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Speaking of the mineral wealth of the country through which the proposed line of the C. & W. R. is to built, the Company's engineer reports as follows:

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This road would thus 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—tha Okanagan and Kettle river valleys. It would transfer the great British Columbia trade from Spokane to Vancouver and Victoria, where it naturally belongs, and would immensely increase the revenues of the Government. As an indication of what may be expected in the Boundary creek country, when developed by railroad facilities, I introduce the following statement of the output of the Rossland mines, together with the amount of revenue, Dominion and Provincial, collected, taken from official record:

OUTPUT OF MINES.

Jan. 1st to Dec. 20th, 1895		
	Gold,	$636,000.00
" "	Silver,	33,000.00
" "	Copper,	66,000.00
Total		$735,000.00
Prov. revenue collected		$25,000.00

DOM. REVENUE CUSTOMS COLLECTED.

Aug. 1st to Dec. 20th, 1895,	
Rossland	$24,681.00
Trail	9,836.00
Waneta	7,620.00
Total	$43,139.00

The output of the mines is from smelter returns. The Provincial revenue does not include any tax on personal property or real estate. I have included Waneta and Trail in this report, as these are the ports at which customs duties are collected on goods coming into camp via the Columbia river. This can only be taken as an indication of the probable output of the mines and the revenue from the country to be developed by the proposed extension, as the country is so much larger and the indications are that there will be a number of camps just as good as Rossland. The output and the Provincial revenue, ought therefore to be correspondingly greater. The amount of customs duties collected would not, however, be increased to anything like the same extent, as direct communication with the coast would transfer the greater part of the trade from Spokane to Vancouver and Victoria.

Established trade routes are proverbially hard to change and the Americans are making a great struggle to commercially capture this country. The Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway company, in every way that it possibly can, makes the West Kootenay district tributary to Spokane. The Red Mountain road will be built, with a view of handling the ores and smelting them at Spokane, or some other point in the States. It is well-known that Mr. Corbin has long had his eye on the Kettle river and Boundary creek countries, and the only thing that has kept him out has been the impossibility of crossing the Colville Indian Reservation. With this thrown open, as it is more than likely soon to be, he will undoubtedly push for that country, as up the Kettle river valley from Marcus is by far the easiest way to reach it.

The Kaslo & Slocan Railway, too, has been built solely with the view of hauling ore to the States via Kootenay lake and river to Bonner's Ferry, or via Kootenay lake and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to Spokane.

This proposed railroad alone will contribute solely to the advancement of British Columbia, as it contemplates the construction of a road lying wholly within the Province, and the smelting and refining of ores at Trail and such other point or points on the western end of the road as may be decided upon; and it does not in any way make the country tributary to or dependent on any of the American cities for its trade, but will, on the contrary, transfer the trade to Vancouver and Victoria, or eastern Canadian trade centres."

Following is an estimate of distances between the different sections on the route from Trail to Penticton:

Trail to Rossland	12.5 Miles
Rossland to Big Sheep creek,	
Christina lake summit	23.0 "
Big Sheep, Christina summit to foot of Christina lake	27.0 "
Christina lake to Grand Forks	13.0 "
Grand Forks to summit of Pass creek	21.0 "
Summit Pass creek to Midway	16.0 "
Midway to Incanap pass	32.0 "
Incanap pass to Penticton	43.0 "
Total distance from Trail to Penticton	187.5 Miles.

MINING NOTES.

In view of recent events the necessity for an organization of this character is the more apparent. It is only by union and co-operation that a check can be effectively placed on the often erratic behaviour of the gentlemen who frame the laws of the country.

Miners, it is said, are being imported all the way from Tacoma to work in the Cariboo mines. This needs explanation. Is there such a scarcity of miners in the province as this would imply; or is the imported article to be obtained at so much per pound reduction. If so, the sooner organized miners' unions are established through out the country, the better for the country, not to mention the miners.

The initial steps have been taken at Nelson to form a permanent organization to protect and foster the mining industry of the province, the prime movers being Messrs. H. E. Croisdale, A. H. Kelly and John Houston. With the matter in such good hands its success should be assured. A general meeting will be held on the 22nd inst., at which delegates from the mining camps throughout the country will be asked to attend. The miners of Boundary creek should be represented.

