

THE ESSAY PRIZES WON BY GIRLS. ALL SORTS OF NEWS

A. Beatrice Hobbs Wins the First Prize of \$10 and Bessie Chittenden the Second Prize of \$5 For the Best Essays on Queen Victoria.

The committee having in charge the award of the two cash prizes offered by THE MINER for the two best essays on the subject, Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, spent most of Monday afternoon reading and discussing the merits of the contributions submitted. After careful comparison and due deliberation they have decided that

A. Beatrice Hobbs, aged 14 years, of Rossland, wins the first prize of ten dollars.

And that Bessie C. Chittenden, aged 13 years, of Rossland, wins the second prize of five dollars.

Miss Hobbs has handled her subject in an exceptionally able and comprehensive manner. The subject of the essay required much thought in order to even begin to do it justice in the limited space of 1,000 words, but she has, nevertheless, succeeded very well in alluding to the most interesting and important features of the long and illustrious reign of our sovereign lady.

Miss Chittenden is a close second. She gives evidence of being a careful student of English history and the essay is written with exceptional care.

There were a large number of essays submitted from the several towns in the district. Among those who deserve special mention for the ability shown in their essays are:

Florence Pound, Rossland; Willard Power, Kaslo, Fred E. Griffith, Rossland; Vida Brown, Trail; Elvira Guldott, Rossland; Fannie Graham, Rossland; Jay Ferrier, Rossland; Gertrude Henegar, Rossland; Ella Cosgriff, Rossland; Lillie Garland, Rossland, and Pompey Garnett, Rossland.

A. Beatrice Hobbs, the winner of the first prize, is the daughter of Sidney Hobbs, the proprietor of the Bodega, and she was born in Brandon, Manitoba, on Christmas day 14 years ago. Beatrice, by the way, is one of twins. She has been a resident of Rossland for a little over two years, during which time she has attended Mrs. Conn's private school and the public school. Where she has been the pupil of Principal Blair, who is very proud of the success which has greeted her first advent into literature. Miss Hobbs has been a wide reader all her life, and all of her spare time is spent with books. It is not difficult to foretell that should she adopt literature as a profession she would achieve more than a liberal share of success.

Her essay is given below:

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, who now sits proudly upon the throne of England, is the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. She was born on the 24th of May, 1819, and was only 18 years of age, when, in 1837, upon the death of her uncle William IV, she succeeded to the throne of England. Since that time she has ruled the nation with wisdom, and with a degree of dignity and prudence that has justly won the love and admiration of her subjects throughout Great Britain and her possessions, as well as the respect of all other nations.

As according to the laws of England, she found many difficulties confronting her, in the settlement of which she was aided by the love and power of her loyal subjects. In February, 1840, she married her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, with whom she lived happily until his death in 1861. Since then she has remained a widow, and her reign has been one of peace and prosperity in her nation.

The first really important event in her reign was the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846. In 1854 the Crimean War was allied with Turkey against Russia. This war lasted until March, 1856, when, having been defeated, the Russians withdrew from the Crimea and peace was declared. The next important occasion in which British arms were used was in the suppression of the Mutiny in 1857; the differences then existing between the United States and Great Britain were successfully settled. With the exception of these, and a few other less important occasions, the reign of Her Majesty has been one of peace and prosperity, the pages of history which will describe to succeeding generations the events of Her Majesty's reign are marked by the red hand of war. In 1870 she gained the title of Empress of India.

During this time of peace, while not engaged in actual warfare the military and naval forces of the Empire have been kept in readiness, and the contrary, have been greatly increased and improved. Britain's navy now rules the seas and while other nations are engaged in war, by land and sea, she looks upon the world as her own, and maintains the dignity of her flag.

Queen Victoria has reigned the throne for a longer period than any other British sovereign. The past 61 years, during which she has ruled, have marked wonderful progress in science, literature and art.

The utilization of electricity and steam for mechanical and manufacturing purposes is one of the most notable features in regard to science. In guiding the ship of state for more than 60 years Her Majesty has been most fortunate in having wise and prudent advisors. Chief among these was the Right Hon. Lord Gladstone, who only a few days ago, passed from his sphere of usefulness in this world.

