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THE HORSEFLY COUNTRY.

Official Report of the Department of Mines.

Such general and widespread interest has been shown in the reports of the recent discovery of new placer fields in this portion of the famous old Cariboo District, and the demand for reliable information has been so great, that the Provincial Mineralogist set on foot enquiries, and, as the result of communications from the Gold Commissioners and Mining Recorders of the district, together with interviews with mining men and others from that section, he begs to submit the following as a digest of such information as has been received by the department up to date :—

The news of these discoveries become public property only during November last, after the open season was over. It is as yet, therefore, rather lacking in detail, and is obtained from returning prospectors, who seem to have confidence in the discoveries, and who, having lived in a placer district and seen practical operations, ought to be able to view the ground from a thoroughly practically standpoint.

The ground in question may be roughly described as lying round the head waters of the Horsefly river, and along the western slope of the range dividing the watershed of this river from the watershed of the Clearwater.

The following description of the property is believed to be reliable, and is given by one of the parties of prospectors which has just returned to Ashcroft:—

ASHCROFT, B. C., 25th Nov., 1901.

The Honorable
"The Acting Minister of Mines,
"Victoria, B. C.

"SIR,—The discovery was made by two prospectors, Alexander Sim and Jas. Craddock, who left for the Horsefly river on a prospecting tour about the 1st June, 1901. From Ward's camp, on the Horsefly river (just above Harper's camp), they prospected very carefully, going up all the creeks, etc., emptying into the main river. On none of the streams emptying into the river on the north side did they find any gold. On the McKinley branch and on Crooked river, on the south side, they got good prospects, though not such as to warrant them in stopping there. They therefore continued up stream till they reached the main North fork, which they followed up, but found nothing. Returning, they then went up the South fork, with very encouraging results, so much so as to induce them to apply for a lease of one-half mile each, from the mouth of Campbell creek, upstream. They then went on upstream (getting good prospects all the way from the Forks) until they reached Eureka creek, where they each located a claim, in company with four others (Campbell and partners). As their provisions were running short they had very little time to prospect the ground, but hurriedly improvised a sluice box by felling a tree, splitting it in two, and hollowing it out with an axe to about three inches deep by eight inches wide. They then started shovelling in the dirt, and as a result, for the actual time shovelling in, they cleaned up at the rate of $25 per day to the man in rough, course gold of about the size of flaxseed. In addition to this, a lot of the gold must have escaped, owing to the crude manner of working, as on panning out the tailings afterwards they got several colors in each pan, and a lot of gold was visible in the indentures made by the axe in hollowing out their rough sluice box, in which they had only placed six riffles. After prospecting their claims, with the same result apparently all over them, they feel confident that there is a heavy run of gold all through the property, and believe the claims above and below them are just as rich.

"Some of the gold recovered contains quartz, and Fraser creek, where some prospecting has been done, is full of float quartz; indeed, from the indications in it and other creeks in the vicinity, there may be an immense body of quartz in the mountains in which all these creeks take their rise, and some good paying veins may be discovered there next year, as such are evidently the source of supply to the neighboring creeks and the whole Horsefly river. The country round Fraser creek has, apparently, never been prospected before, as no sign of a white man can be found there.

"The diggings are very shallow on Eureka, Empire and Fraser creeks, not being much more than two or three feet deep, and being what are termed 'poor men's diggings.' Further down the river the propositions are mostly of a hydraulic character, and require capital to develop them. From seven miles above the Forks to within half a mile of Eureka creek, there is a bottom of from a quarter to a half mile wide, in which there is hardly any fall to the river, and from here down to the forks there is a fall of about three feet to the hundred. Eureka creek is about eight to ten miles long. Empire creek, which is a tributary of Eureka creek, and empties into it about 750 yards from its junction with the South fork of Horsefly, is about one and a half miles long, and at the upper end descends very rapidly from the mountains. Fraser creek is about the same length as Eureka, and, although not prospected as much as the latter, is considered just as rich. All these creeks take their rise from a high range of mountains, about 6,000 feet high, which appears to be the dividing line between the Horsefly and Clearwater rivers. There is a large tract of country lying to the north, south and east of the new discovery that has never been prospected yet, and has probably never even been traversed by either Indians or whites. About 1,000 feet above the Forks, as well as on the South fork, Messrs. Barrett & Druker have been working last summer with very good results on a number of leases (7) purchased by them. The leases run up river three and a half miles, and Lucas has a lease of one-half mile adjoining them at the upper end, while above this again Sim & Craddock have two leases (1 mile), while next to these are four leases of one-half mile each, all of which are considered to be good property. Immediately below the Forks R. T. Ward & Co., of Horsefly, have made application for two 80-acre bench leases. There are several good roads leading into Harper's camp on the Horsefly river, which are accessible at any time of the year. Parties travelling up the Cariboo Road, with pack horses or on foot, will find the best and shortest route by the 108-Mile Road. Another road branches off at the 111-Mile Post and connects with the first mentioned one a few miles out. Another route, and the best for a team to travel, is by way of the 115-Mile Post. From the 150-Mile Post there is also a very good waggon road to Harper's camp, and from there on to Quesnel Forks, near which are situated the celebrated Cariboo Hydraulic Co.'s mines. From Harper's camp there are two ways of getting to the new discovery: one is by a trail which runs parallel with the Horsefly river to the Forks; thence across the North fork near the junction, where there is a good ford, and on up the South fork to Eureka. The alternative route is from Harper's camp to the landing on the lower end of Horsefly lake; thence up the lake to the upper landing, and from here across the pass to the forks of Horsefly river. The following table of distances is very nearly correct, as far as can be ascertained, viz.:—

