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FAIRVIEW NOTES.

FAIRVIEW, March 23, 1897.—It comes within the province of a correspondent to chronicle events as they transpire, and in doing so it is necessary sometimes to touch upon matters grave and at other times gay.

This week my correspondence, in sympathy with the feeling of the inhabitants of our camp, is tinged with sorrow, as a result of the sad bereavement we have experienced during the past week, as not one but two of our friends have passed beyond the pale, journeying to the great beyond. Mr. James Cunin, formerly of Spokane, was the first to depart, and then the summons came to Mr. Frank Redick, who although some time in the province, originally hailed from Liverpool, England. Both were mining men and both were stricken with the same complaint, dying of severe attacks of pneumonia, in spite of skilled medical attendance and the kind ministrations of many friends. The deceased, Mr. James Cunin, was bourne to the grave on Wednesday last, followed by a large cortege of friends. The Rev. Thomas Greene of Penticton officiated at the service.

Monday (yesterday) witnessed the last sad rites paid to the deceased, Mr. F. Rudick, who, judging by the concourse of friends who assembled at the grave, must have been very highly respected by his mining companions. The Rev. Mr. Green not being able to be present, the burial service was feelingly read by Mr. L. W. Shatford, who acted as lay reader. Truly whilst we are in the midst of life we are very near death, and this truth seemed to be fully realized by those who paid their last respects to their departed brothers, the emblems of affection—wreaths, crosses, etc.—attesting that such was the case.

James McCaig was arrested on Sunday, Constable Hawtry having come up from Osoyoos armed with a warrant. Just as the constable arrived in camp, a little incident happened which threw Fairview into quite a state of excitement. It would seem that recently Mrs. McCaig made application for divorce from her husband, with whom she has not been living for some time past. The trouble on Sunday arose over the question as to who should have possession of a little boy, the issue of the marriage. The child was with its mother, and without legal process McCaig came on Sunday and took it away, going as far as the Joe Dandy boarding house, upon which claim he was at work. The enraged mother procured a revolver and followed her husband to the claim, and demanded a restitution of the child, but this was denied, whereupon she drew the revolver and fired, hitting her husband on the side in the region of the heart. The bullet however only caused a flesh wound, coming into contact with one of the ribs, it was turned from a direct course, and no doubt to this circumstance the man now owes his life. This incident gave Constable Hawtry a double duty to perform, so he arrested both man and wife and conveyed them to Osoyoos.

THE DAVIS CASE.

Edward Davis, who was committed for trial at Midway on the 11th of February, charged with obtaining money under false pretences from one Colin Campbell at Grand Forks about the first of the same month, having elected to be tried by speedy trial, was brought before Judge Spinks at Grand Forks on the 19th inst.

Reviewing the history of the case, it will be remembered that Davis was the locator of the Ingersoll mineral claim in Summit camp; that he disposed of a one-half interest in the claim to a party by the name of Brigman; that he subsequently disposed of his remaining interests in the claim to two or three different parties; that having done this, and as far as the records in the government office went to show, having no further interest in the claim, he, meeting Campbell, sold another quarter interest (the fifth) to him for the sum of $100, ten dollars of which was paid down to bind the bargain, Davis signing a bond guaranteeing the transfer of the interest. It was for this he was arrested and committed to stand his trial.

During the progress of the trial before the judge, an incident happened lending peculiar interest to the case. It was this: Mr. W. G. McMynn having been called upon to produce certified copies of the records in the case, did so, which records clearly showed that Davis, previous to his deal with Campbell, had disposed of the full claim to other parties. At this point the case looked very grave for Davis, when the unexpected happened, as Mr. McMynn, to prove to the court a correct copy of the transfer Davis to Brigman had been made, produced the original bill of sale, which had come into his possession the day previous to the trial. This bill of sale having been handed to the judge, he noticed that the grantees name and the date of the document were in different handwriting from that in the body of the document, and this elicited enquiry. The witness to the document was found and brought before the court, who testified that when Davis signed and he witnessed the document, the grantee's name and the date were not filled in, for the reason that Brigman owed Davis money due on assessment and this was to be paid before the bill of sale was completed. The bill of sale however passed at this time into Brigman's possession who it is presumed subsequently filled it out and recorded the same.

The judge in dismissing the charge against Davis, held that as this bill of sale was not complete at the time of its delivery to Brigman, no transfer of the half interest in the claim had been made, therefore Davis when he dealt with Campbell clearly had an interest in the Ingersoll claim and had committed no wrong, and to this incident Davis no doubt now owes his liberty.

HEINZE HAS THE CASH.

A mortgage of $1,500,000 has been filed in the county auditor's office at Butte, Mont., on all the property of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, including its smelters, claims, leases, etc, It is in favor of Richard Lacy of New York. The Montana Ore Purchasing company is practically owned by F. Aug. Heinze and his brother, A. P. Heinze. The mortgage was authorized at a meeting of the company held at its New York office on March 8th

The filing of this mortgage undoubtedly has a great significance regarding Mr. Heinze's future in British Columbia. Last winter when Mr. Heinze failed to raise the money in England for the extension of his Columbia and Western railroad, Mr. Heinze announced confidentially that the road would be built just the same. A few days ago he again announced that he would commence building his road from Robson to Penticton, in a few weeks, or as soon as the weather became settled.

From the fact that he has just mortgaged his Butte property for the enormous sum of $1,500,000, it may safely be gathered that Mr. Heinze intends to put up the money himself. If this latter surmise be true, it certainly shows a wonderful faith on the part of Mr. Heinze in the future development of British Columbia.

