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TWO LINES OF RAILWAY

Will Shortly Commence Construction From Here to the Coast—Dirt Will be Flying by the First of May.

It now seems more certain than ever that dirt will be flying by May 1st for the construction of two lines of railway from Midway to the coast. Among the passengers on Friday's train was Jas. H. Kennedy, of St. Thomas, Ont., and a party of surveyors, who will be engaged for some time in running the preliminary line of the V. V. & E. railway from Midway west. The party left on Saturday for a point about 15 miles west of here and will work towards Midway.

It is now the intention of Mann & Mackenzie to build the V. V. & E. whether the government subsidy be granted or not and it is a sure thing that, if they do, the C. P. R. will not be long behind them in commencing operations.

The western terminal of the Coast-Kootenay railway will be Vancouver. The route will extend through the valley of the Fraser river, scale the Hope mountains, traverse the Similkameen and Okanagan districts and a portion of the Boundary district. Considerable speculation is being indulged in respecting the eastern terminus of the road. Both Cascade and Midway, points in the Boundary district on the international frontier, have been mentioned as the probable terminal. It is obvious that the proposed railway will be useless unless it forms a connection with some other line in order to handle through traffic; that Jim Hill of the Great Northern has an understanding with Mann & Mackenzie is also apparent. The simple circumstances that the surveyors travelled west on passes issued by the Great Northern tells its own story; moreover Howard Hill, a member of the outfit is stated to be a relative of the president of the company.

Jim Hill's surveyors have already surveyed a line from Marcus, a point on the Spokane Falls & Northern, up the water grade of the Kettle river through the Colville reservation to Nelson, Wash., a point four and one half miles from Grand Forks. The survey also touches a point on the frontier, twelve miles east, at Cascade, B. C. If Jim Hill does not build further west than Cascade or Nelson the Mann & Mackenzie people will have to cross the divide between Boundary creek and Fourth of July creek, a feat that can not be accomplished without the expenditure of a large sum of money. Hill, however, would have no difficulty in extending his line further west from Nelson by following the water grade of the main Kettle river entirely through American territory to Midway, B. C. If Hill comes as far as Nelson, a point west of Cascade, it is evident that he will also extend south to Republic and other camps on the Reservation. The best engineering talent has expressed the opinion that the alternative route via the San Poil valley is impracticable owing to the cost.

Monument to Canadian Soldiers.

A Montreal press dispatch states that it has been decided to erect a monument in Montreal to cost $30,000 in memory of the Canadian soldiers, who went to fight for the empire in South Africa. Fifteen thousand dollars has been collected towards a monument to commemorate Lord Strathcona's patriotic action. His lordship, however, has written to Principal Peterson, of McGill, declining to have a monument erected to himself in his lifetime. He advises that the subscriptions be turned over to the Soldiers' Monument fund and this has been done.

Date of Prince's Visit.

It is learned from an official source that the visit to Ottawa of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Cornwall and York, will take place in the middle of September. An intimation to this effect, has, it is understood, been received at the vice-regal residence, Ottawa. The Duke and Duchess will visit Canada on their return from the ceremonies of the Australian confederation, and, after touring the Dominion, will go to Newfoundland, sailing from there for England about the middle of October.

Insurance Rates.

On account of the big fires in the east the insurance rates have been increased for the country as far west as Winnipeg. The question has been raised whether that would affect the rates in British Columbia, and in reference to the matter a prominent insurance man, who is considered an authority, has given the following information for the benefit of those who are interested in insurance rates in this province:

"The recent increase of fire insurance rates in the east will not be extended to British Columbia. On account of the greatly increased fire waste of recent years, this action of the companies has become necessary. It has also been made evident to them that the cause of these fires must be removed so far as possible and greater protection supplied. To accomplish the former a system of specific ratings has been adopted by them for the eastern cities, similar to that at present in use in British Columbia. Specific ratings are separate rates, published for each building, and made by an inspector after a personal and thorough inspection of each building, taking into consideration construction, occupancy, surroundings and condition of the building. The advantages in this system to the owners and companies alike can readily be seen. A well conditioned, constructed and protected building will enjoy a low rate of insurance, while one adjoining it, which is poorly constructed and in a littered and untidy condition, must pay for such deficiencies and neglect. The owner of the latter will want to know why his rate is so much higher than that of his neighbor, and upon learning the company's reasons will recognize the consistency of the difference and willingly correct the faults, so far as it may be possible, in order to obtain a lower rate. Thus much of the fire hazard is eliminated. The system formerly in use in the east has been to establish a rate for each of four classes of buildings in a city and apply such rate, regardless of the many deficiencies and causes from accumulation of combustible litter and rubbish frequently found in buildings."

