A VALUABLE REPORT

The Minister of Mines Makes His Returns for 1898.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

The Provincial Mineralogist Follows in the Footsteps of W. A. Carlyle—Increased Production of Gold—Decrease in the Output of Silver-Lead.

The annual report of the minister of mines for the year ending December 31st, 1898, has been received. William Fleet Robertson, B. A. Sc., who was appointed provincial mineralogist on June 1st of last year, has followed the example of his predecessor, W. A. Carlyle, in compiling a very interesting lot of mining statistics, besides giving a full and detailed account of the mining industries of the province. Some useful maps accompany the report, which is profusely illustrated. Mr. Robertson says: "In the compilation of this, my first report as provincial mineralogist, I have adhered as closely as possible to the general form established by my predecessor, Mr. Carlyle, making only such slight changes as may have been found necessary. A series of tables is given, extracts from which show:

Total production for all years up to and including 1898.

Gold, placer	$ 59,960,819
Gold, lode	6,501,906
Silver	9,676,901
Lead	4,049,199
Copper	1,395,841
Coal and coke	40,306,160
Building stone, bricks, etc.	1,500,000
Other metals	26,500
Total	$123,417,326

This table shows the production of metals by divisions in 1897 and 1898:

	1897.	1898.
Cariboo district—		
Barkerville Div.	$ 65,000	$ 94,500
Lightning Creek	25,000	37,000
Quesnellemouth	35,000	28,000
Keithley Creek	200,000	214,860
Total for Cariboo	325,000	389,360
Total for Cassiar	37,060	107,300
Total for E. Kootenay	163,796	133,368
West Kootenay District—		
Ainsworth	440,545	159,801
Nelson	789,215	694,880
Slocan	3,280,686	2,619,852
Trail Creek	2,097,280	2,470,811
Other parts	157,977	97,631
Total for W Kootenay	6,765,703	6,042,975
Yale District—		
Osoyoos	142,982	364,112
Similikameen	25,100	7,560
Yale	58,680	60,840
Total for Yale Dis	226,762	432,512
Other districts	9,390	19,437
Grand total	$7,567,551	$7,172,766

Commenting on these figures, and on the progress of mining in the province generally, Mr. Robertson says:

The Province of British Columbia, although as yet only in its early stages of mineral development, has entered into the company of the great mineral producing countries of the world, with no uncertain step. Confidences in her future is based upon the rich promises that to a large extent are guaranteed by the results now being obtained from the comparatively few mines, which show what has been and is being actually accomplished, figures being the only measure we have for commercial success. Attention is directed to the comparatively recent growth of lode mining, and to the greatly increased production of recent years, such production being now eight or nine times what it was in 1895, over 20 times as great as in 1893.

From these figures it will be seen how young our lode mining industry is, and how rapidly it has increased; and it will then be understood that, almost of necessity, but a small portion of our known mines have had time to enter the lists as producers.

Increased production during the last year is to be noted in gold—both placer and lode; also in copper.

While the total mineral production of the province shows an increase, even over last year, the increase is not marked as it would have been but for the serious dropping off in the output of silver-lead ores.

The reason for this decrease seems to be the unusually low price of silver during the latter part of 1897 and the beginning of 1898, together with the uncertainty as to the future price of the metal. For the time being this paralyzed many existing ventures and prevented new ones being started to work properties of this nature. The drop in price coming, as it did, shortly after a rise in the duty on lead imported into the United States, then our only market, deterred many of our mines from starting work this season. When the price of silver increased again, in the latter half of the year, it was then too late to begin operations for this season.

Decrease from this cause is a healthy sign, and next year should show a very materially increased output of this class of ore.

The increased production of copper during the past year has been marked, while the present market price of the metal, should it be maintained, will have the effect of bringing into the list of producers a number of new properties, and next year may be looked forward to for a greatly increased production.

While it is unlikely that 18-cent copper has come to stay any length of time, still we have it from acknowledged authority on the American copper market that 16 cents will probably be the average price for 1899.

The very greatly increased tonnage of the year from the lode mines is to be noted, and coming as it does from mines of low grade, means that a considerable amount of attention is being attracted to the large low grade propositions which until recently have been untouched.

The importance, and often the absolute necessity of capital, to bring a prospect through the development to the productive stage is well recognized by our prospecting class, but at the same time they failed to recognize the risk capital runs in putting money into a prospect on which little or no conclusive development work has been done. In consequence, the prices asked for properties of this description have been so high that the holders of money were not justified in so risking it.