VERBAL AGREEMENT GOOD.

An interesting case has just been decided by the supreme court. It would seem that some time ago a party by the name of Petty made a verbal agreement with another man by the name of Wells that if he was fortunate enough to find a mineral claim, he (Wells) should "be in on it." Petty found a mine, which is now a valuable one, but evidently did not keep his promise, as Wells brought suit claiming an interest in the property. The case came before Judge Walkem at Nelson some time ago, but it was not closed, the judge allowing Wells had an interest in the claim, but as the amount of interest was not specified, he would not award a decision. Being brought before the supreme court, Judge Walkem's ruling was sustained, and the interest defined to consist of a full half share of the property.

SUPT. ABBOTT RESIGNS.

Mr. Abbott, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., has resigned his position, after having held it since 1885. Mr. Abbott has been connected with the C. P. R. since the inception of the company in 1880, and had previous to coming to British Columbia held many important positions. Since 1887 the late superintendent has resided in Vancouver, and will continue to so reside there for the future. It was Mr. Abbott's brother, the late Hon. Sir J. C. Abbott, who succeeded to the premiership of Canada upon the death of Sir John A. Macdonald. It is more than probable Mr. R. Marpole will succeed Mr. Abbott as general superintendent, with Mr. W. Downie as assistant.

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A bond has just been given on the Rathmullen, Trafalger, Glasgow, Westward Ho, Lansing, Ben Hur, Malta and Rob Roy, to James M. O'Toole, the considerttion being $252,000, nearly the whole of which however, is to be paid in stock. The parties giving the bond are J. B. Henderson, W. M. Wood, T. Carmichael, T. S. Higginson and E. Drew.

The properties are situated on Pass Creek and between there and the North Fork of Kettle River.

The company formed to take over these properties is named the Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co, Ltd., Capital $2,500,000.

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MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1897.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE latest rumor of a gigantic mining deal comes from Toronto, the statement being made by the World that the Cariboo mine in Camp McKinney is under bond for $560,000 to Colonel North who represents an English syndicate. We are not authorzed to make a contrary statement, yet we believe there is absolutely no foundation for the rumor, basing our contention upon our knowledge of the fact that the owners of the Cariboo are too concious of the value of their property, to hawk it around under bond. Should the Cariboo change hands, it will be for a cash consideration, and a very substantial sum at that.

THE American railway companies evidently do not relish the keen competition of the C. P. R., which by its reduced rates bids fair to capture the bulk of the passenger traffic between Eastern Canadian points and Kootenay. Being desirous of participating in the benefits to be derived from such traffic, the American lines are petitioning that the restrictions of the inter-state commerce law be removed, so as to allow them to compete with the C. P. R. The commission can grant relief to the American roads if it sees fit, and the petition has been presented in the hope of securing the withdrawal of the restriction which imposes that a rate between two terminal points shall not be less than the rate between one terminal and any intermediate point. Should the request of the American lines be granted, a lively rate war will be the result, and people of Eastern Canada will be given a cheap ride to British Columbia.

WE revert this week to the consideration of a question which has received our attention on several former occasions, and we do so trusting the matter will receive consideration at the hands of the government at the present sitting of the provincial legislature. We refer to the alienation from purchase or pre-emption of all the third-class lands contained within the grant to the Columbia and Western railway, consequent upon the words pastoral or third class lands having been intentionally or otherwise omitted from one of the clauses of the act granting the land bonus to the said railway, thereby according Mr. Heinze an absolute monopoly over many thousands of acres of land for the space of four years from the time of the passage of the act. As we have just stated, this monopoly was given either intentionally or otherwise, and such being the case, it is evident something should be done to remove the injustice that has been wrought to the many residents of this district who are desirous of acquiring at least a portion of this land. When formerly discussing this question, we wondered at the continued silence of our representative, Mr. Donald Graham, who we thought should have brought the matter long ago to the attention of the house, but upon reflection, we believe we may have entertained a wrong idea as to his ability to do so without being ruled out of order, he being a private member. Therefore it would seem, if any redress is to be had in the matter, it must receive direct attention at the hands of the executive. How to bring this about is a problem difficult to solve we must allow, as readily do we recognize the government will not hasten to admit a grievous wrong was done a large number of people, intentionally or otherwise, by the passage of the legislation complained of. On the other hand, must the people of the province be deprived of their rights by negligent or vicious legislation? We think not, and the sooner the government is forced to give attention to this question the better, even if its consideration should bring down upon them an avalanche of trouble.

[As we go to press we are made conversant with the fact that our representative, Mr. D. Graham, has put some questions to the premier in the house touching this matter. Mr. Turner replied that the omission complained of was intentional on the part of the government, who did not propose to offer any redress. As far as this district is concerned, the government will have cause to repent the action taken.]

A PETITION, signed by 2,411 women, was presented to the provincial legislature on the 24th inst by the member for Victoria, Mr. H. Helmcken. The petitioners pray that the franchise be granted them, so that they may have the power to vote at provincial elections. Upon the petition being presented, it is said certain members of the house were inclined to treat it with levity. We should be sorry indeed to learn that such treatment, or even a semblance of such treatment was actually accorded it, as the question of granting the franchise to women is one to which a weighty consideration should be given, and one to which the greatest possible amount of respect should be shown, whether our legislators grant the petitioners' request or not. Their desire to possess the franchise shows them to be ready and willing to share the duties and responsibilities which are at present borne alone by the sterner sex, and few are there we believe who would deny the right of British Columbia women, to be placed upon an equal footing with reference to their mental and moral character, with those of other countries in which the franchise has been extended to women, and that, too, with apparent advantage to themselves and their country. We see no reason, therefore, why the franchise should not be granted, even while recognizing the many and weighty arguments adduced by some against such a course of action.

