

ver, rifle and bowie knife. On the floor is a heap of greenbacks; a "delinquent subscriber" prostrate with the office bull-dog wearing a pleasant smile and tranquilly sampling portions of his limbs. Beneath the picture is the following announcement:

"FELLOW PILGRIMS - The Lodge is located at New Denver, B. C., and can be traced to many parts of the earth. It comes to the front every Thursday and has never been raided by the sheriff, snowed under by cheap silver, or subdued by the fear of man. It works for the trail blazer as well as the bay-windowed and champagne-favored capitalist. It aims to be on the right side of everything and believes that hell should be administered to the wicked in large doses. It has stood the test of time, and an ever-increasing pay-streak is proof that it is better to tell the truth, even if the heavens do occasionally bit our smokestack. A chute of job work is worked occasionally for the benefit of humanity and the financier. Come in and see us, but do not put the bulldog on the frastrum, or chase the black cow from our water barrel one is savage and the other a victim of thirst. One of the noblest works of creation is the man who always pars the printer; he is sure of a bunk in paradise, with thornless roses for a yellow by night, and nothing but gold to look at in day."

Mr. Lowery says he does not use his arsenal regularly now, with the exception of the revolver, as the time has gone by when machine guns and lyddite shells are considered a necessary part of the equipment of a western newspaper office; he further states that the people of New Denver are getting so respectable that not more than half of them get drunk on Sundays. Mr. Lowery has had a long experience in journalism and has started sixteen weekly papers in all; some of these still survive, but most of them have become subjects of a sheriff's inquest. He has been out west for eleven years, and started the Kaslo Claim eight years ago, the last edition of this was published with its first page in the form of a tombstone and was widely reproduced. He states that he was threatened with lynching at Kaslo, but providentially escaped; there are others who say that this was a miscarriage of Providential justice, that may be, but there is a possibility that he was reserved for a worse fate. Two years after being deported from Kaslo he returned and founded the Kootenain—which still exists. Mr. Lowery has seen Kaslo, Nelson, New Denver and Sandon grow from little mining camps into good-sized towns and has witnessed the introduction of railways and steamboats into the Slocan country. He has narrowly escaped painful wealth as well as lynching and at one time his partner had the present townsite of Roseland staked out, but it was afterwards acquired by Mr. Ross Thompson. On another occasion Mr. Lowery was offered the famous Athabasca mining property for \$125, this was afterwards floated in London for \$700,000. He refused the original offer and therefore did not figure in the flotation. His ups and downs in life over the hills and vales have been many and he has done considerable walking when finances were low and luck off color—now he travels on a pass. When he first went west he struck proprietor John Houston, of the Nelson Tribune, for a job, but was refused and last year Mr. Lowery states that Houston wished to take him in as a partner.

The mining camps of the Slocan are rather dull now according to Editor Lowery, as the Smelter trust is trying to freeze them out by raising the price of treatment of their lead ores. A large delegation is going to Ottawa this week to ask for assistance in establishing a refinery and also for a bounty of \$5 per ton on pig lead mined and refined in Canada. Slocan has been handicapped, he states, but they have bucked every difficulty and things look better now than ever before. There are thirty-five shipping mines in the district at present and nearly \$750,000 worth of ores has been shipped since Jan. 1. The country is going ahead and the hotels are being enlarged to accommodate the increased tourist traffic. The government is putting up a new building in Nelson to cost \$75,000 when completed. Nelson is described as the most substantially built of any of the western towns, the usual mining camp consisting of frame buildings entirely, and as Mr. Lowery commented, "they burn down occasionally." The kick over the Crow's Nest coal is stated to be of C. P. R. fomentation, as the company hates to see any other road doing business.

There is also a "kick" over the raising of the revenue poll tax from \$3 to \$5 and in fact the British Columbia legislature seems to tax the mines to the fullest extent, the ore tax having been raised from one to two per cent, which is considered to be a restriction on the development of the industry. At the same time, Mr. Lowery states, that the mining people have to fairly beg for anything in the way of roads or trails from the legislature and pay steeply for any privileges they may be accorded. There is a great deal of litigation in connection with the mines, and Mr. Lowery remarks that the lawyers are earning the largest dividends.

Nelson, he states, is getting to be a nice family town and the people there are pretty good and are contemplating the erection of a new church. Editor Lowery is now on his way to what he terms the "great cent belt" and on his return to New Denver will start a new monthly magazine of a "free lance" nature for general circulation. He expects a revival in Slocan—in religious as well as mining matters—and says that the Boundary country is forging ahead.

Irrigation in Alberta.

Calgary, April 2.—Mr. Geo. G. Anderson, C. E., the well known irrigation engineer, has arrived from Denver. Mr. Anderson is accompanied by J. S. Dennis, deputy commissioner of public works for the Territories, and the object of their visit is of the greatest importance to Calgary and the district lying east of the city.

Some three years ago the Bow River Irrigation canal was located in connection with the general irrigation surveys carried on under Mr. Dennis' superintendence as part of the general scheme of irrigation canal location in Alberta. This canal is so designed to divert water from the Bow river in the immediate vicinity of Calgary, for the irrigation of a large area lying east of the Bow river which only requires water to become one of the finest farming and ranching districts in Alberta. Since the canal was located efforts have been made to interest the Canadian Pacific Railway company in the project, as they own the larger portion of the land in the district to be irrigated by the canal and are in a position to undertake the work of constructing a large canal of this character.

The company has at last taken up the scheme and has employed Mr. Anderson to make a thorough examination and report upon the proposed undertaking. If Mr. Anderson's report confirms the reports and claims made by the government engineers with regard to this canal there is every reason to hope that the railway company will undertake the work of construction at an early date, and it is certain that the completion of this canal will result in the immediate settlement of all vacant lands lying east of the Bow river and add immensely to the prosperity of the district.

Mr. Anderson is the engineer who was employed by the Galt company to make the examination and report on the St. Mary canal scheme, which was also located by the government irrigation surveys, and subsequently as chief engineer had charge of the construction of that canal, which has already revolutionized the conditions in the Lethbridge district. In his examination of the Bow canal scheme Mr. Anderson will be accompanied by Mr. Dennis, Mr. Griffin, land commissioner of the C. P. R. company, and William Pearce, who has worked hard to interest the railway company in this important project.

There were at the immigration hall Wednesday, about 140 young English boys. The special train from the east Tuesday brought in two carloads of Barnardo boys and a party of thirty boys sent by Mr. W. Weeks to the farmers throughout the west. The boys are all fine looking youths, varying in ages from 15 to 25 years. They are leaving for various points in the province. Thirty of the Barnardo boys leave for Russell while a number of them remain here.

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