That there is in the country ample capital, ready and more than willing to invest in any property showing values from definite development, is beyond question, but the money necessary to bring a property up to the requisite point has often been found hard to obtain.

The moneyed men or their agents are usually willing, working on a bond, to definite amounts within a fixed time and definite amounts witin a fixed time and so develop the property in question.

The great trouble seems to be in the demand for cash payments to be made so soon that it is impossible that sufficient development should be done in the time. Thus, the terms, rather than the amount of the bond, are what have prevented the development hoped for, and the country is tied up, inactive, through what appears to be the unreasonableness of the prospector.

There is, however, another side to the question which I think it might be well to bring before the capitalists.

The prospector, enduring privations and hardships and running innumerable risks, spends his whole time scouring the most remote parts of the mountains for prospects; he has no other means of livelihood and must have money enough to buy food and supplies, so that when he comes to tie up a prospect in a bond, though perfectly willing to "stand in with the capitalist on the gamble," still he must have enough cash to enable him to get out into the mountains again to discover new properties. The demand for a small cash payment is thus not as unreasonable as it at first seems.

I am glad to say however, that there seems to be a decidedly better mutual understanding coming about, the effect of which should shortly be felt.

The production of free milling gold is suprisingly small, when one takes into consideration the amount of rich placer found in the country. Attention is being gradually drawn to this class of mining, and stamp mills are going up in several localities. The increased production of Camp McKinney and Fairview, in Yale district, and the returns from the Fern mine, in Nelson division of West Kootenay, indicate probabilities for the future.

So far, all the free milling properties have found it necessary to use some form of concentration, for the collection of gold not existing in a free state, which concentrates have usually been sent to the smelters for treatment.

The ores of the Rossland camp may be more appropriately classed as gold ores than as copper ores, inasmuch as the values of the former metal are proportionately much greater. The output of Trail Creek division is almost entirely from ores of this character—sulphides of copper and iron carrying gold and silver.

These ores are being treated at smelters at Northport, Washington, the Trail smelter, or at the Hall Mines smelter, Nelson. The copper acts as a collector for the gold and silver, a matte being produced—the greater part of which is brought forward to refined copper, cast into anodes, and sent to some electorate refinery, for the separation of the gold and silver.

Platinum has been found in the black sands obtained in placer washings, both in the Similkameen and Omineca divisions. From the former some 100 ounces have been sold this year. It is only recently that attention has been drawn to the existence of platinum in these sands, quantities for years having been thrown away, prospectors not being aware of its value.

To facilitate the detection of platinum, this department is prepared to test qualitatively, free of charge, samples of such sands sent in from any part of the province.

Here these two metals go together, their source being chiefly argentiferous galena, and mined principally in Ainsworth and Slocan divisions of West Kootenay. While they still hold the place of premier importance in our years's production, the output has this year considerably diminished, for the reasons previously given.

For the two divisions mentioned, the grade of shipping ores seems to have been maintained, as may be calculated from the statistics, and averaged, on over 32,000 tons of ore, 97 ounces of silver to the ton and 47 per cent lead.

Developments of galena properties in East Kootenay, lead to the expectation of shipments next year from Moyie mines and from the Sullivan.

Discoveries of galena in quantity have also been made in Windermere division of East Kootenay, but remain to be proven by further development.

Few "dry ores" of silver have as yet been developed, though a few such exist in West Kootenay.

The Hall Mines of Nelson, a silver-copper proposition, carrying about 15 to 20 ounces of silver to the ton and 2 to 2 1-2 per cent copper, has smelted over 45,000 tons of ore of this class this past year.

Classing the ore of Rossland as gold, and of Nelson as silver-copper ores rather than as copper ores, has removed from the list of copper mines the properties which are really our greatest copper producers, a very unfashionable thing to do in these days when anything branded "copper stock" is so eagerly sought for.

There are, however, a large number of promising copper prospects in the Fort Steele and also in the Windermere and Donald divisions of East Kootenay.

With coper anywhere near its present market value, a large number of copper producers will probably spring up this coming year.

Large deposits of gypsum, said to be good quality, are reported in the immediate neighborhood of Kamloops, but no attempt has, so far, been made to work them.

Asbestos is also reported from several localities, but the department has been unable to get authentic information as to values.

Several finds of plumbago have been made, samples from which indicate good quality.

Mica occurs in various parts of the province. From the immediate neighborhood of Tete Jeune Cache large blocks have been obtained, some as large as 16x28 inches, but as yet the transportation facilities are lacking to make it of commercial value.

