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## WATER RIGHTS QUESTION

### The Judgments Relating to Records on Murphy Creek.

### Mr. Justice Martin Reverses Rulings of Officials.

The following is the text of the two judgments delivered on Saturday last by the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, placing a definite construction upon certain sections of the Water Classes Consolidation Act, 1897. They will be read with interest by all concerned in water rights:

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Centre Star and War Eagle Companies versus the B. C. Southern Railway Company, John Kirkup (Gold Commissioner) and the City of Rossland.

It is objected, first, that under section 11 of the Water Classes Consolidation Act an application cannot be made by two companies jointly.

Section 8 provides that "every owner of land may secure the right to divert unrecorded water" and section 10 contains a corresponding provision in favor of "every owner of a mine." By section 10 s. 13 of the Interpretation Act "words importing the singular number... only shall include more persons... of the same kind than one" and by s. 14 the word "person" includes any body corporate.

It is admitted that in the case of two co-owners of one mine there would be no objection to a joint water record, but it is contended that where two owners own two different mines it cannot be granted, and counsel gave several illustrations of difficulties which might arise in the practical working out of the act in the latter case. While I fully appreciate the probability of difficulties being encountered, yet a remedy therefore will, I think, in most cases be found in section 18 (3), 20 and 28, and even if not the element of difficulty would not of itself justify the Gold Commissioner in refusing to entertain such an application.

Seeing that the statute does not prohibit the acquisition of such an interest there is nothing at common law which is opposed to water records, being held jointly like any other form of property, the objection is therefore overruled.

It is further objected that the notice given under said section 2 was invalid because it included among the "purposes" for which the water was required a purpose not authorized by section 10, i. e. "domestic and fire purposes."

Applications by owners of land for water records for "agricultural, domestic, mechanical or industrial purposes" must be made under section 8 to the commissioner of lands and works in the district.

Owners of mines may secure similar records under section 10 "for any mining purpose or other purposes incidental thereto or for milling, concentrating or other purposes in connection with the working of their mines," and this application must be made to the Gold Commissioner. The statute certainly contemplates distinct applications to two distinct officials of limited jurisdiction. But does the fact that an applicant in applying to the proper official includes in his application not only a request for water which the official may grant but also a request which he may not grant, thereby invalidate the whole application and render it impossible for the official to deal with it at all? The contention to be effectual must go to this length that because an applicant asks for more than he is entitled to he is thereby debarred from obtaining that which he is entitled to. For the applicant it is on the other hand contended that the unauthorized request should be treated as a mere surplusage and that the Gold Commissioner should deal with the matter so far as his authority permits him and grant a record for what he may think the applicants are entitled to. At the hearing the applicants expressed their readiness to abandon their claims for "water for domestic and fire purposes" and requested the Gold Commissioner to deal with it as a claim for mining purposes only, but he refused that request and dismissed the application. Of course neither under section 13 nor 18 can the Gold Commissioner do more than grant a record for that amount of water which in his discretion "shall be reasonably necessary for the purposes specified in the application," but what is complained of here is that the applicant was not permitted to show what was reasonably necessary. In view of the facts arising prior to record priority of notice of application shall constitute priority of right," it is not, in my opinion, contemplated that obstacles should be placed in the path of one who conforming to essentials is endeavoring, bona fide, to obtain the benefits of the act. In the case of such an applicant the spirit of the statute will be best preserved by placing upon it a liberal and reasonable construction, and I am unable to agree with the argument that public or private interests are likely to suffer by allowing an applicant to abandon any part of the claim included in his notice.

In the present case, apart from the admitted "mining purposes," it might on investigation appear that under the particular circumstances a supply of water for fire purposes would be necessary and being directly connected "with the working of the mine" or "incidental thereto," that would be a matter for the Gold Commissioner to determine on the facts of each case. It might be proper to grant it for such purposes to one applicant and not to another.

My decision herein is not that it was necessary that there should have been any amendment of the notice but that the Gold Commissioner was not justified in refusing to exercise the powers he had because the applicant asked him to exercise those he had not. When the applicant abandoned the unauthorized claims in his notice of application they should have been considered as mere surplusage and the hearing proceeded with on the remaining claim which the Gold Commissioner had jurisdiction over.

The adjudication of the Gold Commissioner is reversed and the matter referred back to him for re-hearing and re-adjudication.

The appellants are entitled to the costs of this appeal, to be paid by the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.

## GOLD AT FISH CREEK

### THE DISTRICT QUITE EXCITED OVER THE LATE DISCOVERY.

### EFFECTS OF THE SILVER-LEAD DEPRESSION IN THE SLOCAN.

J. Fred Ritchie P.L.S., has returned from a trip to Comapix and Camborne, the scenes of the recent gold strike in the Lardo. He arrived on the ground within a day or two of the outbreak of the rush for claims and went over the ground where the rich mineral was discovered and which was staked from end to end within a day of the arrival of the first prospectors. The country, Mr. Ritchie states, is in a ferment of excitement over the strikes, and all ordinary occupations are abandoned for the time, while the inhabitants prospect and talk mining. He believes that the Camborne camp will eventually be a great free-milling camp, all the earmarks of rich quartz ledges being in evidence. Up to the present time the country has only been scratched and even this much can only be said of certain sections. Further development will indicate the continuity of the leads and otherwise demonstrate the merits of the camp. In addition to the ledges the country possesses magnificent waterpower, Poole, Fish and other minor creeks furnishing all the power that will be required to operate hundreds of batteries.

### THE SECOND CASE

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia—War Eagle and Centre Star Companies vs. John A. Turner (Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works at Nelson, B. C.) the B. C. Southern Railway Company, and the City of Rossland.

In regard to the first objection, that the Assistant Commissioner had no jurisdiction to deal with the matter because the "volume of unrecorded water available for diversion" had not been proved, all I have to say is that in paragraph eleven of the petition it is stated in effect, that there was no unrecorded water available at all, so consequently the Assistant Commissioner proceeded under section 18, sub-section (3) and granted an interim record. Though it is true that the final paragraph of section 18, sub-section (1) provides that the procedure on an application for a grant of recorded water shall be the same as that on an application for unrecorded water under section 13 yet I see nothing in the language of that section which would prevent the adoption of the course herein taken were it not otherwise objectionable.

But section 13 requires the adjudicating official under either section to have regard to "pending applications," and at the hearing before the Assistant Commissioner now complained of the appellants appeared and objected to the Assistant Commissioner disposing of the application of the respondent company until the application of the appellants under section 2 had been pending before another independent official, the Gold Commissioner, had been finally disposed of on the appeal from his decision set down for hearing before this court.

As to the matter pending said appeal it was proved that the prior application of the present appellants for 175 inches embraced nearly all the water in Murphy creek, the average flow being about 206 inches during the dry season. I confess I do not understand why the Assistant Commissioner deemed it necessary to dispose of the matter without regard to the pending application of the appellants. There is, to my mind, nothing in the order or judgments of the learned Chief Justice which contemplates such a course and it would appear to be most seemly where two different officials are exercising their distinct functions in regard to water rights, that the official who is determining the junior application should stay his hand till the final result of the senior application before another official in regard to the same water be known, except of course when it clearly appears that the volume of water is sufficient to satisfy all applications.

It follows from the judgment I have just delivered in the case of the Centre Star Mining Company vs. the B. C. Southern Railway Company, to which I refer, that the rights of the appellants have been prejudicially affected by the adjudication or decision complained of and that adjudication is consequently declared to have been prematurely and improvidently made and the record cancelled. The matter is referred back to the Assistant Commissioner for re-hearing and re-adjudication. The respondent company will pay the costs of this appeal.

### VICTORIA NEWS.

The Railway Ferry Barge—An Absconding Agent.

Victoria, May 30.—(Special.)—Work is to commence at once on the barge Georgian, which is to be employed as a ferry barge between Liverpool, opposite New Westminster, and Victoria. Three parallel tracks will be laid on her, to accommodate 17 freight cars. F. J. Wheeler while in the city a day or two ago issued orders to commence work on her.

An unconfirmed report has been received here that Leitner, the absconding Northern Pacific agent, has been captured at Winnipeg. The police deny knowledge.

A committee of metal workers leaves for Seattle tonight to endeavor to have the boycott on the steamer Garrone mislead so that she can be repaired here.

The fisheries of the province are to be operated under a modus vivendi between the provincial and Dominion governments, pending the settlement of the dispute as to which government has control under the terms of Confederation.

### FOR A BIG PRICE.

Hayes Mine at Alberni Sold to MacKenzie & Mann.

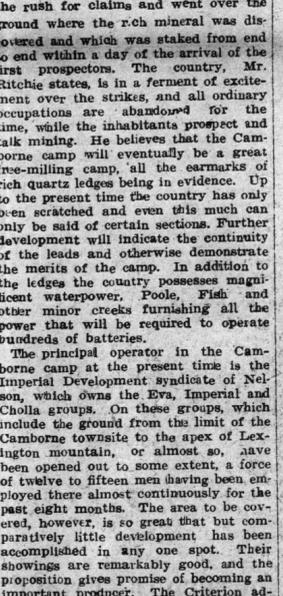
Vancouver, May 31.—(Special.)—Col. Hayes' mine at Alberni was sold today to MacKenzie and Mann. Hugh Sutherland having put through the deal. The price is \$600,000, and the first payment is to be made on July 15th. The purchasers propose the immediate construction of a tramway to salt water, and may build a smaller next year.

A large seizure of smuggled silks and Chinese liquor was made on the steamer Tartar today.

## ROSSLAND'S NEW COURT HOUSE

### The Building That Was Recently Opened Is Well Built and Well Planned For Its Appointed Purpose.

The Miner presents herewith an excellent exterior view of Rossland's courthouse, the cells and the janitor's living apartments. Hot water is used for heating, and a large boiler is provided to furnish the water on the low pressure system. Automatic drafts and dampers are a feature of the heating plant, ensuring perfect safety with efficiency. The cells are three in number and a guard's room adjoins. These cells will be utilized for convenience of the public. Each of the divisions enumerated is provided with a substantial fire-proof vault for the storage of documents and other valuables. Each suite also has a lavatory and similar conveniences. The desks in the offices will be of oak, and the tops of the counters are of a similar material, with a natural finish. The furniture throughout will be uniform and one pattern of line-



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centre. Mutual congratulations are also in order for the reason that the government was not induced to treat our city liberally in the matter of appropriations without unsparring effort on the part of the Bar association of the city, the board of trade, the council and prominent citizens generally. In one sense the building is a monument to the hard work of the citizens and their representatives on the floor of the house.

Building operations on the courthouse were started in September, 1899, the first appropriation for the purpose being the modest sum of \$6000 voted by the Semin government. This appropriation was increased from time to time, until finally a contract was let for the construction of the building at \$38,500. In December last the government took over the work from the contractor and finished the structure. The cost of the building and its furnishings is not likely to exceed \$45,000, although the exact sum can only be approximated as the furnishings are still to be purchased.

From the exterior the courthouse presents a striking appearance. The foundations above the ground are of grey granite and the stone has a rough-dressed finish. The brick is white granite brick manufactured at Clayton, Wash. Neat designs are worked into the brick on the front elevation. The roof is of steel. A special feature of the exterior is the arches leading to the principal entrances. These are of the rough dressed granite and give a striking effect to the ensemble. The plans for the building were drawn by Mr. J. J. Honeyman, who also acted as supervising architect up to the time of his departure for the old country. From that point until the completion of the building Mr. G. D. Curtis, of Nelson, officiated as architect. Throughout the work Mr. T. E. Thomas was in charge as superintendent.

The courthouse includes three stories, special occasions, for instance when a prisoner elects for a speedy trial and is held pending a hearing or removal to the provincial jail at Nelson. Fred Burrows is at present janitor of the building and his quarters are commodious and comfortable.

The second floor is entered from the Columbia avenue main doors, and the entrance itself is worthy of mention. Two heavy swing doors comprise the first portal, and within is a lobby about 15 feet square, with small doors to the right and left into private offices and other two swing doors into the main hall of the flat. It is here one encounters the cedar, natural finish, doors and woodwork that prevail throughout the building. The effect is bright and pleasing. Passing through the second set of doors one enters the main hall, and to the right is found the suite of offices devoted to the gold commissioner and staff. These are three in number, the first being for Mr. John Kirkup's private use in his capacity of government agent and gold commissioner, the second for the clerks of the mining recorder's department, Messrs. John Hoosen, first clerk, and Edward Job, second clerk, while the third is the office of the mining inspector. Across the hall is a suite of three offices for the registry department. The first of these on the Columbia avenue front of the office is Mr. Frederick Schofield's private room, where he will discharge the duties of the office as supreme court clerk. The second apartment is a large room intended for a public office, and it will be occupied by Mr. H. R. Townsend, deputy clerk of the supreme court. The third room in the suite will be used for examinations and taxations before the clerk of the supreme court. At the northwest corner of the building on this flat is the office of the sheriff, where Mr. W. J. Robinson will reside. This office is provided with an entrance from the west side for the

commencing work on the roads, and there seems to be no reasonable excuse for the delay now that all the money has been voted, and a portion of the amount lying idle for two years. The secretary was authorized to urge the government in the strongest manner to make the move, and the hope was expressed that the board's recommendations would attain the desired end.

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## AGGRAVATING DELAY

### NO WORD OF GOVERNMENT ACTION AS TO MUCH NEEDED ROADS.

### VAULTS INSTEAD OF SAFES TO BE PUT IN NEW POST OFFICE.

Several matters of importance came up at last night's meeting of the board of trade. In connection with the statement of the amounts appropriated for roads and trails in the Rossland riding, the fact was adduced that despite the telegram sent to the department by Hon. J. H. Turner on the occasion of his recent visit to the city urging prompt action, nothing has been heard regarding the arrival of a surveyor in the camp to lay out the lines for the wagon roads on Sophie and St. Thomas mountains.

The sentiment of the meeting was unanimous that there was danger of a miscarriage of equity unless the department moved in the matter without further delay. For two years the grant for the Velvet road has been in force, and it was the labor of years to secure the appropriation in the first place. The development of an important section of the camp is impeded by the failure of the government to move in the direction of

commencing work on the roads, and there seems to be no reasonable excuse for the delay now that all the money has been voted, and a portion of the amount lying idle for two years. The secretary was authorized to urge the government in the strongest manner to make the move, and the hope was expressed that the board's recommendations would attain the desired end.

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## CONTRACTS SIGNED

### CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND FORKS AND REPUBLIC RAILWAY.

### ROAD TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER—SMELTER PROJECTED.

Republic, Wash., June 4.—W. C. Morris and associates signed contracts to-night in Spokane for work on the Republic and Grand Forks railway. Work is to begin tomorrow, and 1,000 men are to be at work in a month.

A smelter is also to be erected, but until it is in working order the Granby smelter will handle Republic ores. The railway is to be completed this summer. It will be standard gauge and 46 miles long.

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## TV NEWS

ing has arranged for two week, in which Mr. Sydney local amateurs will take part.

OLD—house changed hands yesterday. L. Morrish & Co. purchasing from Patterson & Co. It is that Mr. Patterson will leave weeks on an extended trip.

NATIONAL DAY—ents are being made by the of Rossland who claim French to celebrate the 24th of June, St. Jean Baptiste. It is on the occasion will be observed by betting ceremonies.

NAME—Sharp is now at the will sail from Montreal on the new Allan liner Australia. He expects to attend the annual dinner of the Hotel Cecil on Monday, afterwards taking in the exhibition and his old home.

DISMISSED—of larceny against James is heard before Judge Boutbee afternoon, J. L. G. Abbott appears for the prosecution and for the defence. The evidence substantiate the charge and His dismissed the case.

ME CARD—erial Flyer service over the main line will go into effect on June 6, and incidental to the a new time card will go into effect the western half of the details of the new time be announced shortly.

ORE NETS 4C. A TON—over the telephone to the quarry as to whether he had any regarding the article that in the Spokesman-Review of the under the above caption, Mr. said the article in question trate the benefit of advertising, to other value.

THE WORLD—the guests at the Kootenay Sydney H. Morse and T. V. of London, Eng., who are on and the world. They spent recently in India and then pan, sailing from Yokohama via the Hawaiian Islands. Morse and Twining will be in for the remainder of the week.

ROSE SAW ACCIDENT—Rose, a popular employee of Bear shops, was hurt yesterday operating a circular saw. A the sawing table gave away and over the right eye, inflicting a though not serious wound, inches long. Rose was taken where Dr. Kenning put her in the wound. The injured likely be around as usual today.

COURT—entered by the Centre Star against the award of John A. Assistant commissioner of lands at Nelson, granting certain ords to the B. C. Southern rail-Trail smelter, was heard at court sittings yesterday before Justice Martin. W. S. Deacon for the respondents and E. P. C. Vanover, as counsel, presented the case for the and J. L. G. Abbott was in the interests of the city, was finished yesterday after a decision is expected in a wo.

