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THE EAST KOOTENAY SCANDAL

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The East Kootenay scandal continues to occupy the attention of the provincial legislature. It has created a political maelstrom that will yet engulf the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and, probably, the Attorney-General. But those worthies do not propose to succumb without a strug- of the Motherland, there are many evi- his death by even a brief term. No man gle. They know that if they are swept away the Government will be swept with them, for they are necessary to

There are, however, some honest men in the Government party. The time is rapidly approaching when these honest men will have to adopt one of two

They will have to either stand by the They will have to either stand by the per cwt. should be given to colonial wilfrid Laurier, and since 1898 he has the Chief Commissioner is an adept at But we have yet to hear that Colonel scoundrels who are attempting to rob the people of 900,000 acres of immensaly valuable land or they will fall in with the plans of these scoundrels and prolong the alleged investigation until the legislature has adjourned. A bold stand on the part of the honest members of the House, and Wells and Eberts are done for and the Province-particularly the Kootenays-will prosper as never before; but the moment they begin to assist in the whitewashing of the land grabbers. in order to save the government, they will be as much to blame as the thief conspirator, and will suffer the same

CANADA'S PROGRESS.

Finance Minister Fielding will have the pleasure of announcing a surplus for the current fiscal year of \$13,000,000 on consolidated fund account, or \$5,000,-.000 if the capital account expenditure is also deducted. This \$5,000,000 is supposed to be available for reduction of the public debt, and to be equal to the net increase in that debt for which the present government is responsible. A to what the Chief Commissioner said. rapid increase of the revenue naturally tempts to increased expenditure on the the Chief Commissioner has forced the part of any government, and it would Administration to make his iniquitous be wonderful if all the expenditure policy a government policy. This makes were wisely inspired. For the present, the other ministers just as guilty of at all events, there must be an addi- malfeasance as is the Chief Commistion to the country's disbursements be- sioner. cause of the very circumstances that It is not so surprising that Attorneyresult in raising the income to higher General Eberts should follow the lead figures. The population is increasing of Chief Commissioner Wells, but that at a rate not equalled in many years the premier and the other ministers. past, and there appears to be every Prentice and McInnes, should permit likelihood of the rate of increase being the Government to be pledged to such maintained, if not added to, in coming a disgraceful policy is almost incredible,

so far the Toronto Globe recently said: will not tolerate such scandalous pro-"No more significant sign of the times is to be observed in Canada today than of the case and are thoroughly aroused. the spring tide of immigration pouring into the west from Europe and from kameen, Nicola, Vancouver Island and the bordering American states. The Elk River districts made in accordance movement has reached the proportions with the law are to be recognized, and of those great swarmings of population those of Southeast Kootenay that in a single half-century carried not, the land-hungry American from the crest of the Alleghanies to the blue Pa- to defraud the prospectors. As we have cific. The Canadian west has been discovered by the sons of men who marched in the pioneer corps of the army of civilization through Ohio and Iowa and Illinois and Nebraska, bringing peace and its arts, where before there were but the dangers of savage warfare and the solitude of the uncivilized prairie. Last year the Globe by its special correspondents described the American invasion of the west. This year the feature of the spring rush is the coming of thousands of young Englishmen eager to share in the labors and the successes attending the settlement of the prairies." It is a very encouraging circumstance for Canada that the "land hunger" is felt in so many other quarters of the earth, for it ensures some degree of steadiness in the flow of immigration. The migration of so many Americans is a distinct warning to European land-seek- of his rights, the monopoly will be main- toria convention of the association last the soundest and most practical method ers that they cannot hope for much tained and the ringsters will make thousuccess south of the line, so Canada is sands. Is it, then, any wonder that lutions were passed calling upon the propractically assured of a double stream. men of the stamp of the Chief Commis-

opinions offered by the Hon. John making such a desperate fight? Bookwalter, of Springfield, Ohio, an acknowledged authority on agricultural conditions. In a review of the situa- other.

Daily, per year, by carrier......\$ 8 25 tains, and in no long time the stream TO SECURE TITLES. Daily, per year, by mail........ 6 25 will commence to grow. Already there It is useless for the Government to Daily, per year, foreign....... 10 25 are increased demands for our fruit, persist in its present attitude with restock and lumber because of the peo- gard to these East Kootenay licenses Weekly, per half year...... 1 50 pling of the Territories, and the op- The game is up so far as the ringsters Weekly, per year..... 2 50 Weekly, per year, foreign...... 3 50 evident approach of a keener demand titude on this question, for land in this province ought to have the effect of summarily ending the system of corporation grants.

