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THE ESTIMATES.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year were presented to the Legislature last week. The total revenue anticipated, apart from the balance of the $2,000,000 loan which is expected to be on hand on the 30th of June next—viz, $300,000!—is $1,163,789, while the proposed expenditure will total $1,372,078. The estimated shortage next year is thus over $200,000.

An examination of the estimates of revenue will show some interesting particulars with regard to what returns are expected from the new assessment act. The new mining tax, it will seem, is expected to yield $75,000. The increases made by that bill are put down as worth, on income, $22,000; personal property, $15,000, and real property, $10,000, and if these figures are smaller than had been looked for it must be remembered that whatever has hitherto been contributed by mining property under these heads must now be deducted, since the new mining tax has taken the place of the other assessments. Under the four heads named, the assessment bill will provide $122,000 extra. The greater mining activity looked for is expected to produce $19,000 additional for the free miners' certificates, and to make the general mining receipts $20,000 more than estimated for the current year, while for licenses $15,000 is expected. The timber royalties, though the arrears have all been paid up, are expected to give an additional $10,000. Against all these increases the only conspicuous decrease is in land sales, including arrears, the difference in the estimates for the two years being $80,000. The absence of any estimate of receipts arising out of the proposed sale of land warrants would seem to indicate that the much discussed bill authorizing such sale, still standing on the order paper, is not to be proceeded with.

THE ESTIMATES OF REVENUE.

Following is a summary statement of the estimated revenue under the various heads, for the ensuing year, compared with the estimates of the current year:

	1896-97.	1895-96.
Dom. of Canada	$ 242,689	$ 242,689
Land sales, inc. arrears	100,000	180,000
Land revenue	6,000	6,000
Timber royalty, etc	50,000	40,000
Timber leases	30,000	30,000
Free miners certificates	45,000	26,000
Mining receipts, general	60,000	40,000
Licenses	45,000	30,000
Real property tax	95,000	85,000
Personal property tax	120,000	105,000
Wild land tax	45,000	45,000
Income tax	30,000	8,000
Revenue tax	65,000	50,000
Mineral tax	75,000	
Fines and forfeitures	10,000	8,500
Law stamps	12,000	12,000
Registry fees	38,000	40,000
Interest	30,000	18,000
Chinese restrictions	20,000	25,000
Succession duty	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	35,100	34,800
	$ 1,163,789	$ 1,035,989
Est. cash bal. June 30, '96	300,000	
Total	$ 1,463,789	

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

A similar summary of the expenditure, comparing the estimates now presented with the supply bill of last session, shows the following:

	1896-97.	1895-96.
Public debt	$ 271,895	$ 195,420
Civil gov't salaries	146,510	156,350
Justice salaries	134,838	133,714
Legislation	29,514	29,900
Public insts. maintenance	43,850	48,500
Hospitals and charities	43,750	44,250
Justice, other than salries	69,000	62,700
Education	223,112	203,205
Transport	13,000	10,550
Revenue services	12,000	10,000
Public Works—		
Works and buildings	33,000	95,000
Government house	2,750	2,900
Roads, bridges, etc	244,650	199,400
Surveys	15,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	88,808	97,148
Total	$ 1,372,078	$ 1,315,837

The public debt charges are, it will be seen, responsible for an extra amount greater than the total increase in the estimated expenditure; and while education and road work call for a larger outlay, there are compensating savings in the matters of works and buildings and of surveys.

The interest and sinking fund of the loan of last year explain the increase under that heading.

Civil Government salaries have been reduced all round, with the exception of the Ministers and deputies, and the lowest grade of officials, whose pay was already at the minimum figure (the aggregate saving being just about $10,000.) In the Provincial Secretary's department, the printing office, finance department, audit office, Lands and Works, and Attorney-General's department, a cut of from 5 to 7½ per cent. has been applied. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture will receive $116 in place of $125 per month. The Inspector of Fruit Pests $111 vice $120, and the Inspector of Animal, $95, vice $200. A new officer provided for is an auditor to inspect all offices, at $139 per month.

In the land registry offices, the registrar of titles at Victoria will have $157. 50, vice $175, and the chief clerk, $139, vice $150. At New Westminster the Registrar's salary will be $139, vice $150, and two clerks will receive $2,414, while last session three were provided for—$3,060. At Vancouver, the Registrar's salary of $175, becomes $157.50, and the three clerks will receive $3,060 in place of $3,440.