A most notable event in the Nineteenth Century was the coronation of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee held last year in honor of the 60th anniversary of her accession to the throne. This was a most glorious occasion, and the world, the great and humble, young and old, and with each other to do honor to their sovereign.

record of her reign will form a most beautiful page in the history that will be handed down to future generations.

A. BEATRICE HOBBS, Rossland, B. C.

Age 14 years.

Bessie C. Chittenden, the winner of the second prize offered by THE MINER for the best essay on Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, is an American by birth, but she has been a resident of Rossland for two years. Miss Bessie, so Mr. Blair, says is one of the best and closest students in the public schools, and he expects great things of her. She has always been especially strong in mathematics and rhetoric, but Mr. Blair says that there is no one else in the school who cannot excel. Miss Bessie is 13 years old. Her essay is as follows:

Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India, was born at Kensington Palace on the 24th of May, 1819.

She is the only child of the Duke and Duchess of Kent and the niece of William IV, who at the time of her birth was ruling over England. Her mother knew that much depended on the instructions she received while a child, and had her most carefully educated.

But, though she had many wise and great teachers, none of the information she obtained from them was so important as that which she received from her mother.

Under her tuition she was taught to regard truth as honor, justice as right, and every thing else.

As she became older she fully understood the position she was destined to occupy and also that many and grave responsibilities would rest upon her, as sovereign of a great nation.

In 1837, at the comparatively early age of eighteen, she was crowned Queen of England. Her coronation was a most magnificent and patriotic day, and she, would have believed you had you told them what great progress England would make during her reign.

She was loved and respected by all of her subjects, but though

"Our fathers loved their sovereign then, We love her better now, When cares and years and bitter tears Have dimmed her eyes and brow."

Had she not been Queen over a nation she would have been a veritable Queen among women, the highest ideal of true womanhood.

In 1840 she married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, her cousin, and she proved as a wife and mother as she has as a sovereign.

In 1841 Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, her eldest son and heir apparent to the throne was born. In the meantime, England has been regularly gaining more territory until British dominions are extended the world over, and "the sun never sets on British possessions."

During her reign the population of the United Kingdom has increased from 26,000,000 to 30,000,000, and today she rules over 400,000,000 people, and her dominions extend over 11,329,350 square miles.

Her reign has been one of phenomenal advancement in science, art and literature, each taking its place in the advancement of civilization and the promotion of the spirit of the universal brotherhood of man.

Over 60 years of her beneficent rule is chronicled in history, and in June, 1897, the occasion of her diamond jubilee, such a celebration in honor of her was held as perhaps will never be duplicated in the history of any sovereign.

The millions who cheered their Queen in London, the colonies paid her homage, and the cheers that millions of others have given wherever the English tongue is spoken.

The colonies paid her homage, the great heart of the people beat for her, soldiers and sailors from many lands greeted her, the representatives of all nations greeted her in the name of their sovereign.

All of this is connected by family ties with many of the thrones of Europe, she who rules over the greatest empire the world has ever seen, received from her subjects the heartfelt and most sincere expressions of loyalty ever uttered to a ruler.

"To none but you, my Queen, I have been true, And in this hour of triumph, I am true to you, God bless Victoria."

"God bless and save thee, noble Queen, We honor thee as best we may, The honors which the years have brought, And we thought of another name, Join in thy praise and loud acclaim."

"We've watched with pride the thirty years, That have made thee the noble Queen; As monarch, wife and mother, thou A model to the world has been. In this thy year of jubilee, Join in thy praise and loud acclaim."

"Victoria, the Great, the Good, Long may thy years of ruling be; For the last time thy reign is run, The world will mourn for thee; A mourning such as scarcely given, To none but thee, my Queen, As will be paid to England's Queen— The best the world has ever seen."

BESSIE C. CHITTENDEN, Rossland, B. C.

Age 13 years.

