to be present at all meetings held in the interests of the opposition candidates and take part in the discussion should they so desire. Ward committee No. 11 will meet at the committee room, Oldershaw's Craigflower road, on Monday, June 1st at 8 p.m. Messrs. Templeman and Milne will be present.

THE YALE SUICIDE. To the Editor.—A Chinaman committed suicide on Friday last as Yale by hanging himself to a beam in one of the empty houses on Front street. Mr. Dodd, the government agent, arrested and had him incarcerated for breaking out of the government office window and acting in other ways which showed him to be non compos mentis. The Chinaman's services were very convenient for Mr. Dodd in the wood yard, and after putting him in his cell in the evening, he carelessly left both the cell and the jail unlocked. He thus escaped from custody with the above result. Such carelessness on the part of a government agent or public officer should not be tolerated. If the victim had been any other than a Mongolian, or had been a person with friends, who happened to make away with himself through the carelessness of a public officer, more attention would have been made and the officer in charge brought to task. JUSTICE. Yale, May 24.

LAURIER ENDORSED

Manufacturers Address an Open Letter to the Liberal Leader.

Warm Expressions of Confidence in the Liberal Trade Policy.

To the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier—

Dear Sir: Much is again being urged by those opposed to you in politics as to the disastrous effects on the manufacturing interests of the country which they claim and profess to believe would follow your accession to power at the approaching elections.

Your many independence during the last session of parliament under the most trying circumstances that could have been imposed upon you shows us that no hasty or ill-considered action would be likely to be taken by you on any important question.

Speaking for ourselves as manufacturers in one of the leading industries in Canada (the manufacture of furniture), we take this opportunity of assuring you that we believe that you are so imbued with the spirit of justice and fair play that manufacturers in any branch of industry need have no fear that they will be treated unfairly in any readjustment of the tariff which may be made by any government of which you are the head.

We realize that the necessity of a large revenue to meet our heavy annual obligations demands such a rate of taxation as must afford to manufacturers a very reasonable protection for an indefinite time.

VITAL QUESTIONS.

We are all other things equal, and thus the only matter requiring the attention of the electors, it could make but little difference to manufacturers as such whether yourself or Sir Charles Tupper should have control in the next parliament; but we believe there are other matters of vital importance to the welfare of the Dominion which should receive consideration at the hands of the electors at the present time, and in considering them we are bound to keep in view the character and records of those asking our suffrages.

As business men we believe that the government of the country should be conducted on strictly business principles, and that those entrusted with it should not only be capable, but free from any taint of scandal. The general trade of the country was never in a worse condition than it is at the present time, whatever politicians may say to the contrary. We therefore take the liberty of placing before you a few things which we believe as business men would assist in restoring confidence and prosperity in the country. We would like to see:—

- (1) A more rigid and economical administration of public affairs.
(2) An honest administration, guarding the public funds and rendering impossible the scandals which have disgraced Canadian politics in recent years.
(3) An active immigration policy for the people of our great Northwest and the consequent extension of the home market for our manufactures.
(4) The development of our mineral resources.
(5) A policy that will weld together rather than sow the seeds of dissension among the different creeds and nationalities that compose our population.

These are a few matters which suggest themselves to our minds, and it is because we have the highest regard for you as a statesman and an honorable politician that we feel that under your guidance the affairs of the country would be carried on in the best interests of the whole Dominion. We are etc., etc.

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A. J. Disney, president Disney & Devlin Manufacturing Co., Hanover. Jacob Messenger, (ex-president Hanover Furniture Co.), Hanover.

H. V. Fralick, Nanapanee.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF RAZORS.

Horrifying and Determined Attempt to Get Rid of Life.

Joliet, Ill., May 30.—Antonio Patta, a young Italian, thought to be from Buffalo, N. Y., ended his existence in a horrible manner last night at Montana, a small station a few miles east of Joliet, on the Rock Island road. He attempted to board a freight train, and, falling beneath the wheels, had both legs cut off. In his frenzy Patta took a razor from his pocket and drew it across his throat. The horrified spectators took the razor from him, but he drew a second one from his pocket and managed to make a deep cut before he could be prevented. Then in his delirium from pain he grasped the gaping wound and sought to tear the flesh. In a few minutes he fell over dead.

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