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IN NEW ZEALAND

The Progress Made in the Last Ten Years.

NOTABLE ADVANCE RECORDED

The Wealth of the Country Per Family Is the Highest in the World.

AN OBJECT LESSON FOR B. C.

During the ten years since the Radical party came into power the population of New Zealand has increased 19 per cent., the exports 40 per cent., and the bank deposits 60 per cent. The wealth of the country per family has increased from $5,700 to $7,400—a figure exceeded nowhere in the world. The increase in the colony's debt is large ($54,000,000, or $300 per family,) but the three quarters of it invested in railroads, land settlement, advances to settlers, etc., etc., not only pays interest on the bonds issued therefor, but yields a profit of $300,000 a year to help pay the interest on the remainder. Even the remaining debt is directly profitable, as nearly all of it was increased for new roads, bridges and public buildings, and for the purchase of native lands. There is no war debt whatever to depress industry. The gains of the decade have been exceptionally marked during the past five years of international prosperity, and most marked of all during the year just ended. During this year the government reduced railroad rates 6½ per cent. in pursuance of its policy to reduce these rates whenever the reduction could be made and the roads still net the government enough to pay the interest on their bonds, instead of causing a deficit, this cut in rates was followed by such an increase in traffic as to yield the government more than ever before. Further reductions were made in its customs duties, postal rates, etc., but all these combined, instead of causing the loss of $1,750,000 (which would have resulted had not business increased), caused—or were followed by—an increase in the government revenues amounting to $8,333,000. The widely circulated report that the premier had confessed that the colony was approaching financial embarrassment had nothing back of it, it seems, except his statement to a delegation that new bonds could not now be issued for new undertakings except at a higher rate of interest, because (and this, of course, was omitted from the Tory reports) the rates of interest in the London money market had been advanced by the loans to carry on the Boer war.—New York Outlook.

Naming Mining Claims.

What a peculiar and hetrogeneous mass of euphoneous names, and a world of history, both national and domestic, that go to make up the title of a large majority of the mining properties. The sweetheart left in the eastern states finds her name perpetuated by a large producer of the precious gold. A dear old mother's maiden name is not forgotten. Neither is the old village, the sister, the pet dog or cat, the little pony that carried the prospector in his childhood days. Incidents of the day, especially those of a local nature, largely enter into names for the locator to designate his new discovery. The Never Sweat was named after a man who never worked and therefore, "never sweat." "Wake Up Bill," the prominent Butte mine is another. Bill and his companion were camped on the hillside just north of Butte. They had prospected the ground the day before and the companion awoke early and continued his search, and on being successful aroused old Bill with the words, "Wake up, Bill. I have found it." So this is the way this famous copper mine was named. Hundreds of others found their names under somewhat similar conditions.

A good story of the naming of the "Holy Terror" mine of Keystone, S. D., that has seldom ever found its way into print comes from an old friend of the discoverer's wife who used to enjoy telling it to her intimate friends. Old man Franklin, as he was familiarly known, was especially favored by fortune and had made several good sized "raises" before the discovery of the Holy Terror, and Mrs. Franklin, now also dead, was one of the rough frontier, but whole-souled good hearted women often met with in the early days, who could handle a brace of six shooters and call down a rough character as readily as many men. One day she succeeded in gaining a reluctant promise from her husband to accede to her wishes and name a good mine after her, winding up her argument with the remark that he had named claims for dogs and cats and everybody else he knew, and was time he named one after her. Soon he approached her with papers, pen and ink, with the statement that he found the mine of mines, and he was happy to grant her wish, and that the papers were ready to sign and be recorded. After signing the papers she glanced over the title and suggested that there had been some mistake, that this was not the claim he meant to have her sign, whereupon he replied that it certainly was. "No, it is not, this is named the Holy Terror." This brought forth the good natured retort that "if you are not a holy terror there never was one."—Western Mining World.

Mr. Taylor Explains.

TROUT LAKE, B. C., Jan. 31, 1902.—Editor LARDEAU EAGLE, Dear Sir: In looking through the columns of your issue of the 30th inst., and your report of the public meeting held in Ferguson on the evening of the 28th inst., appearing therein I notice some statements that are so erroneous and entirely misleading, that I cannot allow them to pass without correction. Towards the close of that very important meeting I was asked by you as chairman to explain my position and my attitude towards the present administration which I did, and to judge by the reception my remarks received I would imagine my position was most thoroughly endorsed by the meeting. I am however, reported by you as follows.

