

# General News Of the Kootenay

## EAST KOOTENAY.

T. G. Proctor has again taken up the management of the Kootenay Valley Land company, with which he was connected for several years. The company's lands are principally situated in the Kootenay valley from Canal Flat to Tobacco Plains.

The Fort Steele Prospector is a staunch advocate of the resources of East Kootenay. It is advancing the claims of the district for customers smelter. East Kootenay offers exceptional opportunities for capital in this respect.

The Kootenay Central railway is to be surveyed and there is every possibility that the road will be built in the near future. It will tan the rich mines and farming lands of the upper Kootenay valley.

The East Kootenay Indians have cut 200,000 feet of logs during the past two months on the Indian reserve.

Blasting powder is being freighted from Fort Steele to the Ptarmigan mines. O. J. Johnson, Karl Neitzel and others have incorporated a company called the St. Eugene Mountain company, to work a claim of claims adjoining the St. Eugene at Morley.

Reports received at Fort Steele from Tobacco Plains and other points in the East Kootenay valley indicate that the weather for the past month has been more severe on cattle and horses than for several years.

Recently a twenty-four dollar nugget was picked up in the sluice box of the Thompson shaft on Perry creek.

The Kootenay Placer Mining company on Perry creek, has purchased from Nels Hanson a sawmill to be set up near its property, to equip the mine with flumes and buildings. The mill was hauled to the mine during the week.

Option to purchase has been given by the owners of a group on Wild Horse creek to Eastern Canadian people. The consideration is said to be \$100,000. Included in the group are the Tit-for-Tat, owned by D. Griffith, and the Dardanelles, owned by the Banks brothers.

There is a sawmill at the station consigned to Robinson and company. It has been turned over to the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber company, who will set it up as an auxiliary to its plant at Wardner.

E. H. Small of Cranbrook has received his appointment as Indian Revenue Officer, and will in future have charge of the customs and inland revenue. Mr. Small is giving excellent satisfaction as customs officer, and is popular with the public.

The Fernie board of trade has made elaborate preparations for the reception of the delegates to the convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, which meets today.

The Morley Lumber company have about 8,000,000 feet of logs cut and ready to bring to the mill as soon as the ice breaks up and goes out. They expect to take out about 100,000,000 feet altogether this winter. The company is preparing for an enormous business this season. The mill is being thoroughly overhauled and enlarged, and everything will be in readiness for starting as soon as the lake is clear. The payroll at the mill will be larger than ever this season.

Up to the present time the only names that have been seriously discussed in this district as candidates for the provincial parliament are those of W. Blakemore and Fred Stork of Fernie. Mr. Blakemore is looked upon in a favorable light on account of his experience and knowledge of the general needs of the district.

One of the largest and most important commercial deals in the history of the Crow's Nest was put through last Saturday when Messrs. A. B. Trites and R. W. Wood became the owners of the big store of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. at Coal Creek, Morrissey and Michel.

S. S. Fowler returned to Nelson last week from an abortive attempt to reach the Paradise mine in the Windermere district. In company with R. R. Bruce and three other men, Mr. Fowler left on Thursday last for the south by train. The party managed to cover a little over eight miles of the road during the day, but the snow was so deep that it was thought advisable to return and the trip was given up, the whole party coming back to Golden.

## THE SLOCAN.

The government are advertising a sale of mineral claims in the Slocan for taxes. The sale takes place on Friday, May 8th, at the government office, Kaslo.

The Highland mill at Ainsworth, which resumed work last week has been compelled to temporarily shut down again because of lack of water for power purposes. The force of men has been retained, as it is expected the present thaw will fill the creek up sufficiently again.

The Slocan Star is shipping 500 tons a month.

Rev. James Hastie has been appointed to the Presbyterian church at Kaslo.

The Bosun mine continues to ship zinc-silver ore to Iola, Kansas. Shipments from the same mine are also made to Antwerp, Holland.

A glue club is to be formed in New Denver.

The Wakefield mine will start operations at an early date.

Slocan City has carried a by-law granting a bonus to a local sawmill company. The vote was 36 to 0.

