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FRUIT TREES.

The season is fast approaching when something should be done to the many kinds of fruit trees now in the possession of the horticulturists in the different sections of the country, and therefore it may not be out of place to ask what are you doing individually in the matter of preparation for fighting the many insect and other pests that are known to interfere with the successful prosecution of the fruit industry. As a rule matters of this kind are allowed to glide along in very much of a slip-shod manner, no attempt being made to check disease or insect pests until a great amount of harm has been done, and action is made imperative if the life of the tree is to be saved. Those who follow this line of conduct, however, do not practice a true economy, and if they would wish to be successful should at once set about discovering the best methods of fighting such pests as aphis, borer, red blister mite, fire blight, etc., as it is only reasonable to suppose that soon the young trees will again be in bud and these pests vigorously springing into life.

The fact that late in the season just passed, the diseases which had affected the trees during the summer seemed to die out, furnishes no good grounds for the assumption that they became extinct and that they will not make their appearance again this summer, and therefore it would be well to be on the alert just at the present time and see what can be done to check them, and more especially that which has become one of the fruitful sources of disappointment to those who have in recent years planted out young orchards, viz., the leaf blight, which attacks the leaves of the young pear trees, and which is known as the red blister mite. This is not as is generally supposed by many a fungus growth, but is caused by the presence of a very small insect, which takes up its abode between the tissues of the leaf and founds colonies therein, and in the winter migrate and find comfortable quarters beneath the bud scales, out from under which they emerge as soon as the young buds commence to open in the spring, ready and eager to carry on the work of destruction for another season. It will be apparent, therefore to any one giving the least thought to the subject, that the time to get at this pest is just at the season of the opening of the tree buds, when they may readily be reached and destroyed by the application of a mixture sprayed upon the trees, the composition of which is as follows: "Heat one gallon of water to boiling and dissolve therein a half pound of soap (not the cheapest grade), and while still boiling hot remove from the fire and add two gallons of kerosine. Pass the mixture through a spray pump and direct the stream back into the receptacle with as much force as possible. This causes it to rapidly assume the appearance of cream. Continue the pumping five or ten minutes, or until no kerosene separates at the top when it stands undisturbed for a moment. When made, dilute with seven gallons more of water, and it is ready for use on the blister mite. For use on green aphis, etc., it should be adulterated with 17 to 20 gallons of water instead of seven." This is an unfailing remedy if properly applied, and none should doubt its efficacy without giving it a trial.

REPORTED SOLD.

Captain Adams of Montreal is reported to have made a sale of the Canadian group of claims, situated in Slocan district on the divide between Carpenter and Four-mile creeks. These claims are considered by all who have examined them to be some of the most promising properties to be found in the Kootenay country, and no doubt further develspment will show them to be extremely valuable. The purchasers are a Philadelphia syndicate, who last year sent Mr. Penrose, a mining engineer, to make an exhaustive examination.

SNOW SHOE BONDED.

The Snow Shoe claim in Greenwood camp has been bonded by the owners, Messrs. R. Denzler, W. W. Gibbs and T. McDonnell, to the Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting company (limited). The money consideration of the bond is $21,000, 10 per cent. of which was paid down, and the balance to be made good upon the three following dates: September 1, December 1, and March 1, 1897.

The Snow Shoe is, as every one knows, an enormous body of ore, ranging from 40 to 100 feet in width, and of a character very similar to that found in the other claims lying in its near vicinity. Not a great deal of development work has been done, and yet enough is known of the ore to warrant it as being a very desirable property upon which to spend a considerable amount of money in thoroughly testing the claim, and no doubt the company into whose hands it has fallen will vigorously push development work, as by so doing they would only be following the line of policy adopted with respect to other properties recently acquired by them in the same camp, and which are turning out so well, more especially their first property bonded, the Gold Drop.

ROUTES TO THE RESERVATION.

A great deal has been written and published lately upon the question of the most feasible route to take to enter the Colville reservation recently thrown open to mineral location by the U. S. government.

