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NOTES AND JOTTINGS.

A Scotch company intends putting prospectors this season on the East Kootenay, Illecilliwaet and Big Bend country.

When the British people allowed their Queen to wed herself to a Wettin they might have foreseen she would give them a long reign.

On Monday last Mr. A. A. Boak, of A. A. Boak & Co. left here on a trip through the Kootenay and Slocan districts. He will return in about a month.

Mr. Robt. P. Bonner has returned after inspecting various claims at Harrison Lake. His mission was successful and satisfactory to his employers. Development work is now contemplated.

The attractions of the Queen's Jubilee has led to an abnormally large rush of travel to Europe from the United States and it is estimated the tourist will take out at least \$100,000,000 to help pay for the spectacle and the accompanying frolic so that for the Londoners the festival will be almost as good as a bonanza or a universal exposition.

From all provincial sources it is reported that hotels are crammed, improvements in progress and strangers coming in large numbers. Vancouver is securing its share of the "good time-a-comin'." Its hotels are filled, and such is the demand for accommodation that many publicans are arranging for annexes. Vancouver is destined to become the metropolis of the northwestern coast.

Sixteen nationalities are represented in the employes of the Hall Mines, Ltd. They are from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Sweden, the United States, Germany, France, Norway, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, Finland, Poland and China. At various times the Company has had in its employ at Nelson an Irish nobleman, an honorable, an ex-major of the British army, an ex-officer of the French army, the nephew of a baronet, a retired British naval officer, a former subaltern in the Colonial forces and two sons of clergymen.

In his report on the Slocan, Prof. A. W. Carlyle, Provincial Mineralogist, says: "For some time back there has existed a strong antipathy to silver properties, and foreign investors especially have refused to entertain any proposition that was not on a gold basis, but now the fact is being realized that with silver even at its greatly reduced value, if there is a sufficient number of ounces of this white metal in the ore, a silver or silver-lead mine is quite as profitable and as desirable as a gold mine, and the handsome returns from the very high grade ores being mined in Slocan, Nelson and Ainsworth, are attracting increasing attention, as is testified by the numbers now seeking silver properties and the transactions recorded, as many mines or claims have been bought or bonded by English, American and Canadian investors, during the past season, not only within these districts, but other

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