> BRITAIN'S INTEREST INCREAS-ING.

That Canada, with her wonderful retime to time regarding the impossibility affairs in this country has been held i of representatives from the British public and the statesmen of the old land will awaken a warm response in

A NEST OF TRAITORS.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in answer to a question delivered in the House last Thursday, declared that the reason for the refusal of coal and petroleum licenses in Southeast Kootenay "was a matter of government policy, as was also the maintenarce of a reserve on these lands."

This was a formal reply to a forma question. The Chief Commissioner statement was carefully and deliberately prepared. The other ministers undoubtedly knew the nature of the reply in advance of the House, and had sanctioned it; otherwise they would have objected The natural and only inference is that

because it means political suicide to each In a review of the immigration season of them. The people of British Columbia ceedings now that they know the facts Why the coal locations in the Similis not clear, except that an attempt is being made repeatedly pointed out in these columns,

THERE NEVER WAS A RESERVE ON THE COAL AND PETROLEUM LANDS OF EAST KOOTENAY, THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER HAS AD-MITTED THIS IN A FORMAL STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE. The reserve applies only to the SURFACE RIGHTS. The reserve was established for the particular benefit of the Columbia & Western railway, and a deliberate attempt was made to hand over some 900,000 acres of these lands, INCLUDING THE COAL, PETROLEUM AND TIMBER THEREON, TO THE C. P. R., but the whole scheme was exposed, and the Chief the crown grant. The C. P. R. is completely out of it now, but the Victoria a month or so, is by far the most in- son for the provincial legislature. It opoly are still desperately interested. If today. the poor prospector can be beaten out

The questions so far asked in the association. The House has been in ses- Subsidies up his sleeve.

land has been exhausted in the States. fusal to grant the licenses have brought ception of a lot of "hot air" and the in-With this exhaustion there has come out reluctant answers from the Chief troduction of some petty legislation, a slow but gradual rise in the price of Commissioner, that help to make out nothing has been done to foster and cereals. Demand now follows swiftly a strong case against him and the Gov- encourage the mineral industry. True, on the heels of supply—there are prac- ernment. But the honest members of Premier Prior has repented at the elevtically no more public lands to fall the House must not let the matter enth hour and promised to repeal the will be fewer cases of diphtheria, tyback upon. Grain will remain high; drop there. It is their bounden duty 2 per cent tax instead of adjusting it, phoid and scarlet fever in the houses. the farmer will take the place in the to so pin down the ministers that they but we have no assurance that the policy world for which he was destined and cannot escape. The Miner ventures the of gouging the last possible cent from the which he once did occupy. The prices opinion that some decidedly interesting mines won't be continued in some other walks clean. It is to be hoped that of agricultural products will never situations will be revealed if the Oppoagain fall to the low level of a few sition will call for all the correspondyears ago. If Mr. Bookwalter's judg- ence between the Department of Lands ment is correct Canada will in future and Works and the applicants for profit to an even greater degree than in licenses, which, we are informed, POSIrecent years by her immense areas of TIVELY STATES THAT A RESERVE rich and free lands. The prairies will IOES EXIST ON THE LANDS for justice to those applicants for coal is that after all "cleanliness is godlisettle up fast. British Columbia will IN QUESTION, AND WHICH CONnot attract immigrants so freely at VEYS THE IDEA THAT IT IS HOPEfirst, but there must be some overflow LESS FOR THE APPLICANTS TO from the country east of the moun- PERSEVERE IN THEIR ATTEMPTS

portunities in these lines cannot fail to

The Miner defies the Government to attract the attention of outsiders. The show good cause for its present at-

SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

Sir Oliver Mowat, Ontario's veteran statesman, has seemingly, at this writing, but a few hours to live. He has reached the ripe age of 83, and according to the common rule could not have lived many sources, and her progressive people, has years longer, but all Canada will regret at last stirred the conservative interest that an accident should have hastened dences. We hear much comment from who has been connected with public of persuading Great Britain to adopt higher respect and esteem than this a preferential tariff, and yet it is in- grand old man of the premier province. teresting to know that during the past From 1872 to 1896, he held uninterruptedmonth rousing meetings held at a num- ly the office of premier of Ontario, a ber of Great Britain's industrial centres, term unparalleled in the career of any including Glasgow and Bristol, carried other Canadian statesman. At its close unanimous resolutions advocating that he voluntarily retired to take a place a preference of no less than 3 shillings in the Dominion cabinet formed by Sir Kootenay coal and petroleum outrage. knowing what they attempted to do. food products. The interesting informa- been lieutenant governor of his native tion is also to hand that a large party province. So great a political success cunning he displayed in his answers By his refusal to kick them out of his er's reluctance to do anything that could only have waited upon the career about East Kootenay "leases" is fresh cabinet he condones their offences and would break the fuel monopoly in the houses, of parliament will tour Canada of a man of extraordinary ability and in the public mind. But he will have to practically becomes a party to their Kootenays. next August. Needless to say these extremely high character. The length do some tall stunts tomorrow if he hopes schemes, regardless of the fact that he of his public service is most emphatic to calm the suspicions of the House and has introduced a bill in the legislature testimony to his good qualities, and op- the country at large. ponents as well as friends have yielded Canada, and our people will give every him freely admiration and respect. For Columbia & Western railway received Prior and his heelers are at the end encouragement to the growing sympathy many years Sir Oliver's rival in Ontario a land grant. Taxation on these lands of their tether. The country is dispolitics was the present Chief Justice only begins ten years after their ac- gusted with them and only too anxious Meredith, an exceedingly strong and able quisition by the company. It is reported to turn them out of office. This senman. It is altogether likely that Mr. on excellent authority that the railway timent is not borne simply on account of Meredith would have been strong enough company has been allowed to greatly the C. & W. steal. The administration to overcome any weaker antagonist, for and unnecessarily delay in making its is rotten to the core and everybody the liking and respect extended to him selection of lands, so as to postpone the knows it. And it is as incompetent as

> second the Sanfield Macdonald-Dorion vice-chancellor of Upper Canada, re- THEREOF WAS MADE?" taining the office after confederation. The Chief Commissioner's cunning will corruption that has scandalized the came the head of the government.

term of office was unprecedentedly long. sters to cover up their tracks. It was also fairly well marked by keen which he invariably emerged the victor; will be the means of the province rebattles fought between him and Sir John valuable lands in the Kootenays. Macdonald over the interpretation of various clauses of the B. N. A. act which involved questions of Dominion and pro-

THE GOVERNMENT.

It will be remembered that at the Vicvincial government to introduce remedial There is much significance in the sioner and the Attorney-General are legislation with regard to mining and

taken up. The entire supply of free Rouse concerning the government's resion for several weeks, but with the ex- CLEAN YARDS AND SIDEWALKS. of all the ratiways built in Manitoba equally inimical and preposterous form. The government has also given the Pro-vincial Mining Association e slepp in the vincial Mining Association a slap in the cleanliness. 'A recent article claims that face over the East Kootenay scandal. Instead of following the recommendations of the association, which called licenses who have complied with the law, the government has sanctioned the filth and that when the world shall so iniquitous methods of the Chief Commissioner and declared for the continuance of a coal monopoly in the Koot- perfect health in the world.

But the Provincial Mining Association is not to be trifled with. The association is neither deterred nor dismayed at the ited over the appalling revelations that government's attitude. The public-spir- have occurred in connection with the itedness and patriotism of the members Columbia & Western land grant in East is too sincere and deep-rooted to take Kootenay. It is useless for Colonel Prior of British Columbia and a lasting disthe premier's rebuff. Tomorrow the exe- to attempt to explain or to offer the ex- grace as a sworn Minister of the cutive committee of the association cuse that he was not a party to the newill convene at Victoria and carefully, farious acts of Wells and the other rethodically and thoroughly discuss the ministers of the Dunsmuir cabinet. The situation. Having decided upon what fact remains that the Dunsmuir gang course to pursue, it is certain that the deliberately conspired with the C. P. R. committee will lose no time in taking to despoil the province, to rob the people action, and if Col. Prior continues stub- of 625,000 acres of the richest lands in born and recalcitrant he will soon see British Columbia. It is the veriest fol-

ditions equally as rotten as the East Eberts to retain their portfolios after answering awkward questions. The low Prior has called upon them to resign. Coal company may explain the premi-