TWO DAYS' SESSION

Of the Associated Boards of Trade Held in Greenwood on Friday and Saturday.

The third annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia opened Friday morning at Greenwood.

After the report of committee on credentials was received, C. Scott Galloway, of Greenwood, was elected president, and H. W. C. Jackson, of Rossland, was re-elected secretary. An adjournment was then made to allow the delegates an opportunity of visiting the Greenwood smelter.

Friday afternoon was taken up with business relating to the mining industry of the interior of British Columbia. The recommendation of the association, asking the Dominion government to bonus a lead refinery, received the unanimous support of the members.

The question of recommending a railway charter to tap the Fernie coal mining district by the Great Northern system was fully discussed. The principal speakers in favor of the charter were Messrs. Ross, Curtis and Bently, and Messrs. Goodeve, Oliver and Topping against. The delegates finally passed a resolution favoring the Hill charter by a vote of 31 to 5.

The following resolutions passed at the second annual convention were reaffirmed, viz: Placing the words "Boundary district" on government maps, platting city additions, government maps of occupied lands, a Supreme court judge for the interior, mining roads, city limits, lead industry redistribution of provincial representation immediately after the completion of the census, wagon roads and trails for the development of mining sections, the "open door" policy regarding railways, freight rates on farm products, and amendments to the Companies Act and Rivers and Streams Act.

In the evening the delegates were entertained by the local board to a banquet at the Windsor hotel.

Saturday Mr. Ross introduced a resolution recommending the granting of a charter to Robert Wood and others for a railway connecting the Columbia & Western with the Shuswap & Okanagan, which met the favor of the association and was endorsed. The proposed line will run from the present terminus of the C. & W. at Midway through the rich mining districts of the West Fork and main Kettle river and the agricultural region on Okanagan lake, tapping the Shuswap & Okanagan railway at Vernon. This line will prove beneficial to both the mining camps of Boundary and the agricultural districts along the Okanagan lake, as well as opening up the great mining regions of the West Fork and Kettle river, and also give the people of this district more direct rail communication with the coast centers of commerce.

ROCK CREEK PLACERS

A Company Has Been Formed to Search for the Yellow Metal.

TEN MILES OF ROCK CREEK

Have Been Acquired for Their Operations—Work Has Already Commenced.

The historic Rock creek placers are again being exploited. This time not in the manner of the early sixties when the first feverish prospectors cradled its sands in their search for the yellow metal, but by a system known as "booming." H. M. Keefer, mining broker, of this city, and C. W. Vedder, of Spokane, have formed the Rock creek Consolidated Placer Mining company, limited. The undertaking is capitalized for $7,500 in 300 shares of the par value of $25 per share. The first board of directors has the names of Mayor R. W. Jakes, M.D., ex-Mayor Robert Wood, P. P. Sharpe, A. E. Ashcroft, C.E., C. W. Vedder, H. M. Keefer and H. C. Shaw. Within a week over 200 shares were subscribed for locally and a force of men has started operations.