"Ashcroft to Harper's camp: Ashcroft to 108-Mile House 93 miles; 108-Mile House to Harper's camp 48 miles; total 141 miles. Via 111-Mile House and 115-Mile House practically same as via 108-Mile House.

"From Harper's camp to Eureka creek: By trail up Horsefly river, Harper's camp to forks of Horsefly 50 miles; Forks to Eureka creek 13 miles, total 63 miles. By Horsefly lake, Harper's camp to Horsefly lake six miles; on Horsefly lake (boat or ice) 30 miles; upper end Horsefly lake to forks 12 miles; Forks to Eureka creek 13 miles; total 61 miles.

"The trail by way of Horsefly river to Black creek is very fair and with a little work, cutting out brush, could be made a good trail. From there on it runs through timber (spruce and pine) and quite a lot of small brush, with plenty of fallen timber, which makes it very hard to get through with horses. It was originally cut through to a point four miles above the Forks. The last four miles of it are very bad, running alternately over little hills and through low, swampy places in which horses mire down, although they have been taken through on this trail to within eight miles of Eureka creek. A good trail, and not expensive to build and with easy grade, could be made by crossing over the South fork of the Horsefly, at the Forks, and following it up on the south side to Eureka creek. There is good feed (and water) on the trail from the 108 Mile House to Black creek, but from there until the slide is reached (about five miles below the Forks) it is scarce, although sufficient can be got to take pack horses in with their loads and send them out again. The country abounds with game, cariboo and deer being very plentiful, while the Horsefly lake is teeming with beautiful trout, some being caught of over twenty pounds weight. At Harper's camp are two hotels, post office, etc. About eight miles above, on the river, is Mr. Patenaude's farm. There are a few settlers further up the river, who do a little farming during the summer and find it profitable to do a little trapping during the winter season.

"There is a report that a mining engineer, named Thomas Drummond, who has been exploring on the east side of the divide, between Horsefly and Clearwater, has made a very rich find over there,

"I have etc.,
"JOSEPH WM. BURR,'
Mining Recorder, etc.,

From other sources it is learned that Mr. Drummond has taken up some leases on the Niagara river, which flows into the east end of Quesnel lake, and it is reported that the prospects obtained on these are very satisfactory.

Mr. John Bowron, Gold Commissioner, forwards the following letter from Robt. Campbell (late Road Superintendent), with the endorsement that he believes it to contain reliable information, as Mr. Campbell, being a practical placer miner, knows whereof he speaks :—

"DEAR SIR,—I give you herein a brief sketch of what we found on the Upper Horsefly. You know that I, with L. S. M. Barrett and Mr. Druker, spent from June 1st until the middle of August in prospecting the leases held by myself and associates. The results were very satisfactory to the parties investing, as on every lease we obtained course, heavy gold in paying quantities, and I am assured this mail by Mr. Barrett that he will put on a $60,000 plant early in the spring. About October 1st I, in company with J. Stirky, B. Slim, J. Craddock and Fred Tasse, made a trip up to the head of the South fork and, after five days' search, found gold in paying quantities on the creek now known as Eureka. This creek is about 70 miles from Harpers's and ten miles from where Barrett was working. The formation on the south fork and its tributaries resembles the formation about Barkerville very much, consisting of slate and quartz, with more float qurrtz than up your way; then the blue dirt is also identical and is highly impregnated with iron. On the main south fork I sunk a shaft through this blue dirt, which was 23 feet in depth. Gold was panned out of the gravel underneath, but we did not get to bed rock, and water finally drove us out. I am sorry to see such excitement about this at present, because we had not time to thoroughly prospect it; but one thing is certain, good diggings, easy to work, are going to be struck during the coming summer. Our ground on Eureka creek will pay at least one ounce a day per man, and I cannot see but that there should be more and better creeks. The gold is heavy, though not very course, $1.25 being the largest piece obtained. I enclose a rough sketch of the country, showing the two routes taken to the upper river. Some money is badly needed to open up a trail in the early spring, as it is extremely hard country to get about in. We shall take our supplies up in February, over the ice and up the lake. The altitude is somewhere about 4,500 feet, snow remaining on the peaks all the summer, and we were on twenty feet of old snow the day we got gold on Eureka creek. The timber is fir, spruce and balsam, and will make excellent lumber. I think there will be a good camp there in the course of a year, although many (and all who go in now) will be disappointed."

The Snowshoe.