The fact of the matter is that the nulling the land grant. were but a few degrees less than those payment of taxes to the last moment. it is rotten. Instead of attempting to which the leader of the government It is also seriously suspected that both promote prosperity and public confidence, the Columbia & Western and the Brit- it has done the very opposite. The pro-Mr. Oliver Mowat's public service did ish Columbia Southern have obtained vincial finances are in a wretched connot begin with his accession to the On- crown grants to thousands upon thou- dition. The big corporations have the tario premiership. He entered the old sands of acres of valuable land regard- country by the throat. Humble citizens. Canadian parliament first in 1857, and less of the all-important fact that the law like the East Kootenay coal and petrowas identified with three pre-Confeder- requires that all crown granted lands leum prospectors are being kept out of are fustly entitled to them or they are

But the most interesting question of government in 1863-64, and the last the all will be, "HAVE THE BLOCKS OF miership he had the opportunity of a Tache coalition government, which was LAND, PURPORTED TO BE CROWN lifetime. All he had to do to perma-He was one of the prominent figures at ISH COLUMBIA SOUTHERN RAIL-

On the Hon. Edward Blake's retirement avail him but little in his attempts to world and brought thousands to the from the office of premier of Ontario in serve his masters in this matter. The verge of ruin. 1872, Sir Oliver left the bench and be- Miner is informed on reliable authority that enough evidence has leaked out to ure of the East Kootenay scandals and As already said, Sir Oliver Mowat's make it impossible for the Victoria ring- will not cease in its efforts to right a We would not be surprised if the ap-

Exceptionally memorable were the legal claiming several large tracts of very right-thinking man is with us.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

vincial jurisdiction. The Ontario leader | Elsewhere in this issue will be found was always successful in these, and he an article upon the growth of agriculcame to be the acknowledged champion ture as a direct result of the developof provincial rights. In many ways Sir ment of the mining industry. Therein Oliver's services have been of great is produced a statement from S. F. Parbenefit to his own province and to the rish, general manager of the Le Roi, country at large, and not the least of anent the effect of mining on agriculthe benefits lies in the good example he ture in the State of Colorado. Colo-\$1,392,000; Quebec, \$10,091,000; Ontario, \$19,750,000; Manitoba, \$3,259,000; British THE MINING ASSOCIATION AND Union and its soil and climate in the ritories, \$7,547,000. The amount paid in immediate neighborhood of the mining subsidies in the three maritime procamps are far from being ideal from an vinces is less than in the other pro-The leading spirits of the Provincial agriculturist's point of view. Yet, be-Mining Association are a determined cause of the development of the mines lot of men with unbounded faith in the and the consequent creation of a good ever, cost about \$70,000, a large portion glorious future of British Columbia. The market, farmers and gardeners have unassociation as a body is imbued with dertaken the cultivation of tracts of the spirit of these men, and, as a nat- mountain land with a success that is ural result, is nothing if not thorough. really astonishing. It is an actual fact 000,000. Naturally the government would There is not the slightest possibility of that although Colorado produces millions not bonus roads to compete with the the association lapsing into a moribund of dollars' worth of gold, silver, copper, condition. It is very much alive and its iron and coal annually, the value of the activity on behalf of the public welfare products of its farms is much greater Commissioner was compelled to cancel is steadily increasing. The association, than the combined value of the state's ed contention that to foster and encourage the mining industry is to inaugurate

Wells must go.

Easter is passed, it is time for the spring house-cleaning. If every resilits own railways, while the actual cash dent will see to it that his front and back yards are cleaned thoroughly there in the older provinces.

The city authorities are to be commendevery store-keeper and householder will if the honest members of the House leprosy is being cured chiefly by sun baths, water baths and medicated water his duty, should be ignominiously kickbaths and the chief lesson it teaches ed out of office. Progress that every person keeps himself or herself perfectly clean, there will be

COLONEL PRIOR'S FINISH.

The Prior ministry is utterly discredhis finish as premier of British Columbia. ly for Colonel Prior to attempt to show that he was ignorant of their intentions He could not help knowing that the Tomorrow the Chief Commissioner of the most barefaced kind. But even supwhole scheme was a gigantic robbery of Lands and Works will have to reply posing that he was not aware of the in the House to some very important real intentions of the gang when he questions. The questions look innocent formed his cabinet, he certainly is now. enough, but underlying them is another No premier who was honest and patriscandal which threatens to reveal conwhich confirms the order-in-council an-

When Col. Prior accepted the pretem of incompetence and barefaced have made application for them.

