

## PERFECT DAY

What was characterized by some of the guests at yesterday's excursion up the lake as the brightest day in their long itinerary over the Dominion was spent by the members of the Canadian Mining Institute and their guests from all over the world, but especially from Great Britain and the continent of Europe in visiting the Blue Bell mine and in looking at the beauties of Kootenay lake. There was just sufficient to do, said one after dinner speaker, to persuade the eminent mining men and engineers who, together with the citizens of Nelson, made up the party, to persuade themselves that they were really doing some work but the magnificent scenery, the placid waters, the ever changing cloud effects and the shifting views of the panorama of lake, mountain and valley, now a glimpse of a glacier in the distance, then a glance at a noble peak a rising 10,000 feet into the blue above the expanse of the chard land and again the castellated rocks of a frowning precipice, made a whole which the visitors will carry away pictured in their minds as one of the most noteworthy scenes and days in Canada.

The party left Nelson on the steamer Kuskook a little before eleven o'clock and steamed up past Procter to Lynchville where a couple of savants belonging to the visitors party were picked up. These had spent the last few days looking into the primeval forest at the back of Crawford bay. Then the steamer skirted slowly past Alouette, the old set mining camp in the Kootenays, the spot where the ever strenuous Theodore Roosevelt packed the silver ore of the district down the long mountain road to the lake shore just to say that he, among many other duties and exploits, famed through two worlds, had helped, even if ever so little, in the development of Kootenay.

Lunch was taken while the steamer proceeded up the lake, past the beautifully situated town of Kaslo so that a glimpse might be obtained of the piled glaciers of the mountain scenery of the upper lake.

Turning slowly back came the Kuskook, halting for a bare half hour at Mirror lake where the visitors were lost in admiration of the splendid fruit growing on nine year old trees when a rapid transition took them across the lake and landed them at the Blue Bell. One of the oldest and the most perfectly equipped mines of the Slokan-Kootenay district.

Herein lay the real worth of the day and as the general manager, S. S. Fowler took his numerous guests to the mine, the solitary example in the province of a silver-lead-zinc mine in limestone, eager was the interest displayed. No tenebrous were these mining mining engineers, accompanied to the temperature of the Arctic, the torridity of South Africa or of west Australia or the burning breath of the mines of Canada in southern India.

Moreover the day was in the nature of a problem. Here was ore in vast quantities, in larger bodies than is elsewhere observed in this district. But the values were low and the means by which costs were cut by the skillful method of doing away with timbering and yet leaving the vast rocky arches intact, the perfectly appointed mill, with its multitudinous crushers, trommels, jigs and Wilfley tables, the neat engineering shop, the lead-zinc separator under process of completion the whole involving an outlay of a quarter million dollars, were keenly criticized and fully appreciated by Mr. Fowler's intellectual and critical audience, representing as they did the best mining and engineering talent in the world.

Expressing his opinion after the inspection one of the visitors said: "It is so hard in so brief a time over so large a territory as we have visited in these few days, from the great stupor of the low grade copper mines of the admirably managed Granby, through the levels of the Rossland properties and now again to such an utterly different development, such as this, to be able to give any connected account of that which one has really seen. Yet I have seldom seen a country so magnificently so opportunely and if only the people of the district will take themselves and their properties seriously there is nothing to prevent the Kootenay becoming a very great mining country. I think so much of Canada that I am seriously considering at the conclusion of my present work in India of settling in the Dominion."

Thus one man. Such was the opinion of all whom the representatives of The Daily News came in contact. Some were more guarded in their praise, some were more unreserved. So for the Anglo-Saxon, it came to the Continental that his opinion is best expressed in the words of A. Goebel, representing the German government: "Himmel! I have had the best day of my journey since I left Germany!"

This visit of the engineers will be of infinite service to the country goes without saying. These men have the ear of capital, they have had an opportunity of seeing a few of the mines of the country, they have been eye witnesses of the management, "magnificent" they styled it, and are going away more than satisfied.

And of all places Nelson is the place they have enjoyed most.

Dr. Miller, in an after dinner impromptu oration, said that at Medicine Hat, with the poet of the empire, he was present at the roof of hell. At the Granby he had been introduced to its bowels but here on the lake he had a foretaste of the other place.

After leaving the Blue Bell, the steamer was brought into Procter where some of the party had stayed fishing with T. G. Procter and A. B. W. Hodges and there a splendid banquet, perfectly appointed and served, was partaken of. The toast of the king was drunk, Leslie Hill as chairman, proposed the health of the guests in a few words which was responded to as briefly by Dr. Miller, supported by one or two others and then gathering in A. B. W. Hodges on the billows of a mighty boat of trade chorus led by Fred Starkey, whose organizing and catering abilities were

everywhere evident through the whole day, and accompanied with a vim by the entire assemblage, he was swept into the music room where song and college chorus, varying from Alouette, Die Wacht am Rhein to Scotch melody and English ballad, came from his nimble fingers on the pianoforte as the colours were cleared from many a voice, until the approaching lights of Nelson gave warning of the close of a delightful day and one which in many ways will hereafter prove highly beneficial to this district.

