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RAILWAY, YES OR NO.

A public meeting was held in Palmerston hall, Midway, Monday last, 9th inst., which being called to order, elected Mr. J. McNicol chairman and Mr. E. A. Bielenberg secretary. The object of the meeting was to protest against the action of the provincial legislature in the matter of granting a charter to the Columbia and Western railway on the lines and conditions upon which it is being sought by its promoters. After a good deal of discussion had been indulged in, the following resolutions were hastily drafted and unanimously adopted by those present:

Midway, March 7, 1896.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Whereas, we the people of this district, embracing the Kettle river and Boundary creek division of Yale district, being fully alive to the great benefits to be derived from having railroad communication with the outside world, furnishing means of egress for the products of our mines, and ingress for machinery and supplies to develop our great showings of ore, and having an *open hand of welcome to extend to* those desiring to aid us in furthering the construction of such line or lines of railroad, knowing as we do (and as the mining world on the outside is beginning to appreciate) that our showings of gold and copper ores in extent and value will compare favorably with any to be found anywhere, and desiring, in the advancement of our interests, to have same built, knowing that railroad construction will be not longer delayed by others than the latter part of this season of 1896—as the development here by that time will force competing lines to bid for hauling our products to market—we view with alarm the clauses embodied in an application for a charter to build a railroad from Rossland to Penticton, applied for by Mr. Heinze and others, embracing as it does a long period of years, and the construction of different branches, which leaves us for a period of years without railroad construction to this district, the one sought to be reached and benefitted (?) by the promoters, for the following reasons:

Whereas, in their application for a charter, the promoters divide the period of construction, viz.:

Section 1: "From the mouth of Trail creek on the Columbia river to Rossland—two years." This does not concern us in the least, and benefits us in no way, and is a road entirely foreign to our interests in any way, and is being built to bring down the ore from Rossland to their smelter at Trail.

Section 2: "From the mouth of Trail creek in an easterly and southerly direction, not more than twenty miles in a direct line—within two years." This no doubt would be a good thing for that part of the country being directly tributary to the smelter at Trail creek, but concerns us in no way, other than that we should be glad to know that any portion of the country was being opened up and benefitted by railroad construction.

But Section 3 concerns us more or less, for the reason that in the event of any one else desiring to build a railroad from any point on the Columbia *river to touch at Rossland or vicinity*, this charter takes away the only pass existing, and blocks the chance of getting any other road through for three years, but as this is not our natural outlet anyway, the granting of a charter for section 3 pales into insignificance when taking into consideration sections 4, 5 and 6.

Section 4: "From Christina lake to Midway in four years." The granting of the charter for this section, on the terms asked for, would be a horrible injustice, inasmuch as it locks up for a term of four years our only passes through which a road can be built and effectually prevents us from being able to have a road built for that length of time, as no one would care to build a road unless he could use the passes by Eholt, Fisherman, Prior and Boundary creeks and in view of the fact that there are other companies which will build this year or next from Marcus as well as Penticton direct to Boundary creek who require no bonus, it is not just to us, the people whose interests are at stake, to tie up the passes, and transfer the right to benefit ourselves from us to any company for a perion of four years, when the developments here this year will warrant the building of a road, not from Trail, but from Marcus or Penticton, our natural outlets.

Sections 5 and 6 are simply a repetition of the request that imperils our interests, as embodied in section 4, and the granting of which blocks our only passes to Penticton for a period of five and six years respectively, and this we know, as we know the country and passes, not from a ride over it in a stage, but from an intimate and complete knowledge of its topography, gained by years of residence and observation.

As regards the importance of this district from a mining standpoint, we quote from the report of the company's engineer; "Such a road as you propose to build would, while developing the country to an enormous extent, at once make it tributary to Victoria and Vancouver, and I cannot conceive of any public work, the completion of which would so much redound to the advantage of those cities."