The Miner took the lead in the exposnumber of great wrongs until a new contests of more than one kind, from parently innocent query reproduced above province. We are confident that we are on the right track and that every mines of the Kootenays is now de-

GRANTS TO RAILWAYS.

Some interesting statistics relating to bonuses to railways were presented in The sums paid as subsidies to railways province. by the federal government, divided among the different provinces, were as follows: Prince Edward Island, nil; Nova Scotia, \$1,872,000; New Brunswick, vinces. The Intercolonial railway, howvinces. The Prince Edward Island railgovernment system. What is particularly interesting in

regard to these statistics, is the proporis steadily increasing. The association, although it has only been in existence mineral industry. Here is an object lesfor roads in the west, compared with the gratulation upon receiving an approringsters and the Crow's Nest coal mon-fluential body of men in the province admirably proves The Miner's oft-repeat-total sum paid as subsidies to aid railway construction between Lake Superior sideration as Rossland in this matter. and the Rockies was \$12,460,000. Some Rossland's courthouse cost about \$50,000 eastern journals still keep up the cry unfinished. The furniture is of the best about the great expenditure the east and cost considerable money. This nighas assumed in order to develop the gardliness is all the more astonishing west. The actual figures, however, tell when it is remembered that Nelson's Although he has ignored the Provin- a different story. The vast area of 56,- representative in the provincial legislathe allied industries. With character- cial Mining Association and created a 087,072 acres of land has been granted However, as the case now stands, one istic indifference Premier Prior and his general feeling of distrust and uneasi- to railways in Manitoba and the Terriminister is just as blameworthy as the other.

Son always did get the worst of it on nored the representations made by the policy of Light Railways and Heavy have been selected or earned. The value time more so than since it has been selected or earned. The value time more so than since it has been selected or earned.

and the Territories. Thus, it will be seen, the west has more than paid for outlay has been for railways mainly

Wells must go.

Turn the rascals out.

The Chief Conspirator cannot escape

A Minister of the Crown who deliberately refuses to do what is manifestly

If the premier persists in shielding the Chief Conspirator of Lands and Works he must expect to be classed in the same catagory.

The Miner defies the Government to show good cause for its present attitude with regard to the East Kootenay coal and petroleum licenses

The Chief Conspirator of Lands and Works is a menace to the prosperity Crown.

According to the Fort Steele Prospector, the Provincial treasury would be enriched to the amount of \$20,000 if the government would issue licenses to develop the East Kootenay coal lands.

The Chief Conspirator of Lands and Works is cornered at last. His statement in the House last Monday is reported as "the weakest possible defence of a hopeless case."

John Oliver, M. L. A., was unquestionably right when he declared in the House last Monday that "the C. P. R. and the Government had conspired together to despoil the province."

The fact that Colonel Prior is a shareholder in the Crow's Nest Pass

Prior admits 'as a layman" that the East Kootenay prospectors should get what they ask for. He will have to admit it as premier very soon or not at all, for his days as premier are num-

It is undoubtedly the duty of the Opposition to prevent delays in the investigation that is to be made into the East Kootenay scandal. If Wells and his outfit are allowed to have their way the legislature will have adjourned before a report is ready.

Why does Premier Prior maintain such a studied silence about the East ation ministers. One was the short-lived shall be properly designated and surtheir rights. The mining industry is not. Why doesn't the premier get off gradually being taxed out of existence. the fence and declare himself on this all important question?

Referring to the East Kootenay coal organized with confederation in view. GRANTED IN AID OF THE BRIT- nently entrench himself in power was and petroleum scandal the Fort Steele the Quebec conference in 1864, when the WAY, EVER BEEN SURVEYED? IF forward business administration and (the Provincial government) to grant scheme of confederation was finally NOT, WHY WERE THEY NOT SUR- all would have been well. Instead of licenses to all who have prospected and drawn up. In the same year he became VEYED BEFORE THE GRANT doing that, he has perpetuated a sys-staked claims in these fields and who

> A great many people in the States and in Paris seem to be intensely interested in rumors that W. K. Vanderbilt is to be married to a widow. 'Tis a great white light that beats upon an American millionaire, especially if he be divorced.