The management of the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines, limited, operating the Snowshoe group in Phoenix camp, has decided to sink a main two compartment working shaft, which will at once be put down to a depth of 300 feet. The property has heretofore been worked through the original incline prospecting shaft, and through the Railway tunnel, so called because the ore on that part of the property was exposed by the railway graders, when the Phoenix branch of the Columbia & Western line was built. Engineer Bannantyne of the mine staff is now making surveys to decide the exact location of the new shaft, the old incline shaft will be used as a manway for the pumps and for air to run the drills.

It is expected that the new 15-drill compressor being manufactured by the Jenckes Machine company will be completed and delivered in the course of two months, which will give the management all the power needed for a long time to come. It has been decided to give up wood as fuel, and hereafter coal will be used for this purpose.

For some time past this mine has been making occasional shipments of ore, latterly to the Greenwood smelter, but since the drop in copper the two machines used in stoping have been laid off, and no more ore will be shipped for the present except that encountered in the course of development. Half a dozen cars were sent out last week.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1902.

Several complaints have been made recently regarding the use of obscene and profane language upon the streets of Midway. If a man wants to go and fill himself up with "booze," it is his own business, providing he keeps off the streets, but when he goes around the town using all kinds of language it is the public's business, and unless more discretion is exercised by certain individuals, in future, it will be necessary to ask the provincial police to take the matter in hand and see that the public are not submitted to listening to such vile language as is indulged in by certain men, regardless of their surroundings. The scene at the C. P. R. depot one day last week was certainly a disgrace to the town, and if repeated will certainly not be allowed to pass without a complaint being made to the proper authorities and the actors justly dealt with. We are speaking on behalf of a large number of residents, who strongly disprove of such conduct as we here refer to, and who, with ourselves, trust that this warning will be sufficient to suppress this evil and thus save the displeasure of notifying the police.

At a public meeting held at Camp McKinney a short time ago for the purpose of considering the best means of improving the present postal arrangements, the following resolutions were passed :—

"Whereas serious inconvenience and loss has been caused to the residents of Camp McKinney and surrounding settlements by the discontinuance of direct mail service from this point to Fairview and Penticton, which entails a delay of two weeks in receiving a reply from Fairview, only 28 miles distant, because of the circuitous route via Revelstoke now employed.

"And whereas there are Government offices at Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, McKinney, Fairview, Keremeos and Princeton, necessitating a certain amount of travel and a considerable volume of correspondence between these points :

And whereas the people of Princeton and the upper Similkameen valley are at present agitating for a tri-weekly mail service, which we understand the Post Office Department has contemplated giving them via Sicamous and Penticton :

"And whereas the upper Similkameen valley is being developed largely by the enterprise of capitalists, resident at Nelson, Rossland and various points in the Boundary country, who would be greatly benefitted by a direct mail route from Rossland to Princeton and whose correspondence and traffic would constitute a considerable portion of the volume of business for a tri-weekly service to Princeton.

"Therefore it is resolved that this meeting ask the Post Office Department to establish a through service by tri-weekly service by tri-weekly stage from Midway to Princeton via Camp McKinney, Fairview and Keremeos connecting at Fairview with Penticton and other points in the upper Okanagan and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Post Office Inspector for this district and to W. A. Gallagher Esq., the representative for this district in the House of Commons."

The Postal department is coming in for a large share of justified criticism over its action in discontinuing the mail service between Fairview and Camp McKinney. For a long time a thrice-a-week mail service was in force between these two places, but some time ago the route was discontinued and to get a letter from Camp McKinney, and points east, to Fairview, it takes weeks, where it formerly took days. If Fairview were simply a little place of no importance, it would be absurd in the extreme to isolate it, as the government practically has by its action, but the Mining Recorder's office being situate at Fairview there is much correspondence between it and outside points, and should, therefore, be made in the old service, it should have been improved rather than made worse. Now that the attention of the Postal department has been drawn to the grave error it committed in discontinuing this mail route, it is hoped that the resolutions passed by the citizens of Camp McKinney will be acted upon and that a through service by tri-weekly stage from here to Princeton via Camp McKinney, Fairview and Keremeos, connecting at Fairview with Penticton and other points, be granted.

Will substitute Oil for Coal.

Several Eastern smelters are making arrangements to substitute oil for coal in the smelting and refining of ores In California the Pacific Coast Smelting and Refining Works at Seal Bluff Landing has led in the use of oil as fuel, and the Mountain Copper Company's smelters at Keswick are using oil to a great extent.

The Lead and Zinc News says, referring to this subject:

"The substitution of oil as fuel in the smelters is the next step in cheapening the cost of reducing ores. Three tons of coal to one of ore has always been a heavy item of expense, so great that the smelters instead of being located in the mining fields proper have generally sought sites in the coal camps, as it was cheaper to haul the concentrated ore to the smelter than the coal to the ore beds.

"The question of fuel for mill and smelter purposes has been the greatest drawback to the development of the lead and zinc fields of Arkansas and Missouri, especially where there was a sore lack of transportation. Oil being 50 per cent cheaper than coal and much easier of transportation in quantities, owners of mines with small means can now see their way clear to undertake development work that heretofore they dared not because the cost and the haulage was a superlative obstacle."