"Richard McBride, as Conservative leader, has been assured of sufficient support to overthrow the Dunsmuir government," and again that the policy of the Conservative opposition under Mr. McBride would soon be made public. I would beg to state that no such statements were made by me on that occasion. It is plain to be seen on the very slightest investigation, that I could not make such statements, as in the first place Mr. McBride is not the leader of the Conservative party in British Columbia, and in the second instance no person has yet been chosen as far as I am aware to fill the important position as leader of the opposition, and while I would very much appreciate such a turn of events as would place a Conservative administration in office in the province, I certainly made no statement to that effect at the meeting referred to, nor did I have occasion to mention the name of the Conservative party at all, except in explaining some matters in connection with my campaign in 1900. I very much appreciate the kindness shown me and the enthusiasm of the meeting above referred to and must thank the people of Ferguson for their expression of confidence in me, and I may also add, it is at the suggestion of a number of the gentlemen who were present at the meeting that I would ask you to kindly give space to this slight correction in your next issue.

I remain yours very truly,
THOMAS TAYLOR.

The EAGLE has appearantly got the Conservatives and the opposition of this province annexed, which, however much Mr. Taylor would like to see, is not the case. Mr. Taylor's eulogies of Richard McBride, as the one man who had aided him (Mr. Taylor) to secure what he did for his riding, must also have confused our muddled brain at that meeting. While Mr. Taylor would like to see it thusly, Mr. McBride is not the likely leader. All of which is hereby accepted as gospel truth.—[ED.]

It's a lucky thing for the average man that he doesn't know some of the things that other people know about him.

THE FOLLY OF B. C.

Unnecessarily Plunging Into Hands of Capitalists Each Year.

INDUSTRIAL GOVERNMENT

Profits Now Making Millionaires Should Be Going Into the Provincial Treasury.

THE REMEDY IS SOCIALISM

The EAGLE is in receipt of a most interesting pamphlet, written and sent out by F. J. Proctor, under the caption "The Financial Crisis in British Columbia." It is certainly well worth reading, and is of real interest to the electors of this province. The EAGLE'S solution of the question is given in the heading of this article. In his introductory Mr. Proctor says: "It is a remarkable characteristic of the ordinary elector that the subject of the finance of his province or country is a matter which he rarely attempts to grasp. Figures are wearisome to him, the budget a mathematical juggling feat which passeth understanding, and the statement of public accounts a work of art which may command his respect but fails to entice his interest * * *." From different portions of this wholesome and comprehensive resume of the financial position of B. C. the EAGLE takes the following statements:

"The Dominion grant per capita, according to the terms of the union, is fixed at 80 cents per head until the population reaches 400,000, and then it becomes stationary. We can, therefore, never receive more than $320,000 per annum."

"During the last fourteen years the total expenditure has been more than five million dollars over the revenue, and this does not take into account sinking fund and the other payments not charged to expenditure. This large deficit has been so far provided for by various loans, but when it is considered that year after year our expenditure exceeds our receipts, and that it is necessary to continue borrowing to keep up the sinking fund and other payments, it is not difficult to realize that the province is drifting into serious financial embarassment."

"During the four years previous to 30th June, 1900, the average annual deficit (not including the sinking fund and other accounts not charged to expenditure) was about $415,000."

"An examination of the items of expenditure fails to suggest a solution of the problem of making ends meet by any sufficient scheme of economy."

"With regard to education, the cost for the year ending 30th, 1900, was $286,319, and since then it has risen, and will, I believe, show an increase of about $100,000 for 1902."

"This province has an area of nearly 400,000 square miles, and only a fraction of it is at present opened up With its limited sources of revenue and difficult physical conditions, it occupies—from a financial standpoint—a unique position in the Dominion."

"It is a thankless task collecting figures so condemnatory to our province's financial position, but it is assuredly better to look the trouble squarely in the face than to stumble blindly on from bad to worse. If there is a remedy, let us look for it now, and put it into operation without delay."

"There is no originality in the suggestion that the final solution of our financial problem lies in the alteration of the terms of union."

