

## COAST-KOOTENAY RAILWAY—RECONNOITERING

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Aug. 27.—James H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. & E. railway, and A. H. Luper, chief locating engineer of the Great Northern railway, left here today to make a reconnaissance of the proposed Coast-Kootenay railway extending from Midway, B. C., 20 miles west of here, to tide water near Vancouver, a distance of about 300 miles. They will cover most of the distance on foot and on horseback, and will seek a pass across the Hope mountains, via a trail immediately north of the international boundary. On reaching the coast en-

gineers will begin the location surveys, and it is understood, that construction work will be commenced this fall at both ends of the projected road. A link will also have to be built from Curlew, Washington, to Midway, B. C., a distance of twelve miles. The Great Northern is credited with the intention of building a branch line extending from the Okanagan river to the boundary line south through the Okanagan valley to the main line at Wenatchee on the Columbia river.

## NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM GREENWOOD

(Special to The Miner.)  
GREENWOOD, B. C., Aug. 27.—Paul Johnson blew in one furnace at the B. C. Copper company's smelter here this morning after having been closed down for eight weeks as a result of the coke shortage, consequent on the strike of the miners at the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's mines. The second furnace will be blown in shortly, as soon as suitable crews of men shall have been got together at the company's mine and smelter to admit of operating to the present full extent of the mine and smelter. It is anticipated that the Montreal & Boston Copper company will follow suit at their Sunset mine and Boundary Falls smelter in the course of a few days.

George D. Curtis, architect, is in Greenwood in connection with the preparation of plans for the court house the provincial government has promised to shortly build in the town, and for which an appropriation of \$10,000 was made during last session of the provincial legislature. Mr. Curtis is looking forward with pleasant anticipation to on that day again renewing old friendships and exchanging reminiscences of pioneer experiences. Each year the membership roll shows fresh vacancies as one after another of the hardy pioneers passes to his rest, yet are there still a goodly

number hale and hearty and ready on such auspicious occasions to revive old memories, whether of hard times with their disappointments or of the all too fleeting days of prosperity following the occasional making of "a stake." Boundary Falls, Midway, Camp McKinney and Greenwood has each had its turn as the place of meeting, and now it is to be the lot of Grand Forks to welcome the old-timers of the district at large.

Yesterday Mrs. Ketter, wife of the general manager of the B. C. Copper company, entertained at luncheon at her home in Anacoda, near Greenwood, several ladies, two of whom were visitors in whose associations in their respective homes in the east much interest was displayed by local residents who had the pleasure of meeting them.

One of these was Miss Harris of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, sister of Robert Harris, R. A., president of the Canadian Academy of Arts, and one of the recipients of coronation honors. Miss Harris is on her return journey to her eastern home after having spent an enjoyable holiday in the British Columbia coast cities. She came in on Monday's train on a very brief visit to Mrs. H. C. Shaw. Although time was so limited Mr. and Mrs. Shaw gave their guest the (to her) novel pleasure of a visit to a copper mine, the Mother Lode being the one chosen for the occasion. Miss Harris left on yesterday's train, delighted with her trip into the Boundary. The other visitor referred to is Miss Templeton, a teacher at the Institute of the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, Ontario, of which R. Mathison, M. A., father of Dr. Mathison of Greenwood, is superintendent. Miss Templeton is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Mathison. Even here she found a girl who should be having the benefit of similar teaching to that enjoyed by about 300 pupils at Belleville, but who is growing up without such beneficial assistance. On her return journey to Ontario Miss Templeton will visit several large centres of population in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, where she will probably find not a few youthful unfortunates needing just such help as the Belleville institution is well fitted to afford them.

(Special to The Miner.)  
GREENWOOD, B. C., Aug. 28.—At a meeting of members of the Greenwood Curling Club held last evening a proposal to endeavor to organize a joint stock association, with the object of making a good skating and curling rink in Greenwood and erecting all necessary buildings in connection with same, was submitted for consideration. James Russell was in the chair and there was an excellent attendance of curlers. After discussion it was decided to make a canvass of residents to ascertain whether or not a capital of \$5000 in \$10 shares can be raised locally for the purpose in view, and the following were appointed a committee to canvass for support, and to report to another meeting to be held about a fortnight hence: J. F. Birnie, J. H. Humphrey, Sydney M. Johnson, C. E. Merritt and A. W. Strickland.

The long talked of baseball match between the "mush-eaters" and the "fish-eaters" of the local ball players, postponed on account of bad weather from Sunday, 17th inst., was played on the local sports grounds on Sunday last. The game was an exciting one and attracted a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters of the players. The scores at the end of the afternoon's play were 19 to 24 respectively in favor of the "mush-eaters."