The asylum for the insane at Westminster will be officered by 26 persons, costing $15,748, against 25, costing $14,, 800.

Of the Supreme and County Court officials, the salaries at Victoria will range from $148.50 to $58.50, in place of from $165 to $60; at Westminster $139 to $68.50, vice $150 to $60; Vancouver, $130 to $58.50, vice $140 to $60. A new officer is provided for—a county clerk at Chilliwack, at $25.

The Superintendent of Provincial Police is reduced from $150 to $139, and the sergeant from $110 to $102; $40,900 is provided for fifty constables, against $37,000 for forty three. The appropriation ot $1,080 for the juvenile reformatory at Victoria disappears, and the salaries in the gaol at Victoria will be from $102 to $63.50, in place of $110 to $65. In all the other Provincial gaols there are similar reductions.

The salaries of the Government Agents have been thus reduced: Westminster $150 to $139; Donald, $150 to $139; Nelson, $160 to $144; Richfield, $172 to $155; Fort Simpson, $110 to $95; Yale, $110 to $102; Kamloops, $150 to $139; Okanogan, $125 to $116; Osoyoos, $125 to $116; Nanaimo, $125 to $116; Alberni, $100 to $95; Cowichan, $125 to $95; Lillooet, $125 to $116. The salary of $125 for the agent at Lakeside, in Cassiar, disappears.

The appropriation for the Provincial Board of Health is $1,500, in place of $8,000 voted last session. The Agent-General in London will have $2,500, salary, and $1,000 for rent and office contingencies, against a total of $5,000 for these purposes last year.

GRANITE CREEK MINING CO.

Mr. Robert Stevenson, well known as the principal figure in the Stevenson Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining Company of Granite creek, in the Similkameen country, has just returned from an extended trip in the east. During his stay in the east he completely reorganized, or rather metamorphozed, the Stevenson company into what is henceforth to be known as the Granite Creek Mining Co. Ltd. This company has been registered under the Dominion Joint Stock Company's Act, with a capital stock of $150,000, every dollar of which Mr. Stevenson and his associate, Mr. W. L. Hogg, have succeeded in having subscribed by eastern Canadian capitalists. The principal eastern shareholders are Sir James Grant, Mr. Andrew Fleck, and Mr. Hiram Robinson, Ottawa, and Messrs. Pattie, Powell, Ouimet and Lumsden, Montreal,

Last year something like $24,000 was spent on the property which this Company has purchased, and enough progress was made in development to insure an almost immediate commencement of piping this spring. Mr. Stevenson states that the first monitor will be turned on in good pay gravel by the 1st of May, and by the 2nd of July two more will be in operation. There is abundance of water and the head is ample. The gravel is well mixed with sand, very free and easy to work, so that the returns for this year are expected to pay 50 per cent on the investment. The new machinery is now been taken in via Spence's Bridge, and when everything is in place a very capable plant will be established. The claim is 2¾ miles along the creek front, with a depth of one half mile, and everywhere an abundance of dumping ground. Mr. Stevenson calculates that there is enough ground there to keep them busy for 60 years. Mr. Stevenson has left for the mine, accompanied by Mr. Brunel, the Company's engineer.

INVESTMENTS FOR EMPIRE INVESTORS.

Commenting upon a recent speech of the Agent-General of British Columbia, the Manchester Courier says in its editorial columns:—"The speech of the evening, however, was made by the Agent-General for British Columbia, whose arguments in favor of the investment of a larger proportion of British capital in our own colonies met with very cordial agreement. They have certainly been strongly enforced not only by the financial support of foreign Governments for which British money has built railroads and equipped armies, but by the unfriendly attitude towards this country of States whose resources have been developed mainly by English enterprise. It is impossible to deny the charge that our own Colonies have been neglected in the distribution of British capital. Even from the purely commercial point of view it is difficult to believe that the money we have sunk in Venezuela would not have been more profitably spent in utilising the great forests of splendid timber, the wealth of salmon, and the network of gold reefs which are comprised within the spacious area of British Columbia. The Colony has grown wonderfully during the past ten years, but the progress thus made is as nothing compared with what might be if only Englishmen were more fully awake to the advantages offered by their own Colonies. Mr. Chamberlain's administration of the Colonial Office may be trusted to accomplish all that lies within the possibilities of administration, but the scope of these is strictly limited, and the whole history of colonial extension shows that the greatest and most successful factors of the latter are private enterprise and voluntary effort."