Profits of the Bank of Montreal.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year ending April 20, which has just been issued is highly satisfactory. The net profits for the year exceeded by the sum of \$34,739, those of the last year and are the largest since 1894, as will be seen from the following: 1893, net earnings, \$1,325,810; 1894, net earnings, \$1,313,280; 1895, net earnings, \$1,210,436; 1896, net earnings, \$1,241,196; 1897, net earnings, \$1,230,561; 1898, net earnings, \$1,265,300. Deducting the usual half yearly dividends of five per cent., one paid on Dec. 31, 1897, and one paid on June 1st, 1898, a total of \$1,200,000, there is left \$65,300 to be carried to profit and loss, making a balance in profit and loss to date of \$963,210.70, against \$886,909.98 at the close of April, 1897.

May Ship Cattle to Dawson.

P. Burns, the wholesale butcher, is in the city attending the festivities. Mr. Burns is not satisfied with his first year's experience in shipping beef to Dawson City and he has decided to ship the cattle to buy his cattle in Alberta and ship them into Vancouver. From the latter place they will go by steamer to Alaska, and then be driven in by way of the Dalton trail. On the last of May, Mr. Burns will be in readiness to transfer the cattle to Dawson City, where they will arrive about the first week in July. Once there they will be slaughtered and the meat will bring a high price.

Glanders Has Appeared Among Grand Forks Horses.

CROW'S NEST RAILWAY

Superintendent Haney Says the Road Will Be Completed to the Lake by 1st of August—An Absent Minded Man Walks Overboard.

Grand Forks has organized a bicycle club. So far Kuskonook has registered 55 voters. Bears are plentiful in the vicinity of Sloan City.

New Denver is shutting up hotel bars on Sunday.

Lillooet, according to the supplemental estimates, is to get \$1,000 for fire protection.

Arthur Meyers of Vernon, has accepted a position in the recorder's office at Midway.

Engineer Baker and fireman Brown were killed in an accident on the C. P. R. last week at Walsh.

In East Lillooet A. Prentice has been nominated to carry the Opposition banner.

A convention of Government supporters is to be held in Vernon on the 28th.

The Inland Sentinel states that Mr. McInnes, M. P., will run as Opposition candidate in North Nanaimo or Comox.

A fierce fire in the brush along the bay at New Denver destroyed a half hundred cords of wood a few days since.

A prospector named Harmon Knorr was drowned recently on the Columbia river, above Revelstoke, at the mouth of Carner Creek.

The C. P. R. officers on the lake steamer are rigged out in handsome uniforms, resplendent in some cases with gold lace.

John Clunin, formerly of Kaslo, and better known as "Toughnut Jack," is reported to have lost his legs by frezing in the Klondike. The report lacks confirmation.

A bylaw has been introduced in the Grand Forks council allowing concert halls, and the citizens take this to be a sign that they are going to have a wide open town.

Recent there arose a difference of opinion between Rev. McLennan and the Presbyterian church of Grand Forks. It ended in the pastor filing his resignation with the trustees, but it has not yet been accepted.

Fifty men are now employed on the bridge over Kootenay lake, where the Crow's Nest railway will cross. It is expected to be three months more in building, and will be two miles and a half in length.

Carson and Nelson are endeavoring to join forces in having a four day celebration from July 1 to July 4, the celebration to begin at Grand Forks on Dominion day and conclude in Nelson on July 4.

The work of constructing the telephone line from Bossburg to Cascade City and Grand Forks has been begun. The extension of the line to Republic has been so successful that it was concluded to build into the Boundary country.

In Vancouver D. G. McDonnell is spoken of as a probable Opposition candidate, while Captain Taitow may run on the Government side. Mr. George Bartley may stand for election as a "labor" man.

A rich lead of 10-year-old whisky was discovered by a well-known livery stable proprietor in town, while plowing up a garden on the river bank near the bridge. A five-gallon keg was first unearthed, but the plowman broke it and the contents were spilled. Subsequently two more barrels were turned up. No doubt the finders had run on to an old construction period whisky cache.—Revelstoke Herald.