## PRESBYTERY OF KOOTENAY IS IN SESSION

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Aug. 27.—The Presbytery of Kootenay is in session here. Rev. J. R. Robertson of Grand Forks, moderator, is presiding, and there are in attendance fourteen other clergymen, including Dr. MacRae of Morrin college, Quebec.

The call from Phoenix to Rev. V. M. Furdy was considered by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. Furdy, who will be inducted on September 24th.

At last night's public conference, after an opening address by Rev. Dr. Wright of Nelson, B. C., Rev. E. G. Robb opened the discussion on Sunday

POURING OUT OF YUKON.  
Workingmen Taking Advantage of the Cheap Rates.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 28.—Chief Wulatsok, of the Quatsino Indians on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, died a few days ago. He was 104 years of age.

There were 200 passengers on the

steamer Cottage City which arrived here tonight, most of them working men who are taking advantage of the cheap rates to get out of the Yukon country, where there is no work for them. They say there are 700 men on the way out. Many of them went in expecting to get work on the creeks and the railway which was never started, and the cheap rates are a Godsend to them.

## LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY

(Special to The Miner.)

TRAIL, B. C., Aug. 30.—The Catholic church of this city is to be moved from its present location on the Rossland road to a new site at the corner of Eldorado street and Cedar avenue. W. D. Wilson of Rossland has the work in charge. The change is made necessary through the fact that the road to the church was over private property, which was fenced for improvement. The two lots comprising the new site were purchased from H. P. Gutelius of Montreal for \$400. The money for the purchase and removal of the church is being raised by the ladies.

DATE OF REBATE EXTENDED.

Owing to the delay in returning the tax roll, in the expectation of taking in the gulch property, the time when a rebate will be allowed for prompt payment has been extended to September 30. Taxes are coming in promptly and the city treasury is in excellent condition. The council is taking special action toward the collection of dog taxes, and have issued instructions for the strict enforcement of the impounding by-law.

BANQUET TO VOLUNTEERS.

All the South African volunteers from Trail are to be tendered a banquet by the citizens Tuesday evening. The majority of the boys have returned to Trail and the absent ones are likely to make their homes elsewhere. Alfred Duval, of the third contingent, came in a few days ago and yesterday Samuel Lowe, Sidney Butler and Cyrus McEwen came in. Mr. Butler was in the Hart River engagement, which he says was the only real battle in which the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles figured. The balance of the engagements were merely skirmishes. Mr. Butler says there were about 1700 men in the columns, of whom perhaps 700 were Canadians. The fight lasted three hours and twenty minutes, and roll call showed 60 killed and 80 wounded. The Boers cut off the rear guard and captured 30 or 40 troops. After taking their arms and ammunition they were stripped of every stitch of clothing and turned loose to wander back to camp.

The banquet Tuesday evening will be held in the Arlington hotel, and tickets have been issued at \$1.50.

## RICH FIND OF COPPER ON COPPER STAR GROUP

(Special to The Miner.)

KASLO, B. C., Aug. 28.—What is probably the richest find of copper in this district was discovered on the Copper Star group, Salsbury creek, near Fryer creek, on Kootenay lake a few days ago.

It occurred in a large capping, perhaps 80 feet wide and extending about 6000 feet, and the vein was struck about 3 1/2 feet below the surface, several specimens of the ore were brought down and are on view at the office of C. H. Evans, the assayer. Mr. Neilzel, describes the ore as being decidedly rich and considers that it will run about 75 per cent in copper, besides carrying other values. If on further work the

GREENWOOD HAPPENINGS.

W. J. Snodgrass Breaks His Shoulder Blade and Fractures Ribs.

(Special to The Miner.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Aug. 30.—Word comes from Okanagan Falls that W. J. Snodgrass, for years proprietor of the stage line between Penticton, at the foot of Okanagan lake, and the towns of the Boundary, met with an accident at the Falls last week. He was on a load of hay when the pole holding it down gave way and precipitated him to the ground, breaking his shoulder blade and fracturing some ribs.

R. J. Sidley, J. P., the well known pioneer of the Anarchist Mountain district south of Camp McKinney, was the victim of a robbery recently. He is customs officer and postmaster at Sidley, the name of the neighborhood in which he has his ranch and home, and some time broke into the postoffice one night and stole about \$40. He suspected a man who had been in his employ and followed him across the boundary line to Molson, where he learned that the suspect had gone to Republic. Acting upon telephoned information the sheriff at Republic arrested the man supposed to have committed the offence, whom he found had been spending new Canadian \$1 bills, some 20 of which were among the cash stolen. He will be charged with the theft, but the evidence against him may not prove strong enough to secure his conviction.