MINING NOTES.

A strong ledge crossing the point between the Columbia and Kettle rivers has been located by Walbeser; Pfeifer and Brown. They have twelve claims in that locality, which is about six miles from Bossburg.

An Association of Mining Engineers has been formed in Vancouver, with Mr. R. C. Campbell Johnstone as president. The Association comprises members who are actively engaged in mining in the Province; associate members who are not professional mining men, but are interested in the development of the mining industry of the country.

Mr. Pellew Harvey of Vancouver, contributed an article on "Ore Treatment" to the Christmas number of the British Columbia Mining Record. The article has been much ridiculed by leading mineralogists, who seemingly think that Mr. Harvey compiled it after the close perusal of a work on the subject much admired by the ancient Britons in the time of Caractacus.

The Bute and Boston Company are being handled rather roughly by the Eastern press. It is alleged that the criticisms are both unfair and unfounded, and are simply due to the refusal on the part of the Company to pay the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York a sum of $5,000, to send one of their mining engineers to examine a certain property owned by the Company.

The fourth of the series of lectures on mining which are being given by Mr. Carlyle, the Provincial Mineralogist, is published in the last issue of the Mining Record. The lecture is full of interesting and instructive data, but so long as these lectures are only listened to, and do not reach much beyond, an audience composed mainly of Vancouver office-boys and clerks, naturally their utility must be very much limited. Why in the name of common sense, should the Provincial Mineralogist reside hundreds of miles from where alone his experience and knowledge might prove practically valuable? Under present circumstances Mr. Carlyle would have appeared just as useful and very nearly as ornamental to the province, were he still in quiet possession of the professorial chair in Montreal. As well establish an Experimental Farm upon the dump of the Hall mines at Nelson, as appoint an official mineralogist whose duties do not take him beyond the precincts of the coast cities.

BOUNDARY COMPLICATIONS.

The Okanogon Outlook, published at Conconully, Washington, again brings forward the very much vexed question of the true locality of the international boundary line. The following article, of which, however, we fail to find confirmation elsewhere, appeared in the issue of the 20th ult.

"Victoria, B. C., March 13.—The provincial legislature was informed this afternoon in a concise report presented by the surveyor general that an entirely new boundary complication has recently arisen between the governments of Canada and the United States, which promises soon to eclipse the Alaskan dispute in the public mind, inasmuch as the property involved includes several of the most valuable mining properties in the Kootenai district, valued in the aggregate at many millions of dollars. The doubt as to the ownership affects the greater part of the Boundary creek and Kettle river valleys, settlers in which are absolutely at sea as to whom they owe allegiance. The entire mining country to Spokane is directly concerned, and should a determination of the question ultimately be in favor of the American contention it will be a terrible blow to the Canadian Kootenai country, already penetrated as it is by three or four lines of railways, and of which the cities of Nelson, Rossland and Kaslo are outfitting points. In the report referred to the surveyor general states that two lines are cut on the disputed ground and no authority can be found as to which is correct The dominion government will be urged to take immediate action."

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MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1896.

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NOTES ON THE ESTIMATES.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure have been presented to the Legislature by the Premier. As will be seen by the report, published elsewhere in this issue, the estimated expenditure exceeds the estimated revenue by $200,000; and this in spite of the attempt at economy in the Civil Service Department. It is a rather significant fact, however, that while the salaries of subordinate officials have been reduced, in some cases materially, in the small emoluments which the Ministers are good enough to accept as a slight token of the appreciative regard, due to their services, in which they are held by the public, no reductions occur. This omission, no doubt, on further investigation, will be attributable to the carelessness of the printer. Poor devil.

How the Agent-General in London will feel at the pitiless cut in the remuneration he recived last year of $5,000, opens up a wide field for speculative thought. With the great Cæsar, the Hon. Forbes Vernon, although he could not disclaim, referring to the elections of two years ago, "veni, vidi, vici," now might applicably quote an equally historic utterance imputed to the Roman conqueror, "Et tu Brute.' That a member, more, a veritable companion in arms, of the powerful and intellectual clique who order the destinies of the province, should be thus treated, is nothing less than a scandulous breach of that recognised canon, "Honor among——Politicians," which has been respected and maintained in Victoria since days immemorial.