ION GROUNDS—at the offices of the Red Moun- here decides the fact that while any propose to utilize the pre- used by the citizens as recre- ands, this action will not likely at once. It is not known how company proposes to put the ss m. The Board has set at the and this will not be done on months at least.

VE THE KING—resting ceremony took place at all last night when twenty-four of the Citizens Rifle associa- e "To be faithful and true al-ear to His Majesty King Ed-." The oath was administered Boutbee. The regulations of a department make it a neces- of the contract in supplying with rifles for target practice such parties should subscribe of allegiance, hence last night's. Other members will be sworn the occasion.

OVER—the supreme court in have concluded, the end of the having been reached yesterday. A portion of the day was by the case of an appeal from by Magistrate Boulbee in the its court. Hunter Bros. appealed decision in favor of Lockhart in a genuine matter, but the as dismissed without costs. W. appeared for the appellants, Macdonald for the respondents, of Barrett vs. Danby was with- on the calendar, a satisfactory having been arrived at out of Justice Martin and Sheriff the city last night.

R OF FLOOD—nger of a serious flood at Nelson imminent at the present time any previous juncture this year. of the lake is rising at the rate inches per day, and has passed station of a halt. Cottonwood hich enters the lake just north P. R. depot, is booming and is over the railroad track like a while a small army of men in keeping its course free of any that might cause a jam it in a disastrous wash-out. A oved had a narrow escape from ried down the canyon of the hich would have inevitably death.

# RICHES OF THE SIMILKAMEEN

### The Latent Wealth of the District Described by a Visitor.

### Only Means of Transportation Needed for Development.

There is possibly no mining section of this province which is attracting more of the attention of the community at the present moment than the Similkameen district. Almost everyone knows it is a district containing large and rich deposits of mineral, but excepting those who have investigated its resources, few outsiders have more than the vaguest idea of the important rank it will in the future assume in the output of wealth for the province.

The writer has been a resident and taken an active part in mining on the most celebrated of the Australasian and South African gold and mineral fields, as well as this province, and has had opportunities of closely following and watching the development and growth of some of the greatest mines from their inception in those colonies; but after an 18 months' stay in various parts of the Similkameen and studying its ore deposits, he is left in wonder as to how it is that a district like this should have lain so long practically dormant and without the necessary railroad to open it up. He fails to remember any gold field which held greater promise and scope in its very infancy than this country does today. Had a like opportunity existed in South Africa or Australasia the enterprise would have pushed this country rapidly to the fore-front. The conditions for carrying on mining work are perfect. Timber and water are abundant and the values and immensity of the ore bodies leaves nothing further to be desired. The requirements for treatment are also present, the ores in many cases being self-fluxing and the coal supply unlimited.

One of the most interesting trips to be taken from a mining point of view through that country, is to follow the Keremeos creek to its source and cross the divide, where Twenty-Mile creek takes its rise. On both sides of Keremeos creek on the way up one can view numerous claims which are entirely unworked and to outsiders, but which, none the less, have great surface showings. The majority of these claims are owned and held by the horny-handed prospector who is little given to booming, but who quietly awaits the progress of events to bring the country to the front before rearing in the shekels as the reward of his arduous labors. The latest strike of importance made on the lower part of Keremeos creek is on what is locally known as Mount Zion. Until lately it was thought to be outside of the best mineral belt, but the work done recently by the prospectors has shown up an immense contact vein about 70 feet wide, heavily charged with copper sulphide and arsenical iron and carrying high gold values, to cut sheer through the mountain. It has been visited by a large number of people and they unanimously pronounce it to be a development of utmost importance to the camp. A wagon road is to be built from the vicinity of Mount Zion which is to connect with the Nickel Plate-Penticton road, an appropriation having been allowed by the government for that purpose.

One can travel with comfort and ease from this point to the head of Keremeos creek, where few visitors to the Similkameen have penetrated up to the present, as they generally follow the river, and in doing so they miss one of the best portions of the Twenty-Mile and Keremeos camps. When the importance of this summit becomes better known the greatest proportion of travel will be made this way. Some of the most promising showings to be seen here are on the Hoodon mountain, Division Summit, Yunimian mountain, Apex Summit. The former is a deposit of copper sulphide of great extent and has all the ear marks of becoming a great mine; this has just lately been bonded to a powerful New York syndicate. Dividend mountain carries pyrrhotite ore in large bodies and good values. The ore in Yunimian camp is chiefly magnetite carrying free gold, and the principal group, owned by Mr. Bullock Webster, is now being developed with English money. The Apex Summit has large and high grade prospects of copper sulphides and arsenical iron, and the immense contact vein which characterizes it outcrops through the country and surfaces for many miles in its course. The Nickel Plate mines are distant some three or four miles from Apex Summit, and although the management endeavor to keep secret the value of their holdings and refuse admittance to visitors, still an inkling of the facts leak out now and again from miners employed there, which leads one to strongly suspect that it is a group possessing more than ordinary merit. The management are so conservative in their secrecy that they have been known in many cases to sink shafts and drive tunnels to crosscut and find the value of their veins and then fill up their work so that no intruding visitor might share with them the secret of their property's value.

Surrounding the Nickel Plate one can find an illustration of the fact that good mines like good people are very often found in company, and a visit to the properties owned by Peter Scott, Geo. Cahill, Yates, Arundell and others will bear out this statement. Some of the claims held by Mr. Scott have lately been bonded for large figures and the work which is being done by the bondholders reveals what was beyond their expectations. The Twenty-Mile is receiving a great deal of attention at the present moment from experts traveling through the country and judging from the number of properties which are being bonded, few individual prospectors will remain by the end of summer but what have sold their holdings.

The portion of the Similkameen referred to here is but a small part of what there is to be seen. For about 100 miles in length and 50 miles in breadth one can get evidence from the numerous camps scattered over this great extent that there is to be a prosperous time when the freight-laden trains commence to run and smelters light their fires.

### THE REFINERY QUESTION.

#### Mr. J. Roderick Robertson Speaks of Various Mining Matters.

In reply to questions from the Nelson miner regarding refinery probabilities, Mr. J. Roderick Robertson said that although there was no doubt that the refinery would be built by some one, there was nothing known at the present time as to who would build it or as to where it would be erected. For some time past negotiations have been proceeding with a view not only towards increasing the smelter facilities of British Columbia, but also to the erection of a refinery; and these matters in Mr. Robertson's opinion will shortly be successful dealt with. There would need to be a reasonable guarantee, however, that the proposed refinery, when erected, would receive the trade of the province. Furthermore, while the expenditure of \$250,000 or \$300,000 might erect the refinery it would cost a great deal more to operate. The matter of finding markets is also another factor that will weigh very largely with the ultimate success of the scheme. As a smelter trust of the United States which a year ago had a capitalization of \$60,000,000 has now \$50,000,000 capitalization, it will be at once seen that no small company will be able to compete against them, but that any such undertaking will require the very strongest financial backing. It was a matter of great consequence to them, moreover, as mine owners to encourage the enterprise whereby their mined ore delivered to the smelters would be disposed of.

As regards the bonus itself, he observed that although it was not all that had been asked for it was as much as the government were disposed to give; in fact only two weeks before the announcement of their intention to grant the bonus it was thought the government would not do so during the session just ended. It being suggested that a commission be appointed to go into the matter, which would lay its report before the house next year, thus postponing matters practically for an indefinite time.

Asked in regard to the complaint which was made by some that the amount of the bonus was too limited in its effect, he intimated that to some extent that was true, he doubted not, however, that the government having admitted the principle and realizing the requirements of the situation would come to our rescue and protect its trade in the mining districts of the west by further assistance when need for such action was demonstrated. Speaking of the return of his eastern trip along other lines he mentioned that the Cascade Water, Power & Light company (of which he is manager), closed a contract for the installation of the machinery of their power plant, which when completed will be utilized for the towns and mining properties of the Boundary country, within the next few months. The installation of the plant will entail a very large outlay to install some thousands of horsepower, the work of building tunnels, dams, foundations, etc., has been quietly proceeding for some months.

In answer to a question regarding the mining troubles at Northport, Mr. Robertson replied that until he returned to the city he had been unaware of their existence. He hoped, however, that they would soon terminate. It was undoubtedly true that mining operations were found to be very expensive in British Columbia, so much so indeed at the time that many properties could not be profitably worked at the present low values received for their products, it was to be expected that as the situation and low market values were better understood that good sense and judgment would tend to the restoration of profitable enterprise, and give this portion of the province an opportunity to recover from its recent mining depression, which has so seriously affected its reputation in financial centres in the east and elsewhere. It is feared, however, that the differences existing between employers and machinists, which have led to the strikes, will considerably delay the delivery of mining machinery already ordered in British Columbia before the trouble arose and so further postpone profitable working.

### TRAIL NEWS.

#### The Baseball Team Was Victorious at Nelson.

The Trail ball team made a trip to Nelson Sunday and defeated the local club of that town by a score of 9 to 4. Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
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Batteries—McDonald and McCreary; Chambers and Houston.

The features of the game were the timely hitting of the Trail club and the work of its battery. McDonald struck out 14 men. A considerable party of Trail people accompanied the team and saw the game.

### HORSE AND HORSE.

The Rossland Junior ball club registered a kick in Sunday's Miner about the Trail Juniors' action last Saturday. The Trail boys says it is "horse and horse" that one day last summer their expenses were not paid and that they were stoned off the baseball ground at Rossland. However, the Trail boys say that they will pay for the rig the next time the Rosslands go down, and half of the expenses incurred last Saturday.

William Davis leaves today for Erie with J. T. Sims, M.E., to start work on the properties of the Erie section owned by the Transvaal-Zambesi company.

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# KNOWS THE RAND

### A VISITOR WHO HAS HAD MUCH EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

### WILL PROSPECT CLAIMS IN THE ERIE DISTRICT FOR A SYNDICATE.

Among the arrivals on the late train last night was Mr. William Davis, of London Eng., a prominent South African mining man. He has interests in this district, and will remain here for some time with a view to developing his properties. Mr. Davis will be remembered by many residents of Rossland, having spent three months in the camp in 1898. At that time he acquired a couple of tractions adjoining the Green Mountain, aggregating 26 acres of ground, as well as nine full claims in the Erie section. It is the latter properties which he proposes to open up this summer.

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### A SUNDAY NIGHT RAID.

#### The Police Make a Successful Visit to a Chinese Joint.

The police raided a Chinese gambling joint on Sunday night and made a big haul of apparatus, cash and Chinamen. The joint was located in Yee Kee's store, in the Chinese quarter, and the authorities had been aware for some time that a flourishing game was run there, particularly on Sunday, when all the Chinese employed as domestics have a night off and go in to buck the tiger in fan tan and kindred lively games for money. It was determined to break up the joint, and action was taken in this direction on Sunday night.

Chief of Police Vaughan marshalled his forces at the station, his posse having been strengthened by a delegation from the fire hall. At roll call the following answered to their names: Police Sergeant M'Phee, Patrolmen Macdonald, Bradshaw and Slavin, Firemen Fred Wilson, Joe Martin, Dan Macdonald and Angus Macdonald. The line of march was taken to Yee Kee's place of business and a few minutes before the hour midnight the posse surrounded the joint.

When the chief entered followed by the officers they found about 50 Celestials crowded around several tables where the games were in progress. The tables were covered with coin and the dominoes and dice with which the games are played. The air was thick enough with tobacco smoke to cut in dunks, and at sight of the blue coats the room hummed like a hive of angry bees. The Chinamen were decidedly upset and not a little sore at the intrusion of the posse, but with their proverbial respect for blue clothes and brass buttons stoically submitted to the inevitable, all save one. This was a burly Chinaman who had a fat wad in his pocket, evidently won in the game. Wilson was allotted the task of searching this chap, and the Celestial objected, finally punching Wilson in the right eye. The Chinese are not noted for pugilistic prowess, but this fellow put lots of ginger into his elbow, and the police confiscated all the money and apparatus in sight. Several hundred dollars was gathered in and paraphernalia enough to equip several tables Yee Kee was arrested and escorted to the lock-up. He was afterwards held out, putting up \$30 himself and getting bonds for a like amount among his friends. At yesterday's session of the police court Kee was arraigned on the charge of running a gaming house. Judge Townsend was on the bench and adjourned the hearing till today.

### PUTTING UP PRICES.

#### New Yorkers Will Have to Pay More for Their Steaks.

New York, June 3.—The butchers of this city have announced an increase in the price of meats. The increase will be into effect this morning. The whole-sale market have increased the price of carcasses to 8 3/4 and 9 cents a pound, an increase of about one cent over ruling prices. Retail prices will be advanced as follows: Sirloin steaks, advanced from 16 and 18, to 18 and 20 cents per pound. Porterhouse from 20 and 22, to 22 and 25 cents; round steak from 12 to 15 cents; 1-2 and 17-1-2 to 12 and 18 cents a pound. Veal prices remain the same, but lamb is scarce and higher.

Nicholas Tregear, formerly superintendent of the Le Roi, left yesterday with his family for Spokane.

W. M. Wood of the customs house, leaves today for the coast for three weeks' vacation. This is Mr. Wood's first vacation for four and a half years.

# THE B. A. C. IN LIQUIDATION

### Stormy Meeting of Shareholders in London Yesterday.

### No Hindrance to Local Mine Work Likely to be Caused.

London, June 3.—The shareholders of the British America Corporation agreed to go into voluntary liquidation. The corporation was closely affiliated with the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, whose suspension in December last caused so much excitement on the Stock Exchange. Lord Dufferin was a director of the British America as well as of the London and Globe Finance Corporation.

The meeting today was one of the stormiest held. When the chairman said that owing entirely to the London and Globe's default, the British America Corporation could not continue business, he was assailed with all kinds of hostile demonstrations, and cries of "the same old game," and "are you not ashamed to face us?"

### NO LOCAL EFFECT.

So far as can be learned here the liquidation of the British America Corporation will not in any way affect the Rossland mines any more than would be the case if any holder of a few thousand shares in the big Rossland mines went into liquidation. Mr. MacDonald was asked last night as to this point, and replied that the management of the Rossland Great Western company and the properties affiliated would not be interfered with. The B. A. C. relinquished its functions in this camp over six months ago, and so far as can be ascertained the corporation's holdings in the mines here consist of comparatively small blocks of stock.

# NORTHPORT STRIKE

### PRESIDENT SHED STATES THE UNION'S SIDE OF THE CASE.

### NO CERTAIN INDICATION OF A SETTLEMENT YET IN SIGHT.

Northport, Wash., June 3.—The citizens' committee and a delegation of 25 union men met Manager Kadish at his request at his office on Sunday, where and when he was expected to make a full statement as to what he would and would not do. His statements were substantially as follows: He would take some of the union men back, but reserved the sole right to take back and discharge whom he pleased. He thereby left the gateway open for discrimination and thereby provided a way for the discharge of the officers and representative members, as is feared, for the purpose of stamping out the union. The union then offered to submit every question involved to arbitration. At first the proposition was accepted, but before the delegation left he refused to do so.

On Monday morning the citizens' committee, a committee of two from the union and Manager Kadish met at Mr. Savage's private office, when the union presented a draft of an agreement to submit all questions to arbitration, which the citizens' committee pronounced very fair and beyond objection. Mr. Kadish wished to present the matter to Mr. MacDonald at Rossland and time was taken for that purpose. Later in the day the committee re-assembled, when Manager Kadish refused the proposition by refusing to accede to the main feature

of the proposed arbitration. The citizens' committee have frankly stated that they are disgusted at the attitude assumed by the smelter management.

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The meeting to consider the matter of celebrating the French-Canadian festival of St. Jean Baptiste on the 24th inst. has been postponed, but will be brought off later, as the promoters of the event have ample time in which to complete their arrangements. One of the ideas advanced is that of a ball, to take place on the evening of the 24th at the Miners' Union hall.

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A NEW CHURCH NEEDED.

