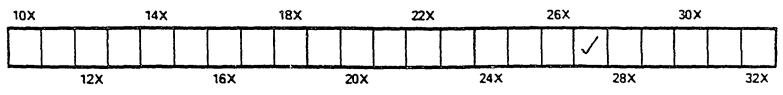
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#### PROVINCIAL NGTES.

In a recent issue of the Province, in commenting upon the population of British Columbia, it is incidentally remarked that "In the Nanaimo coal district there are between 2000 and 3000 white miners forced to live like Chinamen." This is an extreme statement and evidently lacking the elements of truth. If the miners do only work half-time during the month, there is no reason why they should exist mainly upon rice as an article of diet, which is the natural inference of the Province implication. That paper suffers badly from anti-Mongol rinderpest. Some local Koch should arise and find out an anti-bacteria.

Within the last twenty-four hours there has been no new townsite thrown upon the market. Many of them can be thrown as they exist only on paper. As far as the interior of the Province is concerned, there is a general concensus of opinion among those who travel to and fro that there will be no particularly large town or city in any given section, but that small places will exist in the different mining districts. Nelson, the oldest of them all, is still considered one of the best and the most solid.

Does the daily press of British Columbla do what it might and could in giving the mining news of the Province to the outside world, presuming some of it goes to the outside world? There seems to be a decided lack of enterprise in the service. Compare the way in which the Seattle Post-Intelligencer gives the mining news of this Province and that of the local daily press, and one is forced to the conclusion that the ultlander is incomparably ahead.

#### A GREAT RECORD.

The most ertravagantly humorous statement possibly ever uttered by the Colonist is the following: "The Colonist has masters, but they comprise the general public, in whose interests it is generally acknowledged this paper has always fought, and with good results." When it is remembered that the Colonist has been the champion of every monopolist in British Columbia, the defender of every land-grabber and the advocate of every ring of speculators that ever asked for a franchise of any kind during the last dozen years, the deep, hidden humor of the

#### A MINING INSPECTOR.

At the last session of the Legislative Assembly an act was passed creating the office of inspector of metalliferous mines. Nothing further has been done in the matter, By the Act, authority was given to the Lieutenant-Governorin-Council to appoint a man of at least seven years' practical experience in mining, whose duties should be the inspection of working mines with a view to protecting the lives and health of those employed in and about them. Every owner, agent, manager or lessee of fany metalliferous mine in this province shall admit the inspector to such mine on the exhibition of his certificate of appointment for the purpose of making the examination and inspection of all hoisting machinery, engines, boilers, whims, cages, buckets, ropes and cables in use, the method of working and timbering shafts, tunnels, etc., all exist, how the mine is ventilated and its generalsanatory condition.

Why does the government delay in making the appointment?

It would be well for owners and managers of mines to get a copy of this act, as it also contains regulations which, unless observed, will make them liable for the payment of heavy fines.— Nelson Miner.

#### FOR THE YUKON.

The Clondyke rush has taken a firmer hold of the Ottawa district than most people are aware of. In so far as the qualification for river navigation counts, there is no better material than that of which the Ottawa lumber crews are composed, and it so happens that this year the prospect of winter employment in the lumber shantles and next spring's log drive is now almost nil, because of the excessive shipments of lumber from Ottawa during the past few months and the certainty of a discontinued demand for Canadian lumber in the United States owing to the restrictions of the new tariff Under these circumstances the readiness of the "shanty-men," as they are locally called, to engage in anything that promises permanent employment is being taken advantage of by at least one Ottawa lumber firm. E. Moore, of the Moore Lumber Company, is now engaging men at \$40 per month to go to the Yukon country, and be is having his pick of the best river men in this Ottawa district. As miners they may not count for much, but in pertaging and boating supplies they certainly have no equals, so that with the present congestion of freight at Dyca the Moore outfit can at least be profitably employed in transportation work when spring opens up.



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specious advertisements in the local pa-

pers, offering shares in fabulously rich

Kootenay mines at nominal prices, sole-

ly, of course, with the patriotic object

of enriching their fellow citizens. The

mining brokers did well for a brief

period, but even Torontonians are not

always fools, and there came a time

when the big advertisements were with-

drawn and the mining brokers had to

seek other bait for suckers. The adver-

tising columns of our Toronto exchanges

testify that the bait has been found.