Provincial Constable Darragh yesterday morning brought in from Ebbot creek an old-timer named John Watson, who was found alone, sick and destitute in a cabin half a dozen miles above Greenwood. He was taken to the Sisters' hospital, where he is being cared for.

ANXIETY OVER CROPS.

Fears Expressed That Fall Harvest May Not Be Reaped.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 27.—A special from Winnipeg says: The greatest anxiety prevails in official circles here over the crop situation, and there are fears expressed that the full harvest of the great wheat fields may not be harvested. It depends upon the supply of harvesters from Eastern Canada. Less than 20,000 hands will not be sufficient, and these must be rushed through without delay.

A special from Ottawa says that J. N. Greenhields, solicitor for Mackenzie and Mann, and Norman McLean and D. G. MacDonell of Vancouver

WAS A TRAIL RESIDENT.

William Brown, who was drowned a few days ago at Lethbridge, was a C. P. R. fireman, with headquarters in this city. He was a member of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 32, W. F. & A. M., of this city and had gone to Lethbridge to visit his uncle. He was fording the river when he was swept away and drowned. The body was recovered a few days later. J. H. Stenfield, master of Trail lodge, was notified of the sad occurrence.

TRAIL NEWS NOTES.

L. J. D. Berg of this city is pushing work on the Alexandria group, between Forty-nine creek and Bird creek. He is sinking a 4x10 shaft on a two foot ledge of nice looking rock.

Mrs. Charlotte McKee, formerly of this city, died a few days since at Grand Forks.

Harry Geist is on a visit to his home in Sarnia, Ont.

John Callahan has resigned his position with the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company, and succeeds Vanada Longford, who has gone to Nelson. Miss Minnie Degagne succeeds Mr. Callahan.

J. D. Anderson, P. L. S., has been succeeded by Mr. Anderson says Ymir is a busy place and there is not an idle man in the town.

All the bridges between Trail and Sayward have been repaired and the road is now in excellent condition.

John Sherman has returned from the Thunder Mountain country, where he has been during the summer.

Mrs. D. H. Chapman and Mrs. J. O. Chapman have gone to Grand Forks, from which place Mrs. Chapman will proceed to her home in Black Diamond, Wash.

Mrs. H. G. Whitley of Spokane, accompanied by her mother, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. McCarthy.

Mrs. J. D. Anderson has returned from Spokane.

J. R. McDougall, master mechanic at the smelter, was in Spokane this week. Miss Nora Jones, accompanied by her nephews, Delbert and Fred Brown, has returned from her home in the Okanagan country.

A. B. Weir and children have returned from Victoria.

Mrs. J. C. Ealing, who has been visiting here, has returned to her home in Tacoma.

vein widens out the property will assume valuable proportions. It is noticeable especially from the fact that no copper ore has been found in that immediate district before.

Much regret is expressed at the anticipated removal of G. B. Gerrard, local manager of the Bank of British North America, for Winnipeg. It is, however, understood that Mr. Gerrard will shortly be promoted to the Prairie City, and that Mr. Winters of Rossland will succeed him here.

The customs office in Kaslo are being redecorated and one of the designs for the inside is a wall border consisting of the royal arms, which makes a unique effect.

are arranging with the government regarding the proposed Coast-Kootenay railway. It is stated that Mackenzie and Mann, who have a charter for the same route, previously purchased from Vancouver parties, have withdrawn their opposition to McLean Brothers. With Mackenzie and Mann the Great Northern is acting, and Mr. Greenhields claims that they have a bona fide intention of building the line. The withdrawal of opposition to the new plan of McLean Brothers is said to be due to an understanding arrived at between all parties, to the effect that the line will be built as a Great Northern proposition by McLean Brothers, backed by Mackenzie and Mann. The line will also have direct connection with the Crow's Nest, where President Hill of the Great Northern is largely interested.

According to statements, more or less official, brought recently from the north, the output of gold in the Klondike will this year not be as large as several millions as was the case up to during last season. So far a little over seven million dollars' worth of gold dust has been shipped from the inside, being sent to Vancouver and other points on the coast. There are perhaps three millions more, either still held by the miners themselves or kept in Dawson awaiting shipment, making a total production to date of something over \$10,000,000.

CLASH OF INTERESTS.