The company has acquired ten miles of creek digging leases along the course of Rock creek, from "Jolly Jack's bridge" to within a mile and a quarter of Rock Creek postoffice, at the junction of that stream with the Kettle river. Albert E. Ashcroft, C. E., who thoroughly examined the creek and knows its conditions says that the only previous attempt to reach bedrock was made at the mouth of the creek and about a mile up, here the ground was worked by a hydraulic plant. Since its discovery all the other bars and benches have been prospected by shafts and wooden pumps worked by water wheels. During the early sixties a large floating population of miners was supported by its gold, and since then many Chinamen and a few whites have made wages. While no estimate is obtainable bearing with accuracy on the amount of yellow metal secured since its discovery Rock creek is generally credited with from $250,000 upwards. Miners are apparently well satisfied that if bedrock could be reached and worked, coarse gold in abundance would be obtained. With this end in view it is proposed by the company to work the ground by "booming." Briefly this consists of constructing a dam at a suitable point in the canyon, having a gate so built that when the reservoir is full, the gate is automatically opened and closed again when the subsequent rush of water has passed. This process is continued for days or weeks, so long as it is necessary, the object being to completely scour the stream bed for some considerable distance below the dam, thus exposing bedrock which can then be cleaned as in ordinary placer mining. This system is in vogue in the placer mines of New Zealand and has been proved an unqualified success under conditions similar to those obtaining at Rock creek. Where the wash overlaying the bedrock is in the nature of a hard cement and the gold is flaky and fine, the system does not answer, but it is believed that what gold is on the bedrock is coarse, and the wash, even if deep, is such a character as to be moved by the process mentioned.

Aneroid readings show that the rise in the bed of Rock creek along the course of the proposed operations, averages rather more than 100 feet to the mile, the rise being less toward the mouth of the stream, and at the upper end of the property, being as much as three feet per 100 feet, or 150 feet per mile. The sides of the gorge or canyon are steep for the whole distance and in most places extremely precipitous. The channel varies in width from 40 to 300 feet. The ground to be operated, comprising 10 miles of the creek, is divided into half-mile leases.

At a point about six and a half miles above the commencement is the only existent placer claim, owned by Andy Donohue, a pioneer placer miner of California and Australia. He has worked for years practically the whole of White's bar, 700x100 feet. It has afforded him in his old age, for he is nearing the 70's, a means of livelihood suitable to his tastes. The company may acquire this claim.

The scheme seems to be practicable when such well known mining men as Frederick Keffer, M. E., Paul Johnson, E. M., George H. Collins and others were not slow to appreciate the possibilities of recovering the gold of Rock creek by the method proposed and which is now being carried into execution.—Greenwood Times.

Twenty men are now at work on the Nickel Plate, in the Similkameen country. New machinery is also being installed for better development of the mine.

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The Dominion Government proposes to guarantee five-eighteenths on £2,000,000 towards the cost of laying a cable between Canada and Australia.

It is very satisfactory to know that in the course of a few days the members of the Chinese Commission will leave Ottawa for the coast to begin the investigations, which has been entrusted to them.

Mining men will be interested in the announcement which has just been made that the Provincial Government has determined to increase the size of placer claims to 250 feet square. A great deal of the provisions of the old act emanated from Atlin and other northern districts and this will now be removed.

The Provincial Government has pledged itself to support the Coast-Kootenay Railway and a party of surveyors are already in the field for the purpose of making the survey for this line. This certainly looks as if the V. V. & E. would be built at no late date for Mann & Mackenzie have promised that, if the Dominion and Provincial subsidy be granted, 100 miles of the road will be built before the end of the year. It is almost a certainty that if the V. V. & E. commences to build that the C. P. R. will be forced to extend its line from here to the coast, because that corporation will never allow any other road to have a monopoly of all the traffic between here and the coast.

Verdi's will contains one curious item. The residuary legatee is his niece, Maria Verdi, who is married to Signor Carrara. To the infant asylums and the hospital for the blind at Genoa he bequeaths £4,000. Large sums are also left to the charitable institutions and to the poor of his native village, Roncole, and also to those of Busseto, where he lived for many years. Then comes the following uncomfortable request: "In the dining room of my villa, St. Agata, will be found two large wooden boxes of great antiquity. I desire that neither shall be opened, but that both be burned immediately after my obsequies." What these mysterious boxes contained can be matter only for wildest conjecture. M.S.S. of unpublished operas is what the majority of the guessers are pronouncing.