Torontonians are now invited to pur-

chase 10-cent shares in Clondyke pros-

pecting companies and, in the words of

the Toronto Telegram. "Gentlemen

who would not risk their precious lives

working the Clondyke for gold with

picks and shovels will now proceed to

get rich vorking the good old eastern

public for money with the prospectus

Though the extravagant tales of Klon-

d, ke riches is fated to send back to civ-

ilization many sadder but wiser men,

nevertheless the interest awakened in

the northern portion of British Colum-

bia will have the good effect of turning

attention to Lillooct and Cariboo. These

places have by no means been overlooked

by some, still they have not been estimated at their true value. So, even

though thousands are rushing to certain

hardship and disappointment, if this ex-

citoment shows British Columbia the

imperative necessity for better tran-

sportation facilities in the upper portion

of the province, this grand rush for

phantasmal riches will be beneficial.

Far away fields have fair nuggets and

we sincerely hope those who are stam-

pedeing to the Yukon are not doomed to

disappointment and we shall rely on the

saying that "It is an ill wind which

brings no one luck" and hope that this

excitement will be the means of building

the roads in Lilloost, Cassiar and Cariboo

which they have so long needed but

The Nelson Tribune, in a jocular arti-

cle berating the coast papers for their

too free advertising of the Cloudyke

gold fields to the detriment of Kootenay,

concludes thus soberly: "It is to be

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sober up before next Christmas so as to

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Dominion Government should not act hastily in their decision in regard to mining laws and regulations governing the gold fields of Yukon. We commend the government for being just to itself and for taking the necessary steps to derive a benefit from its national resources, but we say be just to the miner, it certainly would be a most arbitrary act and a serious wrong to enforce a law "reserving to the Dominion every alternate claim in placer grounds henceforth staked off.

Let the government, if it so desires, send out a party of prospectors, locate claims and reserve for itself every alternate claim; but to send an inspector to the miner and say, "Move on, this is our alternate claim," would be a most iniquitous act.

The avowed intention of the government to collect a royalty of from 10 to 20 per cent. of the gross value of the output of every claim is preposterous. Let us suppose that a miner, after contending with the hardships of prospecting, is fortunate enough to locate a claim from which he succeeds in extracting \$1000 value c placer gold, the government steps in and demands a profit of \$200; deduct the expenses incurred by In reviewing the mining stock market for the past month nothing with any particular discouraging feature has been brought to light. Still the market has been dull with bearish tendencies, but seeming to revive within the last few days on account of large purchases by the local buyers, who are now taking advantage of the low prices. The erection of a smelter for treating low grade ores from the coast district would make it possible for many of the low grade properties to work to a greater advantage and encourage new developments of many promis ing properties in the outlying district.

#### THE GOLDEN CACHE PROPERTIES AND OTHER MINERAL CLAIMS IN THE LILLOOET (AMP.

We have visited Lillooet and carefully inspected the numerous mineral claims under development, in particular the valuable properties owned by the Golden Cache Mines Co., Ltd., namely, the Golden Eagle, Golden Stripe, Ruby and North Star. We shall briefly set forth the details of work done by the Golden Cache Co. on their properties, as we believe in so doing we will best serve the interest of our readers. The Golden Eagle property is proved to be a dividend-paying mine beyond the possibility of a doubt. The quartz exposed in the tunnels is immensely rich; free gold is visible to the naked eye everywhere, in the slate as well as the quartz, and one would have no difficulty in crushing the quartz in a hand mortar and extracting \$100 worth of native gold out of the pan per day- assays run fabulously high, but allowing for every possible contingency, to illustrate the dividend producing power of the mine, we have placed the average value at \$50 per ton, and by taking the actual measurements of the quantity of quartz exposed by the tunnels, we are able to estimate very closely the number of tons available at present for crushing.