Again, the statement anent the the power of a Gold Commissioner to revoke a miner's license, if he be convicted of claim-jumping, has been published, and no doubt gained wide credence on the other side. Mr. Toole is reported as having made the assertion. The mistaken idea first originated, we believe, in the brain of Clarence King, who is a geologist of note, and also a writer of great imaginative powers. However, it is a harmless misconception enough, and if its telling will help to keep would-be American claim-jumpers from operating on this side of the line, a good purpose will be accomplished after all.

COLVILLE DISAPPOINTING.

Miner and Electrician: "About 300 assays have been made by Spokane assayers, of ores from the Colville Reservation since its opening to mineral locations. A few of these have shown good values, and the ores are of the same character as those found in Boundary Creek and Trail Creek districts; but a vast majority of the assays have shown little or no values and offer little or no encouragement to the locators of the claims. The ores for the most part are copper and pyritic, though there have been assayed a few samples of free-milling rock said to offer an encouraging outlook.

Many of the locations that were made have been "spotted," perhaps for years, by parties who stole into the forbidden territory, and from these come the best assays. Very few original finds of any consequence have been reported. The fact that a few persons among the government officials took advantage of their knowledge of the mineral deposits on the reservation, acquired previous to its opening to mineral locations, either at the connivance, or in spite of the authorities, has really done the honest prospector a great injustice."

We cannot help thinking, in spite of the Miner and Electrician, that it is rather early in the day to criticize the reservation as an ore-producing country. No doubt in the first excitement many wildcats were staked. Practically, as yet, no thorough prospecting has been done, and absolutely no development. Criticism is therefore both premature and ill-advised.

THE LIBERAL LEADER.

"The government of Sir Bowell," says the Regina Leader, a journal devoted strictly to the Conservative interests, "has evidently placed himself at the beck and call of the Catholic hierarchy. Although a catholic and a Frenchman himself, Mr. Laurier has shown that he is possessed of manliness and courageous independence in the face of the hierarchy, which glows in vivid contrast to the shameful cowardice of the Orange premier. Two weeks ago we said that Mr. Laurier was facing the political crisis of his life. We are bound to say that he has triumphantly faced the crisis, and has emerged immeasurably strengthened in the confidence of his followers and the respect and admiration of his opponents. Before the 3rd of March he was a clever, an affable, an estimable, an honest man—on that date he became a great man.

"If Mr. Laurier could give a satisfactory guarantee to the people of Canada that a government under his leadership would not demoralize the commercial life of the Dominion, the next elections would land him in power on a wave of overwhelming popular approval that would make the cringing, hypocritical heads of some of the present ministers swim."

IGNEOUS ROCKS.

The following interesting and able article on igneous rocks, by Mr. Howard West, A.R.S.M., appeared in a recent issue of the New Denver Ledge. The article should prove of particular interest to prospectors here.

"I should like to say a few words this week regarding a popular misconception of the meaning of the term porphyry. It is generally used and applied to almost every rock of Igneous origin that for purposes of distinction, it certainly becomes necessary to confine its application within closer limits than appears to be done at present.

The term is derived from the Latin, porphyra, which means purple, so that originally it was applied to a rock of that color obtained in Egypt, which was found very useful for ornamental purposes.

Nowadays we hear of porphyries of various colors, which, of course, the strict derivation of the word does not warrant. The white porphyry of Colorado, in which enormous pockets of silver-lead ore have been found, is a notable example.

The question of color, however, is of minor importance compared with the mineralogical composition of the rock. But here again vast differences may be observed in rocks which bear the same name, and in which a resemblance would naturally be expected. The one point of similarity in all porphories, is in their structural appearance, crystals of some particular mineral, usually felspar, being prominently developed. This was one of the distinguishing features in the Egyptian rock, and the former meaning of the word has got gradually perverted, until it now signifies almost any class of rocks which exhibit this characteristic.

It has been wisely suggested by several leading geologists that the best way of dealing with the subject is to do away entirely with the term porphyry and substitute the adjective porphyritic before the descriptions of all such rocks, so that a granite in which the felspar crystals are more than usually conspicuous becomes a porphyritic-granite, sometimes called a quartz-porphyry.

The class of rocks to which the original porphyry belonged, and which are more or less of a purple color, are now generally designated porphyrites.