And again in his report he observes: "This road would be of advantage to the province in many ways. It would develop the best mining country in the world, and two of the best farming countries in the interior of British Columbia—the Okanagan and Kettle river valleys. It would transfer the great British Columbia trade from Spokane to Victoria and Vancouver, where it naturally belongs."

Now, gentlemen, in the face of this, the remarks of their engineer in his report are absurd, or else he thinks we are indeed a "slow people," for he says the trade would "at once" be diverted to make it tributary to Victoria and Vancouver, this in the face of his application to build a road to "the *best mining country in the world*," and reach us in four years at Midway, and reach our outlet—Penticton—to Victoria and Vancouver in six years. The route from here to Penticton is only 82 miles, and between here and Penticton lie the vast coal areas of the Kettle river, the mining districts of Rock creek, Meyers creek, Upper Kettle river, Baker creek, Camp McKinney Kruger or Osoyoos mountain, Fairview and others of lesser note, and the road can be built and equipped for $600,000, broad gauge, for the country for two-thirds of the distance is comparatively level, and by using the available passes an easy grade is readily secured, and then to think of these people attempting to lock up our resources and hamper our development by getting a charter granted to use the passes to our detriment when they know as well as we do that the ore is not of a character to be sent to Trail creek smelter, and never will be, but will be treated right here on the ground, we possessing more advantages than Trail creek or any part of West Kootenay, for we have miles square of fine coking coal lying immediately in the vicinity of and surrounded by large deposits of iron and lime, with copper and gold ores, in fact wet and dry ores in abundance and larger showings of them than can be found anywhere else in this province, Trail creek not excepted.

Now, we, the people of this country who are directly concerned, ask you as our representatives to grant no charter to any company that does not at once commence operations in construction and complete the railroad to Boundary creek in two years at the outside. We feel that we have the right to be heard in this matter, and claim that our wishes demand your consideration.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the application for a charter for building sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 in periods specified, is purely a speculative one on the part of the promoters, with the intention of preventing or delaying the construction of smelting and other works at this point and diverting the attention of investors from our district, by placing barriers in the way of our advancement by means of communication by our natural outlet, Penticton, and that no charter be granted to any one who does not commence work at Penticton or Marcus and continue same unremittingly, as the existing conditions certainly warrant.

And it is further believed that the delay in construction of sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 is only a delay that the promoters may ask with some hope of getting a subsidy later on when the *time comes* in which they would have to build the road, and when the present restriction is removed, and then they will ask us no doubt through your honorable body for aid that they cannot consistently do now, and receiving same, have something tangible on which to float bonds that the people will really have to pay for.

And further be it resolved, that Mr. Williams be tendered our thanks for the able manner in which he called the attention of your body to the fact that construction should commence at Penticton to make the *trade go to Victoria*, and Vancouver, a fact that is patent to any one living here.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the ADVANCE, a newspaper published at Midway, the Vancouver News-Advertiser and World the Victoria Colonist, Times and Province, the Hon. J. H. Turner, the speaker of the provincial parliament and our members.

CONTRACT LET.

Messrs. C. L. Thomet and R. Wood have just let a contract for the sinking of a 75 foot shaft, 5 x 7 feet, on their North Star claim in Long Lake camp, to Mr. J. C. Riley. This work, which will be added to that already done upon the claim, will prove the property to a depth of 82 feet. The North Star, which is upon the same vein as the Gold Drop—the first claim staked in the camp—and which was located about twelve months ago, is a particularly promising property, as the ore runs well in gold and silver, and the body of ore is of a sufficient size to warrant any amount of work being done upon it, and that, too, without any fear of results, as it is thoroughly well mineralized, and wherever exposed, oxydation has shown it to contain plenty of free gold.