## THE LARDEAU.

There has been great activity since last October in the timber business, caused by the good crops and consequent rapid settling up of the government and C. P. R. lands of the Northwest Territories. The farmers of the Territories have been prosperous for some years back and they are building good houses and outbuildings, and the demand for lumber from British Columbia has increased fully ten times. This has caused speculators to hunt up timber limits until it is hard to find a good section of timber land open for location. The greatest rush for timber was, of course, in East Kootenay, it being so near the prairie farms and ranches of the Northwest; but here in the Lardeau the timber has not been overlooked by any means. At Arrowhead nearly the whole country has been staked and two large sawmills are to be built this season. Timber is always a profitable and safe investment providing the position is accessible and it is held long enough.

Fred Fraser, the energetic gold commissioner for this district, visited the Camborne camp last week to estimate the requirements of this region for the current year in the way of roads and trails. Mr. Fraser expressed his intention of recommending to the lands and works department the completion of the Boyd creek trail, and cutting the Beatrice trail in shape so that the Beatrice mine may be enabled to ship ore. The gold commissioner will likely return in the course of a week, to consider repairs to the Fish river bridges before spring freshets commence.

It is the intention of the Cariboo Creek Development syndicate, owners of the Mohican in the Lardeau, to resume work on that property within a short time. The tunnel in which an ore body was encountered last fall will be continued. The shoot opened up is extensive, and the ore carries high values. After work is under way for a short time the company will start sacking ore for a trial shipment. About ten tons will be sent out as smelter test, and it is expected that the gross values will not be less than \$100 per ton. At the same time a quantity of second class ore will be shipped for experimental purposes. The lower grade product carries much iron, so that comparatively low treatment rate will doubtless be secured for it.

A group of Trout Lake and Rossland people have taken a bond on a gold proposition adjoining the I. X. L. and will start work as soon as weather conditions are propitious.

M. L. Moyer has taken a working bond, for a year, on the Horseshoe, of the development property belonging to Ed. Hillman, of Trout Lake, and George S. McCarter, of Revelstoke. The improvements already done consist of a 160-foot tunnel and an incline which runs down 80 feet and shows a vein of ore two feet in width, with about one foot of solid galena and a small streak of grey copper. The Horseshoe is located at the head of Trout Lake; has a good trail running close by; and adjoins the Lucky Boy, Ruffled Grouse and other good properties. Mr. Moyer sent up a force of men Friday and they will get everything ready for a larger force, which will be sent up in the course of a couple of weeks.

J. B. Curtis, vice-president of the Northwest Development syndicate, who is spending a few days in the district on business connected with the company's mine at Goldfields, has stated that work is progressing most satisfactorily. The stamp mill is completed and in steady operation, and the first cleanup will be made about the middle of the month. A force of about 50 men have been employed on construction and development work during the winter, but this is now being reduced to the regular working force, the property being in shape to keep up steady shipping to the mill. Ore is now being taken from the Gold-finch claim, an open cut being driven on the lead. Work is also in progress on two tunnels at the Walrus claim, which is immediately below the Gold-finch, it being the intention to strike the lead of the latter claim from the upper two tunnels at a depth of 250 feet. On one of the tunnels they are in 100 feet and on the other 140 feet.

The Oyster-Criterion group is treating its lucky owners to a succession of happy surprises. An entirely unexpected vein of ore was encountered last week while driving a crosscut tunnel. The new lead is four feet wide and of the same character as the other rich veins of the group. This is the second strike on this property within the last fortnight. One thousand five hundred feet of tunnels, crosscuts, etc., have been done on the property to date.

## THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

H. W. Keith, M. D., has arrived in Midway and opened an office.

Notwithstanding the Fernie strike and complete shut down of all the Boundary smelters, mining near Greenwood is not at a standstill. While fourteen-cent copper looks good to the owners of low grade mines, without choice copper might as well be one dollar a pound. But there are mine owners in Greenwood who are not worried over scarcity of metal or price of copper. Since old Mr. Fowler led the way, mining high grade ore has become popular and profitable.

The Providence mine never looked better. Since Duncan McIntosh took charge, his usual good luck stayed right with him. The Providence vein is bigger and richer than ever. The Providence means much for Greenwood. The thirty men employed there live in the city.

Next door to the Providence is the Elkhorn. This property has been bonded and rebounded. Many mining men tempted by high values tried to get a well defined vein on the property but met with indifferent success. Jas. Sutherland and Phil McDonald took hold of the property a short time ago and kept right at work until today.

there is a 100-foot shaft in as rich ore as is found in the Providence. They are getting ready to ship and from present indications they are going to make small fortunes because of their pluck and perseverance.