The question is, has the Government by reducing Mr. Vernon's salary, (we take this example as characteristic of the policy of Mr. Turner's administration) done wisely? Either the post of Agent-General is necessary or it is not. If it is necessary, then the person who undertakes the duties should be properly paid. Now $2,500 a year is not a sufficient sum to enable a man living in an expensive city like London to live as the representative of an important part of Her Majesty's possessions should live. If the post is unnecessary, it should be abolished altogether. One thing, however, is quite certain that if British Columbia requires an Agent-General, she requires a man of business push and ability. Is Mr. Vernon such a man?

While still on the question of salaries, it may not be out of place to point out that the mining recorder for this district is very much underpaid in comparison to some of his more fortunate confreres elsewhere in the province. He not only recieves a smaller salary than many other officials of the same standing, but his work is a great deal more arduous. The mining recorder for this district may receive a salary commensurate with his duties, that is not within our province to determine; but why should other and less-deserving officers receive higher pay?

As will be seen, a very large proportion of the estimated revenue for the ensuing year is to be derived from the mining industry. Boundary creek will, of this, doubtless contribute a not inconsiderable share. Last year more than $2,000 was paid into the provincial treasury arising from the issuance of free miners' certificates in this district. It is therefore but just that we should receive adequate appropriations for public works. $12,000, according to the estimates, is to be spent in the whole of the East Riding of Yale, a district embracing the Spallumcheen, Vernon, the Okanagan and Osoyoos valleys, Kettle river and Grand Prairie. Of this $12,000, how much will be left for this end of the district?

PASSED AWAY.

The esteemed family of Mr. O. B. Nelson of Carson are called upon to mourn the death of a dear relative, as on Wednesday last at their home at Carson, a brother of Mrs. Nelson, Mr. James Reynolds, passed away, after having suffered from poor health for months past and a recent very severe illness. The deceased, who was born at Cameron Mills, New York, and who was about 40 years of age, came out to Spokane about ten years ago, and had until recently spent most of his time in that city, where he was well known among a large circle of acquaintances, who will hear of his death with sorrow. His illness, which may be attributed to his taking cold whilst on his way from Spokane to Carson recently, was a severe attack of pleurisy, attended with anæmia, and the direct cause of death may no doubt be attributed to heart failure.

The funeral, which took place on Friday, was attended by a large number of citizens and friends, the deceased being laid to rest in the Grand Prairie cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Paton officiated at the service.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending April 3.

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28. Evening, Smith's camp, Archie Conners.
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Sittings of the County Court of Yale will be holden as follows:

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At Midway on Wednesday, 6th May, 1896

At the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By command, C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Government Office, Osoyoos, R. C. C.
Dec. 16th, 1895.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation which was placed on the north-west quarter Section 28, and south-west quarter and south half of north-west quarter of Section 33, in Township 79, Osoyoos Division of Yale District, notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette, and dated 9th July, 1895, is cancelled.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 13th March, 1896.

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NOTICE.

In the Mining Court of the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, Holden at Osoyoos, B. C.

To E. J. Hickey of Spokane, in the State of Washington, U. S. A.

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above Mining Court by Robert Clark of the North Fork of Kettle river, in the Kettle River Mining Division of Yale district, B. C., free miner, for ejectment from the "Seattle" mineral claim, together with all the rights and privileges given to the said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral act. And an order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such action in the ADVANCE newspaper, and a copy of the said notice posted on the door of the Mining Recorder's office at Midway in the aforesaid mining division, and also upon the government office at Osoyoos aforesaid, for a period of three weeks, also that the delivery of a sealed copy of the summons issued in this action together with a sealed copy of the aforesaid order to Her Majesty's postmaster at Osoyoos, B. C., addressed and registered to your last named place of residence, namely at Rookery Building, Spokane, State of Washington, U. S. A., shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons upon you.

This summons will be heard at Osoyoos aforesaid on the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1896, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are requested to appear, and if you do not appear either in person or by your agent at the time and place above mentioned such order will be made and proceedings taken as may seem just and expedient.

Dated this 16th day of March, A. D. 1896.
C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Gold Commissioner.
Seal of Mining Court, Osoyoos Division of Yale District.

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Gold Commissioner.
Government Office, Osoyoos, B. C.,
30th October, 1895.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Lat.....49 Long.....118° 50
Altitude, 1,800 feet above sea level.
Melting snow for week, .00 of an inch; rain, .00

TEMPERATURE FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 26.