The owners have also let another contract for the running of a tunnel 100 feet long upon their Lake View claim in the same camp, which when completed will prove the claim for a distance of 125 feet, as a 25-foot tunnel was run last fall. The Lake View is located upon the west side of Long Lake, and is the claim from which the fine specimens of telluride ore was taken which caused so much comment last year, as it was understood to be the first instance on record in which in Canada this metal had been found in its pure state. The contractors upon this work are Messrs. Otto Dillier and F. A. Shonquist.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Mr. E. P. Wheeler, superintendent of the Bridgeport Mining and Milling company, writing from the east to the editor of the Okanagan Outlook, claims to be in a position to speak authoritatively upon the question of the extension of the Washington Central railway from Coulee City to Raby and Conconully in the near future, as he has had an opportunity of interviewing the Londoners of the road, who claim that as soon as the road is free from litigation and they gain full possession of the same, grading will commence.

Should such construction take place as here outlined, and a road be carried into the northwest portion of Washington state, known as the Lower Okanagan, so great an impetus would be given to mining in that section that undoubtedly it would take its place among the front rank of ore producing districts in the state, as for many years past development work has been more or less actively prosecuted upon what are allowed to be very valuable properties. In fact some of the mines could if given shipping facilities, immediately send out many tons of ore per month, which would be augmented by the output of other properties which are at the present time lying idle.

Should the road be extended from Conconully to Oro and on to Osoyoos, it would be available for the shipment of ore from camps on this side of the line, and the tonnage from Kruger mountain, Fairview and Camp McKinney should not only warrant such extension, but should help matrially to make the whole venture a success.

What with prospective railway and steamboat extension, and the trade to be derived from the opening of the Colville reservation, nothing should prevent prosperity overspreading the territory, which it is safe to say contains within its borders as great an amount of undeveloped natural wealth as any section of the American continent. This being the case, it is greatly to be hoped nothing will prevent railway communication being extended to it

MINERAL AND MINING BOARD.

The Hon. A. H. Nelson of Helena, Mont., speaking at the opening of the Chicago Mineral and Mining board, gives the reasons for the necessity of such an institution in the following words:

"I will ask one question and try to answer it. Why, a mining exchange in the city of Chicago? The fact is that today mining exchanges are located in Boston, New York, and several of them in Colorado and in San Francisco. It seems to me that to mention the very localities in which these are already existing and operating, is to answer that question. The mineral resources of this country have been placed by the Almighty in the West. The capital of this country is congested in the East. To bring these together at the focal commercial point of the United States—Chicago—is the object of this board. (Applause). In traveling over Montana it has been said to me again and again by mining men, "Why don't we have a mining exchange in Chicago?" Let me say to our friends in Colorado that they can't expect Montana mines to go to Colorado to be listed. Too much competition there. We want a central and focal point, and certainly the commercial center point of the United States is in this city, and for that reason it seems to me that the imperative demand which has been growing for years in all the *mining camps of the* West is answered today by this mining board." (Applause).

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MINING ASSOCIATION.

To some of those engaged directly or indirectly in mining, and thoroughly conversant with the many varying needs of the industry, there is no necessity to point out how badly British Columbia is in want of a provincial mining association. To others however, that are given to pursuing the even tenor of their way, and who are not as a rule in the habit of troubling about their neighbors' welfare, there is more necessity of bringing the matter forcibly to their notice, so that some day they may be in a position to give a decided assistance to such an institution. It is not the first time we have taken occasion to broach this subject, and we are given sometimes to wondering how often it will be necessary to revert to the matter before action is taken by the leading mining men of the province to bring into existence such an association. That the Northwest Mining association of Spokane has embraced within its sphere of action British Columbia, together with other states, furnishes no possible excuse why the province should not enjoy an institution of its own, pledged to defend and further the mining interests within its own borders.

