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THE SANDON TUNNEL.

Slokan mining men are talking of building a long distance tunnel from a point near Sandon through Noble Five mountain to McGuigan creek on the opposite side of the range.

The Slokan is well adapted for long-distance development tunnels. Noble Five mountain, especially, offers great inducements. From Sandon across the range to McGuigan the country is thickly seamed with strongly defined veins of high grade galena.

The Sandon project offers prospects equal, if not better, than the Virginia City tunnel. It will be only one-half the length, will tap dozens of veins that are already partially developed with satisfactory results.

The Slokan is to be congratulated upon the enterprise of its mining men. THE MINER wishes the promoters of the Sandon tunnel every success, and predicts that if it is built it will be a very profitable undertaking.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Lord Aberdeen, in his farewell address at a banquet given in his honor at Ottawa a few days ago, as an honest man should, gave the people some good, wholesome counsel when he urged the adoption of civil service reform.

The lack of civil service, as pointed out by Lord Aberdeen, is the greatest blot on Canadian politics. The system could easily be put into effect if both parties would agree to it.

to their proper height. The spoils system is the Dead Sea fruit of politics; it is a relic of barbarism and it must vanish with the dawn of the twentieth century, forever in Canada.

MONTHLY BULLETINS.

The Vancouver World has an excellent suggestion of which the Provincial government might well take heed. It recommends that the department of mines follow the practice of the Ontario bureau of mines, and publish a monthly statement showing the yield from the different mines throughout the Province.

The splendid showing that the Kootenay mines are now making in their ore output should receive the widest publicity, and one of the best means of accomplishing this is to have official statements of the condition of the mining industry in detail issued monthly.

The greater number of banks established here the more capital there will be available for mining and other enterprises, and, as a consequence, the more rapid and general the development of the mining industry.

The fact that this city is to have so many banks is one of the best signs of its future prosperity that has lately been noted. It is certain that the management of these institutions are confident that Roseland will increase in size and importance, else they would not embark in business here.

THE PARIS BELLE. The citizens of Roseland have good reason to congratulate themselves upon the settlement of the dispute over the surface rights of the Paris Belle mineral claim.

There is a marked difference between the obstinacy displayed in the Paris Belle dispute by D. C. Corbin and the common sense and considerate policy of the new owners of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway land grant.

against the Paris Belle company, and was prepared to continue the fight to the highest court in the Empire. He was absolutely indifferent to the welfare of Roseland and would have left the ground in dispute an unimproved waste until doomsday rather than recognize the rights of his opponents.

A FEDERAL BUILDING.

The Victoria Colonist very properly remarks: That considering the revenue that Kootenay pays to the Dominion government it would only be right for parliament to more promptly recognize the demands of the district for assistance for public works.

Roseland and the district generally has been shamefully neglected by the present government. Many towns in the East that are not half as important commercially and industrially as this are provided with substantial Federal buildings.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

The term of office of the members of the present city council will expire on January next. Two months must elapse before they retire, but THE MINER feels safe in predicting that they will, each and all, deserve the hearty thanks of the people of Roseland for the conscientiousness they have displayed and the many sacrifices that they have made in administering the affairs of the city.

There has been a marked improvement in the conduct of the present over the last council. It cannot be denied that the Wallace administration has been both honest and public spirited. THE MINER has yet to hear it spoken of in connection with official corruption, even in the remotest degree.

It is too early to predict with even approximate correctness what will be the personnel of the next city council. The question is, however, being discussed by business men who are anxious to continue the same healthy state of affairs that has attained this year.

THE NEW LAND POLICY. The new departure by the Provincial government for dealing with the sale or lease of the public lands of British Columbia has attracted more than passing notice. A proclamation in a recent is-

all he is worth, and has stood so loyally by his friends that he has justly earned the title of Father of Roseland. Mr. Thompson has been largely instrumental in making Roseland what it is today, and the very gratifying results that he has achieved in this respect are, THE MINER is pleased to note, very generally reflected in the great success that he has experienced in his private business.