With the aspirations of those who are endeavoring to arrange for the early construction of a new edifice to supplant the present building which does duty as the meeting place for the congregation of St. George's church, everybody will be in sympathy. No one will dispute that a new building is badly needed. The structure at present in use is very unsightly, in a poor location and altogether unsuitable. It would seem to be an act of wisdom for a special endeavor to be made at once to arrange for the securing of the necessary funds to commence work on the new church at an early date; and the Miner sincerely hopes that such an effort may prove successful. In order to further the movement as much as possible we here reproduce from the Whitsonide Leaflet, which has just been issued, the arguments advanced in favor of proceeding with the construction of the new church immediately: At the annual vestry meeting on Easter Monday the necessity for a new church was strongly urged by Mr. Daly in a vigorous manner and was taken up enthusiastically by every one who spoke. The need was very apparent on Easter Sunday, when some were turned away from the doors for lack of room and those present suffered for lack of ventilation, and it was felt that the need being so great, the means for meeting it must be within reach, so the church committee was requested to look into the matter and report at a future meeting. The committee now call a meeting of the whole congregation to be held in the church on Monday, June 3rd, at 8 p. m. to receive that report and express their opinion on the whole question—building, plans, site and all. The present site, though not without its advantages, was almost universally condemned at the Easter meeting and as this is a question which intimately concerns the whole congregation, we hope to have a large turnout on Monday night. There is of course only one opinion as to the need of a new church. Not only the unsightliness of the present building, but the lack of good ventilation and of schoolroom accommodation is an effectual hindrance to progress, to say nothing of the unworthiness of such a structure for the house of God. Our town is rapidly improving in the character of its buildings—no true Rosslander has any doubts of its future—our brethren of four different religious bodies have buildings of more recent date and superior character and our grand old church with all her heritage of ancient faith, high devotion and noble name, with all her traditional wealth of splendid architecture erected to the glory of God, is put to shame in Rossland by "a mean and undignified building." In former days when ready money was plentiful and good "Father Pat" for his own sake as well as that of the church might have had all he desired almost without the asking, the need of a better building was not so apparent. Now times have changed though hearts are the same; most of our congregation have suffered more or less from the long continued depression, and some would say: "Wait for the return of good times and it will be easy to collect the necessary amount." Of that we feel quite sure, but how long must we wait—is it necessary to wait and shall we gain by so doing, or can we make a good start now without waiting an indefinite period during which the church and her work and worship are at low ebb and losing ground for lack of a fit building? This is the question for all to decide, since it is the privilege and duty of all to take part in the work. We could no doubt count on some few large donations—not many at present—but if all set to work with a will and each contributes what he or she can the result will be attained in a church building richer in God's sight and dearer to us all than if built by the munificence of a few. This is the position. Many are willing, we know, beyond their means. If all are willing to make a sacrifice worthy of the cause and of Him who claims it, there can be no doubt of the result.

THE MINISTERIAL TOUR

It is announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and a number of his colleagues will leave Ottawa about the first of next month on a tour of Western Canada, the intention being to spend some time in British Columbia and the Yukon country. The members of the present federal administration are displaying commendable interest in all matters affecting the West, and no doubt as a result of their trip much legislation of a necessary and

beneficial character will be passed at the next session of parliament. It is Sir Wilfrid's avowed intention to examine carefully into the needs and requirements of the mining industry, and it would be well for those interested in seeing that industry placed upon a proper basis, in so far as it is affected by governmental acts, to be prepared to lay all needful data before the visitors on their arrival in this province. The appointment of a joint commission by the federal and provincial governments has been spoken of and, we think, decided upon; and it is not too much to hope that as a result of the ministerial visit and the labors of the commission much good will be accomplished in the direction of stimulating an industry which aims at the development of our marvellous mineral resources. Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues will no doubt spend some time in Rossland, and a special endeavor should be made to accord the influential visitors a fitting reception.

THE ROYAL TOURISTS.

No doubt preparations will commence shortly all over Canada for the reception to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, who are expected to tour the Dominion the latter part of September or first of October. The Governor-General has received word that in addition to Captain his serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck, 7th Hussars, the party accompanying the Duke and Duchess will include the following: Lady Mary Lygon, lady-in-waiting; Lady Katharine Coke, lady-in-waiting; the Hon. Mrs. Derek Keppel, lady-in-waiting and head of the household; Lieut.-Col. Sir Arthur Bigge, K.C.B., C.M.G., private secretary; Commander Sir Charles Cust, Bart., R.N., Equerry; the Hon. Derek Keppel, Equerry; the Rev. Canon Dalton, C.M.G., domestic chaplain; Sir John Anderson, K.C.M.G., representing the Colonial office; Sir Donald Wallace, K.C.I.E., assistant private secretary; Commodore A. L. Winslow, R.N., commanding H.M.S. Ophir; Commander E. Godfrey Huseet, R.N., A.D.C.; Major J. H. Bor, Royal Marine Artillery, C.M.G., A.D.C.; Captain Viscount Crichton, Royal Horse Guards, A.D.C.; Lieut. and Duke of Roxburgh, Royal Horse Guards, M.V.O., A.D.C.; Chevalier E. de Montino, M.V.O., marine artist; D. A. Mandy, M.D.; Mr. Sydney Hall, artist.

THE LEAD BOUNTY.

The Mining and Scientific Press thus alludes to the announcement that the Dominion government had determined to bonus a lead refinery: The Canadian government, it is reported, has decided to pay a bounty on lead refined in Canada of \$5 per ton, not exceeding \$100,000 annually. In direct effect this does not seem very much, but indirectly it cannot fail to influence the price of lead in the foreign market. The establishment of the refinery in British Columbia would not only give the direct bounty of \$5 a ton, but it will give as well a large indirect bounty, amounting to the freight on the ore or on crude lead from the mines to San Francisco and the return freight on the lead from San Francisco to Canada. The lead which does not get the direct government bounty will get the indirect bounty of freight money saved, and the annual production can easily be made to far outrun the 30,000 tons annually the bounty would provide for. Conditions have been such without the refining that the lead from the mine was worth slightly less than nothing, as a producer explained it; but it had to be separated from the silver by refining. With the refinery, the lead will at least be worth the bounty, and many Canadian mines now unproductive will be able to resume with a profit margin. The effect of the increase in production can reasonably be counted on to reduce the London price, and to reduce the return from the surplus United States production marketed abroad. Ultimately the sum total of this will be distributed to the mine producers of the United States in lowered prices, unless the American Smelting & Refining company decides to pay it, just as it pays the freight on the lead from the refineries in Colorado to New York. It is to be hoped the economic of consolidation will permit it to do so.

"CUBA LIBRE."

The results of the Cuban constitutional convention have not satisfied President McKinley and his cabinet, and these latter have told the delegates that they must try again. By what is known as the Platt amendment, passed in the U. S. senate, the Cubans were instructed how to draw up a constitution that would be acceptable to their deliverers from the Spanish yoke. The convention seems to have followed instructions after a fashion, agreeing to the terms of the amendment according to its own interpretation thereof. But the Washington authorities say this does not constitute a "substantial compliance" with the prescribed terms, hence the convention must make a new endeavor. The recent decision of the Supreme court put the insular possessions of the United States upon the footing of colonies, against which a tariff wall can be erected by congress. The insular peoples are in effect told that they did not gain the status of citizens by their transference from the dominion of Spain to that of the States, but that

they are as liable as foreigners to be handicapped in their trade relations. Now in turn the Cubans are told that the "Cuba Libre" established by the Spanish war has a Washington string to it. "Consent of the governed" seems to be a phrase that has changed its meaning since the days of Jefferson.

C. P. R. NEW RULES.

Further information is at hand regarding the new rules which the C. P. R. purposes putting in force. The C. P. R. some time ago notified the railway committee of its intention to put new rules into force, and asked for the committee's consent. Mr. James T. Burke, legislative representative of the train service brotherhoods, appeared before the committee and filed objections to the following conditions in the new rules: (1) Employees in accepting employment to assume its risks. (2) Frequenting of places where liquor is sold while not on duty to be a sufficient cause for dismissal. (3) Employees to give fourteen days' notice in writing before leaving the company's service. (4) Company reserves the right to deduct from the pay of its employees fines for neglect of duty, etc. (5) Employees desirous of appealing to the head of the department must do so through the proper officer, and the decision of the general superintendent to be final. (6) Employees not to engage directly or indirectly, in any other business or trade without permission. In an informal discussion which took place Mr. Burke argued the case for the trainmen with great skill. He admitted, however, that he had not laid the objections before the company, and was advised to do so, in order to ascertain whether the company is willing to meet the grounds of complaint. If this does not prove satisfactory both sides will be heard by the railway committee before the rules are adopted.

THE REVOLT AGAINST FOOL GOVERNMENT.

In a very excellent editorial article the Lardeau Eagle joins in the agitation aiming at the overthrow of the present rotten government at Victoria. Like the Rossland Miner it believes that the time is ripe for action on the part of the people who are sick and tired of the reign of misrule and incompetency. The basis of good government is fair representation, says the Eagle. Without fair representation the fundamental principle of honest government does not prevail. And this is the condition which the electors of British Columbia find themselves in today. During the provincial session just closed we find the present factional government wrestling with many questions of more or less importance; but in no way are we led to believe that so soon as the result of the census is known a redistribution bill, granting the mainland equal representation, will be brought forward. It is not more representatives we want, but fair representation at the capitol. At the present time one vote cast on the island is equal to eight cast in the interior.

The Eagle asks in all earnestness, how can we expect any measure of fairness while so many people are practically disfranchised? If the island members see fit to further tax the industries of the Kootenays, and otherwise hamper our progress by not becoming alive to the situation, we must certainly take our medicine until such times as we are placed upon an equal voting basis with favored constituencies. Take away fair representation and the possibility for a fair deal vanishes. But surely the electors of the mainland will not tolerate the present conditions until the present government has outlived its full term, if that is possible under any circumstances!

Here we have railways which should be built, refineries which should be established at once, smelters which should be operated by the government, fisheries which should be taken over by the people; and the Eagle might go on enumerating important legislation which is simply ignored by an incapable government. And the first and only step towards a betterment or realization of the items quoted above is a fair representation. Without this we are helpless, dominated and dictated to at leisure by the mossback element of the province. All other "issues" are but scarecrows in comparison. The MAN who will formulate a party with this non-political theme as his one and only platform, agreeing to meet in the house, keep in progress the wheels of government, pass a fair redistribution, and then go to the country, is the man that nearly every elector on the mainland is looking for. It comes high, but the fundamental principle of good government is cheap at any price. We are sick and tired of the present bunch of incapables, drawing salary at Victoria. They are quite unequal to the progress of the country, and not farseeing enough to meet the new conditions arising in this trustful age, with all our wealth being centralized in the hands of a few. Now is the time for a body of capable representatives to grasp the situation and meet it like men. Our natural resources must be nourished by all the people, or a few years hence will see us all in the clutch of a Pierpont Morgan. But who will act? On the pedestal throne our present legislators sit, with one hand in the treasury and the other extending the glad hand to the innocent elector. And there you are. The people who

would change this condition of affairs and rise to the occasion are at present "sawashed." The question is, how long will we stand for it?

IMPERIAL APPEAL COURT.

A good deal of interest will attach to the conference of delegates from the colonies to be held in London about the end of this month. The new aspect which inter-imperial relations have taken on naturally calls for the establishment of a court of ultimate appeal reflecting the higher degree of unity to which the Empire has reached. The necessity for such a representative judicial body was accentuated by the stand taken by the leaders of the Australian Commonwealth, who were inclined to do away with appeals to the privy council and make their own supreme court the tribunal of last resort. But independently of their action, the circumstances would have appeared to call for such a reconstruction of the judicial committee of the privy council as would make it in some degree representative of the whole Empire and give it the advantage of members learned in colonial law. Mr. Chamberlain has a clear appreciation of the situation, hence the assembly of colonial delegates which he has called to London for consultative purposes. Canada's delegate will be the Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, who will be generally regarded as a most efficient representative in this matter. Speculation has of course been busy as to the probable occupant of the seat on the Imperial council to be allotted to Canada, but so far there is no basis for anything but the vaguest of rumors. There is at all events no cause for hurry, since the preliminary arrangements will consume some time. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's name has been mentioned, and no one will deny that he would make a most worthy representative of Canada on such a court as is under contemplation, but the great majority of Canadians will also say that the country could hardly spare his services as premier.

THE BOER WAR.

The news from South Africa is very disheartening. The end of the conflict seems further off than ever. That one Boer force could penetrate Cape Colony at this stage of the game, and another make an apparently successful attack upon one of the British strongholds in the Transvaal is astounding. The question naturally arises, what is the matter with the great British force, which seems to have proved itself thoroughly incapable of coping with the scattered forces of the enemy in the manner which was expected? It would be the height of nonsense for a layman to attempt to dictate to the military experts in the field as to what they ought to do; but something seems radically wrong somewhere. Great Britain has an overwhelming force in the field; and it passes comprehension that that force should be unable to not only protect every line of communication but wipe out the numerically insignificant enemy. Verily, South Africa is a land of surprises; and this war is opening the eyes of the "experts" all over the world. The Boers are displaying marvellous tenacity and power of recuperation; and no one, in view of all that has occurred, would be surprised if the war lasted for many months yet. Of course there can be only one outcome—Great Britain will win; but it would be more comforting if the end were nearer in view.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

There seems an astonishing apathy throughout the country at the present time regarding the provincial political situation. Perhaps this may be accounted for by the fact that people everywhere are thoroughly disgusted with the antics of the legislators during the session just closed and are in a mood to welcome a period of quietude. But it would be very unwise for us to consent to adopt the Policy of Drift in connection with the administration of our public affairs. Unless we have very much misinterpreted the situation, the complexion of the present government, as it is now and likely to be for some time, constitutes a grave menace to the well-being of the country. No one who has been closely following the trend of events doubts for one moment that Joseph Martin—the most unscrupulous political trickster in all Canada—is boss of the government. He and Premier Dunsmyth—once his deadly enemy—are now, figuratively speaking, sleeping together. Joe is, as a matter of fact, the government of British Columbia—that is to say, he has assumed the position of dictator; his will is law and the government jumps to do his bidding. That is hardly a circumstance pleasing to contemplate; but it is a fact. And the astonishing feature of the whole business is that the people should accept such an arrangement in such an apathetic spirit. Beyond an occasional growl of discontent from isolated newspapers, nothing at all approaching a vigorous protest against tom-fool government is heard. Contrary to preconceived notions it is the capital itself that the greatest discontent is manifested. The people of Victoria are in a very despondent mood; business in all branches is dull and general commercial stagnation prevails. Very rightly, Victorians blame the fool government for the existence of such a condition of affairs. All the promises which were held out to them have been ruthlessly broken; and, having placed in office incompetent men, they are reaping the inevitable reward. We do not think the period of quietude which is now manifest can continue much longer. It is only a question of time before the storm breaks. The government is rotten to the core—in the sense that it is made up of a gang of triflers and schemers. Martin is at the helm; and he is mistrusted everywhere. So, while it is difficult to say just what will occur in the immediate future, it is absolutely certain that such an outrageous condition cannot last for long. People will soon get sick of fool government.

LORD MILNER.

The recent speeches made by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Lord Milner, who will be known as Lord Milner of Cape Town, finally dispose of the rumors in certain quarters that Lord Milner had been recalled from South Africa and a title conferred on him to cover his disgrace. Mr. Chamberlain, assuring Lord Milner of the confidence of the King and people, referred to the work before him as being more arduous than any that had hitherto confronted him, while Lord Milner alluded apologetically to his taking a holiday while a big, unfinished job was awaiting him. He referred to the rumors concerning him, and complained that it was ludicrous that some of the busiest men in the world were compelled to occupy time to prove to persons with an ingrained habit of self-delusion that Great Britain did not give up her agents in face of the enemy, and that the British did not allow themselves to be bored into abandoning what they had spent millions of treasure and many precious lives to obtain. Lord Milner made a very brief reference to the situation, not committing himself further than saying: "It seems to me that we are slowly progressing towards the predestined end. It has appeared latterly as if the pace was somewhat quickening, but I do not wish to make too much of that or to speak with too great confidence." Lord Milner declared his unshakable conviction that the road the British had taken was the only one possible. He added: "Peace we could have had. By self-effacement we could have had it comfortably and easily on those terms, but we could not have held our own by any other methods than those we were obliged to adopt. I do not know whether I am more inclined to laugh or cry when I have to listen for the hundredth time to those dear delusions and utopian dogmatism that it only required a little more time, patience, tact and meekness to conciliate hatred, insatiate ambitions and invincible ignorance."

THE ADVANCE IN MINING.

The Western Mining World directs attention to the fact that inventive genius is doing for the mining industry what it has done for other phases of our industrial life. It is lifting the vocation to a higher level and framing for it magnificent successes for the future. In ancient times surface mining was alone possible for there were not adequate appliances for deep mining. The gold that was hammered into a veneering for the temple of King Solomon was probably a placer product, though it must be confessed that the mines of Ophir have never been definitely located by curious man since they were lost in the remorseless shuffle of passing years. The next most voluminous accumulation of gold, found by Pizarro with the Inca of Peru, was also from the surface, for the ancient Peruvians were not greater adepts at deep mining than their trans-Atlantic cousins of the ancient world. Before the days of gunpowder for blasting purposes the art of working rock was a tedious process that practically destroyed the profits of mining, even when slave labor was employed. The ancient miner seems never to have discovered the use of lime in blasting, as it was often applied in an early day in the west when powder could not be secured. Alternate layers of dry and damp lime in a drill hole was a comparatively slow but effective process of breaking rock. As the water percolated from the damp lime into the unslacked lime a force was generated that could find expression only by breaking the rock. The advance made in mining during the last few years has been marvellous. Not only have machines been devised to simplify the work and expedite mining operations and increase the output, but chemistry has grasped the problems of the underground world with brilliant success. The treatment of ores has kept pace with the extraction from the earth. Science has clasped hands with invention and uttered a prophecy of magnificent successes for the future of the industry.