The work done on the Golden Eagle has been conducted with a view of exposing as large a body of ore as possible, the main tunnel being in 98 feet, cutting through the ledge. At the end of this tunnel a shaft is run down 20 nel to a depth of 22 feet, and a drift on the bottom of this shaft is run 7 feet. From about the centre of the tunnel there is an east crosscut running 25 feet in the quartz and then to the north 8 feet. On the other side of the tunnel there is a west crosscut 38 feet. To the west another tunnel is run 16 feet, known as No. 1 west tunnel, and also running out 14 fest from the crosscut to meet No. 1 west tunnel, No. 2 tunnel west is in 32 feet, No. 1 tunnel east is in 23 feet, and No. 2 tunnel east is in 30 feet. There is also a raise in the main tunnel running The above represents 350 feet total up 7 feet. of tunnels and shaft 6x7 feet, which will represent 1200 tons of milling ore on the dump. The Golden Eagle ledge has been stripped along the face for 300 feet to a depth of 8 feet. As the ledge averages 20 feet wide, that would represent 48,000 cubic feet or about 4000 tons of ore. This gives a total of 5200 tons on the dump ready for nfilling, and as the company are erecting a 10-stamp mill with a capacity of 20 tons a day, what they now have on the dump will take 260 days to mill. If we estimate the value of the quartz at \$50 per ton, the gross returns will represent \$200,000. As to the quartz exposed, we estimate, by measuring from the tunnels, shaft and face of the ledge, there is in sight 600,000 cubic feet, or 50,000 tons, and if the company do not increase the capacity of their stamp mill it will take about five years to crush the rock in sight on the Golden Eagle.

The other properties owned by the company are the Ruby, which is being prospected and the ledge stripped for 400 feet. One tunnel run in on the ledge 25 feet shows an assay of about \$12 to the ton; this ledge is about 8 feet wide. The Golden Stripe has a ledge about the same width and has been stripped for 300 feet and a tunnel cut in 12 feet. The quartz carries free gold.

The North Star claim has a strong ledge about 7 feet wide, in which a 6-foot tunnel has been cut. It is claimed that the Golden Eagle ledge runs through this property.

The Jumbo claim is on the other side of Cayoosh creek and as yet no work has been done on it.

A stamp mill and tramway are under construction and the contractors state that they will have their work completed within thirty days, yet it will take at least three months before the mill will be in proper order and crush-

Point claim, on the bank of Cayoosh creek, at an elevation of about 1200 feet above the sea level. The camp of the Golden Cache is directly above the millsite, at an elevation of 2600, and the ledge on the Golden Eagle claim is at an elevation of 2900 feet. The Alpha Bell claim, said to have the same ledge as the Gold en Eagle, has an elevation of 2650 feet. The Blue Pete, on the summit of the mountain, is 3400 feet. The elevation of Seaton lake, on the other side of the mountain, is 800 feet above sea-level.

Lillooet camp is awaiting the results from the mill test of the Golden Eagle quartz. Work is progressing very slowly on all claims outside of the property owned by the Golden. Cache Co. The Alpha Bell Co. are working continuously, but as yet have not gone beyond prospecting work. On the Excelsior the work is being systematically carried on with encouraging results, but' it will be some little time yer before the values are proved. The company working the Blue Pete and Eagle's Nest claims have sufficient work done to admit of inspection. The other numerous claims of the camp remain untouched outside of the necessary assessment work required by law.

Owners, prospectors and those living at Lillooet are relying upon the Golden Cache property establishing a value for their claims. If the results of the first crushing prove satisfactory, then they will go on with development work, hence considerable impatience is displayed at the slow progress made on the Golden Eagle claim and the delay in getting the company's stamp mill in working order.

We desire to express our appreciation of the courtesy and kind attention shown us by the company's superintendent, Mr. Arthur Noel, who is justly proud of the wealth that he has uncovered for his company, and we congratulate the fortunate shareholder upon being within reach of a monthly dividend that promises to multiply many times the capitalization of the Golden Cache Mines Co., Ltd.

An open letter entitled "Waverley Critics Challenged," addressed to the Editor Kootenay Mail and appearing in the issue of July 31st of that paper as well as several other provincial journals, signed by one. Ole Sandberg, will re-