Those interested in seeing travel follow certain routes have not missed the opportunity of landing the advantages of their favored road, at the same time trying to detract from the natural advantages pertaining to other roads in the matter of distances, stages, etc., etc., a course of conduct not at all made necessary under the circumstances, as the route to be selected should entirely depend upon the location of the would-be traveler, and the objective point desired to be reached. For instance, if parties are located in Spokane or in the Kootenays, and would wish to enter the reservation upon its northern side, or that portion contiguous to the international line, it would be folly to take a southern route, when the goal aimed at could be so much more easily gained by taking advantage of the established lines of rail and coach which leads up to the eastern line and penetrates by easy stages the whole northern portion of the reservation, and vice versa, the same applies to the southern portion of the territory. People residing in Kootenay will naturally take the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway to Marcus, and thence by stage one day's travel will bring them within easy reach of any of the important points upon the northern line of the reserve, while people residing in Spokane or points in Eastern Washington have an alternate route open to them, the one just referred to to Marcus, or by way of the Sums Poil, according as they would wish to visit the northern or southern portion of the territory. Parties residing in Yale or on the B. C. coast would naturally come over the C. P. R. by way of Sicamous and Penticton, and by following down the Okanagan, or by taking the Kettle river stage, strike the reserve upon its northwest or western border, whilst miners and prospectors coming from the Sound cities or country, could take the same route, or adopt that offered by the Great Northern to Wenatchee and the steamers upon the Columbia and Okanagan rivers.

U. S. AND B. C.

The U. S. government, in granting Mr. Corbin a right of way through the Colville reservation for his Red Mountain railway, furnished an object lesson to the B. C. government in that they did not bonus him with many square miles of the public domain as an inducement to the construction of the road, but merely allowed him a right-of-way of a width of 100 feet. How very different is the policy of the two governments, on the one hand merely a permission to build through a certain portion of territory is granted, and on the other many square miles of land was donated on each side of the railway, the Nelson and Fort Sheppard, the building of which may be said not only to have brought wealth to the promoter, but to have been the salvation of the waning corporation over which he presides.

WHY THE SILVER KING SMELTER STOPPED

The Silver King smelter did more than was expected of it, for while it was confidently believed that it would smelt 100 tons in the twenty-four hours, 120 tons, in addition to flux and fuel, were put through in that time. The ore is almost self-fluxing, as was strongly insisted on by the resident chemist, Mr. A. H. Hoidich, before the smelter was started and before Mr. Johnson was engaged. Mr. Johnson, however, did not believe such was the case, and got a quantity of metallic copper instead of matte, which caused trouble mechanically. This set so rapidly that it made the furnace very hard to tap. Owing entirely to a faulty construction in one particular place, for which Fraser & Chalmers are alone responsible, some damage was done to the water jacket, but the damage could easily have been repaired in a respectable boiler-maker's shop, if there was one. As there is not, the damaged part had to go to Spokane for repairs.

In any case the furnace must have shut down in a day or two after it did for want of ore, because the patent wire tramway is an abject failure. It will bring 100 tons daily easily for about six hours; then something busts, and there's a dead stop. The "towers," or "stations," are far too frail for serious work, and the weight of the rope and buckets knocks them over like ninepins; and at this time of the year, in six to fifteen feet of snow, it is not easy to rebuild them. No doubt this tramway was an experiment, and sufficient allowance was not made for the extraordinary length (and consequently weight) of rope and buckets. Hence the failure. No doubt it is cheap and successful on short lines, say four miles, but in this case it is nine miles fully. The Fall Mines company will probably put on teams to haul ore down, as the smelter can't wait for the tramway.—Prospector.

KRUGER MOUNTAIN.

The claims on Kruger mountain are attracting the attention of capitalists, owing no doubt to the rich character of the ore to be found in some of them. Many good offers to bond or purchase have been received by the owners of the Satellite claim, and Mr. Kruger of Osoyoos, part owner in the same, conveyed the intelligence to an ADVANCE representative that no doubt before long, good satisfactory arrangements would be made for the disposal of the property. Upon some of the claims recent development work has disclosed good strong veins of ore, which from its character is deserving of attention, and no doubt if steamboat accommodation is furnished that section the coming summer, some of the same will find its way to the Sound smelters. The character of the ore in some of the claims is hard to distinguish from that found at Rossland, and it would seem to, if assays are to be relied upon, to be both rich in gold and copper.

CORBIN-HEINZE AGREEMENT.