A Combination of Evils Bring on That Spring Trouble Known as "Tired Feelings."

Paine's Celery Compound Does a Wondrous Work for Every Rundown Man and Woman.

"Tired feelings!" These two words cover a multitude of dangers and perils, and should, when fully comprehended, be taken as serious warnings.

"Tired feelings" result from a vitiated and deranged condition of the blood and nerves, which causes a general weakness of the entire system. Constipation is usually one of the dominant troubles; digestive vigor is lacking, appetite is poor and sleep is never refreshing.

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A few bottles of Paine's Celery Compound used during the month of May, will banish all the troubles that regularly contribute to "Tired feelings" and ill health. If you are nervous, sleepless, have indigestion, dyspepsia, neuralgia, heart trouble, kidney or liver affections, your doctor or druggist will, if asked, promptly advise the using of Paine's Celery Compound.

The Georgia Is Not Sold.

Editor Miner: Can you tell me if the Georgia was sold at the recent meeting held in Victoria for that purpose. W. H. F., Spokane, Wash.

[The Georgia Gold Mining company did not sell its property at the meeting held in Victoria on February 26th. Negotiations are now said to be under way for the sale of the property, but nothing has yet been done. There has been no work on the property of the company for the past year and a half. The Georgia claim is considered a good one. It is located on the east slope of Monte Cristo mountain, and has been developed by two tunnels and crosscuts, or altogether by about 350 feet of work.]

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Defaulted on Third Payment.

Editor Miner: Over a year ago the Great Western was sold to the British America corporation. Two payments have been made to the stockholders. The last one was nearly a year since. What is the intention in relation to the third and final payment? O., Westport, Ont.

[The British America corporation paid over all the purchase price to the officers of the Great Western company. The officers made two payments to the shareholders. The third payment was not made owing to the fact that J. B. Jones, the secretary of the company, left Spokane with the funds and went to Chicago. The powers of the American courts have been invoked, but so far they have been unable to compel Secretary Jones to make the third payment, although it is alleged that he was the custodian of the funds of the Great Western company.]

The Big Fourteen.

Editor Miner: Where are th claims of the Big Fourteen situated? J. L. S., Cleveland, Ohio.

[The Fairview & Okanagan Big Fourteen Consolidated Gold, Silver and Copper Mining and Milling company of B. C., limited (rather a long company name, isn't it?) is the owner of 14 claims. Twelve are located on Okanagan lake and two are in the Osoyoos division, B. C. James C. Murray, accountant of this city, is secretary of the company.]

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Cases Yet to Be Heard by Mr. Justice Walkem—Another Court This Month.

While the case of the Iron Mask-Centre Star has been indefinitely postponed, Mr. Justice Walkem will continue to sit here in the supreme court for a few days longer, and before the end of this month Mr. Justice Irving will hold supreme court here for some days. While there are quite a number of cases yet to be heard, some of which were continued from the court in February, only four cases will be heard by Mr. Justice Walkem. These are as follows:

Gibson vs. McArthur et al—adverse claim to St. Luke fraction mineral claim and Big Four mineral claim, and for declaration of title to Maggie fraction and for other relief. J. S. Clute, Jr., for plaintiff, and C. R. Hamilton for defendant. This case was adjourned from last court and will be taken up this morning.

Kingsmill vs. Pfunder et al—For declaration that plaintiff is entitled to 30,565 1-2 shares of stock and for an injunction. J. S. Clute, Jr., for plaintiff, and McNeill and Deacon for defendant. This was also continued from last term.

Bank of Montreal vs. W. J. Robinson, deputy sheriff—For moneys paid to the defendant by the Kootenay Brewing & Malting company. C. R. Hamilton for plaintiff, and A. H. McNeill for defendant. This is a new case arising out of the case of Adams and Burns vs. the Bank of Montreal et al, recently decided by Mr. Justice Martin in favor of the defendant, and is simply to obtain a legal order for the moneys. It will be taken up on Monday morning.

Tate vs. Wharton—A case that has been pending for years and involves property rights and ejectment proceedings. It is on the docket for this term for orders to be made. C. R. Hamilton for the plaintiff and J .S. Clute, Jr., for the defence.

The docket to be heard by Mr. Justice Irving before he proceeds to Nelson to open the assizes there, will be a much more extensive one, and will probably occupy the attention of the court for over a week.

British Columbia Tobacco.