ADVERTISING ROSSLAND.

We note that at the regular meeting of the Rossland board of trade this evening consideration is to be given to the question of advertising the city, and the suggestion is made that a pamphlet should be prepared and distributed at the Pan-American exhibition at Buffalo, Glasgow fair and the Toronto Industrial. This, no doubt, is a very good idea in a way; but we may be permitted to remark that the very best advertisement

for any city is obtained through the daily newspapers. We think we may in this connection with justifiable pride direct attention to the fact that the Rossland Miner is today a newspaper which would be a credit to any city three times the size of Rossland. It is thoroughly metropolitan in make-up and the quantity of news published. The cost of conducting such a newspaper in a community the size of Rossland is very great; and, inasmuch as its publication reflects credit upon the town, no opportunity should be lost by the citizens in according it support. So we say that if any civic body desires to advertise Rossland they cannot do better than assist the Miner in its attempts to maintain a first-class newspaper. It does not require any argument in order to have it admitted that the character and appearance of a newspaper go a long way in forming the impressions of outsiders regarding a city. If the paper is a good one, the conclusion is inevitable that the town is a good one. All that we have to say is this—the Miner is a good newspaper and as being conducted at great expense. If the town requires advertising why not assist the Miner in maintaining its acknowledged prestige both at home and abroad?

A FINELY PETITION.

A great deal of comment has been caused recently because of the antics of the faith-healers, who it is alleged have been responsible in more than one instance for the death of deluded followers of the gang of silly dreamers. And in this connection it is interesting to note that a petition is being circulated throughout Victoria for submission to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa asking that the criminal law be amended so that it covers cases such as that brought against W. W. Maltby and Elder Brooks a short time ago. The petition, now being signed, is as follows: "The petition of the undersigned citizens of Victoria, British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

- (1) That the criminal law of Canada does not provide for the punishment of individuals who neglect to provide medical attention for their children in cases where it is absolutely necessary and where the parents are in a position to provide the same.
(2) That in this city a death has occurred within the last year which might have been averted had medical aid been called in.
(3) That it was decided by the Supreme Court of British Columbia that the law did not provide for such cases.
Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the criminal code of Canada be so amended to provide for the punishment of individuals and their accessories for neglect or failure to provide medical aid or any other necessary requisite when in a position so to do."

Alex Henderson has been appointed to the Vancouver county judgeship. The appointment is a good one. The foreign troops are evacuating China. Another Boer outbreak cannot be very far distant.

News of a great placer find comes from Franklin camp. A mining excitement in that vicinity is about due. Let us hope that it will prove legitimate.

Mr. Tarta tells the Vancouver municipal meddlers to keep their hands off in federal affairs which come under the jurisdiction of his department. That's right.

The C. P. R. is branching out. Mr. Whyte is going to Russia to investigate the situation there. Is Shaugnessy sighing for fresh fields to conquer?

The quarrel among the members of the Boot family continues. If the practice of Christianity does not prevail amongst such professed Christians, one wonders where to look to discover its efficacious workings.

It seems quite improbable that the Royal tourists will be able to visit the Kootenay country during their trip through Canada, but something ought to be done to direct their attention to the fact that there is such a place on the map. The suggestion has been made that they be presented with an address at Revelstoke. The idea seems a good one.

Hon. Mr. Turner must be glad to say good-bye to the Dunsmuir government. A cabinet which has so thoroughly failed is easily parted with.—Vancouver World.

It is very questionable whether from the strictly nutritive point of view champagne and cysters are after all its health an advance upon gingerbeer and cookies, whether turtle is preferable to calf's head, or caviare to soft berring roe, or plovers' eggs superior to the ordinary egg of the barn door bird. The price of an article of food by no means sets upon it its food value.—Lancet.

The ratification of the contract between the Canadian Northern Railway company and the government of Manitoba has been followed by an all round reduction of freight and passenger rates. This has been commenced one of the most interesting economic experiments in the history of the Dominion of Canada. Its success may lead to a revolution in our transportation system; its failure must seriously embarrass the province.—Victoria Times.

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Development of Old Gold and some other thing will see in season. Some by pack train the new Dunsmuir order to secure Ferguson is owing to the Eagle some claims of the town, call same was composed iron oxide, and gold, \$276; total values of \$ Three men at Metropolitan ag MacCrossan return force will be in J. D. Sibbald of the tree millin Comaplix and R appearance very big rush in to A gang of men the Union Jack of Lardeau river Union Jack is one of the most the Lardeau River Carter, Louis T. patrick. Up to the present 150 feet of tunnel creek, says the hundred feet of fore the vein was once in the L The hanging wall slate. Over depth has been tions are excellent will form the B operations of the On the Keyes the Silver Queen four leads one of up and has a sheet of carbonate pushed on this spring summer. The \$50 in all values points on this received up to \$ On the John property, extensive tions are being p in the group will ped, before a James Rutherford of Spokane, own conceded by all promising in the ranging as high been obtained. On the property. As soon as the supplies being paid claim, on the creek is work will there. J. M. M. is developing the capitalists and having a mine t. Dominick Salk Congo group on he will do considerable property for the one of the most that section of ore fissure vein from lying high up on tain and carries g and cooper. The has greatly retarded this as well as o neighborhood an keeps its promi mountain wagon. considerable develop section this season Shipment of o the year 1899 to ment in British shipment of ore f up to and includ from January 1st From New Devel Hartney From Bosun Lan Bousin From Silverton Alha Hewett Emily Edith From Enterprise Enterprise From Twelve Mil V. & M. From Slocan City Arington Two Friends Black Prince Bondholder Chapleau Speculator Phoenix Total A. O. Mooers in Crawford creek, Adams Bros, tog are interested i brought with him pies of copper ore says that the richest showings are three stringer property which ab in some places, w without doubt, p richest properties Work is to be a Sovereign Work for the p ended on the R. The Sunset, in a heavy shipper the J. M. Harris sta winter development enough brought in ore. During its histor solved better. TH must be very econ ment. Machine drills at V. & M. on Twelve of ore shipped to \$43.00 to the ton. A nice showing h Habans, a claim ad on Ten-Mile. It is Heinze and Thos. Six carloads of Emily Edith await market. A carload was recently sent

# IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

## THE LARDEAU.

Development work is going on at the Old Gold and Guinea Gold properties, and some other claims in the same section will see more or less activity this season. Some shipments will be made by pack train from the Old Gold when the new Duncan trail is completed, in order to secure a test of values.

Ferguson is somewhat excited, according to the Eagle, over the ore found on some claims staked within the borders of the town, called the Gypsey group. The same was composed of quartz, slate and iron oxide, and sized up in this way: 13.8 ozs. gold, \$276.12 ozs. silver, 72c. or total value of \$276.72 to the ton.

Three men are now at work on the Metropolitan group. As soon as Mr. McCrossan returns from the coast the force will be increased.

J. D. Sibbald of Revelstoke saw some of the free milling ore from Pool creek at Comaplix and reports that it is to all appearance very rich. He looks to see a big rush in to the district this summer.

A gang of men are at work developing the Union Jack group on the south fork of Lardieu river near Ferguson. The Union Jack is on the Cup ledge and is one of the most promising properties in the Lardeau. The owners are Harry Carter, Louis Thompson and J. Kirkpatrick.

Up to the present there has been about 150 feet of tunnel driven on Tenderfoot creek, says the Trout Lake Topic. One hundred feet of this has been driven before the vein was encountered, the balance is in the ledge from wall to wall. The panging wall is lime and the foot wall slate. Over one hundred feet of depth has been gained and the indications are excellent. Drifting on the lead will form the bulk of the development operations of the future.

On the Keweenaw, a claim adjoining the Silver Queen, there are no less than four leads, one of which has been opened up and has a showing of almost three feet of carbonates. Development will be pushed on this showing during the coming summer. The ore of this strike runs 350 in all values to the ton. At other points on this vein returns have been received up to \$300.

On the John L. another Tenderfoot property, extensive development operations are being prepared for. The claims in the group will be surveyed, it is expected, before active work has begun. James Rutherford and John G. Lynch of Spokane, own this group, which is conceded by all to be one of the most promising in that section. Gold values ranging as high as \$100 to the ton have been obtained. A claim will be erected on the property shortly.

## THE SLOCAN.

As soon as the season will permit supplies being packed up to the Hoodoo claim, on the Red Mountain, the development work will be actively resumed there. J. M. M. Benedum, of Silverton, is developing the claim for Virginia capitalists and has every expectation of having a mine there.

Dominick Salk has gone up to the Congo group on Red Mountain, where he will do considerable work upon that property for the owners. The Congo is one of the most promising properties in that section of our camp. It is a true fissure vein from eight to ten feet wide, lying high up on the sides of Red Mountain and carries good values in both gold and copper. The lack of transportation has greatly retarded the development of this as well as other properties in that neighborhood and if the government keeps its promise to build the Red Mountain wagon road there will be considerable development work done in that section this season.—Silvertonian.

Shipments of ore from Slocan lake for the year 1899 totaled 3,078 tons. Shipments in 1900 totaled 4,930 tons. The shipment of ore from Slocan lake points up to and including the present week, from January 1st, 1901:

Hartney	140
From Boson Landing	240
Boson	240
From Silverton	40
Alpha	670
Hewett	40
Emily Edith	40
From Enterprise Landing	180
Enterprise	180
From Twelve Mile Landing	20
V. & M.	20
From Arlington	1505
Two Friends	40
Black Prince	100
Bondholder	50
Chapleau	15
Speculator	20
Phoenix	20
Total	5990

A. O. Moores has just returned from Crawford creek, where he and the Adams Bros., together with Jack Cook are interested in some claims. He brought with him some very rich samples of copper ore from the property and says that the property has one of the richest showings in that district. There are three stringers of this ore on the property which show up two feet in width in some places, which if developed will, without doubt, prove to be one of the richest properties there.—Kootenian.

Work is to be resumed on the Slocan Sovereign.

Work for the present has been suspended on the R. E. Lee.

The Sunset, in Jackson Basin, will be heavy shipper this summer.

J. M. Harris states that during the winter development on the Reco-Goodenough brought into eight \$500,000 worth of ore.

During its history the Slocan Star never looked better. The recent rich strikes must be very encouraging to the management.

Machine drills are to be put in at the V. & M. on Twelve-Mile creek. A carload of ore shipped to Trail gives a profit of \$43.00 to the ton.

A nice showing has been struck on the Hanks, a claim adjoining the Enterprise, on Ten-Mile. It is owned by Charles Heinze and Thos. Arison.

Six carloads of ore are sacked at the Emily Edith awaiting a turn in the lead market. A carload of ore from this mine was recently sent to Wales and concen-

trated by the oil process. The result was satisfactory.—New Denver Ledger.

## EAST KOOTENAY.

It is rumored that Spokane parties are after a well-known group of claims near Fort Steele.

Work is being prosecuted energetically at the Carbonate King mine in the Skookum Chiek district under the management of Harry Olson.

Iron ore exists in large quantities on Bull river, in the Fort Steele district.

Charles Van Blake came down from Finley creek on Tuesday. He reports that a number of men are engaged in placer mining on the creek, that there is about two and a half feet of good pay gravel, ground has been stripped and sluicing will commence next week.

The Aurora at Moyie is showing up well. Work is progressing rapidly under the management of Mr. Johnson. It is possible that another mine will soon be added to the list of producing mines in Southeast Kootenay.

Messrs. Spencer and John, who have been prospecting on Finley creek this season, have discovered four feet of clean galena ore on the main fork of Finley creek. The strike is situated about 20 miles up the creek. Assay returns give a value of 100 ounces in silver, and 65 per cent lead. The owners returned to the claim this week, and work on the property will be continued all summer.

## SILKMANEN.

A large force of men is to be put to work on the Sunset.

On the Jennie Silkman, French & Day have run a large open cut 104 feet across the one body without reaching its limit. A sampling of 45 feet on the surface shows seven and six-tenths per cent copper.

Near the Jennie Silkman the Snowden boys have been getting some fine ore on the Oriole.

Budd & Aldous have a fine property in the Lone Star at Aspen Grove. Recent development shows the shaft in solid ore carrying rich streaks of grey copper and copper glance.

The Keremose wagon road is rapidly nearing completion, and every week sees an increase in the number of vehicles that come in over the road.—Princeton Star.

## BOUNDARY.

What looks like the biggest strike made near this city for some time was reported this week by John Holmes who reports his development on the Gold Axe claim, Hardy mountain, owned by himself and Hugh McGuire. The find was made at a depth of 15 feet in a new shaft being sunk on this property. Several other workings on the claim have shown good ore, but not sufficient quantity to be of much value. The latest find, however, shows the entire bottom of a 57 shaft in ore of a character somewhat new to this section. The mineral is a silver and copper bromide in a quartz gangue, and will undoubtedly carry first-class values. This ore body was uncovered after sinking through a surface capping of between 12 and 15 feet, and the width of the lead has not been determined as yet. Assays are being taken from the new find, and if the values are as good as anticipated the owners will develop the strike extensively this summer.—Grand Forks Gazette.

## QUARTZ DEPOSITS.

An English Specialist on Those of British Columbia.

The paper on the Auriferous Quartz Deposits of Southern British Columbia by Mr. J. D. Kendall, which appeared for some weeks in these columns, has now been reprinted in pamphlet form, and owing to the importance of the subject, and the great experience which the writer possesses in regard to the chief mineral formations in British Columbia, his remarks are deserving of more than passing reference. It is satisfactory to receive the writer's assurance that in regard to quartz mining in the province very little British money has been lost, and even that little has not been due to lack of opportunities so much as to bad management. In this latter respect, Mr. Kendall firmly puts his finger on past errors. Owing to the keen commercial rivalry of American mining men, we must improve our methods. Very properly he denounces such unbusinesslike procedure—to use no harsher terms as purchasing properties on vendors' reports of building mills before sufficient ore is exp. sed to feed them, etc. His strictures on the habit of placing men in charge who are too inexperienced to deserve such responsibility are, we fear, only too well deserved, but, in spite of the many blunders made in the past, he is of opinion that capital has an extensive and profitable field of operation in British Columbia in developing gold-bearing quartz deposits if the money is properly expended. Most of the deposits, in the writer's experience, consist of quartz in which are associated sulphides of one of the base metals and the great bulk of this ore can be best treated by amalgamation and fine concentration. The gold values are found both in the quartz and also in the sulphides, and usually in a free state. Carefully drawn plans of some of the chief quartz mines in the province accompany his paper, and show not only the position of the workings, but also the ore bodies, faults, dykes, stopes, etc. In the course of his reference to the Ymir mine he observes that a strong vein "should never be abandoned until the character of its ore has been tested throughout," and if this businesslike policy was always adopted, shareholders would probably have less cause to regret their investments. The loss in the tailings from this mine to which Mr. Kendall refers will be obviated in future, as the experimental cyanide plant has proved quite successful, and all tailings will in future be so treated, thereby earning increased profits for the company. The Doratha Merton mine, which was owned by a subsidiary company of the Estate, Mine and Finance Corporation, which is chiefly interested in South Africa, turned out unfortunately, and the writer observes that "this property affords a good illustration of the risk attending

premature erection of treatment plant. Had the mine been so far developed before the mill was decided upon, that the ore in sight would pay for the mill, it is quite certain that neither the mill nor the tramway would have been built." After discussing some fine properties, he referred to the methods of unprincipled promoters, and exposes some of the tricks employed by wildcat operators in British Columbia. One of the most glaring instances was in connection with the flotation of the Gold and Cache mine, and he thus swindle which are now made public for the first time. Had this exposure been made concerning an English registered company, there is a likelihood that the public prosecutor would have taken the matter in hand. Summing up the future outlook, Mr. Kendall observes that if the auriferous quartz and other mineral deposits of British Columbia be worked efficiently they will yield handsome returns. This is a satisfactory statement coming from one whose views are never colored by undue optimism. The Review may fairly take credit for having been the medium of publishing what is undoubtedly the standard work on the subject in the present time.—B. C. Review London.

## A CHINAMAN SHOT.

The Deed of Frank Lascelles, Who Is Apparently Insane.