BY the preservation and production of a document, which was none other than a bill of sale for a half interest in a mineral claim, a man by the name of Davis—an account of whose trial may be seen in another column—may be said to have escaped from a very unenviable position, as upon the production of the said document a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, which had been preferred against him, was dismissed. To the casual reader this fact may be fraught with little interest, nevertheless the circumstance leads up to a question which should receive the earnest consideration of the government, and as well the whole mining community of the province, as it suggests the advisability of completely revolutionizing the present system in vogue of placing upon record all documents usually made use of in the transaction of mining business. Under the present system, when a document is presented for record at the government office, the contents are transcribed to the books kept there, a certificate given to that effect, and the document returned to the party presenting it, who, knowing the same is recorded, becomes careless as to its preservation. Under the system we would suggest to take the place of the present one, all documents, such as bills of sale, bonds, powers of attorney, etc., would be made out in duplicate, the original after an abstract (only) of its contents had been recorded, to be placed and kept on file at the office, the duplicate being certified to and handed to the party presenting the same. By this method an enormous amount of writing would be done away with, thereby reducing the labor of and number of government officials kept for the purpose, and also making it possible for the government to charge a uniform and nominal fee for the recording of such documents, a matter which will certainly appeal to and find favor with the mining community, who oftentimes are called upon for a considerable fee, ranging from say $2 to $10 for the recording of bonds on mineral claims, which in some cases are only valid for a short term. The advantage of the new system would be the possibility in cases of dispute of being able always to produce the original document before any court; a saving of money to the government, and also a great saving to the miners and others transacting this kind of business, features which should certainly recommend themselves to everyone.

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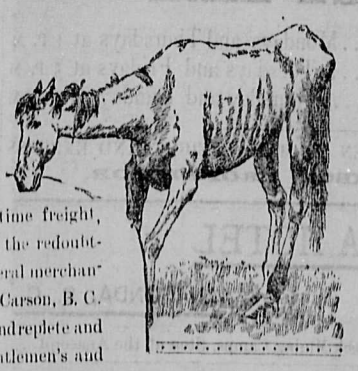

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JAMES WILDER,
Rock Creek Mountain, March 8, 1897.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS, by the order of His Honor Judge Spinks, dated the 20th day of November, 1896, James Monaghan, of Camp McKinney, in the Osoyoos division of Yale district, in the Province of British Columbia, was appointed administrator of the estate of James Haddican, deceased, late of Camp McKinney, aforesaid.

All persons having claims against the estate of the said James Haddican, deceased, must leave the same, duly certified, with Messrs. Fulton, Ward & Aikman, at Grand Forks, B.C., before the 15th day of April, 1897, and all debts due the said estate must be paid to the said firm of Fulton, Ward & Aikman before the said date.

Dated at Grand Forks, B. C., this 8th day of March, 1897. JAMES MONAGHAN, Administrator.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, sixty days after date, we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land, situated in the Osoyoos division of Yale district, in the Province of British Columbia:

Starting at a point on the east bank of Kettle river near the junction of the West Fork, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less. SPENCER BENNERMAN.
GEORGE C. ROSE.
Dated this 1st day of February, 1897.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership must be paid forthwith to James Kerr and J. P. Flood, who will settle all claims against the same, and continue the business under the firm name of Kerr & Flood.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1897.
R. D. KERR.
JAMES KERR.

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—OF A—

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"Companies' Act," Part IV, and Amending Acts.

"THE CHRISTINA MINING AND MILLING COMPANY" (FOREIGN).

Registered the 3rd day of February, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered "The Christina Mining and Milling Company" (Foreign) under the "Companies' Act," Part IV, "Registration of Foreign Companies," and amending Acts.

The head office of the said Company is situated at the City of Tacoma, in the State of Washington, U. S. A.

The objects for which the company is established are:

To acquire, own, operate and deal in mines and mineral claims, and to do a general mining and milling business; to acquire, own, deal in and dispose of all kinds of real estate; to locate mining claims and water rights; to construct and maintain plants and mills for the purpose of reducing and refining ore; to mortgage, hypothecate, lease or sell, or in any manner deal with, any and all of its property, real and personal; to hold and own stocks; to carry on the business of mining in the State of Washington and elsewhere in the United States; and especially to own, operate, control and buy, sell and deal in mines and other property in the Province of British Columbia; and to do each and every act incident to any of the above business or appertaining thereto.

The capital stock of the said Company is one million dollars, divided into one million shares of the par value of one dollar each.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of February, 1897.

[L. S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

NOTICE.

The Osoyoos Vernon and Kettle River Mining Divisions of Yale District.

NOTICE is hereby given that all placer claims legally held in the Osoyoos, Vernon and Kettle River Mining Divisions of Yale District, are laid over from the 1st November 1896, to the 1st June, 1897.

[Signed] C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Gold Commissioner.

COUNTY COURT NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Yale will be holden as follows:

At Midway, on Monday, the 17th May, 1897, and

At Grand Forks, on Wednesday, the 19th May, 1897.