"It is vital, however, that the basis of re-adjustment be one which will place a certain portion of the permanent receipts which at present go to the Dominion government at the disposal of the provincial government—a promise on the part of the former to expend more money in this province can only be of temporary benefit to us."

"We hear a great deal in these days of Conservative meetings and Liberal conventions. They are no doubt exceedingly interesting to those who attend them, but their utility at the moment is very questionable. What we want to-day is union, [Socialism—ED.], not division; unanimity of opinion and action concerning the interests of the province, and not blind entagonism on issues which do not concern us."

"Our duty in British Columbia to-day seems plain enough. We have one issue standing out clear and defined; an issue involving the financial life of our province It remains with the people of British Columbia to tell their representatives to take up their cause with the Dominion government, to ask for justice, and to work with unwearied patience until they obtain it. To-day we must stand together for the needs of the province."

Our only regret is that we have not the space to reproduce the contents of the entire pamphlet.

Canada to be Morganized.

New York interests, allied with capitalists in Chicago and Boston, have purchased a controlling interest in the Sovereign Bank of Canada, now being organized with a capital of $2,000,000. New Yorkers who have stock in the new bank are J. Pierpont Morgan. The Standard Trust Company will act as agents. Mr. Morgan's firm will also represent the bank in London and Paris says a special in the Chicago Chronicle. The head offices in Canada will be in Toronto and the executive officers in Montreal, while a chain of branches will be established throughout Canada.

Even the little bankers of Canada will look like a stack of whites ere long. Oh no, Canada is not being commercially annexed to Uncle Sam's captains of industry!

The Government Should Retain Them.

As long as the Dominion government retains possession of its 60,000 acre reserve of coal land in south east Kootenay, the British Columbia smelting business will have a kind of a show. The very day that the government parts with it to the C. P. R. or any other purchaseable corporation it places the smelting business at the mercy of Jim Him. This coal land in the hands of the government affords a club with which to keep Jim Hill and the C. P. R. in line. Leased on a title in usufruct basis or worked as a government concern it could supply all the coal needed in the Kootenay at the right price.—Paystreak.

Let Capitalists Do Their Own Fighting.

The man who shouts for war is either an ignorant fool or a mad man; the man who condemns any other man because that man's voice is raised for peace has many of the essentials of the criminal in his nature. The soldiers home from Africa do not clamor for "war, more war," as do the phthisical Boanerges of the editorial sanctum—who would be the first to run at ping of bullet or gleam of steel.

War is hell. Let us have peace.—Ladysmith Leader.

Navigation Closed Temporarily on Arm.

The s. s. Archer has been frozen in on the Arm at Whiskey Point since last Saturday. The winter mail service, as a consequence, is now in vogue. Mails will only arrive here twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, leaving the following mornings, until navigation is re-opened, which may be any day as the soft weather now prevalent will aid the crew in cutting thru the ice.

A Timely Appointment.

His honor the lieutenant-governor in council has appointed a board of examiners for the leading coal mines of the province, which should be hailed with satisfaction by the miners and their friends. If the persons appointed do their duty perhaps there will be fewer fatal accidents and explosions in the future.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is applying to the Dominion government for power to increase its capital stock by $20,000,000. This stock is to be sold at par and the proceeds applied to betterment on the road.

Despite all denials to the contrary, the sale of the Canada Atlantic railway to the New York Central and St. Lawrence and Adirondack companies is all but completed. Dr. Seward Webb has confirmed this statement.

SYSTEM AT FAULT

Commercial Competition Encourages Men to Do Wrong.

CURE: COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP

The True Gospel of Humanity and Brotherhood is Lost in the Mad Rush of Profit-Making.

THE PRESS MUST DO ITS DUTY

In this day and generation a man does not need to know everything to make money, if he has money. He can hire the brains, and the men who can successfully conduct his business, the same as the "owners" of the C. P. R. do, who live in foreign lands and never see the holdings from which they wine and dine, and further debauch and degrade snobocracy, a condition which is only made possible by a private ownership system of government.

If the government operated their own smelters, refineries, mines, etc., and ceased crown granting our natural resources to private individuals, there would be no room or occasion for any of corruption incident to private profit making.

Take away the profit, and preachers and merchants alike will call in the "big-mit" feature.

Competition drives men to these things.