The Rossland Miner says the agreement between Mr. Corbin and Mr. Heinze implies no abandonement whatever of Mr. Corbin's intention to build as speedily as possible the Columbia and Red Mountain railroad from Northport to Rossland. All doubt as to the construction of this road may as well be dismissed at once. It is coming and so is the Canadian Pacific. It may be stated that the points involved in the agreement are these: Certain changes in the line of the tramway through that portion of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard land grant adjoining the town site of Rossland. The construction of a siding at Sayward by the Nelson and Fort Sheppard company for the accommodation of the Trail smelter. Consent on the part of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard company to the building by Mr. Heinze of a connecting standard gauge railroad from the east side of the Columbia at Trail to Sayward. A traffic agreement under which a certain share of the business of the Trail smelter shall go to the Nelson and Fort Sheppard and Spokane and Northern railroads.

THE STRIKE IN THE JOSIE.

The No. 1 tunnel is now into the big ore chute from which they made nearly all their shipments on the surface, and the whole face of the drift is ore with only one wall, the hanging, in sight. This ore averages over $40 per ton in gold, so the Josie can now be put down as a possible competitor with the Le Roi and War Eagle mines for first rank in the camp.

The face of the No. 1 tunnel is 250 feet vertically under the apex of the vein where the big ore chute was exposed, and was encountered within three feet of where the surveys showed it should be, if the ore chute maintained its course and dip. Taken in conjunction with the recent development in the lower levels of the Le Roi and the No. 2 tunnel of the War Eagle, this strike demonstrates beyond all question the permanency and uniformity of the ore bodies in this camp. The ore chute was encountered last Saturday, so they are now in a matter of ten or twelve feet, and the owners would not ask anything better. It exceeds their most sanguine expectations.

MOVING AROUND.

The Tribune says: The engineer party that has been at work for the Canadian Pacific, between the Columbia river and Rossland, were suddenly ordered to move to Slocan lake, to make preliminary surveys for a road from the Nakusp and Slocan at Rosebery south along the east shore of the lake to Slocan Crossing on the Columbia and Kootenay. The country is an easy one in which to build a road. Evidently the Montreal officials are awakening to the fact that if the Canadian Pacific is to handle Kootenay trade they must build railways over which business can be done.

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HELLO THERE, SPOKANE!

Almost before the snow is off the hills we should be making use of the above exclamation, all along the line between Penticton and Spokane, should the company who are applying for a charter, have the same granted to them, as according to the Spokesman-Review of the 29th February, articles of incorporation of the Spokane and Columbia Telephone and Telegraph company have been filed with the county auditor. The capital stock of the company is $75,000, held by Nathan R. Stone, L. T. Gordon, I. H. Adams and J. D. Farrell of Spokane, and Angus McNish of Rossland, and the object of the company is to build and operate telephone and telegraph lines in the United States and British Columbia.

They will do business in all towns along the line of the Spokane and Northern to Northport. The line will then be extended to Rossland and Trail, which are the objective points. A branch will be run from Marcus to Boundary, touching Grand Forks, Carson, Greenwood City, Boundary Falls, Midway and all other towns as far up as Penticton. In all 224 miles will be built, but eventually the line will branch out to places where business justifies.

Two contracts have been let for a supply of poles at Rossland and Trail and work will commence when the franchise arrives from the provincial authorities and when the snow permits, at the latest by the middle of May. A force of men will be put on large enough to complete the line from Spokane to Rossland in forty days.

It will therefore be seen that the Vernon and Nelson Telephone company must be up and doing if they do not wish the new company to usurp the business of the territory for which some time ago they were granted a charter. That the new enterprise will be a paying one need not we believe be doubted, as the line can be built at a very nominal cost, owing to the fact that an abundance of material in the shape of poles, can be had all along the line, and also the large development of our mines this summer will have the effect of increasing very materially the population of the several towns to which the company intend to extend their system. Our only hope is that the line will be constructed at the earliest possible date, as for a long time past has the great need of such an adjunct to the successful prosecution of business been felt in this section.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We were obliged to cut down Greenwood City and other correspondence, owing to the fact that it came to hand just before closing the make-up of this issue, and therefore space was limited. The subjects touched upon will again receive attention in future issues.