At the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, respectively. By command,

W. G. McMYNN,
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MINERAL ACT, 1896.

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NOTICE.

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Situate at Camp Fairview, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, John Stevens, as agent, free miner's certificate No. 75854, 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.

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VERNON NOTES.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. W. R. Megaw is back from the Kootenay. He reports trade lively in that section.

We have robins and blue jays, meadow larks, predictions of almanacs, and blue-bottle flies; but no spring. The infallible signs are off this year.

Mr Lattimer, the fortunate owner of the Blue Jay, received the cash payment of $2,500 on his land on Tuesday; the bond calls for the expenditure of $5,000, quite an item for the industrial portion of Vernon.

Mr. John Campbell, of Campbell Bros., has returned from Rossland Mr. Campbell I understand is arranging to close out his business in that camp, to enable him to get the home trade in shape before the boom.

Mr. W. F. Cameron, merchant, left on Tuesday's train for Victoria to consult Dr. Davie re a peculiar form of muscular decrease he has contracted. I sincerely trust the complications will not prove as serious as anticipated.

The Camp Hewitt Mining company held their first general meeting on Tuesday evening at Cameron's hall. By-laws were passed and the following directors elected: W. T. Shatford, H. C. Muller, W. J. Armstrong, Gus. Hewitt, H. Hardy, D. Shook and W. Death.

A serious libel suit was averted by a public apology last week. Mr. Wm. Powell used some unparliamentary and slanderous language in reference to Mr. Gus Hewitt. The latter gentleman happening to overhear it, commenced proceedings against the Greenwood merchant, bringing him, figuratively to his knees, the result being an absolute withdrawal of the asservations and payment of all costs. It will be well for Mr. Powell to remember in future that walls have ears.

The long protracted winter is beginning to tell very heavily on stock, numbers of horses and cattle dying on every hand, and should the snow remain much longer, the outlook will be serious indeed. Hay and oats have advanced to almost prohibitive prices, and in large quantities are unavailable. Some of the large ranchers have commenced shipping in hay from the Northwest, an expensive undertaking where large numbers of stock have to be fed. Apart from the monetary loss sustained by the stockmen through the unusual winter, the suffering of the stock caused by insufficient feed and lack of shelter, ought to come very strongly under the category of cruelty to animals, and reveals a condition of affairs that needs rectifying by legislation. I consider that every cattle man should be provided with five months' feed at the commencement of the winter, and shelter adequate for the number of stock he possesses, the law enforcing he shall not hold more stock than he can well provide for during that time. Such an act would undoubtedly prevent a terrible amount of suffering. Why in the face of the periodically hard winters we are subjected to, an action such as this has not been enforced, is a matter of surprise and conjecture.

UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG.

Before the opening of the court at Grand Forks on the 19th inst., Judge Spinks had a pleasant duty to perform, that of granting citizenship to no less than eight applicants, who were desirous of casting in their lot with British Columbia, and living for the future under the protection of the British flag. All the newly made subjects were formerly American citizens, who attracted to this province by the superior advantages offered, have been induced by their experiences while living among us, to cast off their alliegence to their former country, and become permanent residents of the province which has responded so readily and lavishly to their efforts since they crossed the border. Following we give the name and occupation of the newly-made citizens: Mr. W. Almquist, owner of a fine ranch property at Anarchist mountain; Mr. C. K. Simpson, pre-emptor and sawmill proprietor, residing at Grand Forks; Mr. E. A. Galloway and Mr. M. Berry have pre-emptions on the North Fork of Kettle river and are doing well; Mr. M. Miller, Mr. D. P. Pettijohn, and Mr. J. Spencer, are all ranchers living at Grand Prairie, Kettle river, having fine farms, more particularly the first party mentioned; Mr. W. R. C. Manley, hardware merchant, Grand Forks.

SNUBBED MINISTERS.

The Victoria Times, commenting editorially upon the incident touching the vote on the second reading of Mr. Adams' alien labor bill, or rather the anti-Chinese clause in it, says:

"If the Hon. Mr. Turner and his colleagues were capable of appreciating the situation, they would feel more than annoyance over the rebuff administered to them yesterday by the house. The fact that only three private members could be found to vote with the five ministers against Mr. Adams' anti-Chinese clause is a very accurate indication of the support which the ministry can command throughout the whole province—provided the popular feeling is allowed free expression. The ministers stand as the champions of monopoly and privilege, while the voice of the people is for liberty and equality of rights. The journalistic hireling of the government and the monopolists make a brave show of fight by charging that the representatives of the people are 'mildewed with populism.' There would be little profit in microscopically examining the fungi covering its own masters; suffice it to say that they all have a bad odor, and that the organ's efforts to sweeten them are as ineffective as they are ludicrous."

ROAD BADLY NEEDED.

The amount of travel destined to take place up the main Kettle river during the coming summer would suggest the advisability of the road which was started at Rock Creek and built for a distance of three or four miles, some two years ago, be constructed to a point at or near the West Fork of the river, or still further if necessary. A good deal of attention will be paid this portion of the district as soon as spring opens, not only by prospectors, who recognize it as a very likely field in which to prospect, but as well by a large number of people who are tempted to pre-empt the vacant lands to be found on each side of the river, the merit of which is only now commencing to be understood.