On Wednesday morning at daybreak, at his ranch on the Upper Columbia lake, Frank Lascelles, quickly and instantly killed a Chinaman that was working for him, says the Fort Steele Prospector. The murderer has escaped into the mountains. It appears that on going to bed he felt depressed and nervous and not being able to sleep asked J. Lambert, who was putting up a new house for him, and sleeping in the same house, to keep his lamp alight. After sleeping some time, Lambert was awakened by hearing Lascelles apparently engaged in conversation with some one outside of the window. Lambert listened for a short time and then becoming suspicious that all was not right went outside closing the door behind him. Hearing the door slam he went out, and the man had gone out, saying "Is that you Lambert? If you don't answer before I count five I'll shoot." Meanwhile the Chinaman cook woke up and opening the door received the entire charge of shot in his neck, dying immediately. Lascelles then put on his coat, and filling his pockets with cartridges went out. This occurred at daybreak and the man had not yet been located. He is in pajamas and has no shoes on. It is supposed that Lascelles suddenly became insane, as there is no other reason assigned for committing the act.

Lascelles has been a resident of North-east Kootenay since 1892. He is a well-to-do man of very peculiar disposition and is not a native of England. The police of Windermere are searching for Lascelles.

# PROVINCIAL NOTES

The census returns for Kasko will show a population of between 1,500 and 1,800 people, according to the Kootenayan's estimate.

It is feared that a plague of grasshoppers may infest this land the summer season, says the Vancouver News as they were plentiful last year and the young hoppers have been observed in myriads during the past few days.

Owing to the steady rains and melting snow, land slides are of daily occurrence between Hosmer and Crow's Nest station, but the railway company are taking every precaution to prevent accidents such as last week, enough money has been contracted to survey, plot and record their route in advance of the other.—Fort Steele Prospector.

A large number of some seekers arrived at Steele last week. They are looking for agricultural lands in the Kootenay valley.

Phoenix contractors have been figuring on the new structure for the Phoenix hospital. The plans were drawn by F. M. Rattenbury of Victoria, who was architect for the capital buildings, and the local physicians agree that the hospital plans are most satisfactory. The hospital will when finally completed, have two large wings and a central building. At present it is the intention to put up but one of the wings, 120 feet in size, and that is what is being figured on now.

Colonel L. Edwin Dudley, United States consul at Vancouver, has taken up the case of W. R. Hocking, an American citizen serving a sentence in a New Westminster prison on a charge of bigamy. It is alleged Hocking's imprisonment is unjust, certain evidence having been developed since he was placed in jail three months ago. Hocking's story is that while living in Austin, Nev., he became crippled through an accident and subsequently his wife sued for a divorce on the ground of non support. Believing the divorce to have been granted Hocking married again and was prosecuted for bigamy.

## GORDON V. CANE.

A Case of Some Celebrity in Coast Legal Circles.

Victoria, June 4.—(Special.)—In the full court this morning the appeal was allowed with costs in Gordon versus Cane, taken from Judge Harrison's ruling in Nanaimo. The action is one of account brought by plaintiff, who is administrator of the estate of Ed. Gordon, daughter of the late member for Nanaimo. The defendant is Mr. Gordon's widow, who is now the wife of G. F. Cane, the well known Vancouver lawyer, who is in court instructing Mr. Yarwood, who appears for the appellant. Mr. Barker for respondent.

# CITY NEWS

**AN ILLINOIS VISITOR.**—Mr. Jesse Blackburn, of Normal, Ill., a prominent lumber merchant, left on Sunday's train for Spokane after a brief visit to the city. While here Mr. Blackburn saw all he could of the town and the mines and expressed himself as greatly surprised at the extent of both. He was much pleased with his visit.

**GOING WITH A RUSH.**—Messrs. Rumberger & Taylor, of Phoenix, state that their sale of lots in the Dominion Copper company's addition to Phoenix is proceeding briskly. They have already disposed of over \$30,000 worth. There is lots of confidence in the future of Phoenix.

**CARS DAMAGED.**—A string of seven cars came together with a crash last night near the Nickel Plate siding on the Red Mountain road. Brakeman Fleming was riding on the cars when they collided, but was not hurt. Three of the cars were sufficiently damaged to send them to the round house for repairs, but the balance were not wrecked.

**HOME AGAIN.**—Hon. C. H. Mackintosh returned yesterday from his trip to the coast. No information was given out yesterday as to the prospective date of commencing operations on the Giant, although it is believed that work will be started at an early date.

**HIGH RIVER.**—A report is to hand from Robson that the Columbia river is very high. The level of the water is now 23 feet 6 inches above this year's nominal low water mark, and the river appears to be rising steadily, although yesterday's cold snap if continued for a few days is certain to check the rise for the present. No danger of damage on a serious scale is apprehended.

**CABLE FROM TURKEY.**—B. Barnett of this city received an interesting cablegram from Constantinople yesterday to the effect that Dr. Heli, founder of the Zionist Palestine Association, with delegates from the Rothschild and Blochroeder interests, arrived on Monday in Constantinople to offer the Sultan of Turkey a loan on the condition that he accept their proposition to establish a Jewish state with home rule in Palestine. The cable message stated that the offer was accepted.

**JOE TASSE DEAD.**—The local tobacconists and many citizens of Rossland learned yesterday with sincere regret of the reported death of Joe Tasse, one of the best known and most popular Montreal tobacco men travelling in the Kootenays. The intelligence received was to the effect that Mr. Tasse had died without a moment's notice in his office. He had come through the Kootenays annually since the country amounted to anything and was widely esteemed and respected.

**RAN 'EM OUT.**—Word was received by the police on Sunday that two Northport sports named James Golden and Clifford McKinnon had come into town and had left the Red Mountain train at the Black Bear siding. The two men were located and taken into custody on the charge of vagrancy. Yesterday morning the pair was taken to the depot, enough money being extracted from each man's wallet to buy a Northport ticket, and the police stayed on the platform until the train pulled out.

Arrangements will probably be made for the recommencement of drill by No. 1 company Rocky Mountain Rangers next week, as a date to be announced earlier. The understanding that the government will proceed this year with the erection of a drill shed in the city will doubtless stimulate recruiting for such vacancies as exist in the ranks, and if the recommendation of the district officer commanding for the addition of a Maxim gun squad to the company is acted upon the rifle company will have an exceptionally prosperous year.

**COURT OF REVISION.**—The annual court of revision sat at the city hall yesterday, Mayor Lalonde presiding, and Aldermen Mackenzie, Hamilton and Holt being in attendance. The session of the court was brief. Applications for reductions were heard as follows: By H. J. Raymer in respect to lots 6 and 7, block 27; by Irene Cone in respect to lots 6 and 7, block 28; by Mrs. Denison in respect to a ten-acre lot within city limits, and by the West Kootenay Power & Light company regarding certain improvements. A reduction of \$100 per lot was granted H. J. Raymer on the ground that his lots were 18 feet above the grade of the street. The balance of the assessments were confirmed.

**DOG POISONERS.**—Another epidemic of dog poisoning seems to have broken out in the southeast section of the city. On Saturday night a pet canine belonging to Mr. S. T. Long was poisoned and a spaniel owned by T. R. Morrow also received a dose, but was saved by means of an injection of morphia. The symptoms of the suffering dogs pointed to the use of strychnine. The residents of the district are naturally incensed, and have offered a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the conviction of the parties that distributed the poison. It appears to be difficult to convince some people that when poison is set out, indiscriminately it is rarely the dog that find it, but that the keen smell of well-bred dogs enables them to find the bait where worthless animals, for which the poison is doubtless intended, will pass by and escape.

**THE PUGILISTS AT WORK.**—Armstrong and Hawkins, who are to meet in the Opera house in a 20-round contest on the 18th inst., are now hard at work. Hawkins commenced training actively yesterday. He took a long jaunt to Sunnyside track on the Trail road, and after circling the track several times returned to the city via the C. P. R. track. Today he will make the same

trip in the morning, devoting the afternoon to sparring at the fine hall gymnasium, Randall and the bag-punching exercise. This will be the Frisco boy's daily routine from now until the contest. Local sports are anxious to see this ex-world's champion lightweight in action and this desire will be gratified, as he has signed a contract to spar six rounds with his partner, Kid Lee, of Colorado, at the International on Friday night. The attraction will doubtless be a strong drawing card. Jim O'Neil, Armstrong's trainer, arrived from Victoria last night. He was met at the depot by a delegation of friends and accorded a warm welcome. The party repaired to Billy Armstrong's residence and an impromptu reception was held. O'Neil will take charge of Armstrong's training quarters from this out, and will spar with him this afternoon in the old Bodega building.

**THE POSTOFFICE.**—Six courses of dressed stone have been laid at the postoffice building and the first story is now above the lower window sills. Beyond this point the work will progress more rapidly than heretofore. At the quarry a strong crew of men is at work and a large reserve of dressed material is on hand.

**NOT MUCH LUCK.**—John Sinclair, a well known prospector and trapper, has returned from a hunting trip to the Sheep Lake country. He found the snow very deep on the summits, but only happened across one track, from which the inference is drawn that the bears are not yet out of their lairs for the summer.

**REFRIGERATOR SERVICE.**—Rossland shippers and consignees will be interested in learning that the C.P.R. has decided to load a refrigerator car at Nelson for Rossland and the Boundary every Thursday, to leave at an early hour the following morning. This is intended to expedite the prompt handling of perishable freight.

**FINE PHOTO.**—A splendid photograph of the members of the Rossland fire brigade by Carpenter & Co. is on exhibition in a Columbia avenue business place. In addition to the faces of the firemen the photo shows the apparatus with the team hitched and glimpses of the central fire station. It is an admirable piece of work.

**CASE DISMISSED.**—The case against Yee Kee for keeping a gaming house was tried at the police court yesterday before Judge Bouthie. The matter arose out of the Sunday night raid by the police posse. The charge was dismissed, the prosecution failing to establish that the defendant was the owner of the house. J. L. G. Abbott, city solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and J. A. Macdonald defended.

**REPAIRS PROGRESSING.**—The crew of men working on the Northport road under the direction of John Kirkup, gold commissioner, is making excellent progress with the repairs to the thoroughfare, and the work will be completed at an early date. Mr. Kirkup stated after his last inspection of the road that its usefulness would be materially enhanced by the work under way.

**PURE MILK.**—Dr. Reddick, medical health officer, has examined all the dairies supplying the citizens with milk and has reported to the city council that all were in a tolerably satisfactory state, one in particular being a model of cleanliness. The analysis of milk from five dairies showed that the product was in all cases up to the standard in butter fat and the majority considerably above the standard for richness.

**HORSES COMING.**—W. J. Quigley, one of the new proprietors of the Queen saloon, will probably bring his fast horses, Paddy Watts and Tom, to Rossland at an early date and put them out for training at Sunnyside park. The animals will probably be entered for the events at Greenwood on Dominion Day. With these and a few other fast horses at Sunnyside the park would quickly become the center for racing in the Kootenays.

**THE MONEY READY.**—Several friends of Assistant Chief Collins of the fire brigade have backed him to perform an interesting test of endurance. If their wager is covered he will undertake to make his way from the central fire station to the top of Deet Park mountain and return within two hours. The distance is probably not more than two and a half miles, but the ascent is a couple of thousand feet at least and at many points is sufficiently precipitous to deter the average man from the climb under ordinary circumstances.

George Stephen, who succeeded H. E. Macdonell as C.P.R. travelling freight agent on the Kootenay division, will not be seen in Rossland for many months. He has severed his connection with the C.P.R. to accept the post of chief freight clerk at the traffic manager of the Canadian Northern whose head office is in Winnipeg. This is the new transcontinental road, and now has about 1,000 miles of line constructed, this mileage including the lines of the Northern Pacific railroad in Manitoba which are being taken over by the Canadian Northern. The traffic manager to be a C.P.R. official now in the west. It is understood that the first through train on the new road between Port Arthur and Winnipeg will be run early in October. Mr. Stephen was well known to Rossland business men, and during his somewhat brief experience in the Kootenays had achieved an enviable reputation for energy, courtesy and tact. His friends predict for him a brilliant future on the new road.

In response to repeated inquiries as to the government's action regarding the \$10,000 grant toward the construction of a new school building at Rossland, it is rarely the case that the school board approach the city council with a view to urging the city fathers to furnish an amount equal to that appropriated by the government, and thus attain an aggregate which would cover the cost of erecting an eight-room brick school. The matter is now in the hands of the finance committee of the city council.

# EARLY CLOSING LAW

A BYLAW IN COUNCIL PROVIDING NECESSARY PENALTIES.

VARIOUS MATTERS DISPOSED OF AT LAST EVENING'S MEETING.

On and after the 12th inst. the city ordinance regulating the hour of closing of business houses will have a string attached to it in the shape of a penalty clause that promises to make the bylaw thoroughly effective. The original bylaw did not include a penalty, and thus left the ordinance without the backing necessary to make it respected. A bylaw was introduced at last night's session of the city council amending the original bylaw by adding to it a penalty clause. The amending bylaw was given its first, second and third readings and the final reconsideration and passage was left over to the next regular meeting. The penalty clause as added authorizes any duly qualified official to impose on any person or persons convicted of breaches of the Sloops Regulation bylaw a fine not exceeding \$100 and to levy upon the goods and chattels of the convicted party to recover the amount of the fine, or, in event of failure to realize by levy, imprisonment not exceeding 30 days may be imposed.

The bylaw to strike the rate of taxation for the year was also introduced and read a first time.

The board of works submitted the following report, which was adopted without discussion:

That the following accounts be recommended to the council for payment:

Streets pay roll, No. 23	\$0.30
The Yale-Columbia Lumber Co.	75.19
The Yale-Columbia Lumber Co.	37.87
The Yale-Columbia Lumber Co.	20.23
Wm McKay	22.20
Hatfield & Coward	5.25
Martin Brothers	149.88
Blue, Fisher & Deschamps	209.88
F. A. Wilkins	2.50
A. Gilchrist, balance plastering and cement on fire hall	50.00
Total	\$683.00

That the tender of E. Helgason for removal of bodies from the old cemetery on Fourth avenue and Monte Cristo street to the Columbia cemetery, and filling in of empty graves, be accepted at \$7.50 each, the city to furnish any rough boxes required.

The buildings on Earl street at Second avenue and on the lane between Fifth and Sixth avenues at Monte Cristo street be removed forthwith.

That the road from Centre Star compressor to the Le Roi and War Eagle boarding houses be repaired.

The finance committee recommended the passage of accounts aggregating \$2,368.78, and this was approved. The board of works recommended accounts totalling \$331.07 and that a stand-pipe be erected at the east end of Second avenue, which was adopted without comment.

Superintendent Forrest of the Red Mountain road wrote saying that all the company's locomotives coming into the city were equipped with modern spark-arresters. This was turned over to the board of works.

Sanitary Inspector Long reported as to his month's work, the figures being: Receipts \$386.20, disbursements \$235.90, balance placed to city's credit \$150.30.

Major Van Buskirk, city engineer, reported in regard to the city dump. He pointed out that the ground at present in use did not belong to the corporation, and strongly recommended the city to acquire a piece of land in another section where the nuisance would not be apparent. The matter was turned over to the board of works.

The members of the council in attendance were: Mayor Lalonde, Aldermen Hamilton, Macdonell, Mackenzie, Rolt and Armstrong.

**A BIG LUMBER COMPANY.**—It Has Ten Yards and Mills in the Kootenay.

The Yale-Cariboo Lumber company is the largest concern engaged in the manufacture of lumber in the interior of British Columbia. It has ten yards and mills located as follows: Nakusp, West Kootenay, Ymir, Rossland, Ehol, Greenwood, Rock Creek, Phoenix, Deadwood and Cascade. It has large timber reserves along the banks of the Arrow lakes, on the Kettle river in the Boundary country and elsewhere. These reserves contain large quantities of cedar, fir and tamarac. One of the specialties manufactured is tamarac flooring and ceiling, which takes a fine polish. At the Nakusp mills all kinds of molding, finishing and sash and doors of fine quality and design are made. An other specialty is dimension lumber and timber for the mines, which is turned out at the Robson mill at the foot of Arrow lake. As a matter of fact, the company is prepared to furnish the lumber, finishing, sash and doors and all the portions of a building made from wood, which is turned out at their mills, no matter whether the structure is a residence or a business block. Of course there are times when the specifications call for a particular sort of wood for certain portions of a building and then it is necessary to send elsewhere for such material. Mr. Peter Genelle is the president of the Yale-Cariboo Lumber company, Mr. J. G. Billings secretary and Mr. A. D. Sykes local manager and formerly at Greenwood, which was a city. The lumber yards of the company are situated on St. Paul street, between Second and Third avenues, where a large stock of all sorts of building material is always kept on hand.