Whether the two per cent. tax is imposed or not, to those thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the district as regards roads to mining camps, trails, bridges, etc., the necessity of the government pursuing a broad, liberal, and open-handed policy in the matter of appropriations for the construction of the same, was never more apparent than at the present time, as owing to the stage of advancement our mines have attained, the time is near at hand when machinery must be substituted for the more crude methods of working adopted up to the present, for the handling of which good strong bridges and wide substantial roads should be built. Not only should some of the existing roads be improved but others constructed, so that those camps which are now virtually isolated may be given an opportunity to have free communication with the general routes of travel. To attain this object it will be necessary to improve the existing road into Copper camp, to build a short road into Deadwood, and the completion of a road from Greenwood City on Boundary creek to the North Fork of Kettle river, through Eholt pass, which road would penetrate Summit camp and join the one partially built last year from Grand Forks up the North Fork of Kettle river to Brown's camp. From this road running through Eholt pass a branch should be built into Long Lake camp, and this with bridges over the several streams along the different routes, and trails into other isolated camps, would furnish fairly good accommodation for miner and capitalist alike, who are desirous of adding to the wealth of the province by the development of its mineral resources. Then again the construction of a road is badly needed to give an inlet and outlet to the large agricultural settlement of Anarchist mountain, and a through road between Grand Prairie and the mining camps of Rossland and Trail, and bridges over the Kettle river at Johnson's ranch and Edwards' ferry. The enumeration of these really necessary public works it is to be hoped will convey to our provincial legislators a true sense of the district's requirements, and the necessity of their making a liberal allowance other than the customary appropriation for the carrying out of the same, and if such is done we are confident that the increased revenue that will be derived from the district consequent upon greater facilities being furnished the miners to transact business, will fully warrant any expenditure that may be made, and we are emboldened to make the appeal, as we are aware that no public meetings have been held in this district, having for their object the pressing upon the government's attention the needs as above set fourth, as was done by citizens in many other parts of the province.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending March 6.

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ITALIAN DEFEAT IN ABYSSINIA.

A fearful disaster has befallen the Italian forces in Abyssinia, if the latest reports are to be relied upon, for by these it would seem that a large portion of the forces operating there have been completely annihilated. So alarming was the news that the government feared allowing it to be made known too suddenly, so the first report of the defeat was allowed to leak out. Then the war officials allowed it to be "rumored" that 500 men were killed. After this came the report that 5,000 soldiers had fallen, and now it is "admitted" that 5,000 Italian troops were slain, in addition to a severe loss among the native troops serving under the flag of Italy.

The government and military authorities are charged with gross mismanagement of the Abyssinian campaign, and the whole of Italy is in a storm of rage against the ministry, which will no doubt as a consequence be obliged to resign.

Latest advices from Rome, dated the 4th, would tend to show that the situation of affairs grows worse and worse, as the whole of Italy is in a state of ferment and rioting is freely being indulged in in several parts of the country.

It is also said that every dispatch from Massowah adds to the gravity of the disaster to the Italian army at Adoway Alsais. When the first news of General Baratieri's defeat reached the city the report had only 500 men killed; then the report ran up to 3,000 killed, with 60 pieces of artillery captured. This morning's dispatches place the number of killed in battle and a long harassing retreat which followed at 5,000. It is believed that not even these figures tell the full extent of the disaster. No mention is made of the wounded, and there is good reason, based on the stories of recent Italian defeats by the Abyssinians, to believe that those who fell wounded during the retreat of over 50 miles met a more horrible fate than those killed on the spot.

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GOLD COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

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 5.

	Max.	Min.
Feb. 28	44.5	21
" 29	22	12.5
Mar. 1	20	-3
" 2	26	-2.5
" 3	31	4.5
" 4	36	9.5
" 5	33	15

BORN.

INGHRAM.—On the 6th inst, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Inghram of Kettle river, a daughter.

MCDOWELL.—On the 4th inst, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McDowell of Greenwood City, a daughter.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Mr. F. Coryell left on Tuesday for the upper country, and will visit Vernon on business before returning.

Messrs. McInnis and Vaughan are greatly improving the appearance of their ranch at Grand Prairie by the building of fences and making roads.

A consignment of goods shipped from Vernon on the 14th of January to one of our local merchants, came to hand on March 6 This shows the necessity of railway communication.