THE VENDIBLE VOTE. The Montreal Star remarks that we occasionally hear of a bribed voter being disfranchised for a term of years. The country could stand the application of this penalty a good deal oftener.

A COMPARISON.

The Klondike has proven a graveyard for the hopes of thousands of men. Take this year as an instance. It has been authoritatively stated that during the present year 50,000 started for the Klondike. Some went via Skagway and the lakes and rivers, others started via the Stickeen route, a few by the Yukon route, and a number by the Ashcroft and Edmonton routes.

Contrast the condition of the 50,000 who started for the Klondike with the fortunes with the mining interests of the Kootenays during the past year. Not one per cent of those who left other places to come here turned back. An infinitely larger number in proportion have succeeded here. It is not an individual here and there that succeeds in Kootenay; on the contrary, success is more frequent here than it is, perhaps, in any other portion of the mining world.

Notice is hereby given that the maps and plans, and books of reference, covering the additional right of way required for standardizing the Columbia & Western Railway between Trail, B. C. and Roseland, B. C., as well as branches to various mines, has been deposited in the office of the Registrar at Victoria, as required by Subsection 2, Section 10 of the British Columbia Railway Act, and Section 15 of the Railway Act of Canada.

one of the official gazette is to the effect that hereafter no lands or timber will be disposed of by the government except under special circumstances. The notice then goes on to advise persons desirous of purchasing lands to apply to the department showing any special reasons why they should be allowed to purchase before going to any expense in connection with the matter.

Now that Hugh Sutherland owns the Nelson Miner a general change of policy may be looked for in that paper. The ore shipments this week break all previous records. They are now close to the 5,000-ton mark, and it looks as though THE MINER's prediction that by next spring the output of the camp will be 1,000 tons daily will be verified.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MARTIN has seen fit to overlook the lawyers of British Columbia in his search for a man to act as his deputy, and has appointed H. A. McLean, deputy attorney-general of Manitoba, to the position. Mr. McLean has accepted the offer.

LORD KIRCHNER is not an Irishman, as many suppose, but an Englishman. He happened to be born in Ireland, but both his parents are English-Suffolk people. The hero of Omdurman was educated in England, but has spent nearly all the rest of his life in the Levant.

The Provincial government has published a notice in the official Gazette calling upon the different parts of the country to inform the department of lands and works of such public works as are desirable in their neighborhood, that they may be taken into consideration and attended to, should they be deemed necessary.

The New York Tribune, speaking of the lumber question, says that there is no doubt that the United States forests are sadly depleted owing to wasteful methods. Continuing, it says: "The surest way to remedy this state of affairs, or one way of helping to do so, is to remove the duty on Canadian pine and let our supplies be got from the vast forests of the Dominion."

The wine in the Iron Mask is continuing to show good crops. The sample yesterday from the bottom of the wine, which is 6 x 4 feet in size, returned values of \$44.80.

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Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Helens No. 2 Mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district, where located: Adjoining the Atlantic, Dominion and Eureka mineral claims.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Concordia mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district, where located: Adjoining the Atlantic, Dominion and Eureka mineral claims.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Wide West Mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district, where located: About 1 1/2 miles south of the city of Roseland.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Ophir Mineral Claim, situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay District, where located: Between the Gold King and Coxy Mineral Claims on Red Mountain.

Application to Purchase. Notice is hereby given that I will, sixty days after date, apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the Crown land hereinafter described, that is to say:

Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Development Co., Limited. Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Development Company, Limited, will be held at their office, 224 Columbia Avenue, East, Roseland, B. C., on the 3rd of December, 1898.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company. "COMPANIES ACT, 1897." "Northwest Development Company."

Registered the 20th day of September, 1898. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Northwest Development Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company, under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or defend any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends.

The amount of the capital of the company is six hundred thousand dollars, divided into six hundred thousand shares of one dollar each. The head office of the company in this province is situated at Roseland, and William Williams, mine superintendent (not empowered to issue and transfer stock), whose address is Roseland aforesaid, is the attorney for the company.

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