A good road, furnishing easy access to the territory upon and lying adjacent to the West Fork would stimulate prospecting and pre-empting, and as a result the government would no doubt reap a rich return in revenue, for any funds that might be disbursed in the construction of this much-needed public work.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Our representative, Donald Graham, M. P. P., is eliciting information from the government relative to the action taken by the chief commissioner of lands and works in connection with the coal lands at Rock Creek. Mr. Graham has asked that all correspondence referring to these coal lands be be produced and printed.

LOCATION VERSUS RECORD.

When will prospectors and miners cease committing foolish actions, and settle down to the study of the Mineral act in some of its bearings, more particularly upon the question of which constitutes a prior right to a mineral claim, priority of location or priority of record?

The above query is made as a consequence of another instance which happened during the past week, when two or three different parties rushed to the record office after locating a mineral claim to file a record, thereby demonstrating their utter ignorance, or their want of ability to clearly interpret the clause in the Minerel act bearing upon the subject.

For the edification of those who are not in a position to acquire the knowledge through other sources, the following reference is made to the subject:

Taking the consolidated statutes of 1888, it is found that in 1884 priority of record governed the title to a mineral claim. This stood in force until 1891, when it was repealed and priority of location governed. In the following year (1892) another change was made, however, and once more priority of record governed. This only was allowed to stand for one year, as in the act of 1893 it is found a return was made to priority of location, and up to the present time this holds good.

It will therefore be seen that as 15 days is allowed by the Mineral act, within which a record may be made after a mineral claim is taken up, and as priority of location governs the title, providing all the other requirements of the Mineral act are complied with, therefore not the slightest advantage accrues to any one who exercises undue haste in the matter of recording a claim. Let this fact been understood by prospectors and more attention will be paid to the staking of claims, and the wild rides to the record office will be events of the past.

VOLCANIC CENTER.

Mr. McConnell, of the Dominion Geological survey, suggests that the arrangement of the rock formations leads him to believe that anciently there was a volcanic centes near the site of the present town of Rossland, from which lava and ashes deluged the surrounding district. At Rossland there is a large, well-defined area of granite, irreguliarily shaped, about four miles long and one mile wide, extending from Deer Park mountain westward to the western base of Lookout mountain. Beyond this mass there is a surrounding area of porphyrites, which are supposed to have been forced to the surface from the same molten subterranean mass. It is along the line of junction of these two bodies of rock that nearly all the great bodies of ore are located. Commencing at the north-west corner of the area the line runs through the Cliff, War Eagle and Le Roi claims; then, turning to the west, circles round a spur from the main area, which covers part of Deer Park mountain, and continues eastward in a sinuous line, passing about a quarter of a mile north of the Crown Point mine to the foot of the west slope of Lookout mountain. The northern edge runs from the Cliff mine eastward to Monte Cristo mountain, then bends to the south and skirting the southern base of Kootenay Columbia mountain continues in a south-easterly direction toward Lookout mountain. The other three concentric areas do not carry the typical Trail Creek ores, but are traversed by occasional quartz veins that appear to belong to a later date. As to the character of the veins Mr. McConnell says isolated examples may be cited in support of the theory of vein formation. The blunt irregular outlines of some of the ore bodies and their fissure-like regularity in others, the presence in most cases of a single wall, which is often meaningless as a confining wall, and the occasional lack of any wall, the gradual blending of the ore with the country rock, are all characters consistent with the deposition of the ore from ascending waters, which have eaten away portions of the country rock and replaced it by the minerals held in solution. The miners of the district generally favor the fissure theory under the impression that they are the only veins that are apt to be of continuous depth, although Mr. McConnell does not agree with this theory.

ONLY HALF A MILLION.

The Kootenay and Columbia mining group has been sold to F. Aug. Heinze for half a million dollars. The terms of the sale are not known at present. The deal was consummated in New York.

The Trail Mining company's property better known as the Columbia and Kootenay, comprises three claims, the Columbia, Kootenay and Copper Jack. They are situated on the south-east slope of the Columbia & Kootenay mountain, about one mile north-east of the town of Rossland. Without exception there are few better mines in the camp than the above, as during the present year only three others have shipped more ore.

The property is developed by two tunnels, the deepest of which strikes the vein at a depth of 400 feet. Phill Asyinwall sold this property about two years ago for the sum of $40,000.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending March 23, 1897.

MARCH 20.

Emerald, Deadwood camp, W. B. Rickards.

Jeff Davis, Wellington camp, Jeff Davis.

Snow Flake, Brown's camp, M. F. Wiler.

MARCH 23.

Little Babe No. 2, Hardy mountain, W. Sands.

Last Chance, North Fork, M. Curry

Excelsior, Goat mountain, O. C. Luther.

Dauntless (fractional), Wellington camp, D. McInnis.

Des Moines, Brown's camp, R. A. Brown.

Golden, Brown's camp, Mrs. E. W. Averill.

Mainstay, Brown's camp, G. W. Averill.

CERTIFICATE OF WORK.

MARCH 19.

Snow Bird, H. Shrimpton.

Alice Maud, A. Castleman and W.T. Smith.

Alena, J. M. J. H. Gire et al.

MARCH 20.

Prince Edward, R. S. Fraser.

Iva Lenore, H. Cuthbert.

Lewella, B. C. G. E. D. & I. Co.

Surprise, R. Clark.

MARCH 22

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MARCH 23.

Earthquake, W. K. White.

Jack Pot, A. F. Sanderson.

TRANSFERS.

MARCH 18.

Bowes, ½ interest, O. W. Carter to E. Bowes.

Sphynx, all interest, L. Hind to A. St. G. Hammersly.

MARCH 20.