The Federal Government after making a diligent enquiry into matters of establishing a branch of the Royal Mint of Canada, has, it is understood, decided to begin operations in connection therewith, so soon as the necessary preliminaries are arranged. Of course it will take some time to complete all the preliminaries, but nevertheless the fact remains that Canada is to have a mint. It will not, however, be located in the west as was at first supposed, but in all probability at Ottawa, it being the capital, where the paper money, postage stamps, inland revenue stamps, etc., are printed. People in this Province would like to have seen it established in British Columbia, but would much rather see it established at Ottawa than not to have it all, as a branch of the Imperial Mint will greatly benefit the entire Dominion.

A Government assay office is to be established at Vancouver, and it is most likely that W. Pellew-Harvey will be placed in charge. The Dominion assay office will be a distinct and entirely separate institution from the Provincial assay office now conducted by Mr. Harvey at Vancouver. This action of the Dominion Government is looked upon with satisfaction by all interested in the welfare of the Province, and had the Government taken this matter in hand a few years ago and established an assay office of the kind that is now going to be built, much of the gold that has been taken to San Francisco and Seattle by miners returning from the north would have been kept in the country. Miners who come back from the gold fields spend and invest much of their money in the places where they can sell their gold dust to advantage, so Vancouver should come in for a good share of the patronage of the miners, and the assay office should be an important factor in the building up of that city.

Discussing the methods and policies of Canadian railways, the Winnipeg Free Press says: "The methods of intimidation adopted by the railway companies are not always the same. In the far east one company threatens to take its business to a port in the United States if the Government does not agree to do what the company wants. The same company in the far west sets up a cry of danger to Canadian interests if any communication with the United States is opened up. These two positions are utterly inconsistent, except from the point of view of a railway company, which cares very little for consistency so long as the Kootenay country it will result in the building up of the city of Spokane, and the national spirit is appealed to prevent the consummation of a project fraught with so much injury to Canada. In the east we are told that the interests of one railway company imperatively require a change which will result in the building up of the city of Portland, in the state of Maine, and by another company that its policy may require it to assist in adding to the prosperity of the city of Boston. We think the railway companies should be told that they cannot play fast and loose with policy and logic in that way, and that they cannot trade on national sentiment to prevent access to the United States in one locality and trample on the same sentiment in order to reach United States territory in another locality. The Parliament of Canada must decide, on broad lines of policy, whether the trade and commerce of this country is to be built up by running a Chinese wall between us and the United States or by having free access to that territory and that market so far as railway communication is concerned. There cannot be one policy for the east and another for the west. By what logic can it be shown to be proper that Portland should be made the Atlantic port of the city of Montreal and one great railway, that could not make the other Portland the Pacific port for another great railway in the west?"

We notice in Eastern despatches that Dr. Horsey M. P. for North Gray, has introduced a bill at Ottawa with the object of making May 24th an annual public holiday in Canada. This is a good idea from several points of view—it being a very fitting tribute to her late Majesty to commemorate her glorious reign in this manner, and again from a practical side, a holiday at this time of the year is most desirable being conveniently situated between Easter holidays and Dominion Day. In speaking of this matter a correspondent to the Toronto Globe says:—"I think the most beneficent, the most enduring, memorial Canada can make to our Queen is to keep the 24th of May as her birthday it will always be, and what so calculated to inculcate and foster loyalty and imperialism in our nation from generation to generation than continuing to connect the life of Victoria with what has been to our farthest memory a day of rejoicing? After a long winter, which brings restrictions to all, privations to some, spring surrounds us with her genial influences: green woods, sunny fields and sparkling waters invite us to enjoyment. What a cold chill will fall upon our hearts if the next 24th of May brings us no holiday, no pouring fourth of young and old for the first day in the year of universal, honest, outdoor pleasure! For the first time in our lives no Queen's Birthday! In a long experience I have felt that morality and religion are more injured by the ever-increasing rush of work than is realized. Few comparatively now a days misuse a holiday. If the employees of labor object, let those employed and those who purchase the products of labor claim, not a new privilege, but one sanctioned by 63 years possession, nearly one-third of the period of our colonial history and half as long again as the duration of our confederated Dominion.

Ask our French brethren if they do not want the boon of a holiday on the 24th of May, ask Ontario, ask the west. Let them speak through their mouthpiece, the ubiquitous press; let the Provincial Legislature declare their wishes, and then surely our wise and patriotic Government will see its way to make what it is hard to bring ourselves to believe was only a transient good, a permanent blessing.