R. R. Lowe of Kelowna, on Okanagan lake, near Vernon, was in the city Thursday and displayed some fine specimens of tobacco grown in the Okanagan country by the Kelowna Factory company. They will increase the output of tobacco this year and will, probably, have 52 acres planted for this season. The cigars made entirely from this tobacco have an exceedingly fine aroma. Of course, the enterprise is still in its infancy, but there seems to be, from the specimens shown, an excellent chance for a most profitable industry to be established in British Columbia.

Rossland City Band.

Bandmaster W. H. Falding has received the horns and some other of the instruments for the Rossland city band and practice will begin in a few days, and very shortly the finest band in the Kootenays will be playing on the streets of Rossland and leading all its processions. Mr. Falding is much encouraged over the outlook for the band.

COMPANY INCORPORATED.

The Northern Telegraph Company Get Their Bill—Head Office in Greenwood.

Ottawa, May 9.—[Special.]—An act to incorporate the Northern Telegraph company passed the railway committee today. Those asking corporations were D. C. Corbin, Spokane; Duncan B. Ross, Greenwood, and others. The capital stock of the company is placed at $50,000. The head office is to be in Greenwood. The company may construct another line between such points in Yale and West Kootenay as the company may desire. Hewitt Bostock was in charge of the bill.

ALL WERE KILLED.

Satisfactory Termination of a Dispute Over a Doctor's Bill.

Okolona, Miss., May 9.—As a result of a dispute here tonight, four men, among the most prominent citizens, are dead. The details of the affair are confusing. Dr. Wm. Murphy became involved in a dispute with Charles D. Clarke over a bill which Dr. Murphy claimed Clarke owed him. The dispute became heated and a fight was precipitated. Clarke drew a knife and slashed Dr. Murphy, severing the jugular vein. Howard Murphy, son of the physician, rushed to the scene of the killing and shot Clarke to death. Walter Clarke, brother of Charles D. Clarke, and Howard Murphy, then began a duel to settle the matter. Pistols were used and the men fought viciously, the end being that both were killed.

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, May 9.—Stock market, mining board: War Eagle, xd seller, $3.68, buyers, $3.67. Sales—1,500 at $3.67. Payne, xd sellers, $3.95, buyers, $3.90. Sales—500 at $3.93. Montreal & London, sellers, 69c., buyers, 65c. Republic Gold ing board: War Eagle, ex div seller, $3.68, $1.32. Sales—750 at $1.30, 8,200 at $1.32 1-2, 100 at $1.33.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW

The Government Has Decided to Enforce It After June 12.

THE NEW APPOINTMENTS

A Proclamation Has Been Issued Incorporating the City of Columbia—Annual Examinations for Certificates to Teach in the Schools.

Victoria, May 4.—The government has decided to give effect to the eight-hour law respecting metalliferous mines, from the 12th of June next.

The Official Gazette today contains notice of the following provincial appointments: Geo. Munro, Kamloops, to be a member of the boards of licensing commissioners, and commissioner of police for the said city, vice R. H. Lee,

Jas. F. Armstrong, Fort Steele government agent, to be collector of votes for the south riding of East Kootenay, vice C. M. Edwards, resigned.

Francis B. Wells and A. C. Thompson of Revelstoke, to be members of the licensing boards of that city.

Thomas Kirkpatrick and Wm. J. Dickey of Revelstoke, to be members of the board of police commissioners of that city.

Findley R. McD. Russell of Vancouver, to be police magistrate for said city, to be so in the absence or during the illness of the salaried police magistrate.

The undermentioned police and stipendary magistrates have been authorized to hold small debts courts for the territories opposite their names: Wm. H. Lilly of Sandon for the Slocan division; Augustus Carney of Kaslo, for the Ainsworth division; Jos. K. Johnson of Grand Forks, for the city of Grand Forks, and within a radius of 10 miles therefrom; Edward A. Grease of Nelson, for the city of Nelson and within a radius of 10 miles therefrom.

Walter Church of Skagway, has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits in the courts of British Columbia.

Harry W. Wright of Nelson, has been appointed clerk in the government office there. The resignation of Arthur R. Marshall, J. P. of Shoal Bay has been accepted.

A proclamation appears incorporating the city of Columbia in Osoyoos division of Yale, coming into effect today. The council will consist of a mayor and six aldermen for which nomination takes place on May 18th and voting on May 25th. Jos. K. Dunlop will be returning officer.

Supt. Robinson gives notice that the annual examinations or certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of the province will be held on July 3rd at Victoria Vancouver Kamloops and Nelson.