After all is said and done it's not the individuals who are to blame—our commercial competition demands it—but the system of private-ownership, rather than collective ownership, which is responsible for the perpetuation and increase of all sorts of robbery, gold bricks, adulteration, shody goods, and the many many "money" evils we see on every hand.

But there is this satisfaction. People are beginning to arouse from their slumber. The big trusts are perfecting the new co-operative system, and the Socialists are organizing and making ready for the near-by days of collective ownership and management of of the means of production and distribution.

Then stock gambling will go with all the rest of the Godless evils of commercial competition and private-ownership. All hail that day.

A New Journalistic Venture.

Rev. Charles W. McCrossan is now the publisher of a new paper, the "British Columbia Monthly Mining Bulletin," at Minneapolis. In his salutatory to the mining public Mr. McCrossan says:

"It is very natural that all those interested in the mines of British Columbia should desire regular and ACCURATE news concerning the work done and being done, the prospects concerning shipments of ore, erection of smelters, etc., and such information CANNOT BE HAD VERY EASILY without a regular bulletin of some kind. It will be the object of this paper to supply the demand for such information and also to give all the general items of interest to the mining world in general. The editor of this paper will take the leading papers published in the interest of mining and will give to the readers of this paper the principal items of interest found therein.

We hope that all the thousands of parties interested will send for the paper at once so as to be sure of receiving a copy every month. THE PRICE FOR ONE YEAR WILL BE 25 CENTS.

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The Phoenix Socialist Club is growing in numbers. At the meeting last Sunday afternoon an interesting debate was held, the subject being "Direct Legislation." A delegation from from the Phoenix branch visited the meeting of the Greenwood club last night.—Phoenix Pioneer.

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During the ambitious period of a man's life to-day his energies are sapped by a system which throws him away like a limp rag as soon as the sap is wrung out of him; or awakening intelligence provokes a normal dissatisfaction, says the Socialist Spirit.

Thousands and thousands and thousands are thus ground through the capitalist mill, the mere dry grist of profit-making civilization which has no use for the thing which life is meant for—the human soul.

Life is a progression; an unfoldment; a spiritual development.

When your soul stops reaching out for higher things; when your hope is gone, and your ambition is gone; you may be walking about the streets, and riding on trains, but you are a dead man. Your life is behind you.

A society which reduces human beings to the dead level of a machine like routine; which kills the creative instinct; which extinguishes hope before mid-life is reached; is only a form of organized death.

And yet it is this vast horde of patient, plodding slaves, dulled by routine and soul-quenched by years of exploitation who are keeping their fellows in slavery. (Life is one: We rise or we sink together.)

You may hear them to-day vacuously echoing their master's declarations against Socialism; because, they say, Socialism would reduce all men to a dead level!

They do not really think that the equality of opportunity Socialists are striving for would harm them. They do not think it would benefit them. They do not think at all. Dead men do not think.

A clerk who has worked ten hours a day for twenty years without a day's vacation looks at a caged canary and exclaims; "Poor imprisoned little thing!" Is it sympathy; or self-pity, think you?

There is never so sorry a slave as the slave who imagines he is free.

And day by day; step by step, age is creeping on.

It is a sad thing, this realization that the world has no place for the old.

The little children still love grandfather and grandmother.

But their place by the fire-side is gone.

The fire-side itself is gone.

Hurry into your grave, old men! You have worked hard it is true. You have been making things for other's comfort all your life. But this is a busy world. There are profits to make.

And you are in the way.

Letters of inquiry from stock buyers in the United States concerning a couple of mining companies operating in the United Sta—we mean the Lardeau—still continue to pour in at the EAGLE office. The editor who reads them with an indescribable feeling, in which surprise, hilarity and contempt battle with one another for supremacy, mechanically turns the letter around, searches the envelope in vain for something palpable, and finally realizes the "naked" fact—parasiticis! Then he seizes his pen with a grin and writes:

"My Dear Sir—My time is money, and so is presumably yours. I cannot afford to work for nothing, and do not think that you can. You are number 1,356. Upon receipt of your check for $25 we will answer all questions asked and satisfy you in every respect, etc."

As an invariable rule, the recipient of this missive recovers from his distemper spontaneously, and becomes silent as a clam.