The Pacific Cable.

Hon. Wm. Mulock gives notice of the following resolution with respect to the Pacific cable: That whereas by the Pacific cable act of 1899 His Excellency in Council is authorized to guarantee payment of five eighteenths of the principal sum of £1,700,000 sterling, to be applied in establishing direct submarine telegraphic communication between Canada and Australia; and whereas, in lieu of said sum of £1,700,000, it is estimated that for the purpose aforesaid there will be required a sum not exceeding £2,000,000, which sum the Government of the United Kingdom is willing to advance; that the Governor in Council is authorized to guarantee payment of five-eighteenths of the principal and interest of and upon the securities to be issued by the Government of the United Kingdom for raising the said sum, namely, $2,000,000, to be advanced.

Recruits for South Africa.

The steamer Montford of the Elder-Dempster line has been chartered to convey the Canadian recruits for the South African constabulary to Cape Town, and will leave Halifax on March 15. Mr. Chamberlain has informed the Military Department that Capt. Ogilvy of the Canadian Infantry has been appointed to assist in recruiting the force. As in the case of Capt. Fall, the Dominion Government will advance his salary and travelling expenses while in the Dominion, to be afterwards refunded by the Imperial authorities.

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An Appeal.

[The editor of the South African News has been arrested at Cape Town for quoting a London paper containing a false and seditious libel against Lord Kitchener.]

Oh, Little England gentlemen,
Who sit at home at ease,
I'm writing with a painful pen,
From South Africa across the seas.
Our soldiers (as you hinted it)
Are steeped in every sin;
Yet when I went and printed it
They promptly ran me in.

I fancied I was pretty smart
In fabricating tales
That would distress the Irish heart
And raise the wrath of Wales.
But, friends, I must apologize;
The papers that you run,
For really quite stupendous lies,
Deserve—and take—the bun.

Ah, you can guess, dear friends, how much
We chortled when they came;
How all the dear, disloyal Dutch
Rejoiced to read the same
It's quite impossible to tell
Why peaceful they abide,
With such incentives to rebel
As weekly you provide.

Spare British Boers, a thought for me,
When sitting o'er your wine;
I groan beneath a tyranny;
A dreadful fate is mine.
For Kitchener—that man of blood—
Has shouted in my ear:
"Look here, young man, stop slinging mud;
I won't have libels here."

Yet I was quoting things that are
The "facts" you daily tell;
How we've "let loose in Africa"
Considerable hell.
Like you, I've only scattered mud,
And sworn a lie was true;
But, then, you have no man of blood
To play the deuce with you.

Ah, friends of Boers (as friends of Greece.)
You have a glorious past,
Although you're bound to keep the peace,
Your sympathies are vast,
And if you hate a lance or gun,
And loath the cannon's roar,
You yet can better any one
In faking up a war.

—B. Fletcher Robinson, in London Express.

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OCAL AND DISTRICT.

...scher is down from Beaverton.

...s Dale was down from Carmi ...ek.

.... Page, United States customs ...is in town to-day.

...ie Ingrim, of Myers creek, was ... one day last week.

...A. F. McCully left on Friday for ...'s visit with friends at Nakusp.

... Lilly Taylor, of Boundary Falls, ...visit to friends in Midway on ...

...e was a large crowd at Terry's ... Tuesday evening of last week ... King Kennedy.

... F. B. Boone went out to Nelson ...esday's train, where she will ...a few weeks with her daugher, ... L. Sawyer.

...sday and Friday's trains were ... hours late. The delays were ... by land slides on the line of the ...bia & Western.

... H. Kennedy, who is in charge ... V. V. & E. survey party from ...y west, came in on Friday's ...nd registered at the Crowell

... Iva Jakes left to-day for Van..., where she will train for a ...at St. Luke's Home and Hos...n that city. Her many friends ...lway wish her every success.

...yd Vaughan and W. E. McBoyle ...ed Saturday from Toroda creek, ... they have been looking over ... of their mining properties pre...ory to doing development work ...em so soon as spring opens.