Usually the matrix or body of the rock is finely crystalline or semi-vitreous in character and the prominent crystals stand out in bold relief from a darker background.

A porphyritic rock is easily recognised, the difficulty of course is in determining the particular class to which it belongs.

Another rock well worthy of our notice on account of the important bearing which it exercises on the permancy of the mining industry of West Kootenay, is diorite, commonly called greenstone. It forms the country rock in the rich districts of Trail and Boundary creeks and is often indicative of much mineral wealth, the sulphides of iron, copper, and nickel being most frequently observed in its vicinity. The discovery of gold associated in this manner as at Trail, is, I believe, unique in the history of mining.

Unlike granite, diorite contains only two constituent minerals, felspar and hornblende, the latter of which is responsible for the green color which the rock usually possesses. When quartz is present it is designated a quartz-diorite, when mica, a mica-diorite, and so on.

Syenite, of which we sometimes hear, is similar to diorite in mineral composition, consisting of felspar and hornblende, the only difference being in the nature of the felspar present. On the addition of quartz it becomes a quartz-syenite, and the presence of mica passes it at once into a syenite granite."

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CONSTABLE AT GRAND PRAIRIE.

The people of Grand Prairie have reasonable grounds for complaint. They refer to the fact that in Midway there are two residential constable, and with some show of justice demand why it should be necessary that one end of the district should be so well provided for, apparently at the expense of the other.

As a matter of fact, the Government is none too well represented by officials even in this end of the district. Of the two resident constables, one performs the duties of Mining Recorder, and, if we are to have anything like a repetition of last year's activity—and all the indications point to such a conclusion—the work that thereby devolves upon this official is more than one man can be reasonably expected to do. Thus, for several months in the year at least, the office work connected with the recording of claims, of transfers, and the issuance of certificates and licenses, occupies the full time of one, and a good part of the time of a second official. During the remainder of the year when the prospecting season may be considered to be at an end, it is still a matter of importance that a representative of the Government should be found in his office for so many hours for each day, to attend to the many questions which may arise in reference to mining property, and anent which his opinion is asked.

Of the two constables, so-called, therefore, only one has the time to devote to the performance of the duties pertaining to the office of constable proper, and it is indubitable that in so large a mining district as the Kettle river division, offences against the law might easily be committed and admit of the escape of the offender from justice, under existing arrangements of police supervision.

While, at the present time, the record of crime in Boundary creek is, comparatively speaking, light, we have every reason to fear that with the opening of the Colville reservation, and with the anticipated rapid development of the country, we cannot expect to be wholly free from the lawless characters who follow the early fortunes of every new mining camp. Adequate measures should therefore be taken in time, and we strongly recommend the appointment of another constable for the district, but whose duties should be more or less confined to Grand Prairie. Such an appointment would meet with very general approval.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE referred in last week's issue to the fact that while, for reasons of economy, reductions had been made in the salaries throughout the civil service, the ministers had very prudently said little of the advisability of reducing the liberal allowances which accrue to their exalted offices. We since learn that in his budget speech the premier strongly urged that a substantial reduction be made in the salaries of ministers; and in committee of supply Colonel Baker actually moved a resolution to reduce his own salary by $400. The motion, however, was lost because it was agreed that if a minister's salary was to be reduced the sessional indemnity paid to members should also be cut down. Naturally this last proposal met with scant favor.

THOUGH, however, the resolution of the minister of mines was barren of result, it nevertheless reflects great credit on his disinterestedness of purpose, albeit, Mr. Helmcken somewhat unkindly remarked "that if the ministers wished to reduce their salaries, they should have placed the reduced amounts in the estimates as submitted, and not come posing before the house in this way."

A WISE suggestion is attributed to Mr. Rithet who, speaking of salaries paid to civil servants, remarked: "If necessary to reduce the salaries he would rather add an hour or two to the office hours and dispense with some of the employees." The working hours during the summer months of last year, for the mining recorder of the Kettle River mining division were from 8 in the morning until 11 at night.

IN the issue of the 21st ult., an illustration and also an article is published in the Graphic, a leading English weekly, concerning British Columbia. The illustration portrays the opening of parliament for the last time in the old building. This kind of notice by old country journals is always pleasing to colonists, and we should like to see more of it done. Every tie that binds the empire more closely together should be judiciously strengthened.