Ethiopia, all interest, J. C. Haas to H. Cuthbert.

Ethiopia, all interest, H. Cuthbert to B. C. G. F. E. D. & I. Co.

Lewellah, all interest, T. Cunningham and A. McDonald to H. Cuthbert.

Lewellah, all interest, H. Cuthbert to B. C. G. F. E. D. & I. Co.

Nugget, ½ interest, W. Shaw to J. Jermyn.

Mother Lode, ¼ interest, W. McCormick to John Weir.

Mother Lode, ¼ interest, M. McCuaig to John Weir.

Gibraltar, Helen Ray, Ione and Nannie F, all interest, Harry Gager et al to James M. O'Toole.

Gibraltar, Helen Ray, Ione, Nannie F, Rathmullen, Trafalgar, Glasgow, Westward Ho, Lansing, Ben Hur, Malta and Rob Roy, all interest, James M. O'Toole to Rathmullen Consolidated Mining and Development company.

Climax, ½ interest, R. Watson to J. Fisher.

Louisa, ½ interest, J. McIntosh to H. McEwen.

MARCH 23.

Mother Lode, ¼ interest, J. Schofield to Boundary Mines company.

Mother Lode, all interest, J. Weir to Boundary Mines company.

Florida, ½ interest, F. Gauthier to E. Johnson.

Parke, all interest, D. W. Dillon to A. B. Williams, M. Jaggers and L. Schou.

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

The next sittings of the county court to be held in the district at Midway and Grand Forks are set for May 17 and 19.

Mr. A. K. Stuart left on yesterdays stage, bound for Grand Forks. As excise officer Mr. Stuart has occasionally to attend to those duties.

Considering the condition of the roads, good time is being made over the route to Penticton, no irregularity having as yet occurred in the mail service.

A fine new hotel is nearing completion at Cascade City, which is being erected by the Townsite company. When completed it will be a credit to the town and a great convenience to the traveling public.

Mr. R. Sadler and Mr. G. C. Rose left on yesterday's stage for Christina Lake, at which point Mr. Sadler has a fine ranch. Mr. Rose will spend a great portion of the summer prospecting in the neighborhood of Christina Lake.

Hain & Co. are making an addition to their building, made necessary to accommodate the large stock of general merchandise, one or two carloads of which has already arrived at Penticton. A new glass front will be a feature of the building when the alterations are complete,

About the middle of the past week Snodgrass & Sons were unfortunate enough to lose a valuable stage animal on the summit west of Camp McKinney. While driving along, the animal lost its footing owing to the condition of the road, and plunging out into the deep snow, broke its two front legs.

Queries were being put the other day as to how it was possible to break up an ice jam which had accumulated in the boom at the sawmill, thereby stopping the mill operations. Well, we don't know, but we believe giant powder and whiskey would do it. Break up the ice with the powder and then add a little whiskey to it and it would soon disappear.

The shares of the Boundrry Creek Mining and Milling company are selling and always have sold for 10 cents a share. On the Spokane exchange Boundary shares are quoted at a much lower figure, but these quotations refer to the shares of another company, not the one owning properties close to Greenwood City. This is one of the troubles which arise owing to the similarity of the names of some mining companies.

A petition was forwarded to the postmaster-general, praying that a postoffice be established at Cascade City. The matter was referred back to Inspector Fletcher, and upon investigation it is understood he has been good enough to recommend its establishment. The people of Cascade City and vicinity may therefore soon be in a position to rejoice over the possession of a brand new postoffice, and it is to be hoped that they will be able to do so, as such an institution at that point would be a boon to a large number of prospectors and miners who are and will be engaged in the neighborhood for the future.

The Hard Times dance given at Anaconda on the 26th, can hardly be said to have been a success, as evidences of really hard times only extended to the wearing apparel of those taking part in the function, the cheery faces and mirthful demeanor of the participants plainly manifesting that the pinch of poverty was anything but familiar to them. Novelty, however, was the object aimed at by those getting up the dance, and it may be said in this they succeeded beautifully, as the itinerant appearance of some of the guests was too ridiculous for anything, and was a source of much amusement to the large number present. Wilson Hall was the scene of the gathering.

MINING NOTES.

Under the management of Mr. Punch, the Boundary Falls company have started work on the Boundary Falls claim, situated close to the town of the same name.

As soon as word is received from the company, Mr. Thomet will start work on the Highland Chief and Big Windy properties, and possibly attention will also be devoted to the Snow Drop, another claim situated about a mile east of Midway.

As soon as the snow has sufficiently disappeared work will be commenced upon the Crown Point group of claims in Crown Point camp, west of Rock Creek, by Mr. Leslie Hill, who, on behalf of the company he represents has them under bond.

A large number of claims have recently been staked out in and around Camp McKinney, but in many instances it must be feared the parties staking were taking up ground rather than mineral claims, as the depth of snow there almost entirely precluded the possibility of prospecting the surface.

Boundary creek is coming to the front with newly incorporated companies, as in the last B. C. Gazette is noted no less than four new companies with an aggregate capitalization of $4,000,000. The Rock Creek Mining and Development company, with trustees T. McDonnell, J. C. Haas and J. A. Frank, is capitalized at $1,000,000, in shares of $1 each. The principal place of business, Greenwood City. The Bullion Mining and Milling company, capitalization $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Trustees J. C. Haas, T. McDonnell and I. H. Hallett, all of Greenwood City. Office of the company at the same place. The Arlington Gold and Copper Mining company, capitalization $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Trustees, F. A. Bielenberg, J C. Haas and G. A. Rendell, all of Greenwood City. The Toronto and Boundary Creek Mining company, capitalization $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Trustees, T. A. Garland and James Germyn, of Greenwood City, and C. R. Garland, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. Office, Greenwood City.