**FRASER FISHERIES.**—Vancouver, June 4.—(Special.)—The Fraser river owners have offered twelve cents per fish for the first month of the salmon season. The second month will be ten cents per fish, according to the proposal, or subject to arrangement at that time. This proposal will be submitted to the fishermen in mass meeting, and will probably be accepted, making amicable arrangements for the season.

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CITY NEWS

**IN TEMPORARY CHARGE**  
Mr. Chas. S. Miller arrived from St. Thomas, Ont., to manage T. Stout's drug store while Mr. Stout is in England.

**ROAD INSPECTION**  
John Kirkup, government agent, made an inspection of the Northport road yesterday with a view to securing data as to the improvements necessary to place the thoroughfare in first-class condition.

**LOCATING THE LINE**  
City Engineer Van Buskirk has a crew of men at work locating the line for the new water supply main between Stoney and Rock creeks. The distance to be covered is about four miles and the work now under way is of a preliminary nature.

**RECORD OF FINES**  
The police court fines for May amounted to the very respectable aggregate of \$900. Since the first of the year the monthly totals for the city treasury: January, \$95; February, \$123; March, \$96; April, \$718.25.

**RESERVATION CANCELLED**  
The Lands and Works department gives formal notice of cancellation of the reservation placed on the block of land immediately to the eastward of Township 8 A. and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway grant. The land was reserved in 1896.

**MORE MEN SWORN**  
Judge Boulbee continued the work of swearing in members of the Citizen Rifle association yesterday, administering the oath to about a dozen more members. The majority of the members of the organization have now subscribed to the requisite regulations.

**TO DAWSON CITY**  
Mr. Charles Adams, who has been an accountant at the West Kootenay Power & Light company's offices, left last night for the coast en route to Dawson City. Mr. Adams has been a resident of the city for the past two years and was universally esteemed.

**HOME AGAIN**  
Mr. John McKane has returned home after a lengthy trip to the east, in the course of which he travelled extensively in the maritime provinces and Ontario. Mr. McKane had a very pleasant vacation. He expects to visit his Lardno mining properties at an early date.

**RAILROAD OFFICIAL**  
Charles Coit, assistant superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern road, was in the city yesterday. When asked as to the company's intentions regarding the recreation grounds, Mr. Coit stated that he was not aware that any change in the present condition of affairs was contemplated in the immediate future.

**TO DAWSON CITY**  
Another Rossland man left last night for the frozen north. W. McNaughton, of the Royal Bank staff, resigned his post in the Rossland branch, and will make a fortune in the Yukon. He will join E. Adams at Vancouver and the two will go north together.

**COMING NEXT WEEK**  
Rev. Mr. Sanford, the new pastor of the Rossland Methodist church, is expected to arrive here on Thursday next. The members of the church are preparing to accord him a warm reception. Rev. Mr. Mahon of Moyie, will occupy the pulpit of the church on Sunday next.

**HARNESSED HERE**  
The harness for the hook and ladder wagon is now in pace at the fire hall and the horses are running with the balance of the apparatus. The new collars ordered some time ago are not yet to hand, but they are expected to arrive daily and the apparatus will then answer all alarms.

**CUSTOMS AND REVENUE**  
The returns for May from the customs and revenue offices are as follows: Collections by H. T. McCraney, collector inland revenues, \$1,036.27, malt \$1,004.06, cigars \$36, raw leaf \$1,125.00, total \$2,201.43; customs collections \$12,003.91; value of goods exported \$452,460.

**SUCCESSFUL TEST**  
The working test of the Holman drill at the Centre Star 500-foot drift was entirely satisfactory, in every way meeting the requirements of the manufacturer. All who were present to observe the test. All the claims set up for the celebrated drill were fully established. A trial run with a single bit made 21 inches in five minutes.

**INFORMATION WANTED**  
Mrs. Joseph St. Onge, 115 St. Felix street, Montreal, desires to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Joseph St. Onge, who left Bedford, Que., about 23 years ago. St. Onge was then about 19 years of age, light complexion, about five feet 10 inches in height and weighed 165 pounds. He was last heard of in Cheyenne, Wyo., and his mother desires anyone who may know of his whereabouts to communicate with her.

**THE ONANDAGA MINES**  
Louis Will, the Syracuse, N.Y., millionaire who owns the controlling interest in the Yellow Jacket group of claims on Champlain creek, operated by the Onandaga Mining company, arrived in the city last night and will go out to the property this morning. Mr. Will has been in the West for some time, having spent the early part of the month in a trip to California, where he has valuable mining interests.

**HEARING ADJOURNED**  
At the Supreme court sitting yesterday the case of Clark vs. Collum came up. The action is taken by J. K. Clark, of New Denver, against J. Frank Collum, of Alameda, Cal., president of the Arlington (Slocan) mine, to recover a share of the commission on the sale of the property. The hearing was adjourned to the Vancouver sittings on the 19th inst. An interim injunction was granted restraining the defendants from disposing of the property in issue. J. A. Macdonald appeared for the plaintiff and W. A. Macdonald, K.C., for the defendants.

**FIRST REFRIGERATOR**  
The first of the C. P. R. refrigerator cars out of Winnipeg for the season arrived at the depot here yesterday. The car was loaded with produce for local delivery.

**BUSINESS BETTER**  
Business was unusually quiet with the transportation companies during the first three weeks in May, but last week matters mended substantially and a large amount of freight is being handled in and out of the city.

**AT REST**  
The funeral of the late Mrs. S. H. Simon took place yesterday from her husband's residence, Second avenue, in the Protestant cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Robinson, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and the pallbearers were Messrs. Mackenzie, Brown, Burnett and Campbell.

**WRIT GRANTED**  
At the sittings of the supreme court yesterday W. A. Macdonald, K.C., of Nelson, applied for a writ of habeas corpus to secure the release of Bella McKinley, now serving six months in the provincial jail at Nelson for the alleged theft of a skirt. The application was not opposed and Mr. Justice Martin granted an order. Mr. Macdonald left last night for Nelson.

**TO ATTEND RE-UNION**  
John D. McDonald, general superintendent of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, leaves for the east. He will take in the Pan-American exposition and then visit his old home at Woodstock, Ontario, where on Dominion day, Mr. McDonald is one of the most successful young men that Woodstock has produced in the past decade.

**LAST SAD RITES**  
The funeral of the late Havelock Gillan, who was fatally injured at the Nickel Plate mine on Monday, took place yesterday afternoon from the Church of the Sacred Heart to the R. C. cemetery. The obsequies were attended by a strong delegation of members of the Miners' union, among whom the deceased young man was highly esteemed. The pallbearers were John Durkin, Dan and John McGillivray, Dan McGinnis and Alex and Andrew Macdonald.

**NARROW ESCAPE**  
Chief of Police Vaughan had an exciting experience on the Columbia-Kootenay wagon road yesterday. He was riding near the Masset mineral claim when a wagon loaded with powder approached. The officer naturally gave the team the entire right of way, and as he wheeled his mount to the right the bank crumbled and horse and rider went down the bank. They slid 100 feet down into the gulch before the animal could get him footing. Fortunately both escaped with slight cuts and bruises.

**VERDICT FOR THE DEFENDANT**  
A special sitting of the County court was held yesterday before F. McLaughlin, acting judge, for the hearing of the case of Hickinbottom vs. Jordan, an action to recover \$232 commission on the sale of a Trail hotel. Judgment was given for the defendant. An appeal has been taken in the matter, on the ground that the order setting yesterday as a special sitting of court was invalid and that the action should have been heard at the fixed sitting. The point involved is new, and a decision will be awaited with interest.

**THE GAME CALLED**  
The Rossland junior ball team suffered a keen disappointment yesterday. They went down the gulch to Trail to play a match with the Juniors Smoke Eaters and expected to go on the diamond during the forenoon while the weather was fine. The Trail boys put off the game until the afternoon, and then a shower interfered with the arrangements. As no game was played the Trail youths declined to pay the visitors' expenses, as agreed, and the Rossland lads came home out of pocket. They are now compelled to take up a subscription to square the club treasury.

**ST. ANDREW'S SAFE**  
A matter of great interest to every member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church came up yesterday at the supreme court sitting. J. A. Macdonald applied on behalf of the trustees of the church for the removal of a caveat filed against the registration of the crown grant at the instance of the Red Mountain road. Mr. Justice Martin made an order that the caveat should be removed in 10 days if the railroad company does not commence action within that period. The case is of a similar nature, and the point involved is practically the same as that threshed out in the action of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard company vs. the Paris Belle company.

**AN M. L. A.'S TROUBLES**  
John Houston, M.L.A., of Nelson, was in attendance at the supreme court sitting yesterday. Acting for Mr. Houston, C. R. Hamilton, of the legal firm of Daly, Hamilton & Le Maistre, applied for and secured an interim injunction for 29 days restraining Charles Hillyer, E. B. McDonald, Thomas Sprout and Harry Houston from transferring their shares in the Nelson Saw & Planing Mills Limited, and from transferring any of the property of the company in question as officers, directors or shareholders of the concern. The matter is the outcome of the action of Merchants Bank of Halifax vs. Houston et al. The bank commenced action when Mr. Houston was connected with the saw mills, and the present company carried on the suit in his name, giving him an indemnifying bond. The case went against the company before the supreme court of Canada and they permitted execution to be issued against Houston, hence the steps taken yesterday.

**WATER DISPUTES**  
**MINING COMPANIES GET JUDGMENT IN THE SUPREME COURT.**  
**APPEALS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN BOTH THE CASES ENTERED.**

Another chapter in the legal battle royal between the Centre Star and War Eagle Mining companies on the one hand and the B. C. Southern railroad on the other was closed yesterday, when the mining companies won a decisive victory in the supreme court. The issue between the contestants arose over the water records in Murphy creek, and the fight has already lasted well over a year. Mr. Justice Martin gave a judgment that supports the mining companies in their contentions up to the present time and reverses judgments by John A. Turner, assistant commissioner of lands and works at Nelson, and John Kirkup, gold commissioner at Rossland.

The style of cause in the proceedings before the supreme court, sitting here, was Centre Star and War Eagle, appellants, vs. the B. C. Southern railroad, the John Kirkup, gold commissioner, and the John A. Turner, assistant commissioner, respondents, and the story of the litigation is as follows: On August 6th, 1900, the appellants' companies applied to John Kirkup, gold commissioner, for 17 1/2 inches of water in Murphy creek. From time to time the hearing of the matter was postponed to suit the convenience of certain parties opposing the application. Under the Water Clauses Act mine owners make application for the water, and the gold commissioner of the district, similar purpose to the assistant commissioner of lands and works for the district. In the case of Murphy creek the land commissioner is John A. Turner of Nelson while Mr. Kirkup of Rossland has jurisdiction over the same water in the capacity of gold commissioner. During one of the adjournments of the appellants' application the B. C. Southern railroad applied to Mr. Turner at Nelson for 40 inches of water in Murphy creek to be utilized for smelter purposes. The railroad people did not notify the War Eagle or Centre Star companies of their application, and on November 12th, 1900, Mr. Turner granted the railroad's application. The appellants' companies thereupon applied to the decision of Mr. Turner, and the appeal was heard before Mr. Justice McCall, who issued an order referring the matter back to the commissioner at Nelson to be re-heard after reasonable notice to the appellants' companies. Meanwhile the application of the Centre Star and War Eagle companies came up or a hearing before Mr. Kirkup at Rossland. The B. C. Southern raised certain objections to the notices posted by the appellants' companies, namely:

1. That the Water Clauses Act did not empower the application for a water record by two companies jointly.  
2. That the notices posted by the mining companies stated that the water was required by the companies not only for the several mining purposes mentioned therein but also for domestic and fire protection purposes, and that the gold commissioner had no authority to grant water for the latter purpose.

The solicitor for the Centre Star and War Eagle companies offered to strike out the words "domestic and fire purposes" from the notices and fire purposes" from the notices and referred to Mr. Kirkup gave effect to both of the objections and dismissed the application without taking any evidence. An appeal was entered by the mining companies, and the matter was argued before Mr. Justice Martin on Tuesday last. A. C. Galt appearing as counsel for the appellants' companies, E. P. Davis, K.C., and W. S. Deacon for the B. C. Southern, while the interests of the city were looked after by J. L. G. Abbott, city solicitor. Judgment was delivered yesterday, Mr. Justice Martin reversing the decision of the gold commissioner, allowing his appeal on both points and ordering the respondent to pay the costs.

The appeal from the decision of Mr. Turner, assistant commissioner of lands and works, was made a second case under the style of Centre Star and War Eagle companies vs. John A. Turner, the B. C. Southern and the corporation of the city of Rossland. The appeal was a sequel to a judgment by McCall, C.J. ordering a rehearing of the water records application before Mr. Turner at Nelson. The judgment by Chief Justice McCall was given in February last, and the B. C. Southern thereupon took out an appointment for the rehearing returnable on March 25th and all parties were represented. Counsel for the War Eagle and Centre Star urged the commissioner to adjourn his adjudication until the final disposition of the application pending before the gold commissioner at Rossland on the ground that the application of the mining companies was prior in point of time to that of the B. C. Southern, and that it was impossible for the assistant commissioner of lands and works to deal equitably with the rights of all parties until it was ascertained how much water, if any, would be granted the mining companies in Rossland. The adjournment was refused and a decision was given in favor of the railroad. The mining companies appealed from the decision and the matter was argued by the same counsel as in the previous case. A judgment was given yesterday in favor of the appellants, setting aside the record granted to the B. C. Southern and ordering them to pay the appellants' costs of appeal.

In both the above applications the city of Rossland has prior records to either of the contesting interests and its rights are not affected. The city solicitor was in attendance to watch his client's interests, but His Lordship did not think that under the circumstances even this was necessary.

Mrs. Thomas Parker and family left last night for Toronto where they will remain for the next twelve months. Mr. Parker accompanied them to Kootenay Landing.

**THE LIGHTWEIGHT RIVALS.**  
Hawkins and Armstrong to Meet on Tuesday the 18th.

The Hawkins - Armstrong boxing match will be brought off on the evening of Tuesday the 18th inst., in the opera house, before the Rossland-Kootenay Athletic association. A committee of the directors consisting of Messrs. Wm. Thomas and Craig, settled this point last night, the task of bringing the rival lightweights to an understanding occupying just two hours and twenty minutes. The principal point at issue was the matter of weight. Hawkins was to weigh 135 pounds under the impression that Armstrong would agree to box at 135 pounds weighed in at noon on the day of the contest, but it eventuated that he was advised by wire prior to his departure from San Francisco that the weight should be 133 pounds. On this point Armstrong was adamant, maintaining that the arrangement as per wire must stand, also stipulating that each side deposit a \$100 forfeit that the weight conditions would be observed. A long wrangle ensued, but Hawkins finally capitulated and an arrangement was arrived at.

The men will meet at 10 o'clock on the day of the contest, which will be limited to 20 rounds. The club will put up a purse of \$600, of which \$400 will go to the winner and the balance to the loser. The arrangements as to the weights will be satisfactory to Armstrong's friends whose impression on Hawkins' arrival was that he had a decided advantage over the popular local boxer in point of weight. As things stand Armstrong has the best end of the deal in the matter of weight. It is admitted that Armstrong has a difficult proposition to solve when he meets Hawkins, but the former's friends are satisfied with the prospect and are confident that he will give an excellent account of himself.

Dal Hawkins will train at the fire hall, and begins work this morning. Each morning he will work on the trail road, and in the afternoon will punch the bag. Billy Armstrong will train at the old Bodega building, and is now in active training. Jim O'Neil, partner, will arrive here in a few days. Hawkins has met many citizens since his arrival in the city and impresses all by his gentlemanly bearing. In fact both men are decidedly above the ordinarily accepted idea of pugilists, and the contest will have an added zest on this account.

**LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.**  
"Companies Act, 1897."

CANADA:  
Province of British Columbia.  
No. 218.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Binebell (Rossland) Mine, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the company to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends, and the head office of the company is situated in England.

The amount of the capital of the company is £120,000, divided into 120,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the company in this province is situated at Rossland, and John Liewellyn Morrison, an engineer, whose address is Rossland aforesaid, is the attorney for the company.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Victoria, province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of May, one thousand nine hundred and one.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOLTON,  
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The following are the objects for which the company has been established and licensed:

(a) To apply for or to acquire and hold any gold mines, gold mining rights, leases or grants, and to peg out and secure, by payment or otherwise, the right to peg out any gold mining claims or leases, or to search for, prospect, examine, explore and work any property or ground supposed to contain gold or minerals in the Australasian colonies, Dominion of Canada, America, Africa, or elsewhere, whether private or government lands, or proclaimed as a public goldfield, and to search for and obtain information in regard to gold mines, claims and localities, and generally do all such things and conduct all such businesses, as are contemplated by and permitted under the gold laws and regulations of the Australasian colonies, Dominion of Canada, America, Africa, or elsewhere.