The big trusts have begun a systematic and specific war on the co-operative trusts that have been springing up. The big trust will eat up the little ones. But if the government were to go into business and establish a co-operative plant with all the people in it as co-operators, and should produce products without interest, rent or profit, and the private trust were to fail, which it would, that would be confiscation, we suppose? But it is not confiscation for the big plants to ruin the little ones! No, that is simply the modern business methods. The trusts believe in confiscation when it applies to their little neighbors, but not when it applies to themselves. There is only one way to control trusts—that is for the people to vote for Socialists for office and have the nation engage in the production and distribution of goods. It can't be done by co-operative plants nor by competition among the big ones.

The right of a stockholder to inspect a mine of which he is part owner is recognized in New Zealand more fully than in this country, or indeed in any other mining country of which we are aware. The mining law of 1898 provides that any person owning a share or interest in any mine is entitled to enter and inspect that mine, with or without an attendant expert, on any working day between the hours of noon and 1 o'clock; and for any manager or director to obstruct such inspection is to commit an offense against the law, which is punishable by serious penalties. Even this is not considered sufficient, and a bill is now pending in the New Zealand Parliament to increase the time allowed and otherwise enlarge the stockholder's right to inspect his property.—The Engineering and Mining Journal.

The Socialist wants to change the conditions that influence the sinner for the six days. The Socialist promises to furnish a system of society that will offer an inducement for men to be good instead of bad, honest instead of dishonest, just instead of unjust. The Socialist would furnish conditions that would place Justice and Humanity at a premium, and all the forms of evil at a discount. The church would try to save a drowning man and leave him in the water at the same time. The Socialist would pull the drowning man out of the water and get him on dry land before talking to him about his soul.—[J. K. T., in Los Angeles Socialist.

The EAGLE may at times give peblicity to facts, concerning the methods of certain mining stock companies, which contain too much truth to encourage the flotation and ready sale of capital stock, rather than treasury stock, but we may say right here, that the Eagle will fulfill what it believes to be its duty as a public press. Indignants may wax eloquent, but the EAGLE has sufficient faith in the beautiful mineral resources of this district to believe that it can best be brought to the front rank by unquestionable methods of flotation.

The United States government has enacted a law to suppress anarchists, with a death penalty. This is the beginning of anarchism in that domain, for in only such countries as these laws are already in force does anarchism thrive. To stamp out anarchism the conditions which create anarchy must be abolished. It all depends on how much money and power a man or corporation has as to what degree of an anarchist he or they may be termed, by the government officials.

The methods of the honest and fakir mining broker are so near alike that it is hard to discriminate. But it is best to make your inquiries—not by asking for cheap advice from the local editor—before you buy. Figure the capitalization of the company, then the price asked for shares. Multiply these figures, and ask yourself a plain question.

The EAGLE is in receipt of a signed letter from W. J. Landon of Winona, Minn., relating to his connection with the Metropolitan Gold and Silver Mining Co. As the manager of that company will be in Ferguson in a few days, the EAGLE will then make inquiries, which, if not satisfactorily explained, will receive attention in a later issue.

Will the Greenwood Times and other patriotic howlers of "spend your money in your own town" kindly tell the EAGLE the difference between buying scab-made and sweat-shop goods in Toronto or at "home." Who enjoys the "prosperity" derived from the additional profits made at "home?"

Oh yes, this is a free country! But the men who have a cinch on another's bread and butter come pretty near engineering his destinies. If you've got the dust you have freedom—but not otherwise.

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SCREAMLETS

Labor is the source of value, and poverty the mother of crime.

The products of toil increase as labor ceases to be an industrial concern and becomes a social function.

"Socialism is the leap of mankind out of the reign of necessity, into that of Freedom."—Fredrick Engels.

Secretaries of all locals are requested to send short accounts of their meetings and doings, for publication in this column.

Any comrade in a community desiring to form a local branch of the Socialist Party should apply at once to the provincial secretary.

Socialism means industrial democracy. Why should not the rule of the majority determine the business arrangements of the community?

Human nature takes the course of the least resistance. Surround humanity with institutions that make right conduct easy, and sin difficult, and human nature will be transformed.

Neither individuals or nations can escape their responsibility of social evils. We may ignore our duties for a time, but there comes a day of reckoning, when the penalties for this neglect must be cancelled.

With rational and systematic organization of industry the labor of the most unskilled and least intelligent would produce such abundant returns as to exceed the capacity of these unfortunates to rationally consume.