#### B. C. MINING CRITIC.

#### CARIBOO-CASSIAR TO CLON-DYKE.

A magnificent wagon road to Soda creek, 166 miles from Ashcroft on the C. P. R., a river route on the Fraser, with the exception of rapid water at two points, viz., Cottonwood and Fort George canyons, to the upper end of Steward's lake, a distance of about 500 miles from Ashcroft. The two canyons referred to have been examined and reported on by competent authorities who say that at low water a few thousand dollars will blast out the rocks and make the stream navigable for ordinary steam vessels. Au appropriation was once obtained for the purpose but not sufficient to do the work properly, although the steamer Charlotte will, it is said, attempt to make the trip as the river now is. By the route above mentioned goods could be laid down at the upper end of Stuart's lake, in the heart of a rich mining country, for about 6 cents per pound, which as it now is, costs the Wright and Black companies, near there, about 16 to 20 cents. Above Stewart's lake is a continuation of water ways, Tat-cher river. Cross lake and into North Tatlak lake and on up Driftwood river to Fort Connelly. All of these streams and lakes are navigable for small boats and could be easily made into steamer ways. Fort Connelly is about 225 miles from Telegraph creek, where the proposed railroad will run to Teslin lake and down Teslin lake to Cloudyke. The route from Fort Connelly to Telegraph creek is through a series of plateaus well covered with grass, and roads and trails can be easily made. The entire route from Ashcroft to the Clondyke can be easily tarvelled with pack animals and good feed for them the entire distance. The total distance to go in by way of the line indicated would be about 1,000 miles from Ashcroft and the most of the way good time could be made. It is through the best mineral country in the world and it is fair to expect that as rich pay will be taken out of the as yet unprospected creeks of Cariboo and Cassiar as has ever been found in the Yukon. What is urgently needed is an appropriation from the Dominion Government to open up the Fraser to navigation and to make trails and roads. In this latter the Provincial government would no doubt assist largely. The telegraph line should be extended from Barkerville or Quesnelle to the interior to connect the new:mines with the outside world. The fact that within the last few days enquiries have been made as to the distance, etc., via the route indicated goes to show that there is at least a chance that the telegraph line which will be built within a year will be the continuation of the Barkerville line. The members from Cariboo,

appropriations for the opening of the country to navigation and pack teams. Should the Yukon reports continue as favorable as now seems to be the case there will be work for many thousands of men in the Cloudyke, and if so there will be tens of thousands who will visit that country next spring who will not make a stake in the porthern country and will drift south. Cassiar, Omi yea and Carlboo will face well in the general shaking up that, from the present outlook, a quarter of a million or more will give the Northwest within a year.

#### THE ROUTE TO KLONDYKE.

#### [Communicated.]

The all-absorbing topic now occupying the attention of merchants and miners is an all-Canadian route to Klondyke. This movement is certainly a worthy one, for the rush to the Yukon and tributaries has set in and will undoubtedly continuo for a few years at least. It is unfortunate that the Provincial Jerislature saw fit to refuse a grant for what a railway corporation agitated a year hence. Had the railway from the coast into the northern Interior been under construction the problem of an all-Caradian route to Klondyke would now have been comparatively easy. The lakes and tributaries of the Yukon stretch far into the interior, and the rich strikes on the Kloudyke are evidently nothing but the continuation of what was forty years ago discovered on the Fraser river and in Cariboo, Had the Government, therefore, seen fit to ala in the construction of a railway into those northern regions and tapped the golden bars of Cassiar, Lillovet, Cariboo and Peace river districts, we would not now have lost a large proportion of the Yukon trade, nor would we have been puzzled over an all-Canadian route to Klondyke, for wagon roads and portages could have, with comparatively little expense, been constructed and the coast cities of British Columbia have obtained the million dollars already spent in outlitting expeditions, which have gone to the merchants to the south of us.

It is, however, foolish to cry over spilled milk. We have surely been awakened from our apathy in regard to the marveloasly rich regions extending through Lillooet, Cassiar, Cariboo and Peace rivers, and including the Golden Cashe, Cariboo and Klond/ke claims, Would it not be well, therefore to reconsider that refusal to help develope the northern portion of our Province. If those interested in mines and the various Boards of Trade would agitate in concert this most necessary undertaking, not only would we have an all-Canadian route to Klondyke and Stewart rivers, with an accompanying rush of trade, but we would also have the richest por-

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#### YUKON REGULATIONS APPROVED.

The regulations governing placer n ' ing on the Yukon are generally asproved here, especially the royalty and the reserved claims clauses. There is some misapprehension as to the royalty. The regulations do not impose 20 per cent on all gold mined when the claim vields over \$500 a week, but 10 per cent. on all the value of all the gold mined up to \$500 a week and 10 per cent. additionel on all gold mined above \$500 a weekthat is, the first \$506 a week will be taxed 10 per cent. or \$50, and when D goes over that the 20 per cent, applies to the excesses over \$500 only. The catty fee is \$15, and the actual fee \$100. Pe fault for 10 days after the demand for royalty has been posted on the close shall be followed by cancellation of the claim. The gold commissioner is to determine the time of collection and name the collectors. Any attempt to defraud the government will be punished by cancellation. Every alternate claim is to be reserved for the Federal Government and sold for auction or otherwise for the benefit of the public revenue-that is, if a prospector discovere gold on a stream and stakes off his 560 feet, running lengthwise with the stream and covering the bed and both sides of the stream and rnnning back 150 feet, the government shall have re-erved the next 500 feet. That is, the first man gets his own choice, but the next man must measure off 500 feet for the government before he begins to measure off his own claim. This provision meets with universal approval in Ontario and Juebec.-Ottawa Exchange.