THE DIAMOND DRILL.

The diamond drill which has been held at the Waneta customs house, has arrived safely at Greenwood and will be used at once on the Snowshoe. The drill is the first to be used in Boundary creek, and the enterprise of the Montreal and British Columbia Promotion and Prospecting company is to be highly commended. It is safe to predict that the arrival of the drill in the camp marks a new epoch, the beginning of the good times which we all confidently expect to see in Boundary before many months pass. It is well known that we have huge ledges of ore, but it is yet to be shown whether or not these ledges continue down for any distance, or whether the character of the rock improves with depth. At Rossland, where the ores bear a striking resemblance to those found here, both these points have been proved in a most satisfactory manner. If therefore one can safely deduce facts from analogous circumstances, there is little to fear from what the diamond drill may show.

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MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE GREAT HOPES MINERAL CLAIM.

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TAKE NOTICE that we, J. P. Harlan, free miner's certificate No. 59151, D. M. MacMartin, free miner's certificate No. 62102, A. S. Crowder free miner's certificate No. 62147, J. M. Cornthwaite, free miner's certificate No. 65221, and J. M. Watkins, free miner's certificate No. 65220, 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 to the above claim.

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

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1896. 5

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate in the Osoyoos division of Yale district, viz.: Commencing at a post on the north bank of Wallace creek and about 1¼ miles from its junction with Boundary creek, thence running north 60 chains, thence west 160 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence east along the north bank of said Wallace creek 160 chains, more or less, to the place of commencement, and containing 960 acres, more or less.

J. H. HALLETT.

Greenwood City, B. C., April 6, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on the east side of Christina lake in the Osoyoos division of Yale district, viz.: Commencing at a stake set about one-half mile south of the mouth of Texas creek and about eight miles north from lot 398, township 74, thence running west 80 chains, thence north 125 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 125 chains to the point of commencement.

FREDERICK McMANN.

Greenwood City, Kettle River, B. C., 3rd March, 1896. 1

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 near Eholt Creek: Commencing at a post about one mile north of Eholt creek, near Gold Drop trail, thence running east 120 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 120 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 960 acres, more or less.

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Altitude, 1,800 feet above sea level.
Melting snow for week, .99 of an inch; rain, .00

TEMPERATURE FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 9.

	Max.	Min.
Apr. 3	52.5	15
" 4	63	30
" 5	58	37.5
" 6	55	33
" 7	52	30
" 8	53	30
" 9	50	25.5

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Ploughing is in full swing at Anarchist mountain.

Mr. George Guess rode over to Fairview last week on business.

Mr. Jackson moved last week into his new house on this side of the river.

Mr. R. Wood's new house at Greenwood is now completed. He moved in last week.

Mr. Dinsmore has started a bakery at Greenwood. This should be a paying business.

Mr. Barrett of Greenwood, left on last week's stage for the upper country. He will, it is understood, bring back with him an assaying plant.

Mr. J. Shuster has, we regret to learn, been seriously ill with influenza and rheumatism, partly the result of a long ride in bad weather. He is slowly recovering.

Eddie Allison, charged with cattle stealing, was given a preliminary hearing before C. A. R. Lambly, S. M., at Osoyoos last week. He was committed to stand his trial at the spring assizes.

The ranch formerly belonging to Mr. McDonald at Grand Forks, is being put in good order by the new owner, P. T. McCallum, J. P., who recently bought the property. A large acreage is to be put down to hay.

The road from Deadwood to Copper is being rapidly pushed to completion, thanks to the energy of R. Wood & Co., who certainly put the government to shame in the matter of liberal assistance in the development of a new country.

An effort to make Bossburg a main traffic station for goods imported from the States into this country, instead of Marcus, has failed, owing to the determined opposition of Mr. Corbin. Manley & Averill's stages still make Marcus their terminus.

A large meteor is said to have fallen near Midway on Monday night. This is probably intended as a sort of an advance agent to the comet which was billed to arrive last month, but owing to the block on the C. P. R. failed to keep the engagement.

H. Loring of Chilliwack, erstwhile a Methodist preacher, but now in the better paying, if less spiritual trade of of butchering, was summoned as a witness in the cattle-stealing case at Osoyoos. Before returning to the coast he visited the principal camps in Boundary.