Tenders for the completion of the Lillooet & Lytton road are called for by the deputy commissioner of lands and works.

Certificates of qualification to practice dentistry in the province have been granted Dr. Morrison of New Westminster, Dr. Grice of Victoria, Dr. Eli M. Conrad of Grand Forks, and Dr. F. G. Moody of Victoria.

A sale of Atlin lots will be held by public auction in front of the government office there on Wednesday, May 17.

A MAYOR WHIPPED.

A Milliner Horsewhipped the Mayor of Belle Fontaine on the Main Street.

Belle Fontaine, May 9.—Mayor John Cassidy was horewhipped yesterday by Miss Minnie Crawford, a milliner, on Main street. Miss Crawford was recently subpoenaed as a witness in the mayor's court, and failed to respond. She became angered at the mayor and yesterday lay in wait for him as he was going to his office. Drawing a whip from under her cape she lashed Mayor Cassidy over the head and shoulders, and forced him to take refuge in a drug store. Miss Crawford has not been arrested.

The Raleigh Aground.

Charleston, S. C., May 9.—The cruiser Raleigh bound-in to be present at the confederate reunion, went aground early this morning about 300 feet off the south jetty. She is lying easy and will probably be floated at high tide this evening. It is not believed that she has sustained any damage. Captain Coghlan declined the assistance of tugs.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

The French Foreign Office Mail Bag Tampered With But Nothing Taken.

Washington, May 9.—The official mail bag of the French foreign office, which reached the French embassy today, was in a damaged condition, a hole being rent in one end large enough to permit a hand and arm to be inserted, and the contents of the bag examined. Fortunately, however, an examination showed that nothing had been removed, and the seals on the various official communications were unbroken. An inspection indicated that nothing had been removed. The reports of late of the payment to Spain of $20,000,000 through the medium of the French embassy may have led to this mutilation of the French bag. The hole was too carefully made to be the result of an accident. The opening was about six inches across.

A BAD ACCIDENT.

C. R. Disraeli, Nephew of Lord Beaconsfield, Badly Injured While Bicycling.

London, May 9.—Conningsby Ralph Disraeli, nephew and heir of Lord Beaconsfield, and member of parliament, was thrown from his bicycle at Wycombe today. He struck upon his head and was badly injured.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

Comptesse Esterhazey Secures a Separation From Her Husband.

Paris, May 9.—The procedure for a divorce, initiated last month by Comptesse Esterhazy against her husband, Comte Ferdinand Esterhazy, was passed today by default and the final decree will follow in July.

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets, at All Druggists, 35c a Box—60 Tablets.

CHAPTER V.

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THE TRAIL BREWERY

Trial of a Case That Grew Out of Its Liquidation.

The suit of the Bank of Montreal vs. Walter J. Robinson, to recover $3,403, was on trial Tuesday before Judge Walkem in the Supreme court. The suit grew out of the liquidation of the Kootenay Malting, Brewing & Distilling company. Walter J. Robinson was appointed provisional liquidator on November 15, 1897, by Judge Forin, acting local supreme court judge. Mr. Robinson was in possession for a period of 24 days, or until December 10th of the same year. On December 10th John McKane was appointed liquidator. During the 24 days that Walter J. Robinson was in possession of the property he sold $1,370.79 worth of the brewing company's goods, and with this sum he paid up all the debts contracted by him. He closed up his account as liquidator, and his account was passed as correct by Judge Forin. After John McKane was in possession from December 10 to December 22, 1897, W. J. Robinson, acting as baliff for the Bank of Montreal, took possession of the assets of the company. This he did by virtue of a mortgage held by the Bank of Montreal for $32,313.25. W. J. Robinson and J. S. C. Fraser were ordered to appear before Judge Forin to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of court for interfering with the official liquidator, John McKane. At the contempt proceedings Hon. T. Mayne Daly, acting on behalf of the Bank of Montreal, stated that the order made by Judge Forin appointing John McKane liquidator, was to come before the supreme court on the contention that Judge Forin did not possess the jurisdiction necessary to appoint a liquidator. This led to a postponement of the contempt proceedings. On the 27th of December, 1897, the supreme court made an order setting aside the appointment of John McKane as liquidator, as it was held that Judge Forin did not possess jurisdiction in such cases. Then W. J. Robinson took full possession of the company's property at Rossland and Trail. It was then that he sold $1,462.45 worth of property at private sale under the mortgage, and disposed of the plant on February 15th, 1898, for $25,000, to John R. Myers of New York. When Mr. Robinson had paid all the expenses of the process of liquidation arising under the mortgage, he had a balance of $1,032.85. The Bank of Montreal and its bailiff could not agree as to the amount of fees due the latter. In the meanwhile, Adams & Burns garnisheed the $1,032.85 in the bailiff's hands, and he was ordered to pay it into court, which he did. The Bank of Montreal then brought suit to recover from W. J. Robinson the sum of $3,403.64, the amount received by him while acting as provisional liquidator and while he was acting as bailiff. The case occupied the attention of the court all day and decision was reserved. McNeill & Deacon appeared for the defendant, W. J. Robinson, and Daly & Hamilton for the bank.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Debenture Bylaw for Street Improvements Read a Third Time.