#### ALBERNI CAMP.

Mr. George Brown, who is down in Nanaimo from Alberni, reports that a very considerable amount of development work is being done on claims at Clayoquot, Anderson lake and the Alberni canal, and that the western extremity of the copper belt is proving to contain some excellent properties. Mining along the coast has been active in a quiet way throughout the summer, and sales are taking place every week.

In Alberni itself there are now quite a number of people, and trade is decidedly brisk. But little prospecting is being done inside the railway belt, but as a rule men are holding their claims, awaiting developments.

The new strike made a few days ago on the Alberni continues to look better every day, and some magnificent spe imens of ore are being taken out for shipment as soon as the new Alberni road is completed, which is expected to take only about a fortnight, the work having been rapidly pushed through with a large squad of men. More important than this, however, a ledge three feet high and assaying some \$3:00 in the ton, has just been discovery

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tossland. Over \$7,000 in licenses to been collected since June 1st. So this month over \$5,000 has been ned into the city treasury by Inctor Barr, says the Record.

according to the Spokesman-Review angements are being made this week the construction of the Le Roi effer at Northport, and the contracts brick, timber and lumber are let. company are to get a cheap freight e on ore over the Corbin road and mbers of the company have a third erest in the townsite, the boom for ich is just about ready to be launched.

shipment of about twenty tons of from the athabasca mine was delivd from the tramway at the smelter at son. This, with the two previous pm ints made this month and another ich will come down next week, will ke eight tons for the month of Julyvery remarkable showing, when it is ne in mind that all this ore is the ret of development work started der the direction of the Brit--Canadian Gold Fields Company rly in June, nothing having yet en taken from the dump formed durthe progress of the exploration rk of last year. The smelter values all the ore so far shipped have run er \$75 per ton, and the ore not only s every appearance of increased value, the vein now being worked is adily increasing in width. Within last few days still another rich vein s been discovered and stripped for y fect. The mine is now in shape to tinue steady shipping and its capty is being increased all the time. e ore is one that can be very economily worked, and owing to the proxty of the workings to the smelter's mway the cost of transportation is v light.

#### STRONG LODE OF GALENA.

British Columbia continues to prove its ht to the claim of being the richest ning camp in the world. The largest overy yet made of galena ore is reted from the Upper Arrow lake dist. Alexander McMaster, of Rossd, has just returned from Lexington ek, a small stream. running into Fish ek, which flows into the northeast of the Upper Arrow lake not far n Arrowhead, and brought with him eral large samples of galena ore from Katsup claim. Mr. McMaster states t a solid body of galena seven feet e has been opened and that the hangwall had not been reached when he e away. The toot wall is slate and phyry on the hanging side. The e appears to be 15 feet wide, with 7

#### UP THE COAST.

On Phillips Arm a large force of menis at work on the Dorothy Morton under the superintendence of Mr. Davy, who recently purchased this claim for a London syndicate, paying \$20,000. A number of men are also at work on the Empress, an adjoining claim, which was recently bonded at \$10,000 to Montreal parties. On the divide between Phillips Arm and Loughborough Inlet a good strike has just been made by four prospectors, who located four claims on a strong lead which they recently discovered. It is said that the lowest assay they have had from their rock is \$106. A good deal of work is being done on other properties about Shoal Bay. 'The outlook for the camp is exceedingly bright.

#### A NEWSPAPER AT CLONDYKE.

Mr. J. W. Scitt, formerly connected with the provincial government printing office at Winnipeg, called at the office of the MINING CRITIC before sailing for Dawson City, where he intends to start a weekly publication to be known as the Yukon Nugget. Mr. Jack Carr is assoclated with Mr. Scott in the enterprise, and their combined efforts will insure for the people settling in the Yukon county a bright, wide-awake up-to-" 'e newspaper. It will be issued in pamphlet form on thin but tough paper.

#### BIG BEND CAMP.

A number of new locations have been recorded recently and the indications are very promising. On Keystone and Lake View mountains the surface showing is very rich and the ledges strong and numerous. carrying arsenical iron and galena, with gold and copper values. The formation is schist and silicious lime, with dykes of black shale. Development work is progressing on Ole Bull, Old Reliable, Cariboo, El Dorado and Black Diamond.