	Max.	Min.
Mar. 27	47.5	21
" 28	41	22
" 29	43	12.5
" 30	41	13
" 31	48	22.5
April 1	52	26
" 2	52	18.5

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Mrs Kruger has rented Mr. Powers' house on Boundary creek.

A claim was recorded near Midway on All Fools Day. This was the only bad break made.

Mr. Harry Guess left on Friday for Greenwood City, where he will open his assay office at once.

A sum of $500 is appropriated in the estimates to build a school house at Sidley's, Anarchist mountain, this year.

A laundry, the proprietors of which are Messrs. Smith & Streight, has been started at Greenwood City. Mr. Id. A. Hain is the Midway agent.

On the 25th ult. the Columbia River & Western railway bill received its third reading and was finally passed. The road must be completed to Penticton within four years.

A fine livery and feed stable will soon grace the town of Carson, as Mr. Joseph Pedd is branching out into business, and has men employed upon the construction of the building.

A Grand Concert and Ball, under the auspices of the Twilight Comedy Co., will be held in Manley's Hall, Grand Forks, on Friday next, the 10th inst. A charge of 50 cts. for admission and 75 cts. for reserved seats is asked.

It is claimed that not since the boom days have so many people been seen in Spokane as are there at the present time. They are congregating from all parts of the States, and those leaving are making their way to the British Columbia mining camps, and on to the Colville reservation.

Mr. C. L. Thomet, who has been seriously indisposed for some time past, is now so far recovered that he intends going up this week to Long Lake camp to see whether the report of the good showing of the two claims, the North Star and Lake View, is to be depended upon.

Good Friday being a public holiday, the two prisoners at the Midway jail were allowed to vary the monotony of their daily work of reading the newspapers and smoking Havanas, and might have been seen standing looking intently at one another, listlessly jogging at intervals a crosscut saw.

The Gold Drop boarding house is the latest addition to the hotels in Boundary creek, and is to be opened immediately in Greenwood camp. Mr. Fred. Graf, the proprietor, has had a large experience in conducting hotels, and with the suitable site he has chosen, the enterprise should prove a financial success.

The I. T. U.—International Typographical Union—is an original name for a mineral claim located last week near Midway. If the I. T. U. proves as beneficial to the locator as the association has to its numerous members and wage-earners generally, it will be one of the best mines in the district. This is saying a good deal.

McLaren Bros. are having a new addition built to their hotel, which when completed will not only provide accommodation, but will enhance the appearance of their premises, and will be quite an ornament to the town. The new building is of a size, 28x32, and will be two storeys, and is made necessary owing to the great increase of travel at that point.

What might have been a serious accident occurred to Mr. W. B. Rickards last week. While engaged in handing a board to Mr. Melville, whom he was assisting in the erection of the new townsite building, preparatory to putting on the sheeting, his foot slipped and he was precipitated with great violence to the ground, breaking a 2 by 6 scantling in the descent. Much sympathy was expressed for the sufferer, who, however, was playing football on Thursday evening.

Greenwood City and Anaconda are booming. New buildings are being built daily in both places and are completed in an incredibly short space of time. New comers arrive every week, and several families are camping near the towns in tents waiting their turn to obtain lumber from the mill in order to build. The mill, though working to its full capacity, cannot at all keep pace with the demand. The energetic and enterprising efforts of the proprietors of the two townsites are deserving of all praise, and might with profit be emulated by their rivals of older established towns.

The United States government can give pointers to the Canadian postal authorities as only a few weeks have elapsed since the opening of the Colville reservation, and already its citizens are to be provided with good mail facilities, and a post-office will be opened within the next few days at Fourth of July creek, which will be known by the name of Nelson, and two mails a week will be carried between there and Marcus. It would have taken the authorities on this side of the line five years to think over the matter before granting such a concession.

Mr. R. Parran, formerly of Rossland, is building a new hotel at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks now possesses a physician of its own. Dr. W. E. Kay having recently located there.

Mr. E. Driscoll of Vernon, passed through here on Friday on his way to Carson, where he intends opening up a business.

The Dominion Government have decided to call for tenders for a tri-weekly mail service between Penticton and Grand Forks.

Mr. Harber, late of the Vernon News, passed through this district last week, and will return to Vernon via Rossland, Trail and Revelstoke.