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

By an Occasional Correspondent.

By the following you will notice, Mr. Editor, I have wandered from my accustomed haunts and have migrated to the new Eldorado, Fairview, which camp it is needless to say is at present receiving a great amount of attention, as nearly every day sees some new representative of capital dropping into our midst. That those who have taken hold are the right class of men, is evidenced by the amount of work now going on, as on several claims shafts are being sunk, many of which have attained a depth of 20 to 100 feet, and some there are that have passed the 100-foot mark and will soon be crowding double this figure, all of which are being sunk on what may practically be said to be free-milling properties. In some of these shafts rich rock has recently been discovered, the lowest assays from selected samples of which went nothing less than $80 per ton in gold. Ore taken from the recent working on the old reliable Smuggler claim could easily be sorted up to $500 or $600 per ton. It has been decided to drop the old shaft on this property down another 25 feet—it is now 100 feet deep—when a tunnel will be run into the hill, and by an uprise the shaft and tunnel will be connected, giving the workings a depth of nearly 300 feet. Not many men are at work on this claim just at present, but more will be put on as soon as the tunnel is started. The peculiar situation of this claim makes development an easy proposition.

The company having in hand the exploration of the Joe Dandy group of claims are pushing forward the work on three shafts and two tunnels, and as far as work has progressed very satisfactory results have been attained. This company have quite a number of men in and around their works.

About sixty men are at presnt employed in the camp, and my observation teaches me that this number will be augmented soon.

I notice many of the most valuable properties are still in the hands of the original locators, who, although they have done an enormous amount of single-handed work, are not in a position to pay the amount of attention to their properties they deserve and will ultimately receive.

The camp's development has been up to the present retarded owing to the scarcity of lumber, but this will now be remedied, as a Mr. Featherston has brought in a sawmill and will soon be in a position to supply at least a portion of the demand,

In the wake of the sawmill comes the builder and contractor, and Mr. John Melville, formerly of Anaconda, is here and is busily engaged drawing plans and specifications for new buildings to be erected.

The climate here, Mr. Editor, is preeminently the finest I have struck in British Columbia, the snow or frost not being of a sufficient depth or severity to impede mining operations at any time during the past winter.

THEY ALL COME BACK.

To the Editor of the ADVANCE.

SIR.—Might I trespass upon your valuable space to express my hearty thanks to the numerous friends who greeted my "safe arrival" in Midway yesterday. It goes to prove the old saying that "there is more joy over the return of one lost sheep than a whole herd that never left the corral."

Noting the intense interest taken in my wanderings abroad by the people of Midway, I hope that I may never again be the cause of such feverish anxiety, as they seem to have suffered during my brief absence from their midst. Yours very truly,

SPARTACUS.

Midway, March 26, 1897.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

MAPLE LEAF MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in Camp McKinney in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, James Lynch, free miner's certificate No. 70224, 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 to the above claim.

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

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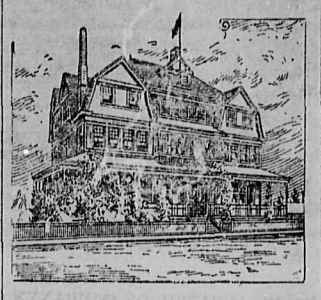

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HEAD OFFICE, GREENWOOD CITY, B. C.

OFFICERS OF COMPANY:

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D. A. HOLBROOK - - - - - - MANAGER
C. W. H. SANSOM - SECRETARY-TREASURER

BANKERS:

BANK OF MONTREAL - - VERNON, B. C.

VIEW SHOWS GREENWOOD CITY AND LOCATION OF COMPANY'S CLAIMS.

This company is registered under the Companies Act, 1890, and amending acts, in the office of the Registrar in Victoria, B. C., for 1,500,000 shares at $1.00, non- assessable, of which a portion of the Treasury stock is now offered at 10 cents a share on application to the company.

PROPERTIES.

The properties, which are absolutely owned by the Company, consist of eight claims lying in a group and named as follows: "The Fred. D.," "S. H. B.," "Big Ledge," "D. A.," "O. B.," "S. F.," "G. A. R." and "J. A. C.," being fully shown and explained in the Map Plan annexed.

DESCRIPTION.

On the "D. A." is a vein about 20 inches wide, with a pay-streak of 4 to 12 inches; from this 8,653 lbs. of ore was shipped to the smelter, giving $108.15 gold per ton, silver 74 7-10 ozs., and 2 per cent. lead. A tunnel is being driven on this vein from which ore is being taken. On the same property is a larger vein (quartz) carrying galena and pyrites.

The "G. A. R." has a 30-foot shaft sunk on a 2-foot vein, heavily mineralized with an intimate mixture of iron and copper pyrites, galena, blende and silverglance. The finest pieces of wire silver found on Boundary Creek were taken from this shaft. Average assays from different places across the vein gave $8.00 gold, 50 ozs. silver; also $8.00 gold and 150 ozs. silver and one, the latest return—$15.05 gold and 1064-5 ozs. silver per ton.

