

IN THAT FAR REMOTE REGION

A ROSSLAND MINER'S EXPERIENCE IN THAT SECTION.

He Gets \$20 a Week for Running a Machine Drill There—Water Is Scarce—A Golden Mile, Etc.

On April 30 last year a party of miners left here for West Australia which was made up of H. Thornley, his sister Miss Sadie Thornley, T. Bestwick, who was a member of the Trades council here, and wife and children, and Messrs. Woodin and Scott. They had a long journey before they reached their destination, not arriving at Boulder City until June 21.

The next place touched at was Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, which is not very far south of the equator. The town is described as large and busy, with a fine park filled with tropical vegetation.

With Sydney the voyagers were delighted and seemed to have spent a good deal of their time looking at the various sights. The harbor calls for special admiration, as it seems to wind everywhere and is so deep that the vessels coming from all parts of the world tie up in the streets and load and discharge cargoes for and from all parts of the world.

At Melbourne, another capital, and at Adelaide, yet another, the travellers visited the gardens and seemed to think that the Australians may well be proud of them, for in each capital they had found public gardens that were a feature of the city.

Describing Western Australia as seen from Boulder City, Kalgoorlie, and the ride in the cars up from Perth, Mr. Thornley says: "They tell me there is some good agricultural land to the south of Kalgoorlie, but I do not see any. As we left Perth at 7 o'clock at night we could not see the country we were travelling through, but when daylight came we had entered a region which I cannot call anything else but a desert.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. K. W. Grove's signature on each box.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOLS.

The Minister of Education Presents His Annual Report.

The twenty-ninth annual report of the public schools of British Columbia was presented to the legislature recently by Hon. J. D. Prentice, Minister of Education, and Provincial Secretary.

This report makes interesting reading and discloses some significant facts. For the school year ending June 30, 1900, the whole number of pupils enrolled during the year was 21,531, an increase for the year of 2,346.

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During the year 296 schools were in operation, an increase of 18, with teachers as follows: Four high schools with 13 teachers; 45 graded schools with 235 teachers; and 246 common schools with 1,555 teachers, the number of teachers, 1,794, showing an increase of 33.

The total amount expended during the year for the government was \$3,307,000, or 15.5 per cent. less than in 1899, and was made up as follows: Teachers' salaries, \$1,967,977; incidentals, \$17,288; per capita grant to city districts, \$61,787; education office, \$11,165; less fees for teachers' examinations, \$1,410; and \$22,589 were spent in construction of new schools and improvements, etc., making the government's expenditure for education \$3,007,478.

The rapid development of the Interior is brought out by the fact that five years ago 13 teachers and \$9,750 was sufficient for the Kootenay country, while last year 76 teachers were employed and the cost had risen to \$50,821.18. In the several electoral districts the following sums were expended:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Amount Expended. Includes North Victoria, South Victoria, Esquimalt, Cowichan, Alberni, North Nanaimo, South Nanaimo, Comox, Westminister, Yale, West Kootenay, East Kootenay, Lillooet, Cariboo, Cassiar.

The cost of each pupil on enrollment in 1899-1900 was \$13.20, compared with \$14 in 1898-99. Cost of each pupil on daily average attendance in 1899-1900 was \$21.25, as compared with \$21.83 in the preceding year.

Average monthly salary in city districts for principals and teachers, \$90.52. Average monthly salary in rural districts for teachers and monitors, \$31.53.

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SCHOOL LAW CHANGES.

Substance of the Amendments Now Before the Legislature.

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CAUGHT AT THE BOUNDARY

FOUR CHINESE CAPTURED WHILE CROSSING INTO THE U. S.

Customs Officers Were Waiting for Them and Arrested Them Before They Had Walked a Dozen Steps on American Territory.

For some time past it has been suspected that Chinese were being smuggled into the United States from this city via the Northport road. The customs officials at Northport conferred with Mr. A. N. Paterson, the Canadian customs officer at the Sheep Creek station, which is located only a short distance from the boundary line.

On Thursday night Mr. W. H. Hutchinson, inspector of customs at Northport, and Col. Walker, Canadian inspector, went to Sheep Creek station and in the early evening concealed themselves in some trees just south of the boundary line at a point where they could see whoever crossed it.

The leader of the gang of contraband Chinese is said to have cut off his queue and allowed his hair to grow so that he might pass as a Japanese. He has been in Northport several times of late and it is suspected that this is not the first batch of Chinese whom he has piloted across the border.

The American customs authorities, upon the capture of these four contrabands will check for a while, at least, this kind of smuggling.

It Promises to Be a Most Successful Entertainment.

The smoker that is to be given to Mr. Joseph Squires on Thursday, March 22, promises to be a great success. The general committee met yesterday afternoon and appointed committees on arrangements and refreshments. It was decided that the smoker should be held in Miners' Union hall.

THE SQUIRES SMOKER.

He Was Entertained Last Evening by the Local K. of P.

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The masons who have been cutting stone at a little quarry at the east end of Columbia avenue, near the railway track, have begun to bring the result of the winter's labor down to the site of the new building.

As there was a shortage of cars on the Red Mountain road last Saturday, the ore stored in the bins was not all taken away.

The Rink. Skaters may now make up their minds that there will be no more skating this season. Frost will likely happen again before the warm weather settles, but it will not be of sufficient duration to make ice.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh left San Francisco on Saturday and is expected in Rossland within a day or two.

Shipped on Sunday.

Advertisement for P. CAMPBELL & CARTHUR, Stock and Mines General Agents, Real Estate and Insurance.

TROUT LAKE IS ACTIVE.

A Recent Visitor Says It Has a Promising Future.

While he was in Trout Lake, Menhick and Dunn brought their steam launch "Idler," formerly owned by Capt. Troup of Nelson, and said to be the smartest craft of its kind in the Kootenay, from Thompson's Landing, which was a feat by no means easy.

There are now three steamers on the lake. The "Victoria," a stern-wheeler, 75 feet long, owned by Messrs. Magee, Dunn and Roman, which will be able to handle all the ore and heavy freight when the line is complete; the "Idler," which is the swiftest boat on the lakes as well as being the prettiest; and a gasoline launch owned by Kinman; the two latter will be used exclusively for passengers.

Everybody is expecting and feels a confidence that when their district is better known they will reap the benefits they have so long waited and labored for, which will be when the C.P.R. build this summer. Building operations are in full swing and the saw-mill running day and night to meet the demand for lumber.

Very pleasant time there and hopes all their expectations may be realized and that others may go, as he did, on a pleasure trip and enjoy it so well.

Extreme Weakness RESULTING FROM POOR, WATERY BLOOD.

Heart Palpitation, Dizziness and Weakness in the Legs Followed Until the Sufferer Felt That His Case Was Almost Hopeless.

From the Mirror, Meaford, Ont. No man in Meaford is better known or more highly respected than Mr. Patrick Delaney, who has been a resident of the town for nearly forty years.

Mr. Delaney is a stone mason by trade, and has helped construct many of the buildings which go to make up Meaford's chief business structure.

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