Over the Hill.

"Traveler, what lies over the hill?
Traveler, tell to me;
I am only a child—from the window-sill
Over I cannot see."
"Child, there's a valley over there,
Pretty and wooded and shy.
And a little brook that says, 'Take care
Or I'll drown you by and by."
"And what comes next?" "A little town.
And a towering hill again;
More hills and valleys up and down,
And a river now and then."
"And what comes next? "A lonely moor
Without a beaten way;
And gray clouds sailing slow before
And wind that will not stay."
"And then?" „Dark rocks add yellow sand,
And a moaning sea beside."
"And then?" "More sea, more sea, more land,
And rivers deep and wide."
"And then?" "O, rock and mountain and vale.
Rivers and fields and men,
Over and over—a weary tale—
And round to your home again."
"And is that all? Have you told the best?"
"No neither the best nor the end.
On summer eves, away in the West,
You will see a stair ascend.
"Built of all colors of lovely stones,
A stair up into the sky,
Where no one is weary and no one moans
Or wants to be laid by."
"I will go." "But the steps are very steep:
If you would climb up there,
You must lie at the door as still as sleep
A very step of the stair."

—GEORGE MACDONALD.

It is only a question of a short time until that portion of the Coast-Kootenay Railway from Curlew to Midway will be constructed. This line would be now being built, but for the scarcity of laborers. When this road is built, most of the spur lines to the different mining camps will start from here, making this the railway centre of this district. With the advent of more railways into Midway the prices of real estate will advance, and the choice lots purchased and taken off the market. Show your good judgment by buying now. Midway property will make you rich. It is not a speculation, it is an investment.

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NOTICE.

BLACK PINE, BUSH RAT, BLUE BELL, BLACK JACK, HUB, FAR WEST, and LITTE BESSIE MINERAL CLAIMS,

Situate in Yuneman group of Summit camp, Similkameen river Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. DeBlois Green, as agent for Edward Bullock-Webster, free miner's certificate number B32637, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 17th day of July, 1901.

12c CHAS. DEB. GREEN.

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To D. McKay, Esq., of Keremeos, British Columbia.

Take notice that I have done on the "Valley View" mineral claim situate on the West side of Keremeos Creek in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, the work required by section 24 of the Mineral Act for the two years which expired on Oct. 24, 1900 and 1901 respectively, and have duly recorded the certificate of work :

And further take notice that if, at the expiration of 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Midway ADVANCE, you, a co-owner, fail to contribute your proportion of the expenditure required by said section 24 in respect of such work, namely $102.50 together with all the costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim shall become vested in me upon filing with the mining recorder of said mining division the notice and affidavit required by the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated this 1st day of January, 1901.

9re MALCOLM C. McAULAY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of Ronald T. Hodgson, late of Greenwood, B. C., deceased Intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, Chapter 187, that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Ronald T. Hodgson, are required on or before the 20th day of January, 1902., to send to the undersigned their names, addresses and descriptions, together with full particulars of their respective claims verified by statutory declaration—And all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

And further take notice that after the said 20th day of January, 1902, the administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the date of such distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1902.

McLEOD & BROWN
Solicitors for Administratrix.

Dr. R. Mathison,
—: DENTIST.
NADEN--FLOOD BLOCK - GREENWOOD.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

TRIUNE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in Yuneman group, Summit camp, Similkameen river, Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. deBlois Green, as agent for Edward Bullock-Webster free miner's certificate No. B32637 and for John Young free miner's certificate No. B40196 intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 17th day of July, 1901.

12c CHAS. deBLOIS GREEN.

Mineral Act, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice.

WARHORSE, KINGSTON, GRAND VIEW, METROPOLITAN AND KINGSTON FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where Located :—Camp Hedley.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles de Blois Green, as agent for Peter Scott, free miner's certificate No. B40133, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 30th day of August, 1901.

19c C. DEB. GREEN.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

PRINCETON MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where located :—Camp Hedley.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles deBlois Green, as agent for Peter Scott, free miner's certificate No. B40133, and for Richard D. Boring, free miners' certificate No. B39951, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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A Plucky Sheriff.

A despatch from Republic of last Monday's date says:— Four of the five prisoners who sawed their way to liberty Christmas morning have been recaptured. Two of them were taken by Sheriff Lowry, while they were in the act of holding up a saloon at Curlew. One prisoner was shot in the neck while resisting the sheriff.

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The sheriff heard that three of the prisoners were at Curlew; traced them to a saloon and walked in. As he entered he saw half a dozen men lined up against the rear wall of the saloon, while two of the jailbirds were going through their pockets.

The men were covered by a double barrelled shotgun in the hands of the third desperado, who stood outside the saloon and had poked the muzzle of the gun through a hole in the wall.

In searching the victims the prisoners had found a revolver, and one was holding it on the men while the other rifled their pockets.

The sheriff struck the robber a blow, knocking the revolver from his hand. As he stopped to pick it up the officer fired at him, the ball taking effect in his neck. The wound is not dangerous.