Dr. Christie, of Osoyoos, Dominion veterinary inspector for that section, who some days ago quarantined a valuable horse belonging to Bert Mitchell of Grand Forks, last Tuesday shot the animal. Dr. Christie says that this horse was affected with an acute attack of glanders, and in the last stages of that much dreaded disease when it destroyed. He is of the opinion that there is more glanders around Grand Forks and he proposes to use his utmost endeavors to stamp it out.

Cannon, the K. & S. section hand, who "so far forgot himself" as to whale Albert McDougall over the head with a 12-pound crowbar about a week ago, and who was later sent to Nelson for trial by Magistrate Lucas, got his deserts at Nelson Judge Fortin.

On the advice of his counsel Cannon pleaded guilty and received a sentence of two months.

In the supplementary estimates, which have gone through, Kaslo is given \$750 for grading and improving the public grounds, known as the Lavalley Crow's Nest railway, was at Kuskonook a few days since, inspecting the works at this end of the line. He was perfectly satisfied with everything and gave orders to push the work on the trestle out to the slip at the mouth of the river with all possible speed. Fully 300 men will be put to work on it as soon as possible. He maintained that the rails would be laid to Kootenay lake by August 1.

It was remembered that on the 15th of last March, Government Agent Lenord Norris of Vernon, held an enquiry into the land dispute between Eli Lavalley and Charles Dundee, who both claimed the valuable property at Christina Lake, known as the Lavalley estate. Mr. Norris after carefully looking into this case, decided in favor of Mr. Lavalley, and confirmed that gentleman's pre-emption title to the land.

Mr. Norris' decision in this case must have been a great disappointment to the Lavalley family, as it has made large improvements on the disputed land.

A serious accident causing loss of life occurred recently through a landslide at Bermingham & Godfrey's cutting, one and a half miles west of Bullhead, in the Crow's Nest Pass. One man was taken out dead and fearfully crushed, and three more are missing, with very little hope of their being alive.

This is the second fatal accident recently within the last few days. A diptheria has also broken out at this place. Seven cases are now in the hospital, but

all are progressing favorably. Sickness is very prevalent at Bullhead and there is great difficulty in obtaining medicine. Last Wednesday evening while the Alberta was discharging her cargo at Kuskonook, George Crook, manager of Turner, Beeton & Company's branch at Moyie City, was pacing up and down the deck of the old Spokane which is used as a wharf. With his mind doubtless far from the scene of his promenade he deliberately walked off the deck, plunging into eight feet of none too warm lake water, from which he was fished with no small difficulty in a rather dazed and chilly condition, giving as a reason for so doing that he had forgotten "where he was at."

Ben Rankin committed suicide Tuesday morning of last week at the Bartlett hotel, Sandon, by shooting himself through the heart. Deceased had made Sloan City his home for the past year and was well and favorably known here. It is supposed that domestic troubles were the cause of the unfortunate man taking his life. His remains were laid to rest on Thursday in the Sloan City cemetery by the I. O. F. of which order the deceased was a member.

TWO WEEKS THE PLACE.

Spokane is Shortly to Have a British Vice-Consul.

It is the intention to shortly locate a British vice-consul at Spokane, and there is considerable interest being taken in the matter in Rossland by the citizens here. Edward Cronyn recently circulated a petition among the more influential citizens of Rossland which was numerously signed, requesting that O. Stuart Armour of Armour & Cool, at attorneys at law of Spokane, be appointed to the position. Mr. Armour is a son of the chief justice of the Queen's bench division of Ontario, and is a popular young man. The petition has been forwarded to James Laidlaw, the British consul at Portland, in whose hands is the appointing power.

Another candidate for the position is Ben Norman, manager of the Hotel Spokane. Mr. Norman is the uncle of W. S. Norman, manager of the Rossland Water company. He is an Englishman by birth and has been a resident of Spokane for the past 15 years, where he is well thought of as he has an absolutely clean record. He has large interests in Spokane and could always be found when needed. Mr. Norman has many strong friends in Spokane who would like to see him appointed to the position.