C. Scott Galloway and Jack Jallo-way are running a tunnel on the Strathmore. Some years ago a shipment of high grade ore was sent from this property to the Everett smelter. There is surely plenty of similar ore and the present development work is likely to uncover it.

D. McVicar and his associates are pegging away on what they call the E. P. U. mines. As has already been announced big returns were secured from the first shipments from the E. P. U. and plenty of equally high grade ore is being taken out for further shipments.

D. Manchester of Greenwood has a high grade property of his own. It is up the gulch immediately above the Goldfinch. It didn't look very promising when he started in, but today there is 12 inches of high grade ore in the shaft.

Nothing is being done on the Gold-finch at present. The eastern people who have it under bond have not yet decided to go ahead. They have until the first of June to make up their minds, if they decide to let the property go there are others anxious to secure it.

There are some high grade mines immediately surrounding Greenwood. Between them are claims of equal promise. At the rate these are being leased or bonded, it is safe to say that within a year the hill overlooking the town will be teeming with busy men of the class that have always done most in making a town prosperous.

The Greenwood Electric company are applying to the city for an extension of its franchise so that it will be exclusive and run 25 years from date instead of ten years from 1900.

## CARIBOO.

The return of miners to Cariboo, who have spent the winter in other parts, commenced last week, when two large stage loads were taken by the B. C. Express company to Bulkley. Foreman Bisset, of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining company, was in charge of the crew, which numbered about 16, most of them being old hands.

A notable change at the mine, this season is that the monitors will be in the hands of new men. The two old hands that so long directed the monitors have not returned. Electrician Hoffmeister of Vancouver is again in charge of the electric plant, and T. J. Oppenheimer, also of Vancouver, takes a position in the company's store.

Foreman J. H. Hobson and Assistant Alexander are expected to go up in about a week.

## WEAK LUNGS.

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## A RAILWAY PRECAUTION.

Color and Hearing Sense Tests for C. P. R. Employees.

MONTREAL, March 17.—Thomas Tait, manager of transportation of the Canadian Pacific, has issued a circular, in which he says it is necessary for the safeguarding of life, to introduce a uniform system for testing color sense, sight and hearing of employees connected with the movement and handling of engines and trains. These standards must be strictly observed, but if in the opinion of the superintendent any exception should be made, the matter must be referred to the general superintendent for final decision, with a full report containing the reasons therefor.

## CHARGED WITH CRUELTY.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., March 17.—C. E. Fuller, superintendent of the Susquehanna Valley home for orphans in this city, against whom and Caretaker Watson charges of cruelty were made, returned this afternoon. The state board of charities was asked for advice in considering the charges, but referred the matter back to the local board. The resignation of Watson was accepted several days ago. Fuller was an assemblyman from the third district for two terms.

D. C. Johnson, representative of the American Smelting & Refining company, left yesterday for Spokane.

## MR. JAFFRAY'S VIEWS.

Statements Made in Course of an Interview at Spokane.

Robert Jaffray, of Toronto, vice-president of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, has been in Spokane for a few days since his visit to Fernie, leaving for the east yesterday. A Spokesman interviewer reports him as follows:

"Through the coke famine, caused by the Crow's Nest strike, the Quilp mine will be unable to declare a dividend by April 1st, as was anticipated some time ago. We have been pushing operations in the Quilp for some time, and everything indicated that we would experience a large and profitable year. Ore in large quantities has been taken out and we expected to do even better in the future, but through this unwarranted action of the miners many of the new improvements we had contemplated to install this spring will have to be abandoned. We are sinking deeper every day and the ore shows no decrease in value as we go down. What the amount of the dividend would have been had this trouble not occurred, I am not prepared to say, but it would have insured good returns on all the money invested."

"In regard to the Crow's Nest strike, so far as we know there is no collery in existence where the wages paid are as high as at our mines. The men were receiving from \$4 to \$7 per day, working by the ton rate, and this we consider as fair a rate as the conditions warranted."

"The men went on a strike without even notifying us or presenting any of their grievances. We would have gladly given them a hearing if they had done so and would have arbitrated the matter, but not until a week ago when the conciliation committee was in session at Fernie did they present any of their alleged wrongs in the proper manner. This conciliation committee is formed of members from both sides of the controversy, the miners, of course, being in the majority. This committee is not an arbitrary one and neither side will be bound by its findings. They are still in session at Fernie, so I am not prepared to report what they found. A representative of the Western Federation of Miners called upon our general manager a few days ago and stated that the company's position was perfectly justifiable. We have been catering to the men in our employ for a number of years and have given them every consideration, now when they made new demands and wanted more concessions from us we decided to call a halt and try the case upon its merits."