The robber on the outside then dropped his gun and fled as soon as the sheriff entered the saloon. Securing his two prisoners without further resistance the sheriff brought them back here. The fifth man is supposed to have gone to British Columbia.

Will not be Imposed upon.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The Express Telegram's special cable says: "The Express today says that letters from Canadians at the front who have joined Baden-Powell's constabulary show that there is great dissatisfaction among the men on account of Canadian Troops being split up, making them half English and half Canadian.

It was understood when Colonel Steele left Canada that he would command all of the 1,200 Canadians who went with him, but instead he was given command of "B" division only, one which had no Canadians in it. He was refused the Canadian troops that were in "A" division and soon after, the Colonel being ordered north, tendered his resignation rather than go away with unreliable recruits instead of his own reliable Canadians. One letter declares a storm is brewing and will come before long and either Colonel Steele and a good few of the Canadians will go back to Canada inside of six months or Colonel Steele will have his own way and get control over his men from Canada.

A Conscientious Man.

When the irrepressible J. T. Wilkinson, formerly of the Vancouver World was through here last week, he told The Leader that he has always made it a point when canvassing for the big city dailies throughout the country districts to advise those to whom he talked to support the local paper first, and then attend to the outside press. Mr. Wilkinson said that nobody can calculate the good a local newspaper does to a place. It lets the outside world know that there is such a town! It certainly gives the community that possesses it a standing that the newspaperless town cannot have. Indirectly it helps every man in the place to make known the fact that he wants to be known, namely, that such a place exists. No one man could hope to make this known so widely as a newspaper. Even a number of people writing ever so many letters could not accomplish half as much in a year as one issue of a newspaper could in a week. "Of course," said Mr. Wilkinson, "there are people in every community who will not support a newspaper: they will neither advertise in it, read it or have their printing done at its office. Fortunately, however, such people are not only few, but they are also anything but the leading citizens of the town. You couldn't get them to admit that the regular publication of the newspaper they refuse to support is actually doing them good in a business way in spite of themselves: but that is a fact very easily demonstrated. The more support that is given to the local newspaper the more it is able to do for the town where it is published. There is no worse thing for any town than the suspension of its local paper; it sounds so much like the bankruptcy of the community itself. In this age a town without a newspaper is dead to its opportunities. I always tell the people in the small towns to support their own local paper for every person in the place is interested in it, whether he thinks so or not."—Ladysmith Leader.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

The tonnage of ore shipped by the mines of the Boundary District during 1901, is as under:

	TONS
Old Ironsides and Knob Hill group	233,424
Mother Lode	89,034
B. C.	47,405
Sunset	802
Winnipeg	1,040
King Solomon	875
Snowshoe	1,731
No. 7	850
Jewel	350
Total	375,511

Shipments during 1900 totalled 97,741 tons, and during the year 1901, to December 31st, 375,511 tons, making an aggregate of 473,252 tons.

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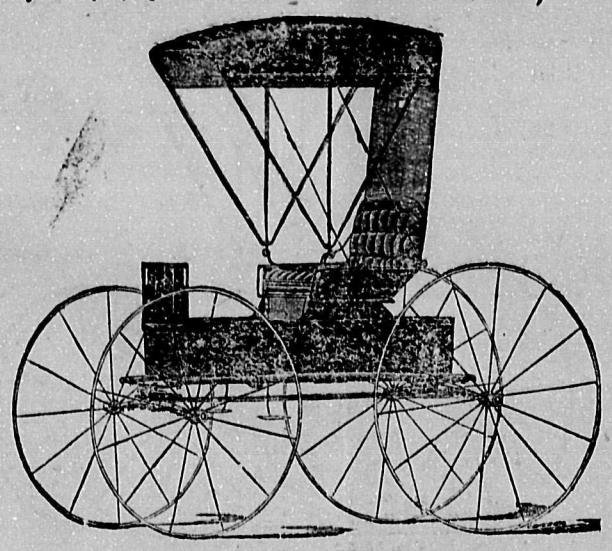

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MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1902.

Several complaints have been made recently regarding the use of obscene and profane language upon the streets of Midway. If a man wants to go and fill himself up with "booze,' it is his own business, providing he keeps off the streets, but when he goes around the town using all kinds of language it is the public's business, and unless more discretion is exercised by certain individuals, in future, it will be necessary to ask the provincial police to take the matter in hand and see that the public are not submitted to listening to such vile language as is indulged in by certain men, regardless of their surroundings. The scene at the C. P. R. depot one day last week was certainly a disgrace to the town, and if repeated will certainly not be allowed to pass without a complaint being made to the proper authorities and the actors justly dealt with. We are speaking on behalf of a large number of residents, who strongly disprove of such conduct as we here refer to, and who, with ourselves, trust that this warning will be sufficient to suppress this evil and thus save the displeasure of notifying the police.

