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PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

It may be accepted as a certainty that the Provincial elections will be held not later than the second week in July or in little more than two months' time.

Since the last elections great strides have been made in the development of the natural resources of the Province and the population has increased to a considerable extent, especially in the southeastern districts.

Among the Oppositionists several plans of organization have been attempted and two platforms have been drafted, but so far as we can see, that party remains as it has always been—hopelessly inefficient, both in and out of the legislative assembly.

On the other hand the Government party, if it has not made any friends in the constituencies, has held its own in the legislative assembly. Since the last elections it has been freely prophesied each year at the convening of the legislature that the Administration would surely go to pieces before the end of the session.

During the last four years Mr. Turner, as finance minister, has maintained the credit of the Province on a satisfactory basis, though his enemies say that there is not much credit due him for this.

At the approaching elections the Government party will naturally be judged by what has been done in the way of legislation during the last four years.

SOUND ADVICE.

The MINER has frequently prophesied that the Klondike boom would be short lived, and recent reports from reliable sources prove that its judgment in this instance is correct.

But we must not put our eggs all into one basket. We must not let the distant Yukon cause us to ignore the nearer Kootenay and Cariboo, Lillooet and Yale.

Our nearer, and more certain fields for trade and enterprise; fields the permanency of which no one will question. "Vancouver's hinterland" for trade reaches from the Coast to the eastern border of East Kootenay.

The British America corporation is another corporation with large resources behind it that is just beginning its mining operations here. It has commenced to work in a systematic manner with men at the head of its several departments who are noted for their competency and skill in the capacities for which they have been engaged.

are thoroughly grounded in commercial perspective.

In the above remarks the Vancouver News-Advertiser gives utterance to a sound advice as was ever imparted to the business men of the Coast.

REDISTRIBUTION.

The Government was fairly popular in Rossland until the Redistribution bill was introduced in the legislature.

What is the Government going to do about it? Does the Administration consider the support of the Rossland district of no consequence?

The MINER would strongly urge the Government to reconsider the matter and give Kootenay two more members.

MR. BOGLE'S MISTAKE.

We do not believe that the resolution passed at the mass meeting last night will meet with the entire approval of a large majority of the electors of this district.

It must, too, be taken into consideration that the prospector is born and not made, and that there are but few who are successful at the business, but still, other things being equal, the one who has scientific knowledge will always outstrip his poorly informed contemporary.

MINING DEVELOPMENT.

Results are not attained in mining in a day in this camp where the country rock is composed of indurated granite and diorite through which progress is necessarily slow.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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The ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending April 30, amounted to over 2,000 tons.

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ROBSON-PENTICTON RAILWAY.

The construction of the Robson-Pentiction railway means so much for the development of Southern British Columbia that it is only natural that the people of West Kootenay and South Yale should be anxious to see the road completed.

ALL those who have come to Rossland from London during the last six months confidently predict that British Columbia will be the scene of the next great mining boom.

Recent English newspapers contain details of a notable instance of devotion to duty. It will be recalled that during the Afrida campaign a small party of the First battalion of the Northampton regiment—the old Forty-eighth foot—was surrounded and destroyed by the enemy.

It is hoped that the Canadian Pacific railway will vigorously push the construction of this Pentiction extension, for the reason that delay in its completion means the retardation of the development of Southern British Columbia.

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Montreal Red Mountain Gold Fields Company, Limited.

Take notice that an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Montreal Red Mountain Gold Fields Company, Limited, will be held at the registered office of the company, Rossland, on Monday the 23rd day of May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

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Advertisement for the Pacific Railway, detailing routes, schedules, and services between various points in the West.

Advertisement for the Yukon Gold Fields, providing information about mining opportunities and local services.

Advertisement for the Robson-Pentiction Railway, highlighting the benefits of the new line for the region.

Advertisement for the Montreal Red Mountain Gold Fields Company, detailing their mining operations and company information.

Advertisement for the Ground Floor Proposition, offering shares in the Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, Limited.

Advertisement for S. Thornton Langley & Co., providing information about their mining and engineering services.

Advertisement for the Best Prospector, offering services and information for those interested in mining.