"As far as I know we will not give in to any of their demands, neither will we arbitrate the matter with them now, so the only course that is left open to them now is to strike. They must come back to work and resume former relations."

"The Republic mine, in which I am interested, is in fairly good running order. We have decided to float \$300,000 in bonds, of which \$75,000 will be used to develop further the property and the remainder to satisfy the demand of the local creditors. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Patrick Clark, the president of the company, recently employed some experts to make a thorough investigation of all the workings at the mines and I understand that the report is very favorable. A complete analysis of all the ores was made and these were also found to be satisfactory. Now that sufficient funds have been raised the development of the property will no doubt be pushed forward at a rapid rate. Of course here again we have a strike situation to contend with and if it lasts much longer it will completely result in tying up this property also. The stockholders at Toronto, who own a large share of the stock in this mine, think well of the outlook and have every confidence in its future. The fact that Mr. Clark is interested in the property allays the fears of a good many skeptical ones."

Mr. Jaffray declined to discuss the statement by William Blakemore that Mr. Jaffray charges the American Copper Trust with being responsible for the strike, in order to reduce the output of the British Columbia-copper mines.

## MR. DUNSMUIR'S CHARGE.

No Foundation for His Accusation Against the Miners.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., March 17.—With reference to the charge made from Vancouver in which ex-Premier Dunsmuir is stated to have thrown down the gauntlet to union labor on his declaration that the Western Federation of Miners, through the copper trust, were instrumental in closing down the Fernie coal mines, Percy Godenrath, a newspaper correspondent, declares emphatically that there is absolutely no warrant for such a statement. Godenrath has recently returned from Fernie on a commission entrusted by outside interests to investigate the strike, and states that by reason of his association with the leaders in the strike and his personal knowledge of social life and conditions among the working miners, the English, Slav and Italian, he knows Dunsmuir's reflections are baseless and unfounded. He believes that the commission from the mining association will effect an amicable and permanent settlement.

## WENT AS DECK HAND.

Captain Troup Helps to Fill a Gap Made by Strikers.

VICTORIA, March 17.—The C. P. N. company, against whom the crews of the steamers now in port went on strike early this morning, has been able to operate the Victoria-Vancouver and Victoria-New Westminster steamers, and claims that the Alaska-bound steamer due to sail last night will get away tomorrow morning. The Charmer went out with a crew of deck hands, made up of the masters of several steamers now in port, one of the deck hands being Captain Troup, manager of the C. P. N.

The strikers are out in sympathy with the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees in their fight for recognition by the C. P. R.

George Green went to Chicago over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday.

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## THE STOCK MARKET

The market has had another quiet week, the transactions and the changes in price being comparatively few. A little more activity and a slight tendency upward were noticeable towards the close. Bonanza made a pronounced gain, being quoted yesterday at 35 1-2 and 34 1-2, but without sales. Cariboo McKinney has been generally weak, dropping down to 13 1-4 and closing at 14. Centre Star has not fluctuated much, the opening sale of the week being at 30 1-2 and the last one at 30. American Boy has been steady around 4 1-2. Giant has sold freely, the prevailing price being 2 1-2. White Bear gained a little on the strength of developments at the mine, a sale of 3000 being made yesterday at 3 1-4. Rambler-Cariboo crept up slightly, but the price hangs around 28. Payne was somewhat weaker, the last sale being made at 19. North Star made a slight gain during the week in the quotations, without bringing out any stock. War Eagle appears in the last day's sales at 14 3-4. San Pol was exceptionally weak, dropping yesterday to 9 and 7 1-2.

## FOREMAN PIGOTT FIRED.

SEATTLE, March 17.—Superior Judge Bell informed the members of the grand jury that he would remove Foreman Pigott, who on Friday declared the jury adjourned for one week and left for San Francisco, and appoint his successor whenever the 12 jurors formally notified him of the absence of their foreman from the state and of their desire to proceed. Telegrams were immediately sent to the absent jurors, all of whom replied that they would report for duty this morning. Andrew Blackiston will probably be selected to succeed Foreman Pigott.

# MINING INVESTMENTS

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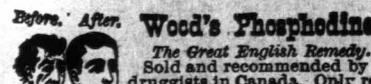
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Watson, manager of the warden mine, was in the city en route to Spokane.