At a public meeting held at Camp McKinney a short time ago for the purpose of considering the best means of improving the present postal arrangements, the following resolutions were passed :—

"Whereas serious inconvenience and loss has been caused to the residents of Camp McKinney and surrounding settlements by the discontinuance of direct mail service from this point to Fairview and Penticton, which entails a delay of two weeks in receiving a reply from Fairview, only 28 miles distant, because of the circuitous route via Revelstoke now employed.

"And whereas there are Government offices at Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, McKinney, Fairview, Keremeos and Princeton, necessitating a certain amount of travel and a considerable volume of correspondence between these points :

And whereas the people of Princeton and the upper Similkameen valley are at present agitating for a tri-weekly mail service, which we understand the Post Office Department has contemplated giving them via Sicamous and Penticton :

"And whereas the upper Similkameen valley is being developed largely by the enterprise of capitalists, resident at Nelson, Rossland and various points in the Boundary country, who would be greatly benefitted by a direct mail route from Rossland to Princeton and whose correspondence and traffic would constitute a considerable portion of the volume of business for a tri-weekly service to Princeton.

"Therefore it is resolved that this meeting ask the Post Office Department to establish a through service by tri-weekly service by tri-weekly stage from Midway to Princeton via Camp McKinney, Fairview and Keremeos connecting at Fairview with Penticton and other points in the upper Okanagan and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Post Office Inspector for this district and to W. A. Gallagher Esq., the representative for this district in the House of Commons."

The Postal department is coming in for a large share of justified criticism over its action in discontinuing the mail service between Fairview and Camp McKinney. For a long time a thrice-a-week mail service was in force between these two places, but some time ago the route was discontinued and to get a letter from Camp McKinney, and points east, to Fairview, it takes weeks, where it formerly took days. If Fairview were simply a little place of no importance, it would be absurd in the extreme to isolate it, as the government practically has by its action, but the Mining Recorder's office being situate at Fairview there is much correspondence between it and outside points, and should, therefore, be acted upon and that a through service by tri-weekly stage from here to Princeton via Camp McKinney, Fairview and Keremeos, connecting at Fairview with Penticton and other points, be granted.

Will substitute Oil for Coal.

Several Eastern smelters are making arrangements to substitute oil for coal, in the smelting and refining of ores In California the Pacific Coast Smelting and Refining Works at Seal Bluff Landing has led in the use of oil as fuel, and the Mountain Copper Company's smelters at Keswick are using oil to a great extent.

The Lead and Zinc News says, referring to this subject:

"The substitution of oil as fuel in the smelters is the next step in cheapening the cost of reducing ores. Three tons of coal to one of ore has always been a heavy item of expense, so great that the smelters instead of being located in the mining fields proper have generally sought sites in the coal camps, as it was cheaper to haul the concentrated ore to the smelter than the coal to the ore beds.

"The question of fuel for mill and smelter purposes has been the greatest drawback to the development of the lead and zinc fields of Arkansas and Missouri, especially where there was a sore lack of transportation. Oil being 50 per cent cheaper than coal and much easier of transportation in quantities, owners of mines with small means can now see their way clear to undertake development work that heretofore they dared not because the cost and the haulage was a superlative obstacle."

Over the Hill.

"Traveler, what lies over the hill?
Traveler, tell to me;
I am only a child—from the window-sill
Over I cannot see."

"Child, there's a valley over there,
Pretty and wooded and shy.
And a little brook that says, 'Take care
Or I'll drown you by and by."

"And what comes next?" "A little town,
And a towering hill again;
More hills and valleys up and down,
And a river now and then."

"And what comes next? "A lonely moor
Without a beaten way;
And gray clouds sailing slow before
And wind that will not stay."

"And then ?" „Dark rocks add yellow sand,
And a moaning sea beside."

"And then ?" "More sea, more sea, more land,
And rivers deep and wide."

"And then ?" "O, rock and mountain and vale.
Rivers and fields and men,
Over and over—a weary tale—
And round to your home again."

"And is that all? Have you told the best ?"

"No neither the best nor the end.
On summer eves, away in the West,
You will see a stair ascend.

"Built of all colors of lovely stones,
A stair up into the sky,
Where no one is weary and no one moans
Or wants to be laid by."

"I will go." "But the steps are very steep:
If you would climb up there,
You must lie at the door as still as sleep
A very step of the stair."

—GEORGE MACDONALD.

It is only a question of a short time until that portion of the Coast-Kootenay Railway from Curlew to Midway will be constructed. This line would be now being built, but for the scarcity of laborers. When this road is built, most of the spur lines to the different mining camps will start from here, making this the railway centre of this district. With the advent of more railways into Midway the prices of real estate will advance, and the choice lots purchased and taken off the market. Show your good judgment by buying now. Midway property will make you rich. It is not a speculation, it is an investment.

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NOTICE.

BLACK PINE, BUSH RAT, BLUE BELL, BLACK JACK, HUB, FAR WEST, and LITTE BESSIE MINERAL CLAIMS,

Situate in Yuneman group of Summit camp, Similkameen river Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. DeBlois Green, as agent for Edward Bullock-Webster, free miner's certificate number B32937, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 17th day of July, 1901.