Mr. Powers is erecting a two-story building at the sawmill here, the lower portion of which will be used as a boarding house for the men and the upper portion as a dry kiln for lumber.

The 17th of old Ireland, St. Patrick's day, will be duly honored, not only by the wearing of the customary green ribbons by her many sons, but also by a grand ball and supper to be given at the Boundary Falls hotel in the evening, to which all are cordially invited.

Mr. J. C. Haas returned from Spokane on Wednesday last, and, after having visited Rossland and some of the other camps, was able to state authoritatively that great preparations are being made on every hand for a vigorous prosecution of business in the several mining camps.

Just at this season of the year when the frost is coming out of the ground, and the road beds are so subject to being cut up by vehicles, and the caving in of banks are matters of general occurrence, it would be well if a few men could be kept upon the main trunk road between Penticton and Grand Forks, and more particularly upon those portions over the summit of Camp McKinney and Boundary mountains.

The seventh in the series of at homes was given in Palmerston hall on Saturday evening, Mrs. Shuster being the hostess. Quite a number of residents were present, who thoroughly enjoyed the selections of vocal and instrumental music and dialogues rendered by some of the guests. Not the least pleasing part of the entertainment were the refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. So thoroughly have these gatherings been enjoyed by our citizens that great regret will be felt when the series draws to a close, as no gatherings ever held in the country could excell these at homes for excellence of true sociability.

Owing to the enormous increase in travel consequent upon the throwing open of the Colville reservation, a matter of great necessity is the placing of bridges over the Kettle river at different points upon the route between Marcus and Carson. One of these structures being in United States territory, of course should be attended to by that government, whilst those in British Columbia it would be well if the advisability of building them was looked into at once, as no impediment should be placed in the way of travel over any portion of the province, and really sooner or later they must be built so that the cheapest possible transportation may be furnished for the export of ore from the Boundary camps—a matter that cannot be, as long as freight teams have to pay ferry charges to cross over rivers. The points at which these bridges are badly needed are near the Johnson ranch, Grand Prairie, and at Edward's ferry, near the customs house, Grand Prairie, and close to the international line. A very generous assistance would be offered the government by settlers, miners and others in the building of these bridges, if they would only take the matter up, which it is to be hoped they may see fit to do.

MINING NOTES.

Messrs. McNicol and Haas have a force of men at work driving a tunnel on the Great Hesper, Smith's camp. The tunnel which will be put in quite a number of feet, will not only represent assessment work but will also, it is believed, put the property into saleable shape, as quite a good body of ore is visible in the claim, and all that is necessary is to prove its depth.

GREENWOOD CITY NOTES.

Without any very liberal notice having been given, a miners' meeting was held here on Saturday, the object of which was to discuss the advisability of forming a branch of the miners' union, and affiliate with the parent organization, which has branches in all the principal mining camps of the west. Quite a large number of miners were present, some of whom took occasion to address the meeting, whilst others were debarred from expressing their views, as they came to the meeting under the impression that it was called for the purpose of forming a mining association, and therefore could not at short notice and without giving some thought to the matter, enter into discussion upon the subject. As the meeting, however, was only a preliminary one, having for its object the testing of the miners upon the advisability of forming a union, it was (after the subject had been pretty well discussed) resolved that a petition be drawn up and circulated giving those in favor of a union the opportunity of signing the same, and should a sufficient amount of support be obtained, another regular meeting will be held in the near future, the time of which and the place of holding to be duly and sufficiently advertised. The meeting having been adjourned by the chairman, those present were invited to sign a petition, protesting against the imposition of a two per cent. tax being placed upon the gross output of the mines of the province, which all did readily without exception.

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

Mangott and McEachran are drifting on the vein at a depth of 100 feet in the shaft on the east ledge of the Morning Star.

Messrs. Shehan and Gwatkins are still actively engaged in developing the Stem Winder. They have lately made an open cut on the east end of the claim, cross-cutting the ledge and uncovering a fine body of mineral eight feet in width.

On the 29th February a blizzard struck Fairview. It lasted four days, the thermometer standing this morning, March 3, at 10 degrees below zero. March came in like a lion and we hope it will go out like a lamb. Evidently it was comet weather.