The capitalist is no longer an organizer of labor, or a captain of industry. Thru industrial evolution he has become a parasite fulfilling no useful function; an irresponsible director, with power to deprive his fellewman of the right to live by his labor.

Signs of prosperity in England! Pauperism in London has of late shown a marked increase. First week in November statistics give 105,115, or 4,433 more than in last November, and with one exception, 1893, the highest since the '72 panic for the same month.

Private interests corrupt public service. Agents of corporations are the only persons who ever offered bribes to public servants, and hired men to betray their constituents. This was because private interests could be served by the treason. If the public would grant no franchises and let no contracts, no one would be benefitted by such bribery and no one would offer bribery. Then public officials would make more by giving the public their best services. Now they make more by giving corporations their services. Is this not plain and in accordance with human nature? Why complain of corruption and at the same time support a system that makes corruption profitable?—Appeal.

Notes From Revelstoke.

REVELSTOKE, Feb. 2.—Statisticians tell us that the worker to-day receives in wages about 17 per cent. of the wealth he creates, the remaining 83 per cent. being swallowed up in rent, profit and interest. Then it is patent that the interests of the worker and that of the class who live on rent profit, and interest are diametrically opposed to each other. The workers cannot get more until they get less. The Conservative and Liberal parties represent the capitalist and the merchant class. The Socialist party represents the workers, and the workers only, first, last and all the time.

W. M. Lawrence, R. Howson and A. McRae were appointed delegates to the Liberal convention at the Coast. Not a working man among them. Which class do they represent?

Editor Grogan had a severe attack of the old complaint, patriotism, last week, but has survived.

There are a number of cheap brass band patriots in Revelstoke who love their country for what they can get out of it. Show me seven or eight of the loudest patriots in town and I will show you seven or eight men who employ Chinamen in their kitchens. They are willing to make profit out of Chinamen while they let white girls starve. The Standard dictionary says a patriot is "one who loves his country and zealously guards its welfare." Are these men patriots?

The Revelstoke Steam Laundry has gone out of business owing to their inability to compete with Chinese. Good union town is Revelstoke, a patriotic town.

Mr. Buker says that the laundry could be bought and made first class for $6,000. Good time for the city to go into the laundry business and freeze the Chinese out. The interest and sinking fund would not be more than $600 per year. We could run it even at a loss of $600 per year and save money to the town. That is another crazy Socialist notion.

From One of the Executive.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 30.—We will have a meeting of the executive on Saturday, to report on platform. Will send you result as soon as meeting is over.

I was approached by a number of Local Independent Labor party men who wish to re-organize their party in Vancouver. They were going to hold an open meeting and would welcome all Socialists, if Socialists would not try to run everything their way. I replied that the fault with all their Independent Labor parties in the past had been that they never were independent, but always the tail of the Liberal party. I said, however, that if they held a meeting we would attend and see what they were going to do, but unless they had advanced far enuf to make the abolition of wage system their ultimate aim they could expect nothing but opposition from us.

The Fisheries commission has occupied the center of the stage this week. The problem is rather a complicated one and has a number of features in connection with its unfoldment which are splendid object lessons as to the methods of industrial evolution. I understand that it is a foregone conclusion that the Dominion government will grant traps, but it was thought to be a politic move to appoint this commission to pave the way and thus prepare the public mind for the government's decision.

But Horrors! That Would be Socialistic.

Speaking of the present-day system which is driving small and large commercial concerns to the wall, a writer in the B. C. Trade Budget, published at Vancouver, asks:

"But how can such conditions be avoided?" And rightly answers the question in these words: "By municipalizing or nationalizing the whole system of distribution, as already has been done with such necessities as gas, water, tramways, etc., with good effect, as can be shown by anyone who has studied municipal enterprise. But, of course, when the sacred precincts of the grocery trade are involved in such a scheme such men as the average tradesman would be the very ones to oppose it, because it sounds like co-operation, a word which the average grocer likes like poison."

"To my mind it is the only way out of the difficulty, and such a system would abolish the long hours, the unfair competition, and the possibilities of ending your days in a workhouse, as is the case with many struggling tradesmen to-day."