The success of the metalliferous pendent upon the grasping policy of the Crow's Nest fuel monopoly. There would be no monopoly if the Prior government would do its duty and issue licenses for the development of the coal lands in the southeast corner of the

Under existing conditions the cost of smelter fuel in the Kootenays is unnecessarily high. Prices might be reduced from 25 per cent to 50 per cent and the Crow's Nest Coal company would still make handsome profits. The only way to bring about a reduction of cost is to encourage the development of other coal fields.

No truer word was ever spoken in the legislative halls of British Columbia than when Smith Curtis remarked in the House last Friday that "the government could not get away from the colliery interests." It matters not whether it is the Dunsmuirs on Vancauver island or the Crow's Nest monopoly in East Kootenay, the Prior government is a willing slave to the coal barons

priation of only \$40,000 for a courthouse. Nelson should receive as much conture is a Government supporter. Nelof these lands is greater than the cost represented by "a practical politician."

General

EAST KOOTENAY.

The mines at the three Crow collieries are making good headw the settlement. At Michel the has reached a daily average tons and in another week this will be increased to 1200 tons. Tovens are running their full at that place.

At Coal Creek the daily avera reached between 700 and 800 to this output is steadily increasin 3 mine will be in condition to another week. Out of 424 ovens nie 277 are now in use, and mor are being started every day. At Morrissey the output has 600 tons. A new narrow gauge tive is now in use which by its capacity is a great acquisition

The construction on the cok plants at Michel and Morrissey rapidly pushed. At the Coal Cree considerable construction work ing done. A large force of Ita working on the motor ro necting the new tunnels, Nos 4. with the tipple. These new n he developed at once. Already tris have penetrated to the coal and nent tunnels will now he built

The power house for the new

plant at the Coal Creek mines

complete. The engine, which is

horse power, is on the ground

being placed in position. The bo the old engine house are being re being covered with asbestos, will increase their power 25 per The power line from the plant t nie will be built as soon as pra Some eighteen men suspected ing had a hand in the mob distu the Coal Creek mines on the of March 19th, have left Fern these there were several who ha served with summonses. Thomas secretary of Gladstone union, an ney, one of the executive of the are among the missing. A man Ruben is the last to go. He

under bonds. Workmen are being sent to the Nest by the C. P. R. in consider numbers. Recently a car of Italia rived to work on the track as They will be employed between and the Loop. Government Agent Armstrong h

busily engaged in selecting gover lots in the new town of Morrisse townsite company will place lots N. Hanson of Wasa has complete

rangements for the erection of a hotel. Construction will comme on as the lumber can be place

The Grace Dore is bonded to E Canadian parties for \$20,000. A first payment was made in Dec the second payment was receiv week, and a third payment wi due in June. It is reported that the on the Grace Dore is about 4 width, and carries nickel value per cent, also values in cobalt.
William Walsh, William Kid John Glenn have returned to Fort from Weaver creek, where they een engaged in placer mining sin tober 14th. It is reported that th was most successful taking out siderable amount of the yellow One nugget was valued at \$70.

A very rich strike was made feet of the richest copper ore ever on this property was opened fifty pound sample was taken to and has been admired by all wh seen it. The Good Luck is tribu

Steamers on the upper Columb are being offered more freight the can handle conveniently.

THE BOUNDARY

The first band of beef cattle t the Boundary from the Okanaga ges have reached Eholt. They part of 250 head from the F ranch at Keremoes.
Forces at nearly all the Bo

mines were somewhat increase Three men are at work on Denoro in Summit camp, in ch

R. H. Anderson.
Three shifts are employed work of deepening the main compartment incline shaft Snowshoe.

The proposed Granby No. 4 will be 1000 feet long as a start will come out in close proximity The B. C. mine still has 30 or

employed, although no ore is shipped at the present time, it accumulated on the dump. C. H. Brown of Anaconda shortly to inaugurate develowork on the King of the Hills located a short distance north

the Snowshoe.
Superintendent Williams of th by mines states that men for m have been scarce this week. Th has been considerably increas not, as many men could be

Were wanted. It is expected with the net po of a couple of more cars of o the owners of the Providence mi make the balance of the paym the bond, which originally cal

THE SLOCAN.

Since January 7th, 1903, ten min shipped 2485 1-2 tons of silverom Sandon, seven mines ship tons from McGuigan, and ten

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