Following are the names of the local men present, the names of the visitors having been published in yesterday's paper:

The Daily News, Edward J. Keffer, Leslie Hill, Louis Pratt, J. W. Whittier, LeB. de Veber, J. L. W. Stocks, G. Nichols, T. S. Lawlor, A. L. McKillop, F. E. Griffith, W. C. E. Koch, W. E. Jiwicky, Alex. Smith, A. Fournier, F. M. Black, W. J. Wilson, A. H. Gracey, J. L. Warner, T. G. Procter, C. M. Lay, J. M. Patenaude, S. S. Taylor, H. Byers, R. F. Gigot, E. H. Smith, J. Snyder, T. Kiddie, R. Irwin, E. K. Beeston, F. Starkey.

## APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE

## ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION SETS FORTH NEEDS

## FURTHER SUPPORT FOR WORK NECESSARY

The following appeal for aid for the Aberdeen association, signed by the countess Grey as president and Lawrence J. Burpee as honorary secretary, has been received by The News with a request for publication:

Organized something over seventeen years ago, through the initiation and personal efforts of lady Aberdeen, the Aberdeen Association stands for a single idea—the free distribution of good literature to settlers in isolated parts of Canada. It is absolutely free from all bias—political, social, or denominational. Its mission is to brighten the homes of Canada's new citizens in the remote districts of the great northwest, to furnish the means of education and recreation to those sturdy pioneers who are doing so much to strengthen and enrich the Dominion. The object of the Aberdeen Association is therefore, not merely philanthropic; it is patriotic in the broadest sense of the term.

The parent branch of the association was formed at Winnipeg in 1890. Three years later a second branch was organized at Halifax. Others were formed in rapid succession, until now the association embraces fourteen branches, with a central organization at Ottawa. For several years the work was confined to the distribution of literature to individual settlers, the effectiveness of which is proved by hundreds of grateful letters received year by year at the different branches. Every application for literature is carefully investigated, and there is no doubt that the parcels of books and magazines sent out, go where they will do the most good. The magnitude of this branch of the association's work may be gathered from the fact that up to the present time nearly a quarter of a million parcels of carefully selected literature have been distributed throughout the Dominion. The association at present has on its lists about thirteen hundred names, to which literature is sent periodically.

Three years ago, with the object of increasing the effectiveness of the work, and meeting changed conditions in the west, it was decided to establish small circulating libraries in the newly settled districts, wherever there was sufficient population to make it worth while. This system of libraries is still in the experimental stage, but the results so far achieved lead to the belief that the association will find here an even broader field of usefulness than in its distribution of literature to individual settlers.

It has already become apparent, however, that our very limited and uncertain source of revenue will not begin to meet the demands of this new and rapidly growing project. Since 1894 the postoffice, recognizing the far-reaching benefits conferred by the association and its educational and social value to the west, has desired that the association should be able to carry parcel of literature free through the mails, under certain limitations as to size; and one or two of the railway and steamship companies have granted us similar privileges; but the pressure of the war has resulted in the withdrawal of these favors to be withdrawn, and there are many other expenses connected with the collection and distribution of literature, especially in the form of libraries, which can only be met by the association at its own expense. Above all, the work of the association has grown to such an extent that no honorary secretary can afford the time to do it justice. It is imperative, therefore, that provision should be made for a permanent secretary, whose whole time could be devoted to the interests of the association, and who would be free to personally inspect the work in the west from time to time and organize it upon the most efficient basis. All this requires money, and that is the crux of the matter. The association at the present moment.

As the members of the association give their time to the furtherance of a work which they believe to be of the highest importance to the nation, they confidently appeal, upon both philanthropic and patriotic grounds, to their fellow-countrymen throughout the Dominion to contribute generously towards its financial support.

Contributions may be sent either direct to the general treasurer, Col. Fred White, C.M.G., Ottawa, or to the general treasurer through the secretaries of branches in the several cities:

Mme. A. Gason, 61 Viger avenue, Montreal.

Miss M. C. Featherstonhaugh, 775 Sherbrooke street, West, Montreal.

Mrs. Frank Konick, 223 Macpherson avenue, Toronto.

Miss M. McMillan, 230 Central avenue, London, Ontario.

Miss Florence I. Barker, 14 Arkleiden avenue, Hamilton.

Miss M. Redden, King street, Kingston.

Miss H. May Ward, 48 Summer street, St. John N. B.

Miss Scott, Kingsley building, South street, Halifax.

Mrs. D. H. Laird, 53 Edmonton street, Winnipeg.

Miss L. Moodie Calgary.

Mrs. W. E. Graveley, 1315 Georgia street, Vancouver.

Miss L. Angus, 95 Belcher street, Victoria.