To those who doubt the utility of such an association it is only necessary to convert them, to point out the very important role such an institution could have played in voicing the sentiments of the miners, who have recently protested, and not in vain, against the imposition of the 2 per cent. tax which the government proposed to put upon the gross output of the mines of the province, had such an association been in existence, for then instead of petitions and resolutions and deputations being sent as they were in a desultory manner from different parts of the province, the same being brought before such an association, could have received immediate and searching attention, and the collective sentiments of the miners upon the subject given expression to, and that in such a forcible manner that the government's attention would have been arrested at once, thereby saving a good deal of time, money and trouble to those who took part in the recent protest, and who found it necessary in some instances to journey to Victoria to lay such protest before the provincial legislature.

Then again see the amount of work that could be done, and benefits derived, could the diversified interests of mining be looked after in a thorough and proper manner by men capable of understanding the many questions of tariff, taxes, mining laws, etc., etc., to say nothing of the great good that would be done, could those engaged in the industry be brought into closer touch and fellowship one with the other, and all be made to feel that their interests are more or less identical, no matter in what part of the province they reside. This in itself is sufficient to warrant the existence of such an association, and it is to be hoped the time is not far distant which will see such an institution in existence.

THE BRITISH PACIFIC.

The British Pacific scheme has been unfolded at last, and the government, which up to the present had always seemed desirous of giving substantial aid to the same, have now been obliged to notify the promoters of their unwillingness to accept the responsibilities that the conferring such aid would entail upon the province. No one will wonder at the action of the government when they are confronted with the demands made as a return, and in consideration of the building of the road.

The following section 7 in the first draft of contract will give some idea of the modest demands of the promoters:

In consideration of the premises, the government agree to grant to the company a subsidy in money of two hundred and forty thousand dollars per annum for twenty-five years, and a land subsidy of twenty thousand acres of land per mile for each line of railway constructed, for which subsidies the construction of the British Pacific railway shall be completed, and the same shall be equipped, maintained and operated, the said subsidies to be paid and granted as the work of construction shall proceed in manner and upon the conditions following, that is to say:

The best comment that can be made and which we believe places not only the present premier, and the whole government for that matter in the most favorable light, is the following letter which was sent by the head of the government to Mr. E. V. Bodwell, representative of the railway, touching the question of the government's unwillingness to imperil the credit of the province by rendering such assistance as asked, so that, what the ex-chief commissioner of lands and works designated as the British Pacific humbug might be set afloat:

VICTORIA, B. C., March 3, 1896.

E. V. Bodwell, Esq., Victoria:

SIR.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 28th ultimo and the 2rd instant, in which you set forth further explanations of and amendments to the proposed agreement submitted with your letter of the 28th ultimo, and which are now accompanied by a draft of the proposed British Pacific Railway act and agreement attached thereto.

The government has given close attention to the subject matter contained therein, and also to the purport of the conversations at the interviews held with Messrs. Rithet and Armstrong on two occasions, and it finds that no material change has been made in the liability which the province would have to incur in event of your proposals being accepted.

The government has every desire to promote railway construction throughout the province, and especially the line under consideration, but it has not sufficient data before it to give reasonable assurance that the railway in question would prove a paying concern, or even that it would be a transcontinental line. The government regrets that under all the premises it would not be justified in recommending to the legislature that the province should make what is practically a gift of six millions of dollars in bonds of the province, together with twelve millions of acres of land, in the manner as provided for by the act, to the syndicate designated in your proposed agreement which offers as a security for the whole undertaking only one hundred thousand dollars., as set forth in your last communication, but which we presume, from conversations which passed between us, you would agree to increase to two hundred thousand dollars,

Under the circumstances, the government is therefore compelled to adhere to the terms of my letter of the 26th ultimo.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

J. H. TURNER, Minister of Finance.

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN.