...letter was received last week at ...nwood from W. S. Keith stating ...all the applicants from that town, ...he South African mounted police ...passed and that F. B. Smith had ... the most successful in the riding ...shooting examinations.

... Friday a telegram was received ...hos. McDonnell, from Jas. Kerr, ...ng that he and C. Æ. Shaw had ...ed safely in Vernon. Much ...ety had been felt for the past ... about these gentlemen. Some ...ago they started from Beaverton ...ate a route for a railway be... that point and Vernon. One of ...arty returned to Beaverton ten ...ago and as nothing had been ...d from Kerr and Shaw, a search ...y was sent out on Tuesday to ...te them.

...e third semi-annual meeting of the ...eers of the Boundary country was ... at H. Cameron's hotel, Camp Mc...ney, last Friday evening. Al...gh the members of the association ...mber about 50 only half that num... were present, owing to many of ...m being out of the district at the ...e, while others were prevented ...m attending through sickness. ...en new members joined the asso...tion. Some discussion took place ... to where the next meeting was to ...held, but it was finally decided to ...d it at Greenwood, as the last two ...ve been held in the western part of ...e district. The old officers were all ...elected. After the business had ...en disposed of a banquet was held ...d several hours were spent very en...yably in conversation.

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Ordered To South Africa.

...Captain Bertie H. O. Armstrong, R. ..., a son of Mr. C. N. Armstrong of ...ronto, who has for a number of ...ars been in charge of the fortifica...ns at Sierra Leone, on the west ...st of Africa, has just been ordered ...South Africa and placed in charge ...the work of construction of four ...w forts, designed for the better pro...tion of Cape Town. His brother, ...ptain Chas. J. Armstrong, who ...nt out to South Africa as a subal...n in the Montreal company of the ...yal Canadian Regiment, is also in ...uth Africa on the staff of Lieut-Col. ...ouard, Director of Imperial Mili...y Railways. Lieut.-Col. Gordon, ...merly D. O. C. at Montreal, is re...aining in South Africa, General ...tchener having required his ser...es, giving him command of an ...ange River Colony district. The ...lonel was in Cape Town, ready to ...ve for England with Strathcona's ...rse, when his new appointment—...e sought after by Imperial officers—...e given him.

The Whole Town in the Hands of a Receiver.

The entire town of Molson, Okanogan county, Wash., is at present enjoying the unique distinction of being in the hands of a receiver. Molson is a small town in the Okanogan mining district which is owned or claimed to be owned by one Geo. Mecham. And "there's the rub," for there are a number of people who do not believe that Molson is the lawful property of Mecham.

The occupancy of the town by J. D. Mitchell, as receiver, and a number of deputies under his orders is the sequel to the proceedings begun in Spokane on the 13th of this month. Happy & Hindman of Spokane and A. G. Neill of Chesaw represent the creditors of George Mecham. These attorneys in behalf of their clients on the 13th day of February, 1901, filed a petition of involuntary bankruptcy against George B. Mecham in the United States circuit court situated in Spokane.

The petition was granted by Judge Hanford, and J. D. Mitchell was subsequently appointed receiver. Upon receipt of the order from Judge Hanford appointing a receiver the Spokane attorneys telephoned word of the court's action to Mr. Mitchell, who proceeded to act out his part in the little drama. The affair has caused no end of excitement in Molson, as well as in the surrounding towns, and every detail is being paid the closest attention.

The Tuesday issue of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"Monday night, acting under an order of the court, which was telephoned in from Spokane, J. D. Mitchell, as receiver, accompanied by a host of deputies, swarmed down upon the unsuspecting town of Molson and proceeded to take charge of affairs and make an inventory of the liquors in saloons, the furniture of the buildings and closed up the Colville Reservation syndicate's offices. They also took charge of the Hotel Tonasket, one of the finest hotels in Okanogan country.

"The affair which precipitated the action is recited in the fact that George B. Mecham five months ago left for New York to organize a company for the purpose of raising money to develop the Poland China mine and also to grease the wheels for the further growth of Molson and its tributary mines. When Mr. Mecham left he was considerably in debt, and the petitioners set forth that it is their belief that Mecham does not intend to return, in spite of the authoritative statements given out by his agents at Molson that he had been successful in financial matters in the east and that his return would be a matter of but a short time.