## NECHAGO VALLEY LAND.

## Phoenix Men Take Up Big Block of Country.

(Special to The Daily News.)

PHOENIX, Sept. 25.—Edward Thompson and Charlie Pinker have just returned to Phoenix after a five months' trip through the northern part of British Columbia, during which they located about 8,000 acres of land for a local syndicate. The syndicate was formed some months ago under the name of Northern Exploration company and the above gentlemen were sent to locate the land.

The property selected is in the Nechago valley, tributary to Fort George, on the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, and is said to be of the choice of the association. Those interested in the company are mayor Matheson, Dr. MacLean, J. E. W. Thompson, C. H. Reeves, W. X. Perkins, R. H. McCracken, Al Almstrong, Edward Thompson and Charles Pinker of Phoenix and J. A. Morrin of Peachland.

## CAN'T STAND JOE.

Secretary of Exclusion League Resigns His Position.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 25.—After holding on continuously since the organization of the Asiatic exclusion league, Jordan M. Grant secretary of the league has forwarded his resignation of the post to president J. H. Wilton.

For some time there have been rumors of difference of opinion as to the manner in which the affairs of the league have been conducted and these resulted in a climax on the nomination of Joseph Martin, C. C., as the candidate of the association to contest the federal seat of Vancouver against W. B. McInnes and Geo. H. Cowan. Mr. Grant having opposed the placing of a candidate in the field by the league, sees no other course open than his resignation.

## PROSPECTORS ARE BUSY

## SHEEP CREEK AND COTTONWOOD CREEK

## MINING RECORDS SHOW WHAT IS DOING

The activity in local mining circles continues as will be seen by the records, the following locations of assessment appendices. Sheep creek still continues to be very active, but quite a lot of work is also going on on Cottonwood creek and near Creston.

The following locations were recorded: Golden on Toad mountain, by William Moore. Alice on Sheep creek by Peter Jennings. Dimock on Sheep creek, by Harry H. Dimock. Wye Pine on Eagle mountain, by M. A. Traves. Wood Point on Eagle mountain, by Charles West. Red Squirrel on Eagle mountain, by Mrs. Peter Bruce. Red Pine on Eagle mountain, by E. Trava. Red Rock on Eagle mountain, by John Rodway. Malchite and Azurite near Tagham, by Janet Stewart. Place Fractional on Wolfe creek, by William Waddie. Grasshopper on Grasshopper mountain, by John Waldbauer. Pioneer near Lost creek, by John Hammond. Gold Eagle and Bald Eagle by E. E. McArthur and T. E. Collins on Pawa creek. Sky Hi and story window of the old grain exchange building yesterday and was killed.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 25.—John Nelson, an employee of the Winnipeg Teat and Awning company, fell from the fourth floor of the old grain exchange building yesterday and was killed.

He was taken to the general hospital where his injuries were attended to and he will likely be around again in a day or so.

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## A NEW RECORD

The shipments from the mines for the past week were 3000 tons greater than at any period during the year and are within a few hundred tons of being the record for any week in the history of the Kootenay. This in spite of the fact that the Dominion C. P. company's plant is still closed down at Boundary Falls.

The record established for the week is, however, not likely to stand, unbroken for any length of time as the Boundary Falls plant may be expected to resume operations shortly and the total shipment, including its capacity as well as the Granby.

In the Siccan country mining is progressing favorably and new shippers are being added to the already long list. In the Sheep creek district the Mother Lode, Kootenay Bell and Queen are shipping but no returns have been made of the exact amounts.

There have also been heavy shipments of zinc ore of late to the American smelter, the shipments having lately been sent out from various Slocan properties.

A rich car of ore has just been shipped from the Westmont mine on Ten Mile, Slocan lake which is running over 400 ounces of silver to the ton, according to the mine assays. The Westmont mine is only lately coming into prominence. For over a dozen years Frank Griffith worked this mine practically unaided, driving 1000 feet of crosscut to tap the vein single handed, living for months alone in the wilds. He is now reaping the rewards of his fortitude and termed a remarkable figure in yesterday's excursion of a mining engineers.

The following are the ore shipments for the past week and year to date:

## BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

Granby	10,973	743,835
Mother Lode	10,973	10,973
Oro Denoro	2,749	46,536
Evening Star	1,556	4,159
Other Mines	2,749	2,749
Total	25,970	966,322

## ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS

Centre Star	2,510	119,804
Le Roi	2,915	56,664
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Other Mines	31	223
Total	6,174	198,121

## SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS

St. Eugene	1,047	17,593
Whitewater	21	1,363
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Foreman, mill	269	8,800
Queen, mill	185	6,835
Evening Star	21	807
Richmond	89	1,613
Bluebell	147	1,141
Le Roy	1,047	17,593
Rambler Cariboo	21	888
Ruth	21	888
Silver	21	888
Reco	21	888
Monarch	21	888
Wellington	21	888
Other Mines	21	888
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