On the "Big Ledge" is a 10-foot quartz vein, mineralized with iron pyrites. This vein has been opened up by cross-cuts on the surface for 500 feet. A narrower vein has been opened up, being one foot wide, carrying considerable copper pyrites, and runs into the main ledge as a spur, on which a tunnel of 40 feet has been driven. Average assays gave $33 gold and 1 1-10 ozs. silver, and $40.35 gold, 17½ ozs. silver, 2 per cent. copper.

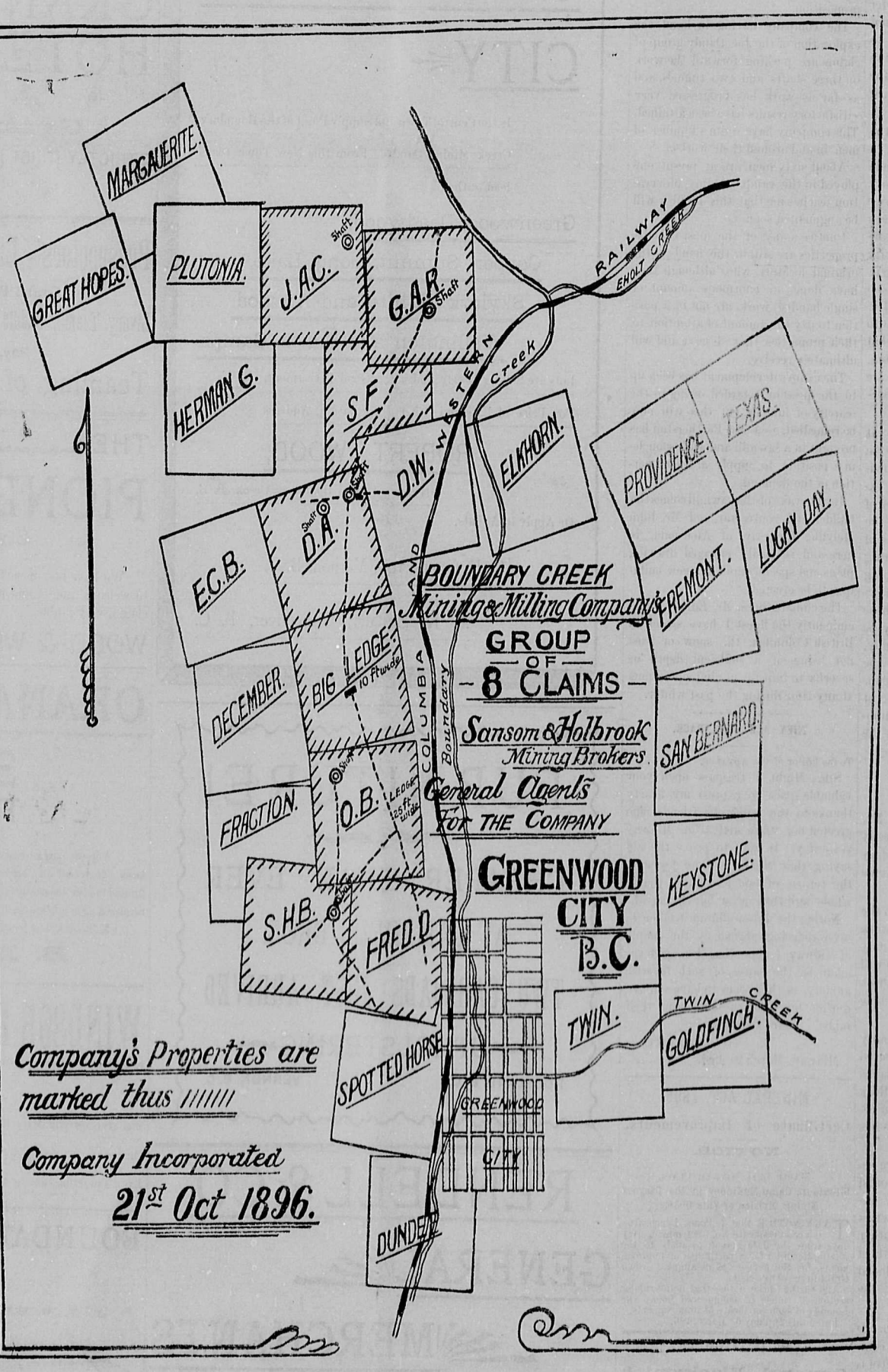
The "O. B." has two distinct veins; one 25 feet wide which, from its strike and general character would seem to be the same vein as that on the Big Ledge, although sufficient has not been done to make this conclusive. The second vein has at present a width of nearly three feet. Assays have shown values in gold from $4.00 to $170.53, while a conservative sampling by Mr. S. S. Fowler, M. E. gave $20.00 in gold.

On the "S. H. B." are two converging veins of copper and iron pyrites, on which work is now being done. An average assay gave, gold $1.50, silver 16⅔ ozs., copper 11.96 per cent., or $40.44 for all values.

The "Fred D." was located in December, 1895, more as ground for a basis for mining operations for the other claims than for its present value, although there is little doubt that the large vein on the O. B. runs through it. There is a small vein of galena on this claim.

The "S. F." lies between the G. A. R. and D. A., in the direction of the strike on the G. A. R. vein. This location has been made on a vein of pyrrhotite.

The "J. A. C." has a large iron capping running through it from the Anaconda, at a depth of a few feet. The ore carries a considerable percentage of of copper and $10 in gold.



N. B.—SCALE ON THIS MAP 1500 FEET TO THE INCH.

Capitalization 1,500,000, Treasury Stock 700,000 Shares.