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To D. McKay, Esq., of Keremeos, British Columbia.

Take notice that I have done on the "Valley View" mineral claim situate on the West side of Keremeos Creek in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, the work required by section 24 of the Mineral Act for the two years which expired on Oct. 24, 1900 and 1901 respectively, and have duly recorded the certificate of work :

And further take notice that if, at the expiration of 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Midway ADVANCE, you, a co-owner, fail to contribute your proportion of the expenditure required by said section 24 in respect of such work, namely $102.50 together with all the costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim shall become vested in me upon filing with the mining recorder of said mining division the notice and affidavit required by the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated this 1st day of January, 1901.

9re MALCOLM C. McAULAY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of Ronald T. Hodgson, late of Greenwood, B. C., deceased Intestate.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, Chapter 187, that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Ronald T. Hodgson, are required on or before the 20th day of January, 1902., to send to the undersigned their names, addresses and descriptions, together with full particulars of their respective claims verified by statutory declaration—And all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

And further take notice that after the said 20th day of January, 1902, the administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the date of such distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1902.

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Situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where Located :—Camp Hedley.

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Dated this 30th day of August, 1901.

19c C. DEB. GREEN.

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The Bodie.

William Hennessy, superintendent of the Bodie mine, on Toroda creek, states that the Bodie property is looking well and that all the indications are that it will make one of the leading mines of that section. Development work has been carried on steadily at the mine and the management has proved that there are large quantities of free milling gold ore on the property. In No. 2 tunnel a strike of considerable importance was made last month and the ore taken from that place averages from $17.60 to $41 per ton. The ledge is wide and a large ore body is at hand. Work is also being carried on in No. 3 tunnel, 75 feet lower than No. 2. The tunnel is now about 15 feet from the point where the vein is to be encountered. While development is going on at the Bodie several other claims in the camp are also being worked and they are showing up well for the surface work done. The principal claims are the Elk, Express, Myrtle and Rochester. On the Myrtle the men are now working to catch the Bodie vein. On the Elk a crew of men is also developing and a good showing has been made. The ore found in the camp is of a high grade. The first class grade goes between $20 and $27.

A Plucky Sheriff.

A despatch from Republic of last Monday's date says:— Four of the five prisoners who sawed their way to liberty Christmas morning have been recaptured. Two of them were taken by Sheriff Lowry, while they were in the act of holding up a saloon at Curlew. One prisoner was shot in the neck while resisting the sheriff.

The escape was made at an early hour Christmas morning. The jail is an old wooden structure. The men sawed through the ceiling of the big cell, having obtained a saw from some confederates on the outside. Then a hole was cut in the roof and the men were at liberty.

Sheriff Lowry and his force knew found at Wauconda and brought back Thursday.

The sheriff heard that three of the prisoners were at Curlew; traced them to a saloon and walked in. As he entered he saw half a dozen men lined up against the rear wall of the saloon, while two of the jailbirds were going through their pockets.

The men were covered by a double barrelled shotgun in the hands of the third desperado, who stood outside the saloon and had poked the muzzle of the gun through a hole in the wall.

In searching the victims the prisoners had found a revolver, and one was holding it on the men while the other rifled their pockets.

The sheriff struck the robber a blow, knocking the revolver from his hand. As he stopped to pick it up the officer fired at him, the ball taking effect in his neck. The wound is not dangerous.

The robber on the outside then dropped his gun and fled as soon as the sheriff entered the saloon. Securing his two prisoners without further resistance the sheriff brought them back here. The fifth man is supposed to have gone to British Columbia.

Will not be imposed upon.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The Evening Telegram's special cable says: "The Express today says that letters from Canadians at the front who have joined Baden-Powell's constabulary show that there is great dissatisfaction among the men on account of Canadian Troops being split up, making them half English and half Canadian.

It was understood when Colonel Steele left Canada that he would command all of the 1,200 Canadians who went with him, but instead he was given command of "B" division only, one which had no Canadians in it. He was refused the Canadian troops that were in "A" division and soon after, the Colonel being ordered north, tendered his resignation rather than go away with unreliable recruits instead of his own reliable Canadians. One letter declares a storm is brewing and will come before long and either Colonel Steele and a good few of the Canadians will go back to Canada inside of six months or Colonel Steele will have his own way and get control over his men from Canada.

A Conscientious Man.