(b) To enter into and carry into effect, with or without modification, the agreement referred to in clause 2 of the Company's Articles of Association:

(c) To work or contract for the working by other persons or companies of the mines, claims, leases, rights and property in the said agreement mentioned, and any other mines, reefs, claims and rights which may from time to time be purchased or otherwise acquired by the company, and to crush, wash, reduce, smelt, concentrate and amalgamate the ore, and render marketable the produce, and develop the resources of the said mines, and to crush, wash, reduce, smelt, concentrate or amalgamate the produce of any mines, reefs, claims, or rights belonging to the company, or to sell, barter, or otherwise dispose of or deal with the ores, metals, minerals, and other products to be raised from the property of the company, or otherwise acquired:

(d) To erect, establish, construct, or acquire by purchase all works, buildings, machinery, apparatus, and other things which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the company, and to stock and carry on any shops or stores for the benefit of the servants of the company or others:

(e) To construct and maintain, or aid in, or subscribe towards, the construction and maintenance or improvement of any roads, railways, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, telegraphs, electrical works, canals, and other works which may be deemed expedient for the purposes of the company:

(f) To employ and pay mining experts, agents and other persons, partnerships or companies for prospecting, exploring, reporting on, working, and developing the property of the company, or any property it is proposed to acquire for or on behalf of the company, and to make advances to and pay or contribute to the expenses of any persons desirous of settling on, working or developing the company's property:

(g) To acquire, register and use any patents, patent rights, brevets d'invention, licenses and trade marks or privileges of a like nature, and to grant licenses thereunder, and to dispose of the same in whole or in part, and at any time or times:

(h) To render all or any part of the property of the company productive by carrying on any of the operations hereinbefore mentioned, or by letting, selling, developing, mortgaging, dealing with or otherwise disposing of the same, or any part thereof:

(i) To carry on any business capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly benefit the company:

(j) To borrow or raise money by the issue of or upon bonds, debentures, debenture stock, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or securities of the company, or by mortgage or charge of all or any part of the property of the company, or of the whole or any part of its unrecalled capital for the purpose of securing debentures or otherwise:

(k) To make, accept, endorse, issue, discount and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, letters of credit, and other mercantile instruments:

(l) To establish or maintain agencies for the purposes of the company in any part of the world, and to discontinue or regulate the same:

(m) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the good-will, business, property and liabilities of any other company, or of any partnership or person carrying on any business which the company is authorized to carry on:

(n) To pay for any purchase by the company, or for any work performed for or service rendered to the company, in cash or by bills of the company, or by ordinary preference, guaranteed or deferred shares in the company fully paid up, or partly paid up, or by the stock, debentures, bonds, mortgages, or other securities or acknowledgments of the company, or by any one or more of such methods or otherwise:

(o) To enter into partnership or any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests or co-operation with any person, partnership or company carrying on business, or to carry on, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly benefit the company, and to take or otherwise acquire or hold stock or shares in such company:

(p) To make donations to such persons and in such cases, and whether of cash or other assets, as the company may think directly or indirectly conducive to any of its other objects, or otherwise expedient, and to grant pensions and allowances, and to subscribe or guarantee money for any exhibitions or for any public, general, charitable, benevolent, or useful object or institution:

(q) To lend money to such parties and on such terms as may seem expedient, and in particular to customers of the company, and to persons having dealings with the company, and to guarantee the performance of contracts by persons or companies having dealings with the company:

(r) To sell the undertaking of the company, or any part thereof, from time to time, for such consideration as the company may think fit, and in particular to sell shares, debentures or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the company, and to divide such shares, debentures, or securities among the members of the company in specie:

(s) To promote and form any other company for the purpose of acquiring all or any part of the property and liabilities of the undertaking generally of this company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this company, and to underwrite or hold shares, debentures, or other securities in or of any company, and to provide or contribute towards the preliminary expenses, and to pay any brokerage or commission for guaranteeing or obtaining capital for this company, or any other company promoted by this company:

(t) To establish in the Australasian colonies, Dominion of Canada, America, Africa, or elsewhere a register or registers of shareholders, and to take such steps as may be necessary to give the company, as far as may be, the same rights and privileges in the Australasian colonies, Dominion of Canada, America, Africa, or elsewhere as are possessed by local companies or partnerships of a like character, and, if required, to register the company in the Australasian colonies, Dominion of Canada, America, Africa, or elsewhere:

(u) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

**NOTICE.**  
"Taller Boys" mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Malde mountain, south of and adjoining the Gold Bar mineral claim.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for S. G. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. B 31102, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 2nd day of May, A.D. 1901.  
N. F. TOWNSEND.

**NOTICE.**  
Helena Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On the west slope of Deer Park mountain.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Edward Logan, free miner's certificate No. B 31354, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 3rd day of April, A.D. 1901.

**NOTICE.**  
Last Chance and Prince of Wales mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of Kootenay district.

Where located: On Lookout mountain.

Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for John Ryan, miner's certificate No. B 29433, and Gust M. Paterson, free miner's certificate No. B 21393, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 28th day of April, A.D. 1901.  
J. A. KIRK.

**NOTICE.**  
Empress mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: About two and one half miles south of the city of Rossland, on the south slope of Deer Park mountain.

Take notice that I, Thomas Scott Gilmore of Rossland, B.C., acting as agent for A. D. Provand, free miner's certificate No. B 30989, and G. H. Payne, free miner's certificate No. B 30381, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated at Rossland, B.C., this 23rd day of May, 1901.  
THOS. S. GILMOUR.

**NOTICE.**  
Amen, Umattila, Bannock and Blackfoot mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On northeastern slope of Sopha mountain.

Take notice that I, E. R. Bloembergen, of Rossland, B.C., free miner's certificate No. B 31190, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1901.  
F. R. BLOEMBERGEN.

**NOTICE.**  
Republic, Democrat and Morning mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: West Fork of Big Sheep creek.

Take notice that I, F. R. Bloembergen of Rossland, free miner's certificate No. B 31190, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1901, A.D.  
F. R. BLOEMBERGEN.

**NOTICE.**  
Olive and Victor mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: On Sullivan creek, about three miles from the Columbia river.

Take notice that I, R. Smith, free miner's certificate 31334 B, acting as agent for T. A. Cameron, free miner's certificate 31105 B, and Wm. Griffiths, free miner's certificate No. 31302 B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 30th day of May, A.D. 1901.  
R. SMITH.

**NOTICE.**  
European plan, \$1 to \$2. American, \$2 to \$3

**HOTEL GRAND**  
THOS. GUINEAN, Prop.  
Newly Furnished and Equipped With All Modern Improvements.

Cor. Howard St. and Main Ave. Spokane, Wash.

T. Mayne Daly, Q. C. C. R. Hamilton. W. de V. le Maistre.

**Daly, Hamilton & le Maistre**  
Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries.

Rossland, B. C.

**NOTICE.**  
Agnes mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Lake mountain.

Take notice that I, E. Pavier, F.M.C. No. B 41105, for myself and as agent for Peter Kennedy, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 31298, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this sixteenth day of May, 1901.  
E. PAVIER.

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MOUNTAIN OF ORE

MAGNITUDE OF THE COPPER-GOLD DEPOSITS IN PHOENIX MINES.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK IN KNOB HILL AND OLD IRONSIDES

Phoenix, B.C., May 30.—Here in densely wooded mountains, which rear their summits heavenward nearly 6,000 feet above the sea, nature has distributed her mineral riches—gold, copper and silver—with a lavish hand.

HENRY WHITE, an adventurous prospector, aimlessly followed a deer trail up the steep ascent from Boundary creek.

SIX years elapsed before the exploitation of these properties was seriously begun. The task of raising capital was undertaken by Mr. Jay P. Graves.

THE OLD IRONSIDES to the 200-foot level of the Knob Hill is 100 feet and from the former to the surface 335 feet.

THIS ZONE OR DEPOSIT (for it can scarcely be called a vein) runs south 14 degrees west, the dip of the footwall being 68 degrees east.

THE UNDERGROUND WORKINGS comprised 10,033 feet. Sinking and raising represented 1,846 feet, the balance having been crosscutting and drifting.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT issued two years ago of the ore in the Knob Hill based on scores of assays placed it at \$8.24 per ton in gold, copper and silver.

RICHNESS OF THE CAMP. As the ore is self-fluxing it has the advantage of minimum treatment charges, and the mines and smelter recently passed into the control of the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting company.

There is no doubt that the economy effected in mining is due to Mr. W. Yolen Williams, the general superintendent. Mr. Williams, in whom Mr. Graves reposes the utmost confidence, was given a free hand. He originated and carried out the entire plan of development.

AN EFFICIENT STAFF. Mr. Frank Hemmiway is the resident agent while the engineering work is performed by Mr. Oren B. Smith, Jr., a bright young graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

THE MAIN CROSSCUT on the Knob Hill has attained a length of 1,340 feet. At a distance of 340 feet from the portal a crosscut was driven west 200 feet to the footwall, which is followed south 200 feet and thence back east to the tunnel, a distance of 200 feet, thus blocking out virtually an acre of ore.

THESE VAST WORKINGS the same characteristic mineral is found everywhere. And this bonanza property has also been determined at depth.

AT ITS WIDEST PART it is 83 feet, with ore on all sides. This ore is precipitated in chutes to the 300-foot level and thence is raised through No. 2 shaft.

THE OLD IRONSIDES to the 200-foot level of the Knob Hill is 100 feet and from the former to the surface 335 feet. The Old Ironsides' 400-foot level is 825 feet vertically below the apex of the hill where ore has been uncovered.

IN THE KNOB HILL considerable timber was utilized, but ultimately it will be removed.

THE RAILWAY SPUR will run into this open air quarry, thus enabling the miners to load directly into the cars. In time the track will be extended and finally a plane, the width of the zone extending through the mountain, will be created.

THE CRUSHER in turn, after reducing the ore to a size not exceeding four inches, will dump the ore automatically into the ore train.

HITHERTO BEEN NEGLECTED, but can easily be reached owing to the trend of the hill from the lower workings of the Old Ironsides.

ginal or No. 1 shaft, sunk about the centre of the claim, has attained a depth of 200 feet. No. 2 has reached the 400-foot level. It is situated on the side line between the Old Ironsides and the Victoria and 280 feet east of No. 1 shaft.

BELOW THE APEX of the hill where ore is known to exist. But as already mentioned diamond drills have disclosed the same ore body at an additional depth of 662 feet, giving a proven depth of 1,487 feet vertically.

THE MAIN CROSSCUT on the 200-foot level is practically 1,900 feet going east from No. 1 shaft. On this level there are four stopes on Old Ironsides ground and three in Victoria ground.

From this level a drift was run 1,000 feet from No. 2 shaft to a point where an upraise to the surface is now being made. This upraise will be converted into a central five-compartment working shaft and is fully described elsewhere.

On the 300-foot level a crosscut was run east from No. 2 shaft a distance of 520 feet. The first stope was commenced 200 feet to the east of the shaft.

At this "prospect" work on the entire group was accomplished by means of a plant of only 20 air drills.

NO. 2 SHAFT. Thus far it has attained a length of 130 feet with a width of 25 feet with one set of timbers.

W. A. HARKIN, Boiler-Makers' Gain—Death of Captain Clarence Cox.

VICTORIA NEWS. Joseph Salt, aged 24, was found dead in bed this morning. It is supposed that he died in an epileptic fit.

THE SITUATION of the Imperial board to enquire into the claims of those making application for Imperial pensions was held in the drill hall today.

THE BOILER-MAKERS here have started better terms from their employers, getting the 8.50 day of 9 and 8 hours, according to the work done.

NO PLAY ON SUNDAY. A Gentleman of Yonkers Arrested for Golfing.

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STATE OF TRADE

EASTERN POINTS REPORT A GOOD OUTLOOK FOR THE SEASON.

BANK CLEARINGS IN GENERAL SHOW A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE.

Toronto, May 31.—The bank clearings in the principal cities in Canada report the following totals:

Victoria, \$724,671; increase 42.5 per cent. Montreal, \$14,862,998; increase 13.8 per cent.

Toronto, \$9,916,291; increase 3.5 per cent. Winnipeg, \$1,170,816; decrease 36.1 per cent.

Halifax, \$1,490,116; increase 12.8 per cent. Hamilton, \$634,746; decrease 14.0 per cent.

St. John, \$915,183; decrease 2.3 per cent. Vancouver, \$766,189; decrease 10.6 per cent.

Quebec, \$1,279,889. Totals, \$30,069,110; increase 5.2 per cent.

Quebec is not included in the totals, because there is no comparison with last year.

A fairly good spring trade has been done at Montreal this week in seasonal lines, although the weather throughout the country has not been such as to encourage purchases at all points.

At Quebec business is generally reported favorable. Full orders continue to come in.

At Toronto trade has been a little more active this week in spite of the wet weather.

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FROM THE CAPITAL

THE SKAGWAY RATE WAR SETTLED AND OLD FIGURES RESTORED.

SEATTLE MACHINISTS REFUSE TO LIFT THE GARONNE BOYCOTT.

Victoria, June 1.—(Special).—The Danube brings news that 1,200 tons of freight and 2,000 people are waiting for the opening of navigation at White Horse, bound in. She left on Monday.

The deputation which went to Seattle to attempt to have the boycott on the Garonne lifted has returned. President Legg of the Trades and Labor Council says the men there think they can force Moran's hand by maintaining the boycott, and hence refused to accept the suggestion of the Victorians to lift it.

The rates to Skagway have been restored to the figures obtaining before the rate war began. Hereafter only the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamers will call here.

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THE WESTERN TRIP

SIR WILFRID LAURIER AND PARTY TO START ABOUT JULY FIRST.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR SCHOOL FUND CONTROL.

Ottawa, May 30.—It is practically settled that the premier and a number of his colleagues will leave here on July 1st for the Pacific coast.

The government of Manitoba some time ago applied to the Dominion government for control of the school lands of the province.

Staff Sergeant Hoffmann, Regina, and Charles Wickham, formerly of Saskatchewan, Ont., have been appointed inspectors of the mounted police.

Napoleon Mathieu, notary, this morning was sent to jail for a year. He collected sums of money from poor people who believed they were paying dues to a burial society.

Comaplix, May 30.—The gold excitement here is just as keen as ever, and a lot of men are out in the mountains staking claims on the gold belt, which is now known to strike across Fish creek, taking in seven Mile, Nine Mile and Menhick creeks, going through Sable creek and thence on to Isaac creek.

Being the amount of good gold properties on the west side of Fish creek it was only a matter of time before it was found on the east side also, and although it excited, it did not surprise anyone when the strike was reported.

The manner in which the present strike of free milling gold was made is rather interesting reading, and I give it as given to me by one of the original four.

It seems that on the 11th day of May four men, W. J. Butler, Dan Cameron, Owen Howland and Johnny Deroc, were travelling up Menhick creek with the view of staking some extensions on the sunset mineral claim, and when a mile and a half up the creek, one of them picked up a piece of quartz which was studded all over with gold. The trail here runs at the foot of a ridge or hog back, which they found was caused by a quartz ledge of extraordinary richness, and the vein being harder than the adjacent formation naturally stood higher. They proceeded to prospect the ledge and staked claims for each member of the party, but as there was considerable snow on the ground they agreed to keep the matter quiet for two weeks, by which time the snow would be gone enough and they could make all the choice locations for their friends. Also, for poor, weak, human nature. One of the original four in the hotel at Comaplix that night, filled up on liquid joy, the next morning he displayed forty locations of mineral claims were recorded in the government office at Comaplix.

There is now no doubt of an exceedingly rich gold belt running through the Lardeau. It has been traced from Lardeau creek to the headwaters of Isaac creek, and has some phenomenally rich gold mines on it, of which it is only necessary to mention a few, such as the Eva, Oyster, Criterion, Golden Pledge, etc. On the Eva there is over one thousand feet of tunnels, up raises, etc., and there is enough free milling gold ore in sight to run a twenty stamp mill for two years, or which has averaged across the face of different tunnels, \$55, \$60 and \$18.

In some cases it has been possible for prospectors to make good pay by pouncing the richest ore in hand mortars, and panning, and several of the owners who are too poor to buy stamp mills are talking of building arrastra. On the whole the future of this camp as a gold producer is very bright, and there is no reason why prospectors should go to Alaska for gold when we have abundance at home.

LACROSSE AT VANCOUVER. Vancouver, June 1.—Vancouver won the lacrosse game from Victoria today by a score of 19 goals to 1.

P. H. Stevenson left yesterday for New York en route to Sweden, where he will remain for three months.

IMPROVEMENTS

Notice. Mineral claim, situate in Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located: On south of and adjoining general claim.

That I, N. F. Townsend, for S. G. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. B 31092, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above.