The petition forwarded to the provincial legislature from this district, relative to the granting a charter to the promoters of the above railway, although not presenting the wants and necessities of the district as regards railway requirements in as good form as we would like them to have been set forth, will nevertheless convey to the members of the legislature some idea of what is really needed, if the development of this immediate section of country is not to be made subservient to the development of that other section from which we are completely isolated, and the interests of which are being so diligently looked after by the two worthy Kootenay members, Messrs. Kellie and Hume. That a tremendous amount of ignorance exists among the members of the legislature relative to the topography of the district, can easily be gathered by perusing the debate on the bill as reported in the Colonist of the 5th inst., as there we see the chief champion of the bill, Mr. Kellie, makes the statement that he was afraid, owing to the nature of the country, it would be found necessary to cross the boundary line two or three times between Trail and Penticton in constructing the road. And in this he is backed up by the more positive statement of the Hon. Col. Baker, to the effect that it is impossible to build the road without crossing the boundary.

How, we would like to ask, can the honorable members reconcile their utterances with the fact that the requirements of the charter as laid before the house designates the route to be taken, all within British Columbia territory, which it is as every one knows, and from which, for the purpose of building the road, there is no necessity to deviate, as any one conversant with the district could easily testify. If it is found necessary for trade purposes to build branch lines into the States, well and good, we need not discuss that subject, but upon the more important one of building the trunk line upon B. C. soil, we will say that it can be built without crossing into the States, and if intended to serve this district, must be. This being the case, it is to be hoped the Kootenay members will be more guarded in their statements, and will for the future pay closer attention to those of Messrs. Graham and Williams, who, it is needless to say, are, of all other members, the most conversant with the needs and requirements of the district, and in fact the country as a whole, through which the railway is designed to pass.

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ALL PLACER MINING CLAIMS AND Leaseholds legally held in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District are laid over from the 1st day of November, 1895, to the 1st day of June, 1896, C. A. R. LAMBLY,

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 aninche; rain, .00

TEMPERATURE FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 13.

	Max.	Min.
Mar. 6	36	16
" 7	43	17
" 8	51.5	25
" 9	56	29.5
" 10	58	30
" 11	61	26
" 12	49	19

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Mr. W. R. Paton of Spallumcheen is paying another visit to this part of the district, and will no doubt start up in business in some part of the neighborhood.

Mr. A. K. Stuart, formerly connected with the ADVANCE, is expected in Midway shortly, as word has been received that he will be in Montreal about the 16th of the month, on his way out from England,

Mr. F. Coryell came in on Miller's stage Friday, having returned from the upper country. Mr. Coryell reports quite a little excitement among the people there over the manner in which the government are inclined to deal with the granting of a charter to the Columbia and Western railway.

News has arrived of the death of Mr. S. S. Fowler's brother in New York, to whose bedside he was called when leaving here. He did not, however, have an opportunity of again seeing his brother alive, as he expired before Mr. Fowler reached his destination.

Mr. McDuff's assistant, Mr. J. Stevens, is, we are glad to state, able to get around again nicely. He is rather an unfortunate individual, as a short time ago a horse kicked him in the head, inflicting a severe wound, and hardly had that healed when another horse, which had just been sharp-shod, trod on his foot, driving one of the shoe calks nearly through it and inflicting a very ugly wound.

Mr. John East, the old-time prospector and raucher of this section, returned from California on last Tuesday's stage, coming in by way of Marcus. Mr. East left here last summer for California to pay a visit to friends and to look at some mining properties, and now returns to transact business in connection with mining and other interests he holds in this section. All of his old-time friends were glad to welcome him back.

Mr. R. L. Cawston of Keremeos paid Midway a visit on Wednesday and passed on to Rossland and Trail on Thursday. Mr. Cawston seems to have thoroughly gotten over his recent sickness, and says he is preparing for a busy summer's work. He goes to Rossland to make arrangements for the supplying of beef to the camps, and he will comence driving as soon as the trail is in a fit condition to pass over it and there is some feed along the route.