When the irrepressible J. T. Wilkinson, formerly of the Vancouver World was through here last week, he told The Leader that he has always made it a point when canvassing for the big city dailies throughout the country districts to advise those to whom he talked to support the local paper first, and then attend to the outside press. Mr. Wilkinson said that nobody can calculate the good a local newspaper does to a place. It lets the outside world know that there is such a town! It certainly gives the community that possesses it a standing that the newspaperless town cannot have. Indirectly it helps every man in the place to make known the fact that he wants to be known, namely, that such a place exists. No one man could hope to make this known so widely as a newspaper. Even a number of people writing ever so many letters could not accomplish half as much in a year as one issue of a newspaper could in a week. "Of course," said Mr. Wilkinson, "there are people in every community who will not support a newspaper: they will neither advertise in it, read it or have their printing done at its office. Fortunately, however, such people are not only few, but they are also anything but the leading citizens of the town. You couldn't get them to admit that the regular publication of the newspaper they refuse to support is actually doing them good in a business way in spite of themselves; but that is a fact very easily demonstrated. The more support that is given to the local newspaper the more it is able to do for the town where it is published. There is no worse thing for any town than the suspension of its local paper; it sounds so much like the bankruptcy of the community itself. In this age a town without a newspaper is dead to its opportunities. I always tell the people in the small towns to support their own local paper for every person in the place is interested in it, whether he thinks so or not."—Ladysmith Leader.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

The tonnage of ore shipped by the mines of the Boundary District during 1901, is as under:

	TONS
Old Ironsides and Knob Hill group	233,424
Mother Lode	89,034
B. C.	47,405
Sunset	802
Winnipeg	1,040
King Solomon	875
Snowshoe	1,731
No. 7	850
Jewel	350
Total	375,511

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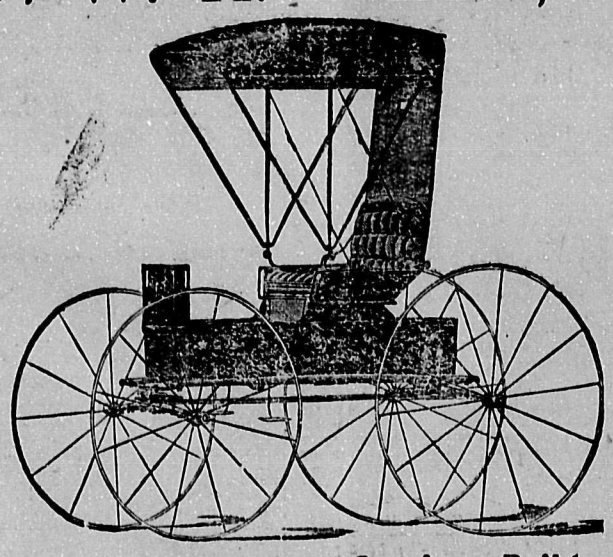

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WIII BUIID REFINERY

The Canadian Smelting Works will Construct one at Trail.

Trail, B. C., Dec. 30—Mr. W. H. Aldridge has returned from an extended eastern trip, and states that the Canadian Smelting works will proceed at once with the construction of a refinery at Trail of sufficient capacity to handle the present bullion output of the country. The plant will be to a certain extent, experimental, but as it is shown that sufficient bullion can be obtained to insure its becoming a commercial success, it will be enlarged and extended, or possibly another plant will be built at Nelson or on the coast.

Mr. Aldridge says that all of the metal markets have been most unsatisfactory to mines, smelters and refineries. The fall in lead and silver has affected the receipts of some of the Kootenay lead-silver mines to the extent of $600,000 annually, comparing the quotations for these metals in January with those at the present time. The smelters have also lost heavily, in buying and selling on a falling market, it requiring on an average of from four to five months for the smelters to realize upon metals purchased, from the time the ore has been bought from the mines.

The decline in metal prices since the beginning of the year has been approximately as follows:

Copper, from 17½ cents to 12½ cents per pound.

London lead from £18 to £10, and silver from 62 cents to 54 cents per ounce.

The railways and smelters are thoroughly alive to the situation, and while London lead is at present prices will join in making a reduction for the coming year in freight and treatment charges, on clean lead ores, of $4 per ton. The smelters are willing to reduce their charges, provided they can be relieved from the danger of incurring further losses due to decline in metals, and as it is generally conceded that the present prices of metals have nearly reached bottom, it would seem entirely fair to the mines to make the change at the mine. To accomplish this, it is proposed that preliminary settlements involving the payment of 90 per cent. of the proceeds will be made as soon as results are obtained at the smelter, the final settlement to be made on quotations for metals ninety days after the preliminary settlement. It is proposed to raise the zinc limit from ten to eight per cent., which would mean that on clean lead ores carrying forty per cent. lead and over, the totak reduction in freight and in treatment charges will be $4 per ton, while on ores containg over eight per cent. zinc the net reduction will be $800 per ton.

The above reductions in rates will not compensate the mines for their losses in the decline of metals from the first of the year to the present time, but as the quotations for London lead during the latter part of 1900 and the beginning of 1901 were abnormally high, it is hoped that the mines will find it in their interest to continue operations at these figures. The average price of London lead for a number of years has been between £12 and £13 sterling, and as a reduction of $4 per ton of ore is equivalent to $11 per ton of lead, assuming the ore to contain forty per cent. lead, and that the smelter pays for ninety per cent., this reduction of $4 would correspond to an increased price for lead in ore of £2 6s, making the present lead quotations on the basis of last year's rates, £12, 9s 2d.

Mr Aldridge says his company is spending large amounts of money in enlargements and improvements, and will continue to do so in spite of the present temporary depression in the metal markets, believing that there will shortly be an improvement in these prices, and that the production of the silver-lead properties of the country will get back to former figures.

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