Te city council at its meeting Tuesday night passed the bylaw for raising $25,000 for street improvements to its third reading, and fixed Monday, May 22nd, as the day for the voting on that bylaw, and the one to raise $150,000 for a water and light system for Rossland. There was no opposition in the council over either bylaw, but a desire was evidenced to push the matter through as quickly as possible.

When the council met there were present Mayor Goodeve in the chair, and Aldermen Lalonde, Edgren and Hooson.

A communication from Cunliffe & Ablett, asking permission to have a spur track run to their machine shops, was referred to the board of works, and an invitation from the city of Victoria to attend the celebration in that city on the 24th of May was ordered to be acknowledged.

The bylaw to authorize the city to purchase or build works to supply the city of Rossland with water and light, was read a third time, as was the one to enable the city to borrow $25,000 for street improvements.

Alderman Lalonde asked how much money was being spent by the board of works on Lincoln street, and how the finances of the city were going to be affected. After a little discussion the matter was laid over for another week.

Alderman Edgren called attention to the alley way leading up from Spokane street towards his own residence, and the chief of police will be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the alley put in proper condition.

The sidewalk on the north side of Columbia avenue, in front of H. S. Wallace's new building, and on each side of that building, were ordered to be raised and put in proper condition. The council adjourned soon after 9 o'clock.

Rossland's Fire Laddies.

Jack Allan, trainer of the Rossland hose team, which will contest in the championship hub and hub race at New Denver, May 24th, had his colts out for their first practice last evening, and from this time on the boys will be out every night (weather permitting) until their departure for New Denver. They expect with their little green cart, to bring back the long green with them.

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Ruth Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Sophie mountain, south of the Victory-Triumph mineral claims.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (as agent for the Ruth Esther Gold Mining company of Spokane, Wash.) free miner's certificate No. 34063A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dat d this thirtieth day of March, 1899.

3-30-10t. KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Black Prince, Queen of the Valley and King o the West mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located—At the confluence of Bear creek with Columbia river.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Black Prince Gold Mining & Milling Co., Lt'd Ly., free miner's certificate No. 13,163A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1899.

-31-10t J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Ruth and Esther mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Sophie mountain, south of and adjoining the Victory-Triumph mineral claims.

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this thirtieth day of March, 1899.

3-30-10t. KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

"Ed Fractional" mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About an ½ of a mile northeast of corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, and adjoining the Golden Chariot on the southeast.

Take notice that I, Wm. E. Devereux, acting as agent for D. G. Kennedy, free miner's certificate No. 34,044A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements

Dated this 13th day of March, 1899.

3-16-11t WM. E. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Little Bess mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: East of Hill Top mineral claim.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for A J Russell Snow, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34 689A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 26th day of April, 1899.

4-27-10t J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Bean Pot and Forest King mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west side of O. K. mountain, within 500 feet of Mineral Monument No. 28.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (as agent for the Bean Pot Gold Mining company of Spokane, Wash.), free miner's certificate No. 34,063A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this sixth day of April, 1899.

4-6-10t KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Red Fox mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About three miles east of Rossland, B. C., on the line of the Columbia & Western railway.

Take notice that I, Wm. E. Devereux, acting as agent for W. B. Townsend, free miner's certificate No 33,533A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

WM. E. DEVEREUX, P. L. S.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1898. 3-23-11t

Notice.

The Columbia & Western Railway company will apply to the parliament of Canada at its next session for an act giving to the company authority to issue first mortgage bonds to be a charge on its railway, including its main line and branches, not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars per mile thereof, and for other purposes.

H. CAMPBELL OSWALD, Secretary.

Montreal, March 7th, 1899 3-23-9t

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