Now that lumber can be procured a lot of new buildings will be put up at Carson, and soon the new town will present quite a different appearance.

Messrs. O. B. and P. B. Nelson are having a telephone line built between their two places of business at Fourth of July creek, Wash., and Carson, B.C.

A concert in aid of a church fund, will be given at Greenwood City on the evening of the 13th inst, at the Pioneer Hotel. Assistance will be rendered by local talent.

An artistic finish is being given to many buildings in this district since the coming of Messrs. Jones & Rogers, painters, who are plying their trade all along the line between Grand Forks and Midway.

Mr. Leonard Vaughan is speedily recovering from his accident. About a week ago Mr. Vaughan was kicked by a horse in the face, and strange to say although the blow fractured a portion of the upper jaw containg four teeth, not a scratch was visible on the outside of the face.

A splendid addition will soon be added to Mr. L. A. Manley's hotel at Grand Forks, and the material is now upon the ground. Work will commence at once. The new building will be 48x80 feet, two storeys, with a solid stone foundation. When the building is finished, Mr. Manley will have one of the most commodious hotel in the district.

If some of the high officials of the C.P.R. could witness the amount of freight that is being handled by the S. & N. R. R., and distributed among the Boundary creek mining camps, they would turn green with envy, and commission a man without leggings to place another consignment of giant powder on their magnificent steamer and pay him a little extra to touch it off.

A judicial decision of much interest and importance was delivered in Midway by the Government representive last week. In the course of an argument between two individuals, one gentleman informed the other that he was a borrower of halters. My dear sir, was the mild retort, you are certainly fabricating to an absurd and perilous degree. This was followed by an exhibition of sparring, not under Queensbury rules. The matter was finally referred to the constable, the gentleman who had been accused of horse-seduction, wanting to institute proceedings against his accuser for using libellous language. But he was informed that he could not do so, as to accuse a man of horse-stealing was not an indictable offence. He left the Government office, and went several yards, then with deep-sounding prefixes, he called Heaven to witness that the constable was a horse-thief, and son of a horse-thief; but not very loudly, for the constable is a powerful man.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Brophy is now at Fairview expurting property.

Mr. J. Shofield will begin the assessment work on the Crown Silver and Sunset this week.

The diamond drill which the M. & B. C. P. and P. company is bringing in is to be used first, it is understood, on the Snowshoe.

Mr. F. Oliver of Spokane, the promoter of the Josie Co. is in the district at present, and it is understood the company will put nine or ten men to work at once on the Morrison claim in Deadwood camp, which they recently acquired and stocked.

Rapid headway is being made in the development of the Lake View and North Star properties in Long Lake camp. So far a 50-foot tunnel has been run into the Lake View. The ledge is widening and the ore looks richer.

It is reported that Mr. Christie has struck a fine body of ore in the Nightingale claim, Skylark camp. It is to be hoped that it will turn out as well as expected, as everyone would be glad to hear of good fortune coming to Mr. Christie, as the manner in which he has worked since coming to the camp has excited the admiration of all who know him.

The proprietors of the Stemwinder at Fairview were agreeably surprised lately to strike a pay streak in the claim in a spot where it was least expected. They had come, while crosscutting, to what they supposed was the hanging wall. This, however, was penetrated, when quartz carrying a much higher percentage of gold than in the original vein was exposed. The pay streak is three feet wide.

The owners are carrying on development work on the Keystone claim, Wellington camp. Mr. Rimberger, who is part owner, is in charge of the work.

Mr. J. Meyer has just pitched his tent at Wellington camp, and will with other men, start to work at once on the Double Eagle claim, located by him last summer.

The report of a wonderfully rich find on Kruger mountain reached Midway this week, A claim, which has several times been staked, and was in fact owned by Mr. Kruger and named the Snow Storm, was located by a prospector named Bowen recently. This property appears to have suddenly developed into a free gold proposition of exceptional value. Large nuggets have been taken out of the rock. Great excitement now prevails in the locality, several adjacent claims having been already staked. A rush will probably follow.

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BASEBALL ENGLISH.