Several complaints have been made by miners unable to leave the camps that they receive their mails very irregularly, particularly newspapers, which sometimes do not reach them for weeks after the date of issue. With a very little extra trouble the postmasters might tie up in packages the mail matter directed to the various camps, which could be dropped in the boxes on the road by the stage drivers as they pass.

Frank Coryell has employed Allan Giles and Jimmy Lynch, two capital workers, to finish his irrigation ditch, which he hopes to bring on his ranch near Midway by the first of next month. The principal work of building the dam and grading from Boundary creek has been got over, and the fluming but remains to be done. There can be no doubt but that the water will add immeasurably to the value of his property.

Henry Westcott, described as a prospector, was arrested by Constable Deans at Grand Prairie on Thursday, on the charge of bringing stolen property from the United States into Canada. He was given a preliminary hearing before P. McCallum, J. P. The evidence against the prisoner was very strong and he was committed for trial. Constable Deans brought Westcott over on Friday evening and he was lodged in the Midway jail.

Another case of claim jumping is reported from Kruger mountain. A certain claim, upon which the showing was above the ordinary, being jumped upon the technical grounds that the discovery post was not exactly upon the spot where mineral was found in place, but some yards away. This seems to be very trivial grounds upon which to disprove another man's title, and it is very doubtful if any judge would give a decision unfavorable to the original locator.

If persons sending in legal notices for publication would write proper names legibly, they would confer a favor on the compositor and perhaps avoid future litigation. A wrong figure in the number of a miner's license or a mis-spelled name might invalidate the notice of certificate of improvements. In ordinary correspondence, so long as an occasional word is plainly written, the compositor can reproduce at least the intention of the writer, but in a list of names where accuracy is required, much time and trouble might be avoided by care in writing the notices.

Mr. W. H. Norris left on Thursday for Vernon.

Mrs. Thompson left for Fairview on Wednesday, She is expected to return to Midway to-morrow.

J. H. Featherston, C. E., of Vancouver, came in on Friday's stage. He is thinking of locating at Greenwood.

Another sawmill, the owner of which is from Montana, is to be brought into the country and erected at Anaconda. Anaconda is going ahead at a great rate.

Grand Forks is anxious to arrange a football match with Midway. A good team could easily be got together at either place, and some move should be made in the matter.

Manley & Averill commence this week to run a daily stage between the Forks and Midway. It is expected that the traffic will almost at once warrant this change.

Both Mr. Guess of Greenwood and Mr. Gibbs of Anaconda are letting the world know that they follow the business of assaying, huge signs adorning the front of their offices.

Lost, near Midway on the 1st inst., one diorite belt, in a fair state of preservation. The finder will be suitably rewarded on delivering to H. Munroe or R. Stewart, or on leaving belt at the Midway postoffice.

The roads are in a miserable condition between Boundary Falls and Greenwood. Now is the time when a large gang of men should be put to work, instead of the usual practice of delay until the summer is well advanced.

Any person finding a monacle will be suitably rewarded on leaving same at this office intact. The glaws was inadvertently dropped on the football field while the owner was rebounding from a vigorous charge on Mr. Frank Coryell.

If arrests continue to be made at the present rate, it will soon be necessary either to add to the size of the Midway lock-up, or to have a weekly escort to take prisoners to Kamloops. The Midway jail has now three inmates, which are about as many as it will conveniently hold.

The following are the arrivals at the Boundary hotel during the past week: E. S. Graham, S. Drake, Spokane; J. C. Haas, M. Bonell, Greenwood; D. Gilmore, Ralph White, Trail; B. H. Cuchsing Myer's Creek; J. H. Finke, San Francisco; W. J. Harber, Vernon; H. D. Lovering, Chilliwack; J. H. McBride, Oroville, Wash.; J. A. Elliott, Grand Forks; H. F. Hale, Camp Lincoln; R. H. Smith, Montreal; J. H. Featherston, Vancouver; D.E.Smyth, Georgetown, Minn.

It is proposed that the establishment of a nursery garden in the Kettle river valley, would be not only a lucrative investment to anyone sufficiently enterprising to undertake the experiment, but a decided benefit to the farming community in this district. We make the suggestion in the hope that some of the large nurserymen on the coast, Mr. Hutcherson of the Jubilee Farm, for instance, will consider the advisability of establishing a branch business here.