Mr. Lefevre, the noted pedestrian, miner and speculator, returned from Montreal on Wednesday, after having been away from the district for about six months. He is looking hale, hearty and well and will spend perhaps the balance of the summer in our midst. The boys are always glad to see Mr. Lefevre, as his appearance is generally the signal for some kind of a deal to be pulled through on mining property, or work to be done, both of which are welcome when there are so many prospects waiting to be developed.

Mr. L. Lequime of Kelowna is paying a visit to this section, and is no doubt looking over the field to see what opportunity there is of placing some of his goods from his sash and door factory. The amount of building that is to be done in these parts this summer, should induce business men up north to pay a little more attention to the lower country than formerly, as when times are quiet in one locality there is nothing like reaching out for business in more active regions.

Dr. Averill of Grand Forks was a visitor in town on Thursday, and was no doubt over on business in connection with his stage line, as it is understood he intends changing the tri-weekly stage service between Grand Forks and here to a daily one as soon as the roads are in a little better shape to drive over. Strange, is it not, that the trade of the country warrants a daily stage between Marcus and Midway, and a bi-weekly one as well, and only affords a once-a-week stage between Penticton and Midway. Strange only however is it to those who do not know the reason for such a state of affairs.

By all accounts another case of claim-jumping has taken place in the district, as it is reported that Mr. E. J. Hickey has taken for himself the Seattle claim on the North Fork of Kettle river, owned by Mr. R. Clark, who it will be remembered refused last summer to bond the claim to Mr. Hickey for the sum of $50,000. By many it is looked upon as a similar case to the Roderick Dhu, but as it is as yet not made known upon what grounds Mr. Hickey bases his action, it will be well to suspend criticism until such time as the case can be brought before the gold commissioner, who will no doubt soon be able to sift the matter to the bottom. The Seattle is a very valuable property and therefore will not be readily given up by its owner.

Mr. Hopper was in Midway Thursday and says he commenced plowing on the 26th February. His ranch is five miles from Midway.

The lieutenant-governor has been pleased to appoint Dr, Osborne Morris of Vernon, coroner for the east riding of Yale district The appointment is a good one, for generally speaking doctors make excellent coroners, and Dr. Morris should prove no exception to the rule, as he is a man of recognized probity and good ability.

On Friday last an auction sale was held to dispose of eight quarters of beef, which had been confiscated by Mr. W. G. McMynn, the same having been seized by him from Mr. E. W. McDowell, who brought the same across the line here on the evening of the 8th inst., and failed to pay duty thereon. Some of those who purchased say, considering the price, the U. S. flavor is not at all bad. and they will soon be ready for the next consignment.

Mr. Lloyd T. Mewburn, representing James Turner & Co. of Hamilton, Ont., was a visitor in town on Thursday. Mr. Mewburn, after rounding up our local merchants, will proceed to Rossland via Marcus and Northport. Perhaps nothing is more indicative of the growing importance of the trade of Boundary creek than the attention that is now being paid to it by the commercial fraternity, quite a number of whom are taking the opportunity of passing from Yale to Kootenay by the Kettle river route.

For several days past the weather has been very beautiful, so much so that it has tempted many parties of ladies to take exercise on horseback, and yet it cannot be said that spring has really come, for many of the usual signs are still wanting, such for instance as the appearance of the meadow lark and other summer birds, and perhaps a surer sign is the non-appearance up to the present of the gopher and other small animals that hibernate in the winter. Under these circumstances some kind of a storm may yet be expected before the winter clears away.

The voice of the people of Greenwood and vicinity was raised against the granting of a charter to the Columbia and Western, which should give to the promoters six years in which to complete the work of construction, and the outcome of a public meeting held on Monday last was the adoption of several resolutions which were forwarded to some of the members of the provincial legislature, praying that that body would take into consideration the necessity of limiting the promotsrs of this scheme to a much less time than six years in which to carry the work to completion.

MINING NOTES.

Captain Adams will operate the Mount Adams mines in the Slocan district this summer, and will ship ore to the smelter from them. Therefore the Mount Adams claims will soon be joined to the list of shippers from that district.