Reaction Between Dunsmuir and the Pacific Improvement Company.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 27.—In the reaction threatened between the Dunsmuir interests in the E. & N. Walling Colliery Company and the California interests, called the Pacific Improvement Company, the latter has had representatives here for a year watching the developments and have been ignored by the Dunsmuirs, although the latter are only half owners, the same as the Pacific Improvement Company. A week or two ago the Dunsmuirs sold a big timber limit to Mike King and now an injunction has been taken out by the Improvement Company to prevent the alienation of the lands. The outcome may be that a receiver will be appointed.

PARIS, Sept. 1.—A dispatch from the Liberte from Rome published today announces that the Italian premier, Signor Zanardelli, has taken suddenly ill and that he is now confined to his bed.

## EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA VERY ALARMING

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 27.—The epidemic of cholera is reaching alarming proportions on the other side of the Pacific, the outbreak extending further and having more victims than ever before reported. It extends from the Island of Java to Japan, and almost every city on the coast and many in the interior are affected. The disease, too, is being contracted by Europeans as well as natives.

In Hongkong, from the first of the outbreak to August 1st there has been 523 cases, six of the patients being Europeans, and 511 deaths, of whom four were Europeans.

In Tientsin the last report placed the number of cases for the year at 1094 and the deaths at 764 within the city walls. In other places in China the proportion of cases and deaths is just as great. A dispatch says hundreds have died in Java.

A writer from Kuelin, Kwang Si province, says:

"I write from a city stricken with a violent epidemic of cholera. People are dying by hundreds daily. Outside of the city a thousand have died. Whole families are reported to have died. The beggars are by the time extinct. Among such people few can have survived."

"They are to be seen dying everywhere and numbers more are about to die. The wall is a favorite place for such, as is also the King City square in front of the examination halls. There any number can be seen in all stages, dying and dead. It is most pitiable to see and to be powerless to do anything to help. The supply of coffins has long since been exhausted. Now all the tub and bucket makers, and the carpenters are making any sort of coffin to try to meet the demand. But still this is not enough, for I hear that numbers are being buried merely wrapped up in matting, often two and three together."

A dispatch from Java says hundreds have died there. The Japanese papers publish no statistics of the cases in that country, but there is a sample report which shows how prevalent the disease has become.

Reports from cholera-stricken towns grow more serious. Ninety new cases and 23 deaths were reported from Okama yesterday. Today's dispatches state that there were 19 new cases and 32 deaths there on Sunday. Six cases are reported from Oaki today. The total number of cases there up to the present is given as 48, of which 30 have been Asiatic cholera. Two cases are reported from Kioto today.

STATEMENT ISSUED.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27.—The Boer generals have issued a statement declaring there is no truth in the reports of differences between themselves and Mr. Kruger, Dr. Leyds and the Boer delegates in Europe, adding that their relations with them continue to be most harmonious.

NOT DEAD.

Three Miners Reported Dead Are Alive and Well.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 27.—Three more men who were reported dead have turned up to read the nice things in their obituary notices.

"Not dead, but alive and thankful to have escaped," is the message which is sent to the world by Perry Gibson, Pete Borst and Dave England, the three hardy miners who started from Nome for the Koryukuk on April 6th, and were reported to have perished on the trail. They write from Beetles, under date of July 11th, to Robert Schinewski, of the Northwestern Commercial Company.

The men traveled by the Fish river divide and the Koryukuk river, crossing the divide between the Arctic ocean and the headwaters of the Koryukuk river. For hundreds of miles there were no trails and the men suffered great hardships before they finally reached their destination. Frequently they were lost entirely and often they went without a mouthful of food for days.

The trip undertaken by the three men, and on which they narrowly escaped losing their lives, is one of the hardest that could be imagined, and practically means crossing one of the roughest sections of all Alaska.

FRASER RIVER SALMON.

Official Count to Determine the Exact Pack.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 27.—Whether the total salmon pack of the Fraser river is just over or just under a quarter of a million cases will make a difference of \$40,000 in the amount to be paid by the cannery to the fishermen. To determine the exact pack an official count is to be made of the cases put up by all the canneries on the river.

for Toronto, via the Canadian Pacific. Master Galt will attend the Toronto Church school for the fall term.

Rev. J. Irvine of Trail was ticketed to Vancouver over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday.

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Charles Schwab, of the millionaire steel trust, is reported to be off his nut, and is to go to some quiet spot with his doctor. Bill Schmiltz, who commenced life same time as Schwab, is pegging away at \$3.50 a day, but Bill is in perfect health and comfortable circles, enjoying a piping fine holiday on the Kawartha lakes camping with his wife and family. Bill is all right; Schwab has gone batty.—Bobcaygeon Independent.