MR. GRAHAM AND THE C. AND W. R.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR: I have forwarded a copy of the enclosed letter to the Vernon News, and it is self-explanatory, it needs no further comment.

"I notice by your report of the mission of the delegates from Vernon, re Columbia & Western R'y, that 'I was so disheartened by the attitude which most of the members assumed the bill, that I hinted to one of the Vernon contingent that they might as well return, adding that as far as I could see, they would only receive one vote in the House in support of their views, and that vote would be my own.'"

"I do not suppose that there is any intention to mislead the public in this matter, but still that is the effect which the article in question would have. I did make use of the expression stated, (to Mr. Ellison) but it was with reference to the proposition of the delegates that the railway must be completed in two years, and a cash guarantee put up with the Government by the Company for the completion of the same within the time specified. I knew how the members of the House regarded this proposition, and I still believe that had the delegates adhered to it the vote would have been just as I stated. In the conversation mentioned, I went further and said that, in my belief, if the delegates were determined to adhere to their proposition, they would do harm instead of good, as the whole House was opposed to it, and that we should thus lose the opportunity of imposing more favorable terms upon the Company, which, I considered, we still had a chance of doing, if a more reasonable proposition was advanced."

"Furthermore, and I do not wish to detract from the efforts and success of the delegates in the slightest degree, as those gentlemen certainly worked hard, and succeeded in arousing a good deal of interest in this matter, more than there was any hope of arousing without their assistance, still I wish to point out that the charter granted, is now in exactly the same condition in which it stood before the arrival of the delegates in Victoria." Yours etc.,

DONALD GRAHAM.

MINING NOTES.

A quartz location was made last week by R. G. Sidley near the line. The showing is good.

Joe Shuster located last week a very promising claim on the American side of the line near Nine Mile creek.

A claim named the Will o' the Wisp, on Ingram mountain, was located at the dead of night on Monday last by J. McNicol and J. C. Haas.

A large body of ore has been found to exist on the Primrose in Deadwood camp. The claim is likely, in every sense, to prove the equal of the Mother Lode.

The hanging wall has at last been found on the Gold Drop claim in Greenwood camp, and the ledge is thus shown to be 120 feet wide. Comment is superfluous.

Mr. Turner has obtained an option of a half interest in the Jewel, Long Lake camp—one partner not wishing to sell. The Jewel is one of the most promising claims in that section of the camp.

Mr. Graham, the owner of the Texas claim on Ingrim mountain, arrived from Spokane last week and is stopping at the Boundary hotel. He intends doing considerable development work on his claims this summer.

Development work is to be done on the Magnet, a claim to the north of the Roderick Dhu in Long Lake camp, owned by Joe Franks and S. Bennerman. It is understood that an option has been given on the property.

P. Helstaub and S. Bennerman are doing assessment work on a claim up the West Fork of Kettle river. The ore in that locality resembles closely that found in Greenwood. It however carries less gold and more silver.

The claim on Kruger mountain located by Dick Boeing and Jim Anderson has now a capital showing of ore, containing tellurium and free gold in large quantities. The claim has the advantage of being on a precipitous side hill, development is therefore less difficult.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending April 9.

2. Cosmopolitan, Smith's camp, John Thompson.
4. Grizzly Bear, Deadwood camp, Dan Steward.
4. Miners' Delight, Grand Prairie, George Amett.
4. Anodyne, Grand Prairie, T. J. Sullivan and L. R. Chase.
4. Berlin, Grand Prairie, L. R. Chase and John Hammer.
4. Barbara, Skylark camp, G. A. Rendell.
7. Hawk Eye, Brown's camp, D. W. Dillon.
7. Minnie, Brown's camp, D. W. Dillon.
7. Copper Reef, Brown's camp, C. M. Tobiassen.
7. Capital, Brown's camp, C. M. Tobiassen.
9. Outburst, Grand Prairie, Wyley Glover.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

6. Sylvia, W. H. Coveat.
6. Hecla, James McNicol.
8. Trilby, W. H. Norris and Randolph Stuart.
9. Boundary Falls, J. J. Winters.