"Ernest Peck, counsel for the Colville Reservation syndicate, of which Mr. Mecham is the controlling spirit, stated to-day to the Post-Intelligencer correspondent that he had not been officially informed of the proceedings yet, but that the case would be fought out in Spokane at an early date. The company intends to resist the charges made, and it is hinted that proceedings have been irregular on the part of the receiver so there is a prospect of a big legal fight to determine the equity of the case. Mr. Mecham is now on his way from New York to Molson."

W. W. Hindman, of the firm of Happy & Hindman, Spokane, when asked about the matter said: "We telephoned the information concerning the order of the court up to Mr. Mitchell, and I guess he did the rest. We have not heard from Molson directly, but from what we hear in a roundabout way everything seems to be going all right. Our firm, working in conjunction with A. G. Neill of Chesaw, represents three of the creditors. As this is a case of involuntary bankruptcy I do not know how many more creditors there are and I can't tell how long it will be before we will be ready for trial, as Mecham is not here and we don't know where he is."

Columbia River Bridge.

The work of construction on the C. P. R. bridge across the Columbia river below Robson, is progressing satisfactorily. The east and west abutments have been completed and piers No. 1 and 6, which adjoin these, have also been finished. The foundation for the pier upon which the pivot will be placed, being No. 4, has been completed to the level of the water. The caissons for piers Nos. 2 and 3 have been constructed and will be sunk into place with concrete within a few days. The masonry work is also getting along well. All the piles that will be required to complete the work have been delivered. These will be used chiefly in the construction of pier No. 5, and also for dolphin, to which a schooner will be anchored, from which the masonry of the deep water piers will be done. A new consignment of cement to be used at the bridge is now on the way from Vancouver.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, Forbes M. Kerby, as agent for the Highland Queen Consolidated Mining and Milling Co., Limited Liability, free miner's certificate No. B2922, 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 28th day of January, 1901.

14c FORBES M. KERBY.

MINERAL ACT 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice.

DOMINION MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale district. Where located :—Camp Fairview.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. de B. Green, as agent for the Dominion Consolidated Mines Co., free miner's certificate No. B30833, 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 September, 1900.

23c CHAS. DEB. GREEN.

Mineral Act. 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

CARMI AND B. A. (FRACTIONAL), MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District. Where located : Carmi Camp.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Forbes M. Kerby, as agent for E. H. Thruston, free miner's certificate No. 27621, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants 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 27th day of December, A. D. 1900.

10c FORBES M. KERBY.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice

ST. JOHN MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District. Where located : About seven miles above Beaverton on the west side of Beaver creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Forbes M. Kerby, as agent for Elmore Collier, free miner's certificate No. B29413, John O. Thompson, free miner's certificate No. B29655, and Walter Stirling, free miner's certificate No. B44661, 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 20th day of November, 1900.

6m. FORBES M. KERBY.

MINERAL ACT, 1896,

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

IDAHO AND WASHINGTON MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District. Where located : Beaver Creek Camp.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Forbes M. Kerby, as agent for The Boundary and Beaverton Mining Co., Limited, non personal liability, free miners certificate No. B49200, 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 29th day of November, 1900.

7c FORBES M. KERBY.

NOTICE

BIG BUG MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District. Where located : — Camp McKinney.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. H. Norris, for myself, free miner's certificate No. B8115, and as agent for A. Megraw, free miner's certificate No. C8293, and Mrs. I. M. Macdonald, free miner's certificate No. B29491, 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 29th day of August, 1900.

16c W. H. NORRIS.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

OCCIDENTAL MINERAL CLAIM.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, M. E. Sadler, as agent for H. T. Shelton, free miner's certificate No. B20337, intend, 60 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 31st day of August, 1900.

7c M. E. SADLER.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

HORSEFLY MINERAL CLAIM.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. deBlois Green, as agent for F. H. Wellaston, free miner's certificate No. B28,893, and C. H. Arundell, free miner's certificate No. B28,835, 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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