In this city the sentiment is strongly in favor of the appointment of a vice-consul at Spokane, for the reason that it would be a great convenience to the people of this city and of the Kootenays generally.

DOMESTIC FELICITY

Maintained in Families Where Diamond Dyes Are Used.

The happiest, best regulated and most economical families in the Dominion are regular users of the world-famous Diamond Dyes. Domestic felicity is ever maintained, because the Diamond Dyes are true and unchanging in work, and as they give the best and fastest colors.

Mrs. T. Lavin, Newark, Ont., says: "I have used many other makes of dyes, but find the Diamond Dyes ahead of all as they give the best and fastest colors."

Mrs. Silas Danby, Mahone Bay, N. S., says: "Your Diamond Dyes give me entire satisfaction. I have used other makes, but have settled on the good, old and reliable Diamond Dyes."

Mrs. Joseph Weir, Sutton Junction, P. Q., says: "I have used Diamond Dyes for the last 10 years, and they have given me great satisfaction; I can recommend them to all as the best."

Mrs. G. A. Tory, Red Deer, N. W. T., says: "I have given your Diamond Dyes a fair trial and find them excellent; failure is impossible if the directions are followed."

Miss Gussie Crawford, Kingston, N. B., says: "I have just dyed an old skirt in beautiful Seal Brown with your Diamond Dyes, and am much pleased with the result. I make my Black ink from your Slate Diamond Dye, and it is the only kind of ink I have used for years, and I do a great deal of writing."

Mrs. John Lewis, Port Colborne, Ont., says: "I have used Diamond Dyes in all the colors, and I can safely say they do all you claim for them."

Will Give Another Concert.

The members of the Choral union are busy preparing for another concert to be given early in June. During the absence of Mr. Low, the conductor, Mr. Hart-McHarg, the president of the society, has contended to wield the baton. Mr. Hart-McHarg is a gentleman of well known musical ability and training. The regular rehearsal this week has been postponed until Wednesday evening, in account of the Queen's birthday festivities.

REASONABLE.

God of our father, known of old— Lord of our far-flung empire— Beneath whose awning hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine— Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies— The captains and the kings depart: Still stands thine ancient altar, O God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far called our navies melt away— On dune and headland sinks the fire— All our pomp of yesterday Is one with Nineveh and Tyre! Judge of nations, spare us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe— Such boasting as the Gentiles use Or lesser breeds without the law— Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts his trust In breathing tube and iron shard— All valiant dust that builds on dust— And hurles his stone of anger— That to the bright and glorious, by our fire, Thy mercy on thy people, Lord, Amen.

—RUDYARD KIPPLING.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following were the arrivals at the International hotel, Greenwood, during the week:

S. B. Richards, W. B. Richards, J. McNicol, E. Jacobs, Midway; George Oatman, G. Eutis, Rossland; J. Mulcahy, K. Stuart, R. M. McEntire, George Gussie, city; E. Turrove, P. E. J. M. E. Munn, London; M. McLean, Stenwinder.

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THE WEEK'S REPORT.

Those stocks most active during the past week have been Monte Christo, War Eagle and Deer Park. The management of the former property have declared their intentions to at once proceed shipping FIFTY TONS OF ORE PER DAY to the Trail smelter, and it is confidently asserted that the mine can be made to produce with but a little extra effort ONE HUNDRED TONS PER DAY. To our clients and the public, we recommend you to buy Monte Christo now, while you can get it at the present price.