Word comes of a remarkably good find of free gold quartz on the south side of the Kettle river, between Midway and Rock creek, the discoverer being Mr. W. E. Conkle. It is to be hoped there is good foundation for the report.

Large bodies of ore are known to exist at the head of Curlew and San Poil creeks, but whether of high or low grade has not yet been determined, but will no doubt be proven this coming summer, as those who have already located there are determined to open up the claims to see what is in them.

Work will soon be started on the Cordick claim in Summit camp, as Captain Adams has Mr. Cordick, after whom the claim is named, on the way out from the east, who will put a force of men to work as soon as he arrives. A shaft 60 feet deep was sunk on the Cordick last fall, and this will be carried to a greater depth, and the extent of the ledge proven by crosscuts and drifts.

There is some talk of the Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting company bringing in diamond drills this summer to prospect their properties recently bonded in Greenwood and other camps. This is just the kind of prospecting the mines require, as a knowledge of their depth is all that it is desired to know, for already very little doubt exists as to the size in width of the ore bodies, they having retained this width in a remarkable manner, as far as depth has been attained up to the present.

No news of any fresh finds of any consequence on the reservation has been reported the past week, and the best that can be said at present is that the locators of the Le Fleur claim on Fourth of July creek are quietly developing the property, and are taking out by all accounts some very nice looking ore. The Le Fleur claim is certainly a very valuable property as far as surface indications point, as the ledge is some eight to ten feet wide, traceable for quite a long distance, and the ore which had on several occasions been assayed before the claim was located or the reserve thrown open to mineral location, was found to contain silver varying from 20 to 100 ounces to the ton, and from 10 to 50 per cent, copper, with some gold.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending March 13.

6. Tiger, Wellington camp, F. Graff and John Fox.
7. Tredwell, Grand Prairie, W. W. Withbeck.
9. Snowdrop, Myers camp, W. G. McMynn.
9. Wellington Square, Fisherman creek, E. Clark.
10. I X L, Brown's camp, W. G. McMynn and R. W. Deans.
10. Souvenir, Atwood camp, E. A. Bielenberg.
12. Snow Slide, Long Lake camp, J. Patterson.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

6. Snowdrop, Randolph Stuart.
10. Alena, C. Vacher, J. M. J. H. Gire P. Couturier and M. Gire.
10. Sycamore, F. Beauchene.
10. Independence, F. Beauchene.
12. Silent Friend, S. Bennerman, T. McDonnell, C. A. Peterson, and J. A. Frank.
12. Anchor, S. Bennerman, J. A. Frank, C. A. Peterson and W. Dittmer.

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6. Helen, ½ interest, A. M, Symons to J. C. Haas.
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7. Raft, ⅛ interest, F. B. Harper to F C. Harper.
7. Gold Bug, ⅛ interest, D. T. C. Bird to W. H. Hutchinson.
7. Gold Bug, ⅛ interest, N. Rice to D. T. C. Bird and G. B. Ide.
7. Double Standard, ¼ interest, E. P. Suydam to Mrs. M. E. McKeller.
7. Last Chance, ⅛ interest, W. Austin to P. Aspinwall.
7. Roderick Dhu, ¼ interest, R. Wood to J. W. Powell.
7. Roderick Dhu, ¼ interest, R. Wood to M. J. M. Wood..
9. Monday, ½ interest, D. Woodhead to W. Dircksen.
9. Tamarack, ⅜ interest, R. C. Johnson to R. McCarren.
12. Snow Slide, ¾ interest, J. Patterson to J. C. Reilly.

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In soliciting a share of your patronage, we do so feeling confident that if you will entrust us with your favors, we shall be equally and mutually benefitted.

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An inspection of our stock and an enquiry as to prices will convince all that such is the case.