The possibilities of the English language have frequently been taxed to describe the great American game of baseball, but for striking illustration this from the Quincy, Ill., Herald, has rarely been equaled: "The glass-armed toy soldiers of this town were fed to the pigs yesterday by the cadaverous Indian grave robbers from Omaha. The flabby, one-lunged Reubens who represent the Gem City in the rush for the baseball pennant had their shins toasted by the basilisked-eyed cattle-drivers from the West. They stood around with gaping eye-balls like a hen on a hot nail, suffering the grizzly yaps from Omaha to run the bases until their necks were long with thirst. Hickey had more errors than Coin's Financial school, and led the rheumatic procession to the morgue. The Quincys were full of straw and scrap iron. They couldn't hit a brick wagon with a pickaxe, and ran bases like pall-bearers at a funeral. If three-base hits were growing on the back of every man's neck they could reach them with a feather duster. It looked as if the Amalgamated Union of South American Hoodoos was in session for work in the 33rd degree. The Geezers stood about and whistled for help, and were so weak they couldn's litt a glass of beer if it had been all foam. Everything was yellow, rocky and wang-basted, like a stick tossel full of doggle-gammon. The game was whiskered and frostbitten. The Omahogs were bad enough, but the Quincy Brown Sox had their tins sewed up until they couldn't hold a crazy quilt unless it was tied around their necks."

THE ROSSLAND MINES.

A shaft is being sunk in the middle of Main street in Rossland. The Alice claims the ground. This is the discovery that Captain Carter made last October and created so much excitement.

The Iron Mask now has 200 tons of ore on the dump which will run from six to eight ounces in gold per ton. It also runs high in copper. The ore on this dump is worth at least $25,000.

A discovery of much importance has been made on the Josie ground. A vein coming directly from the Le Roi has been uncovered just north of the wagon road leading from the Josie dump. The outcrop of the vein has been traced about 700 feet on the Josie ground and at one point has been stripped for 30 feet, the average width being 8 to 10 feet. Clean ore has been exposed in some places and this is of shipping quality.

The Iron Horse, Enterprise and Monte Christo claims were sold last week to a Montana syndicate for $75,000.

A. D. Coplen, the original locator of the Jumbo, who sold it eighteen months ago to its present owners for $475, came up from the Cœur D'Alenes last Saturday to look after his interests in this camp. On Wednesday he visited the Jumbo and gives his impression of that property as follows:

"I should judge they have crosscut 30 feet or more in their tunnel. I understand that out of the 30 feet of ore they now have opened up about half will pay to ship. I must admit that this is a great surprise to me as they are only about 100 feet underground, and I never could obtain an assay much above a trace on the surface. The Jumbo, I think, is going to make one of the biggest mines in the camp." —Miner.

In 1894 the output of Rossland's mines was about $125,000. In 1895 it was nearly ten times that amount. An estimate has been made based on the smelter returns of about 90 per cent. of the total output which was in round figures 25,000 tons. In these ores the gold valued $919,000, silver, $82,710, and copper, 231,556. A total value of $1,233,266.

SOME HUMORS OF THE TARIFF.

Like all blunders the tariff has its ridiculous side. Two human skulls sent from England to a school of anatomy in Toronto, were recently classed and taxed under the heading, "Bones, bone-dust, superphosphates, and other artificial manures." At Niagra, a parrot was recently taxed as "poultry." The men who try to tax everything are among the unconscious humorists.

JUST PRAISE.

The miners of the province have set an example worthy of all emulation, to every other class of our people, in the energetic business-like, as-if-they-meant-it manner in which they have made known their disapprobation of the proposed piece of obnoxious Government legislation in question, (Assessment Act, No. 48). It should be mentioned that they did not rest content even with prompt and vigorous protests and petitions, but sent deputations after these; and it should also be mentioned that they very soon brought the Government, measurably, to time, so that the tax is to be one per cent. of the net value of the smelter returns, instead of two per cent. on the gross output of the dump—quite a material modification—and other amendments have been made in the clauses relating to the taxation of mines.—Columbian.

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NOTICE is hereby given that assessed and provincial revenue taxes for 1896 are now due and payable at my office, Osoyoos, at the following rates:

If paid on or before 30th June:
- One-half of one per cent. on real property.
- Two per cent. on wild land.
- One-third of one per cent. on personal property.
- One-half of one per cent. on income.

If paid on or after 1st July;
- Two-thirds of one per cent on real property.
- Two and one-half per cent. on wild land.
- One-half of one per cent. on personal property.
- Three-fourths of one per cent. on income
- Provincial revenue tax, $3.00 per capita.

C. A. R. LAMBLY,
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