Sidelights From the Capital.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 1.—The Liberal victory in Victoria is a good sign. It shows that the old Conservative feeling is breaking down. Many voted for Riley, who was not considered strong, because they were tired of sending do-nothings to Ottawa. Out of the frying pan into the fire!

The officers of Socialist League No. 15 for the present term are W. H. Marcon, president; J. A. Stow, vice-president and treasurer; O. Lee Charlton, secretary, and W. B. Chistopher, librarian.

The haphazard way in which the great competitive system moves is well shown by the long lines of express and truck teams daily standing idle on the streets more than half the day. Socialism would give each man at least as much as he gets now and have him on duty only as long as needed to do the work. The rest of the time he could saw wood or read the EAGLE.

A Socialist Platform.

Our ultimate aim is:

Industrial government; the collective ownership and management of the means of production and distribution.

Our immediate demands are:

1. Government operation of coal lands, and fisheries, and the immediate construction and operation of a refinery, smelters, saw mills, sugar refinery, butcher shops, etc., the profits NOT to be used in reducing taxes of privately-owned concerns.
2. Fair representation, and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.
3. A minimum wage law, fixing wages at not less than $2 per day of eight hours for adults.
4. Employment of unemployed labor on useful productive work.
5. No more bonusing private individuals or corporations, with land grants or cash subsidies.
6. Abolition of poll and personal property tax.
7. The education of children under 14 years of age to be free, secular, and compulsory.
8. Municipalization and public control of the liquor traffic.
9. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.
10. Extension of powers of municipalities.
11. Initiative and referendum system of voting.
12. Abolition of system of cash deposits for candidates at provincial elections. A candidate to have requisition signed by at least 25 voters.
13. Land laws similar to those of New Zealand.
14. Government fire and life insurance, and banking system.
15. Government hospitals throughout the province, and free medical attendance to all needing such.
16. Extension and improvement of free library system.

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to buy lots that time is now

The railway is being pushed to completion and soon the C. P. R. will accept through freight for Trout Lake. Trains are now being operated on the new road as far as the steel is laid.

The McCrossan smelter is now under construction right on the townsite of Ferguson.

Many mining properties surrounding Ferguson are rapidly reaching the shipping stage, while the shippers speak for themselves. Not only is Ferguson the commercial, banking, smelting and pay roll center, but here is where the most prominent Lardeau mining men have their interests and headquarters. The best lot locations are being picked up by shrewd investors.

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On the Wing Items

John McCullough, a good Socialist, came down from the Cup on Sunday.

The rawhiders from the Cup are bringing down about five tons of ore a day to Eight Mile.

"The old country subscriber I send you wants information more than I can write him and the EAGLE will fill the bill."—James Z. Hall, Vancouver.

Programs for the "Dandy Minstrel" show on St. Valentine's day are now in the hands of the printer. Keep your eye on their advt. in the EAGLE next issue.

Some little difficulty has been experienced, owing to the recent cold spell, with the local waterworks system. Looks good to Mr. Perry who is doing the local plumbing.

Smelter pay-day last Saturday, Nettie L. and Double Eagle pay-day on Tuesday, and Silver Cup pay-day whenever a man comes down the hill. Verily is Ferguson the pay-roll centre.

There are two shipping mines in the Lardeau this winter, the Nettie L. and Silver Cup. The Triune, Black Warrior and Beatrice will probably be among the main shippers next summer.

The Western Mining World of Butte, Montana, is doing good work for British Columbia, and the Lardeau receives no small share of the attention, tho clipped from the EAGLE oft times without credit.

James Comerford, owner of the Mountain View group at the head of McDonald creek, came down from the Cup on Monday, where he has been putting in shifts for the past three months.

David Ferguson has returned from a pleasant trip throughout Uncle Sam's domain and Ontario. Peter Ferguson went on to the Coast where he will look after some interests the Ferguson brothers have over there.

The remains of J. Roderick Robertson, who was instantly killed last week by an explosion near a New York hotel, have been cremated, that mode of disposal being known to be in accordance with the wishes of the deceased.

Canadian Pacific Stock is purchaseable. There is every reason to believe that a control of it is already in the hands of the friends of the Northern Securities Company, with which Jim Hill is so closely identified.—Paystreak.