The sudden death of John Uglow cast a gloom over the entire community in Fairview. He was apparently well on Tuesday, February 25th, as he worked hard all that day sawing wood. He died very suddenly on Wednesday at 2 p. m., with cramps of the stomach, at Evan Morris' boarding house. He was buried on Friday the 28th, Thomas Elliott, Esq., acting as officiating clergyman. The funeral was attended by all the inhabitants of the town. The deceased was a native of England and leaves a brother who resides in Fairview.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Fourth Class, maximum marks 1070—Eddie Melville, 975; Willie Melville, 953; Jessie Murray, 766; Fred Wilkins, 649; Alma Hopper, 561.

Second Class (senior), maximum marks 950—Willie Murray, 637.

Junior division, Walter Melville, 916; Walter Murray, 860; Theodore Kruger, 837; August Kruger, 797; Harry Palmerston, 727.

II Primer Class, maximum marks 650—John Thornton, 572; George Murray, 475.

I Primer Class, maximum marks 400—Caroline Lum, 313; Mary Thornton 15. A. M. LEWIS, Teacher.

TAX PETITION.

Owing to the isolated position of the district and the tardy receipt of news consequent upon a wretched mail service, the miners in this section are not as rapidly posted on what is being done by our provincial legislature as some in other parts of the province, therefore it must not occasion surprise if they seem to have been slow in recognizing the necessity of taking some action to acquaint the government of their desires with respect to the imposition of the two per cent. tax upon the output of mines. As soon as they were able to grasp the true situation of affairs, the following petition was hurriedly gotten up, which has received the signatures of many of the mining men of Midway and vicinity. Their action, although taken somewhat late in the day, will at least tend to show they are in unity with their class in other districts, who are so vigorously protesting by petition, resolutions and deputations against the proposed action of the government of allowing the obnoxious tax to become law:

Midway, February 28, 1896.

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

We, the undersigned free miners of Midway and vicinity, learn with astonishment and regret that a bill has been or is about to be introduced before your honorable legislative body to impose a tax of two per cent. on the gross output of mines in this province.

We desire to call your closest and most earnest attention to the fact that should this bill become law, you have in this one act performed one of the most monstrous outrages possible on this district in the way of crippling our industry that is in its infancy, and which has taken us years of hard and unremitting work to build up to its present state, by driving from us at once any possible chance of developing our prospects or getting people with capital to interest themselves here, a happy culumination that would soon be consummated, as many influential mining men and capitalists have signified their intention of commencing work this spring who could not in justice to themselves do so if they received the properties for nothing, as the principal properties here are large bodies of low grade copper and gold ore that requires concentration and the working of which would require an immense outlay of capital, employ a large number of men, would upbuild towns and cities, bring railroads as well as thousands of energetic, industrious miners to search for our latent resources, from all of which sources taxes would be derived, a thing that would be utterly impossible if this bill should become law, and this now promising district would again become a wilderness as it was when we first commenced to develop its mining industries—unknown even to our own members from Yale district, other than as a portion of the electoral division of Yale district not worth the trouble of visiting.

We do not see the necessity of calling a mass meeting or meetings to voice our sentiments or opinions in regard to this matter, as we feel that the mover misunderstood the situation here as elsewhere, and that by calling the attention of your honorable body by petition will answer the same purpose and prevent the unnecessary expense of calling the prospectors from their different claims, many being so situated that they are difficult to reach, and unnecessary hardships would be entailed in their coming.

We again ask you, gentlemen, to pause and consider carefully the far-reaching effect of this bill if passed, the ruin of enterprise and throttling of industries that need fostering that would ensue in parsing this iniquitous outrageous and monstrous act.

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- One-half of one per cent. on income.

If paid on or after 1st July;
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- 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,
Assessor and Collector
Rock Creek Division of Yale District.
Osoyoos, B. C., 13th January, 1896.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Assistant Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described tract of land:

Commencing at a stake or post planted on the north bank of Rock creek and about half a mile from its mouth, and running thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile, thence north one mile to the point of commencement. W. T. THOMPSON.
Rock Creek, February 18, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut, manufacture and carry away timber on the following described lands, situated on or near Kettle river, Grand Prairie, Yale district, viz.:

Commencing at a post set about one-half (½) mile west of Johnson's crossing on Kettle river, thence west one-half (½) mile, thence south one-half (½) mile, thence west one (1) mile, thence south one-half (½) mile, thence west one-half (½) mile, thence north one-half (½) mile, thence east one-half (½) mile, thence north one (1) mile, thence east one and one half (1½) miles, thence one-half (½) mile south to the initial post, containing one thousand (1,000) acres.