In conclusion, we would say that every opportunity will be embraced by us to foster and render assistance in the development of the rich mining and agricultural resources of this section.

Thanking you in anticipation for your many favors, we remain respectfully yours,

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County Court Notice

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

At Osoyoos on Monday, 4th May, 1896,
At Midway on Wednesday, 6th May, 1896

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TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. D'B. Green, agent for R. G. Sidley, free miner's certificate No. 62130, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

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FAR FROM SATISFACTORY

Since the opening of the Colville reservation the service of the Spokane Falls and Northern railway has been far from satisfactory to the people of Rossland. The stage men all complain of discourteous treatment at the hands of the representatives of the railway company at Northport. Express matter has been unduly delayed either through the fault of the Northport or Spokane agents. The daily papers from Spokane have missed connections several times and on Wednesday the mail also was overlooked as an item of no consequence. We are not prepared to say who is to blame for *these mishaps, but we would suggest* to Mr. Corbin that the business given his road by the people of Rossland is of sufficient importance to justify dispatch being given to it at all times. It is a poor business policy to neglect old friends for new and untried ones.—Rossland Miner.

COAL.

Professor Carlyle, in the third in his course of lectures, referred to coal as follows:

"The greatest of all bedded deposits are the coal seams. In the study of geology we find but two horizons in which coal is found, in the East we find it in the carbonaceous, in the West the cretaceous era. On studying these beds of coal we find they are made up of organic remains, and that at the time they were formed the climatic conditions must have been very much different from what we are now experiencing, as in the enormous lagoons or swamps the vegetation must have been very rank, far more luxurious than we find in the tropics today, and in these great swamps were laid down enormous thicknesses of organic remains. We find in our swamps today trees falling down and being buried, forming masses of woody, organic matter, or the vegetable and tree growth forming beds of peat. Originally these beds of coal must have been of very great thickness. We know that they are formed of organic matter, because underneath the bedded coal is the clay and in the clay are the rootlets, and in some places above the clay are stumps of trees that have been buried in the covering sands or silts, and stand as they were buried. After the bed of organic matter had reached to a greater or less thickness there was a great change in the level of the surface—there was a sinking of the beds and they, in turn, were covered beneath a layer of mud hundreds, or perhaps thousands of feet in thickness. It also happened that after a considerable thickness of mud had been deposited that this section of country began again to rise above the waters, so that again existed extensive lagoons, that being also buried, formed a second seam of coal.

"Thus may be quickly explained how there are now several successive seams of coal. We cannot properly speak of a vein of coal, as, strictly, it is a seam or bed, it being a stratum of sedimentary origin. In the change from organic growth into coal the lignite or poor quality of coal is first made, with 20 or 30 per cent. water, then soft, or bituminous coal is formed, and from this the anthracite or hard coal. Where the pressure or over-burden has been great we find the mass has become greatly compressed, the water has been driven off, and the result is a better grade of coal, the best bituminous or even anthracite coal depending on the amount of carbon and volatile matter we find it contains. In the soft or bituminous variety there is a large amount of volatile matter, but where these coal measures have been subjected to very great heat and compression the volatile matter has been driven off and what is left is materially a hard coke, containing 90 to 95 per cent. pure carbon, this altered coal being classed as the anthracite or hard coal. To exemplify these changes we might cite our coal measures in Western Canada, where, out on the prairies near Winnipeg, the coal seams or lignite are of very poor quality, being buried under a very thin layer of rock and soil, but further west is a greater overburden of rock, the measures have been more or less distorted, with the result that we have a better grade of soft coal. But on entering the portals of the Rocky Mountains where the measures have been pushed up with the range at Canmore and Anthracite, the coal beds have been subjected to much greater twisting, heat and pressure, driving off the volatile matter, leaving the anthracite coal, now being mined.

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NOTICE is hereby given that assessed and provincial revenue taxes for 1895 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.

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C. A. R. LAMBLY,
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