TRANSFERS

4. Double Eagle, ⅓ interest, Richard McCarren to R. C. Johnston.
4. Echo, ⅓ interest, A. Shannon and Julias Brandt to H. L. Moody.
3. Mary L, ⅓ interest, A. Shannon and Julius Brandt to H. L. Moody.
4. Helen, ¼ interest, Joseph Wallace to Margaret J. M. Wood.
7. Last Chance, Grand Prairie, all interest, S. Sanford to W. W. Whitbeck.
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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.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the public school report for the month ending March the 31st.

Fourth class, Maximum marks, 1050. Jessie Murray, 1032; Eddie Melville, 905; Willie Melville, 881; Fred. Wilkins, 337.

Second class, maximum marks, 950. Senior division, Willie Murray, 755. Junior division, Walter Melville, 927; Walter Murray, 826; Harry Palmerston, 778; Theodore Kruger, 765; A. Kruger, 289.

2nd Primer class, Maximum marks 650. John Thornton, 567; George Murray, 501.

1st Primer class, Maximum marks, 500. Colin Palmerston, 440.

Chart class. Maximum marks, 450. Caroline Lunn, 284.

A. M. LEWES, Teacher,

THE BOUNDARY LINE.

Now that the dispute as to the true location of the international boundary is again likely to become an important issue between the governments of the United States and Canada, an excerpt from Mr. C. De B. Green's report to the Surveyor-General is, at this juncture important:

To T. Kains, Esq., Surveyor-General, Victoria, B.C.

SIR: I have the honor to report that according to instructions I have made an examination of the international boundary line. * * * For six miles eastward of Osoyoos Lake the line is hard to find From this point eastward I found two parallel lines, equally well cut, about 100 yards apart apparently run at about the same time. The monuments upon the north line are pulled down very completely, and those on the south line which are pyramids of stone about 5 feet high are standing in good shape. * * * From Myers creek to Grand Prairie line is hard to find, not cut in some of the valleys at all, an air line having been in many places run from peak to peak, on such places the monuments are set.

As far as Boundary creek, the monuments continue to stand up on the south line and to be in ruins on the north line, but at Boundary creek there are monuments on both lines standing. At a point some two miles west of White's camp between Boundary creek and Grand Prairie, there is a cutting at right angles connecting the two lines, and from here east the monuments are in ruins on the south line and standing on the north line.

C. DE B. GREEN, P. L. S.

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FRANK AND FREE.

Or, the Confessions of a Journalist.

One of the most entertaining bits of autobiography we have ever read is the following account of his professional life, with its disappointments and rewards, by a western editor:

Been asked to drink	11,262
Drank	11,262
Requested to retract	416
Did retract	416
Invited to parties and receptions by persons fishing for puffs	3,333
Took the hint	33
Didn't take the hint	3,500
Threatened to be whipped	170
Been whipped	0
Whipped the othe fellow	4
Didn't come to time	166
Been promised whiskey, etc. if I would go after them	5,610
Went after them	5,610
Been asked, 'What's the news?'	500,000
Told	23
Didn't know	200,000
Lied about it	99,977
Been to church	2
Changed politics	33
Expect to change still	50
Gave to charity	5
Gave for terrier dog	25
Cash on hand	1

NECESSITY FOR AN INSPECTOR.

Commenting on the recent mine accident at Rossland the Province says: "The disregard for their own lives, and unfortunately for those of others, which is occasionally found to exist among miners is positively unaccountable unless it be upon the plea that habit becomes second nature. Imagine anything more frightfully dangerous than handling sticks of giant powder with a lighted candle, for that was practically what was done in the Centre Star Mine, and to judge from the verdict is a usual practice elsewhere for it is described a "custom common among miners." It is to be hoped that effect will be immediately given to the jury's recommendation 'that an Inspector of Mines be appointed for the mines of British Columbia.'"

NOBLE FIVE BONDED.

It is current rumor that the Noble Five, in Slocan district, have been bonded to, or that an option has been obtained on them by C. F. Law in the interest of a Toronto syndicate, made up of Gooderhams, the distillers, Blackstone, the noted lawyer, and others. The price of the bond or option is said to be $550,000. Mr. Law left Nelson this week for Toronto.—Tribune.

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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.

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 23, and south-west quarter and south half of north-west quarter of Section 33, in Township 70, 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.

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.

TAX NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax, Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

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.

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C. A. R. LAMBLY,
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