CHARLES K. SIMPSON.
Dated the 10th day of February, 1896. 19

A CARD.

To the Boundary Creek and Kettle River Miners and Residents Generally:

GREETING.—We beg to make the announcement that we have opened a general store at the new town of Greenwood on Boundary creek, where we have on hand and daily arriving a large stock of general merchandise.

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.

Many years' experience in other parts of the province has convinced us that the public generally would much prefer to do business upon a cash basis, providing the price of goods is consistent with this system. Feeling confident that such is the case, we beg to say that we have adopted this method of doing business, viz. either for cash or trade, and in doing so we believe we are acting in the best interests of our customers.

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

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

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NOTICE.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. D'B. Green, agent for R. G. Sifley, 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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The Butte and Boston, the company that some time since was negotiating for the purchase of the Cariboo in Camp McKinney, has temporarily suspended operations. In referring to to the matter the Western Mining World says:

"It seems that the management has, for reasons best known to themselves, decided to temporarily cease work on its valuable group of properties, and it has been the cause of a great drop in the shares of the company from $14 to about $1. It is nonsense to even intimate that the mines are not among the best in the city, and we can safely say to the terrified shareholders that the cause of the shut-down is for other reasons. There is certainly an African in the fence, and and it is our advice to those who can afford, to invest in the stock at the present figure and hold on for a few months, as they are sure to make a fortune. There is no question but had the former management not been hampered by a certain clique of shareholders, and been allowed to have purchased the Pacific and Rarus mines at an extremely low price, a year or two ago, as it desired, two of the most valuable producers in the district would have been added to the already assets of the company. In our opinion the close-down will be of short duration and the shares of the company will no doubt go to $20 before the end of 1896.

JUMBO AND GOLD KING.

The large disclosure of the Jumbo is not, strictly speaking, a new find, as a shaft was sunk last year through the immense surface showings to the depth of 45 feet in ore. The tunnel that has been run in strikes the vein a few feet below the bottom of the shaft. The ore body in the Jumbo and the adjoining claim the Gold King is immense. The Jumbo belongs to Finch and Galusha, and the Gold King is the property of our ex-postmaster David Stussi, who is now receiving the congratulations of his friends.—Rossland Prospector.

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TAX ON MINES.

Mr. John A. Finch, a gentleman who needs no introduction to the mining world, in discussing with a Colonist representative the probability of the government imposing a two per cent. tax upon the gross output of the mines, had in part the following to say with respect to the same:

"My associates and I spent $23,000 developing the Wonderful group in the Slocan. The ore we took out realized us $7,000. It would be manifestly unjust to levy a tax on that $7,000 worth of ore. That would be merely piling on the agony. Again we spent $14,000 on the Reed and Robinson and the ore we sold for $5,000. In such cases the mine operator needs sympathy and not punishment. The wage earner has been paid; duty has been levied on mining supplies and the enterprising mine owner is the sole loser. Surely his losses should not be increased.

"Taxation of infant mines would be most impolitic. It would be a premium to the prospector to stay development except the mere perfunctory assessment work which the law demands. There are thousands of prospects in the Kootenay which need smelter and milling tests to show their value, and the owners should be encouraged and not deterred from shipping their ore and finding its value.

"The only wise and just course to adopt if a special tax on mining is necessary for the support of the government, is a tax on the net profits of a producing mine. Moreover, that tax ought not to be excessive, for no industry should be taxed excessively. Two per cent. is really an excessive tax, for at that mining industry and enterprise would be taxed out of all proportion to other pursuits and enterprise. Last year the trail district contributed over $21,000 from the mining recorder's office to the provincial government; in addition all improved property contributed a due proportion. A tax of 2 per cent. of the ore product would have added $20,000 more. This year a 2 per cent. tax would add $80,000 more. That would make the Rossland mining district alone contribute 10 per cent. of the revenue of the province, while its population is not more than 5 per cent.

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