Name of Company.	Price.	Name of Company.	Price.	Name of Company.	Price.
Abe Lincoln	7 1/2	Eureka Con.	2	Monte Christo	2 1/2
Arlington	25	Evening Star	8	Noble Five	2 1/2
Big Three	3 1/2	Gertrude	2	Northern Belle	2 1/2
Brandon	10	Good Hope	3	Poorman	11
Crown	25	Grand Prize	3	Salmo Con. Mining and	15
Canadian Gold Fields	48	Iron Mask	48	Der. Con.	15
Syndicate	8	Josie	30	Silverline	6
Canada Western	10	Julie	10	St. Elmo	6
Cariboo (Camp McK)	36	Le Roi	36.25	Virginia	6
Deer Park	13 1/2	Lily May	10	War Eagle	6.25
Dundee	25	Monita	16	West Le Roi	25

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

30,000 Alberta, 4c; 500 Big Three, 7c; 10,000 Canadian M. & D. Co. (pooled) 3c; 1,600 Cariboo (Camp McKinney) 54c; 2,000 Dardanelles, 8 1/2c; 6,000 Deer Park, 12 1/2c; 200 Dundee, 44c; 5,000 Giant, offered wanted; 5,000 Gertrude, 5c; 1,000 Golden Cache, offered wanted; 3,000 Good Hope, 3c; 2,500 Iron Colt, offered wanted; 1,000 Iron Mask, 46c; 200 London Hill (Sloan), 24c; 2,000 Monte Christo Con., 22c; 25,000 Nelson Poorman, 17c; 1,500 Northern Belle, 25c; 1,000 Poorman, 10c; 500 Silverline, 4 1/2c; 2,000 St. Elmo, 5c; 1,000 Tamarack (pooled) 9c; 430 Tinnhorn, 16c; 10,000 Van Anda, 4c; 1,000 Washington, offered wanted; 1,000 Winchester, 17c.

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BLOWING OUR OWN TRUMPET.

It being our aspiration to be up to date in all matters relating to this district, we leave no means untried to attain that end, consequently we are in the position to give the fullest information to those interested in the stocks of companies operating in this neighbourhood.

INVITING SUGGESTIONS.

To holders of stock desirous of selling we suggest, list them with us when we will advertise them free of charge.

To those desirous of knowing something of this country, we suggest, write to us, and we will give you all the information in our power.

To those capitalists who would not be averse to increasing their capital, we suggest, correspond with us, when we will talk to you on business lines.

To those who have a little money to spare but who cannot afford to take big risks, we suggest, write to us for particulars of gilt-edge stocks, where the risk is reduced to a minimum.

To the speculator we can suggest a few very promising gambles, if gambles they can be called, where the price is out of all proportion to the anticipated return.

To the public generally, we suggest, follow the progress of the SALMO CONSOLIDATED, and witness our prophecies fulfilled.

The Tax Levy Fixed.

The tax rate for the year was fixed by the city council last evening at five mills on the dollar. Improvements will be exempt from taxation to the extent of 50 per cent. of their value. Taxes are due on the 1st of June. If not paid, it is allowed if paid on or before Aug. 31. After Dec. 31, taxes will bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. No poll tax was levied. The report of City Engineer Smith was received, and the grade for Columbia avenue as surveyed by him was adopted. The grade nearly conforms to the present levels.

The Inquiry Closed.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—The royal commission appointed by the government to make inquiry as to the conduct of the business of the lands and works of the Dominion government, has been closed today. The evidence given by B. F. Tormie of Nelson was severely cross-examined and admitted having correspondence with the premier regarding crown grants issued, alleged to have been so issued for an improper consideration. The evidence was submitted to the government. Prosecutions for perjury will probably result.

The Oregon Is Safe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Secretary Long received an official dispatch today announcing the arrival of the battleship Oregon at Jupiter Inlet, Florida, at 9:45 a. m.

Rolt & Grogan

THE STOCK MARKET. Corrected by Messrs. Rolt & Grogan, 55 East Columbia Avenue, Telephone 42. P. O. Box 428. Cable address: "Kent." Codes: Bedford-McNeill and Clough.

North Star-Eureka is becoming quite a fashionable stock and we had several inquiries from local and eastern parties. The Jubilee have withdrawn their treasury stock from the market and the company have let a contract to drive a 100-foot tunnel, and work will be pushed vigorously.

Josie sold in Montreal for 28 cents and War Eagle is firm at \$1.45. We have still more orders for Virginia, and would ask owners of this stock to communicate with us.