#### IRON MASK CLAIM AT KAMLOOPS.

A discovery made on this property in the south drift gives promise of a rich yield of high grade ore. The vein is four feet wide, solid ore and high grade. As this is the first work done south of the crosscut in the vein, it is very satisfactory, as it proves the continuation of the rich ore chute.

#### SHIPMENTS VIA REVELSTOKE.

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The French syndicate seems disappointed with the quartz showing, and are dropping the bonds on most of the properties they had terms on. Many here do not think their development work has been done to good advantage.

The parties who purchased the Ahea.m mine, near Bonaparte, state that they have discovered a large body of the ore in the property.

We are in receipt of a publication from the librarian of the legislative assembly and secretary of the bureau of statistics, Victoria, pertaining to the department of agriculture and compiled under the supervision and authority of the Provincial Board of Hortizulture, devoted to insect pests and plant diseases and how to remedy the evil. The suggestions are valuable and of much interest to farmers and fruit growers of this province. We recommend to the agriculturists of this province the adoption of the course of treatmont set forth therein.

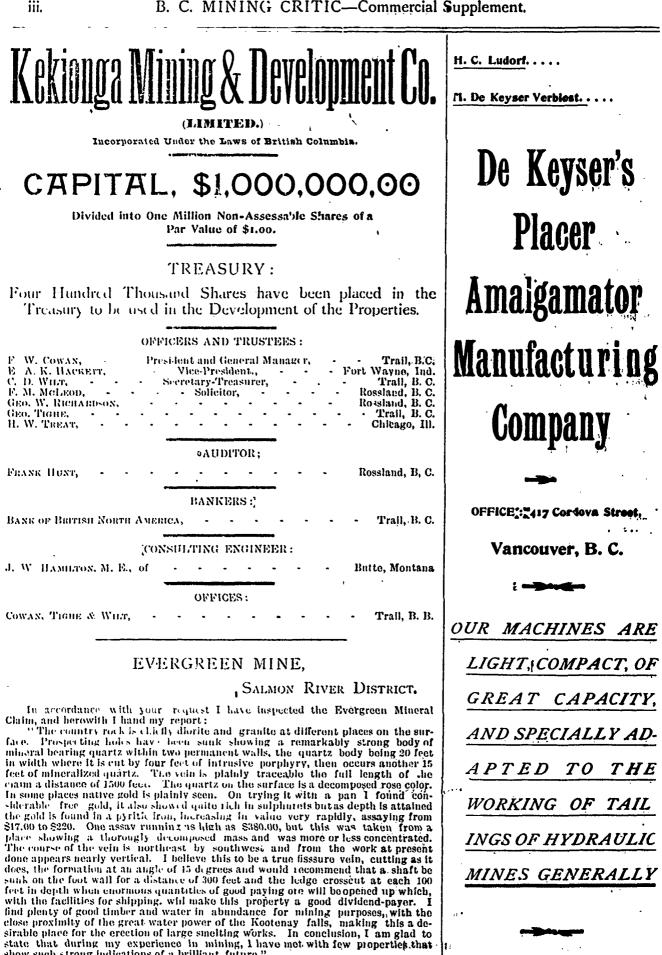
Much has been said about the coal lands that will be opened by the construction of the Crow's Nest Railway. It is averred that neither the C. P. R. nor the Dominion Government will get an acre of known coal lands through the construction of this road, as the whole of such lands were corralled by a syndicate some years ago. Provincial Minister Baker knows something of this matter.

The Canadian government will establish weekly mail service in Yukon between Tagish and Clondyke. Dominion customs officers will be stationed at Dyea to advise prospectors that duties will be levied. Other cilic, s will be stationed at Tagish, where the proper duties will be collected. These officers left for the north on the steamship Islander.

The British Columbia Review, published in London, says: "Notwithstanding the prejudice which exists among English investors regarding silver, it is probable that if a good galena property were again offered to the public with a moderate and reasonable capital, the enterprise would not fall for want of support."

Lowery of the Ledge saith: "British Columbia papers will be ahead if they make L. C. Dillman, of Spokane, Wash., put up in advance for his advertising. He is a deadbeat, one of the penny-ante kind, that should be run out of any community."

It is reported from San Francisco that every available stramer and schooner is being pressed into survice for the Yukon.



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