Take notice that action, on 37, must be commenced by the 27th day of May, 1901. N. F. TOWNSEND.

Notice. Mineral claim, situate in Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located: On west slope of Mountain.

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PLUNGED INTO THE CREEK

Camp McKinney Stage Meets with an Accident.

Driver Kirkland Killed and Two Passengers Hurt.

Greenwood, June 5.—(Special).—The mail stage that runs from Camp McKinney to Greenwood plunged into Jolly Jack creek, four miles from McKinney, this morning.

Driver Andrew Kirkland's neck was broken and he was instantly killed.

Henry Nicholson, J.P., and Mrs. Bowers, passengers, both of Camp McKinney, were injured.

Henry Black, of Portage la Prairie, another passenger, escaped without injury.

The driver lost control of the powerful four-horse team while going down the steep pitch above the creek. They missed the bridge and horses and wagon plunged into the creek below.

Kirkland's body and the injured passengers were taken back to McKinney.

THE RUSH FOR GOLD

FRANKLIN CAMP THE ATTRACTION FOR MANY WEALTH-SEEKERS.

SUPPLIES ARE SCARCE AND PRICES NEAR FAMINE LEVEL.

Grand Forks, June 5.—(Special).—The first authentic news of the gold excitement in Franklin camp reached here today, when Ed Couture, who succeeded in locating the fifth claim above discovery, arrived in the city for the purpose of recording. He says that the strike is not yet of sufficient size to warrant any great excitement, but as yet almost nothing has been done toward developing the find.

He showed your correspondent some fine looking quartz which he had himself taken out of the sluice box put in by McDonald and Bartlett, and this after they had cleaned up. The gold is rather coarse, and is very easy to save, it being possible to wash the black sand entirely away from it.

Forty or 50 men had arrived by the time Mr. Couture left camp, and he says the trail was lined up with eager gold hunters on their way to the new field. He reports that Harry Sheads, ex-chief of police of this city, had an extremely narrow escape from drowning on Monday night as he was crossing the ford. His horse got off the ford and fell with him, throwing him into the swift current. He managed to swim out after a hard struggle, the horse drifting down stream nearly a mile.

All day long yesterday and today a steady stream of people have passed through the city en route to the gold fields, and it is estimated that between 200 and 300 people are now on the way and at the diggings.

Those who went with the first truck took very little supplies, the cost of living has taken an upward tendency. Bread and butter is selling for 25 cents a slice, coffee 25 cents a cup, and the man that runs the ferry charges \$2.50 to cross the river, and you have to wade a half a mile through a swamp to reach the ferry.

FROM THE CAPITAL

A NEW SCHOOL INSPECTOR APPOINTED FOR THE KOOTENAYS.

THE ABSCONDING NORTHERN PACIFIC AGENT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Victoria, May 31.—(Special).—A. C. Stewart, of Vancouver, has been appointed inspector of schools for East and West Kootenay, with residence in Nelson.

W. P. Evans was brought before the police magistrate this morning charged with breaking a plate glass window. The prisoner made the statement that his act was performed to draw the attention of the authorities to his condition, he having just been released from the hospital and suffering so with his feet that he was unable to hold a job.

Robert Currie, charged with carnal knowledge of his niece, was sentenced to eighteen months by Judge Walkem this morning.

George Leithner, the absconding agent of the N. P. R., was arrested in Winnipeg this afternoon and will be brought back here.

Mrs. J. G. Moody left on Monday night for Seaford, Ont., where she will spend the summer.

THE STOCK MARKET

ANOTHER COMPARATIVELY LIGHT WEEK ON THE EXCHANGE

HOMESTAKE AND RAMBLER-CARIBOO SHOW MOST STRENGTH.

Trading was quite light during most of the week, and within narrow limits. The only decided movement was in Homestake, which advanced from 12 1/2 to 11 1/2, though the aggregate of the sales was not very large.

Table with 2 columns: Day, Price. Rows: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Total.

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THURSDAY'S SALES. Centre Star, 100 at 40c., 100 at 40 1/2c., 200 at 42c., 200 at 43c., 1000 at 43c., 1000 at 43c., 1000 at 3 3/4c., 1000 at 3 3/4c., 1000 at 29 1/2c., 1000 at 29 3/4c., 1000 at 29 1/2c. Total, 10,200.

FRIDAY'S SALES. Omitted from yesterday's sales, Homestake, 500 at 12 1/2c., Ramblers Cariboo, 200 at 29 1/2c., 1500 at 29 1/4c., Giant, 500 at 3 7/8c., 1000 at 3 5/8c., Centre Star, 500 at 40c., 500 at 40 1/2c., 1000 at 41c., 2000 at 41c., Iron Mask, 1000 at 22c., American Boy, 100 at 7 3/4c. Total, 10,500.

SATURDAY'S SALES. Centre Star, 500, 39 1/2c.; 1000, 30c.; 40 1-2c.; 500, 40c.; 1000, 50c.; 41c.; Ramblers Cariboo, 300, 30c.; Giant, 5000, 3 3/4c.; Mountain Lion, 1000, 22c.; Homestake, 1000, 12 1/4c.; 1000, 12 1-2c.; 1000, 12 3/4c.

MONDAY'S SALES. Homestake, 2000 at 12 1/4c.; Ramblers Cariboo, 2000 at 29 3/4c., 1000 at 30c., 1000 at 29 1-2c.; Centre Star, 3000 at 40 1-2c., 500 at 41c. Total, 9,500.

TUESDAY'S SALES. Homestake, 3000, 13 3/4c.; 1000, 14 1/2c.; Ramblers, 500, 29 1-2c.; Centre Star, 1000, 40 1-2c.; Mountain Lion, 500, 21c. Total sales, 8,000 shares.

WEDNESDAY'S SALES. Homestake, 2000, 14 1/4c.; 1000, 14c.; Centre Star, 1500, 39 3/4c.; 1000, 1500, 40c.; 500, 40 1/2c.; Ramblers Cariboo, 2000, 30c.; Giant, 2000, 3 1-2c. Total, 12,500.

Vanouver News. Present for Mr. Downie—Horse Thieves at Work.

Vancouver, June 5.—(Special).—Rev. R. G. MacBeth has been nominated by the Westminster Presbytery as moderator to the general assembly at Ottawa.

A handsome presentation of a cigar case filled with \$20 gold pieces has been made by the Canadian Pacific operating department to Wm. Downie, formerly superintendent here.

Two arrests of half-breeds have resulted from the recent horse stealing cases. Last week Charles Henry stole a valuable horse at Chilliwack and sold him in Whistler. He was enticed to a saloon across the border and arrested by Canadian officers.

PLACER EXCITEMENT

A FIND IN FRANKLIN CAMP CAUSES A RUSH FROM GRAND FORKS.

DISCOVERY MADE BY RANCHERS WHO WERE DIGGING A POST HOLE.

Grand Forks, June 3.—(Special).—The town has gone wild over a strike of placer gold in Franklin camp, news of which reached the city last evening. More than a hundred excited gold seekers left town today for the new Eldorado, and probably two hundred more will leave tomorrow.

The strike was made by J. W. Bartlett and C. H. McDonald, who have a ranch there, and the gold was found while digging a post hole on the banks of Franklin creek, the object of the diggers being to put up a small fence to prevent their horses straying back to town.

They noticed a peculiar quality in the gravel, and upon investigation found that it carried gold. They panned several dollars' worth in a short time and came to town to get supplies for operating their claim.

Then the rush started. By daylight a steady stream of prospective millionaires was flying up the trail, and as the day progressed the excitement increased and tonight a host cannot be had in the city for love or money, while many are starting for the new fields on foot.

It is expected that several of those who joined in the first rush will return within a week for supplies, and then the extent of the find can be more definitely known.

Your correspondent is leaving immediately for the scene of the strike.

GRAND FORKS CELEBRATION. A Fine Program Has Been Prepared for Dominion Day.

Grand Forks, May 29.—The Dominion Day celebration here on July 1st promises to be the finest affair of the kind ever held in the Boundary country.

The programme includes horse races, a lacrosse match, foot races and drilling contests. At a meeting of the various committees held last evening it was announced that \$3,000 will be offered in prizes.

The new half-mile track will be completed in ample time for the race meet. It is expected that Montana, Idaho and Washington horses will compete.

Quartermaster dash, first prize \$200, second prize \$75; five-eighths of a mile, first prize \$175, second prize \$75; boys' pony race, distance 300 yards, first prize \$50, second prize \$25; 300 yards in heats, first prize \$175, second prize \$75; half-mile dash, first prize \$200, second prize \$75.

In the average of the conditions are four to enter and three to start. Entrance fee \$10.

The first prize in the double hand-drumming contest will be a purse of \$200. This event is open to all comers.

An effort is being made to secure the attendance of a large string of American horses and several cracker horses from Okanagan are also expected. In addition a programme of athletic sports will be carried out.

In the evening \$1,000 worth of fireworks will be discharged from the summit of Observation mountain, overlooking the city.

The C. P. R. will offer the usual round trip excursion rates.

IN THE R. BELL. One of a Satisfactory Grade Has Been Struck.

Grand Forks, May 31.—(Special).—A big strike is reported from the R. Bell mine at Summit City. From the main shaft, 210 feet, a crosscut was driven 100 feet to catch the vein exposed in other workings further up the hillside.

The ledge when encountered was only four feet wide and did not contain any assay values. Two weeks ago drifting from the end of the crosscut was started on June 2nd. A high grade ore chute 160 feet wide was struck. The ore averages \$40 per ton, the values being in copper, silver and gold in the order named.

Development work is being directed by Jack Hanly, who is interested in the property, the control of which is held by Jay P. Graves. The R. Bell has over 200 feet of stopping ground, proved, and shipments will be made shortly.

PHOENIX IMPROVEMENTS. The New Townsite—Hospital Contract—More Buildings.

Phoenix, June 4.—(Special).—The Dominion Copper company's townsite was put on the market yesterday and is being handled by the well-known firms of McArthur & Monk and Rumberger & Taylor.

Nearly all of the desirable lots have been bought by local men and outsiders. Some choice lots are still left.

The contract for the Phoenix general hospital has been let to W. R. Lee. It will have 85 feet frontage and be 110 feet in depth. This is the first public hospital in the Boundary. When finished this hospital will fill a long felt want.

BOUNDARY MINES.

A SUBSTANTIAL OUTPUT FOR THE PAST MONTH AND FOR THE YEAR.

ORE TREATED AT THE GRAND FORKS AND GREENWOOD SMELTERS.

Greenwood, June 1.—(Special).—The approximate tonnage of the leading Boundary producers for May amounted to 31,850, as follows: Old Ironsides and Knob Hill group, 18,000; Mother Lode, 8,400; B. C., 4,400; Winnipeg, 50; total, 31,850.

For the first three months of the year the approximate total shipments from all district mines amounted to 110,246. For the year 1900, 97,331. Total to date, 230,427.

The total ore smelted at the British Columbia Copper company's smelter to date, working with one furnace, nominal capacity 225 tons, is 36,687 tons.

Grand Forks, June 1.—(Special).—During the week ended today the Granby smelter treated 4,472 tons of ore. Total to date, 153,372.

NOTES FROM GREENWOOD. Dominion Copper Co.'s Works—The Would-be Highwaymen.

Greenwood, June 1.—(Special).—R. F. Tolmie, secretary of the Kootenay Mine Owners' Association, is in conference with the members of the Boundary Mine Owners' Association.

On Thursday, at the Hotel Armstrong, the mine owners had a meeting, at which Mr. Tolmie reported the work done by him at the recent session of the legislature.

After the meeting none of the members would discuss what had taken place, except to say that the two per cent tax had been receiving some consideration.

James Breen, of the Dominion Copper company, has been in the district for some time, journeying up and down between here and Phoenix.

Asked where the company's proposed smelter is going to be located, he said he knew of no place where the company's land at Phoenix has been platted, and will shortly be placed on the market.

Inside the Boundary mine owners' association, it is rumored that the proposed Great Northern depot at Phoenix will be located on the Idaho claim, owned by the Phoenix.

An idea also to see a site for the proposed reduction works at Carson, near Grand Forks. At least it is pointed out that Breen is desirous of locating as near as possible to the boundary line, and the reason that Carson is suggested is because the proposed Great Northern route into Phoenix is to be via the route of July creek.

Thursday night at the Masonic hall Frank Bristol, D.D.G.M., paid an official visit to the Masonic fraternity.

The next sittings of the board of license commissioners for the Boundary license division will be held at the Commercial hotel at Ebbot on June 15th.

Fred Roy has opened a cigar factory on Silver street. He has already turned out a considerable number of the fragrant weed, and is hopeful of making the "Boundary Lion" cigar a popular smoke in this section.

Local dealers and hotelmen are supporting him. Thursday at the Methodist church, Rev. B. E. Bolderston, pastor, officiating, Warren Mathieson of Phoenix and Susan Mathieson of Oxford N. S., and R. E. Dawson of Phoenix and Bessie Jane Stevens of Vancouver were united in marriage.

The Greenwood Choral Society will give a grand concert at the Auditorium on June 2nd. A. M. Whitehead has for the past number of weeks been training 35 voices and promises a splendid entertainment on that evening.

The members of the Church of England put in a unique day on Thursday in picnicking down at the cemetery. The male members did some hard work in posing up that portion of the ground which is the site of the new church, and the ladies provided the luncheon.

As the funds permit other work will be undertaken in this line so as to make the cemetery more attractive.

L. C. Barnes, who turned King's evidence in the conspiracy to be led up by Frank McGooch, elected to be before His Honor Judge Bole and pleaded guilty. He will not be sentenced until Sandy Gencross and Slim Hogan are tried at the fall assizes.

A. S. Black has been retained to defend Gencross and Hogan when the trial takes place. Meanwhile the prisoners will be sent to Nelson.

James Kerr has gone to Victoria to arrange with the government for the selection of lots in Carmi townsite. On his return the townsite will be placed on the market.

Similkameen and its coal fields are attracting public attention. The Similkameen Valley Coal Fields company has been organized at Nelson and will develop its holdings. Local owners of coal lands are numerous, and prospects for the development of a considerable acreage of the coal fields seem assured.

GOOD PROGRESS. Under the direction of the engineer in charge, ably assisted by a thoroughly competent foreman, the development work on the properties of the Detroit & Erie Gold Mining and Development company is forging ahead.

Results eminently satisfactory to shareholders are being achieved, the showing in drifts and shaft more than fulfilling expectations. The affairs of the company are being handled by the resident director in Rossland, under the approval of the executive office in Detroit.

Mrs. W. H. Patterson left yesterday for Seattle.

GONE TO ENGLAND

FOUR OF THE DOMINION MINISTERS STARTED ON THE JOURNEY.

BIG DIFFERENCE IN TENDERS FOR STEAMER BUILDING CONTRACT.

Ottawa, June 4.—(Special).—Ministers Pleading, Davies and Blair left today for England. They will join Hon. David Mills at Boston tomorrow, where they will all take passage on the steamer Commonwealth for Liverpool.

Mr. Mills proposed to live up to the contracts entered into at that time, and that the funds they obtained here in the way of subscriptions were to all intents and purposes thrown away by the citizens contributing.

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The members of the council were by no means satisfied, but did not like to turn the proposition down hurriedly, largely because the Rossland city council had endorsed the idea.

Dunn was asked to place the proposition in writing for the consideration of a general meeting of the board, and this he did. The communication was addressed to the "Secretary" of the board and this settled the matter and the board declined to give up any of its money.

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A TOWNSITE DISPUTE. Award of the Land Office Regarding the Boundary Title.

Spokane, June 5.—(Special).—George Jarvis Goodhue is awarded the title to the International placer claim on which the town of Boundary, Wash., is built. The homestead application of Postmaster John A. Taylor is registered for that and other property. The decision was made by Register W. H. Ludden of the Spokane land office yesterday.

Postmaster Taylor made a homestead application for land near the boundary, including the placer claim. The filing was rejected because of conflict with the prior placer filing of Mr. Goodhue.

A hearing was demanded to determine the character of the land, whether mineral or agricultural.

J. F. Smith, who was in the employ of the Dominion Express here for some time, left yesterday for Seattle.

Mrs. Charles Collins, Queen street, left yesterday for Ammonia, Mont. She will spend the summer there in Battle.

Peter Porter, a well-known Greenwood mining man, returns home today after spending several days in the city.

Alexander F. Gibson, a prominent machinery man from Toronto, is a guest at the Allan.

Dr. Armstrong, of Nelson, Dominion veterinary inspector, is in the city today on official business.

THEIR MONEY LOST

THOSE WHO PAID MESSRS. DUNN AND WHITE GET NO RETURN.

NOTHING MORE HEARD OF THE PAN-AMERICAN EDITION.

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