The subject for debate at the literary society meeting to-morrow (Friday) evening is: "Which has the greater influence in the world, the writer or the speaker." Dr. W. E. Newcombe will captain the side of the speaker, while R. P. Pettipiece will defend the writers. Musical and vocal attractions will be provided.

C. A. Hooper, of London, Eng., interested in the Nettie L. mine, arrived in town on Sunday, and went up the hill on Monday, leaving for the old country again yesterday. He is well pleased with the progress and prospects of the banner mine. Mr. Hooper is a true type of an Englishman. There is nothing "chappy" about him.

The state of Idaho for the departed year is given credit for having produced precious and commercial metals to the gross value of $18,000,000, of which grand total the mines of the Coeur d'Alenes contributed $6,500,000, or an even half million dollars more than the value of the combined mineral output of the balance of the state.

The Ferguson branch of the Socialist Party of B. C., met as usual last Monday evening. Five new members were enrolled. The members are looking for men who can put up an argument against Socialism, and invite everybody, including the ladies, to their meetings. The movement is growing and is being organized into a united body in this district.

A party of 12 silver and copper miners, nine from Butte, Mont., and three from Salt Lake City, reached San Francisco en route to Peru, says the San Francisco Examiner. All are skilled miners and on reaching the South American republic will start in to introduce modern methods at a mine near the village Hunanuco, where they will make their home.

"We old timers," says Ferguson's legal luminary, in the course of an article in the EAGLE. Holy smoke, says a grizzled prospector who is said to have been a native of Lardeau anterior to the flood, why that man wasn't here ten minutes before he had to take off his shoes and run from Laughton's hotel to Mrs. O'Connor's in order to work up a callous sufficient to qualify him to pass an inspection prior to admission to the Tenderfoot's club, says the Trout Lake Topic.

Torch of Reason Sayings.

Some folks excuse themselves for a fault by the fact that others have the same fault or worse ones. If your neighbor has lost an ear or broken his leg, that is no reason for you to chop off your nose or crack your jaw.

The next best thing to a good woman for a man to get next to is $1,000,000.

The only "Christianity" worth having is that of Humanity, and the way to preach it is by practice.

There is, there can be, no truer, sentiment than that of Home—so stretch it until it enroofs mankind.

LARDEAU ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following is a list of Lardeau ore producers, amount shipped and the gross returns, reports of which have to be furnished monthly by mine owners to the provincial government:

Name.	Pounds.	Gross Val.
Silver Cup	2,400,000	$180,000.00
Nettie L.	1,760,000	63,380.00
Triune	649,776	82,870.27
Beatrice	442,000	32,239.39
Great Northern	56,000	1,344.00
Broadview	52,000	1,664.00
Ethel	84,000	1,596.00
Cromwell	23,289	1,296.79
$ Ophir-Lade	12,000	1,220.00
Metropolitan	11,974	726.00
St. Elmo	12,000	510.00
Ruffled Grouse	11,770	507.19
Linson View	868	62.17
$ Old Gold	....	
$ Horseshoe	....	
$ Black Warrior	....	

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* Smokers: If you want the GENUINE "Union" and "Our Special" CIGAR see that "Union Cigar Factory" is stamped in gilt letters on every box. —H. A. Brown, Revelstoke, B. C.

WATER RIGHT NOTICE.

WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION, ACT '97.

Thirty days from date I, Charles W. McCrossan, Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 81832, an owner of land, intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for the right to divert by dam, flume, ditch, pipe or otherwise fifty miner's inches of water from Walker creek, lying to the west of the North Fork of the Lardeau river, in the Trout Lake Mining Division of British Columbia.

The point of diversion of said water will be about 1,500 feet from where said creek falls into the North Fork of the Lardeau river, and said water will be returned into the Lardeau river about 1,000 feet from the mouth of said Walker creek.

The difference in altitude between the point of diversion and exit will be 325 feet or thereabouts.

The purposes for which said water is required are general, mechanical and industrial purposes, such as smelting, (and all purposes incidental thereto), refining, crushing and treating ores of gold, silver, lead, copper and other minerals at the smelter premises now being erected at or in the town or townsite of Ferguson, B. C., and on the site and lands therewith connected, and for the operation of a sufficient fire protection equipment for said plant, premises and works, and for domestic and sanitary purposes.

Dated at Ferguson, B. C., 8th day of January, 1902.

5t. CHARLES W. McCROSSAN.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS

To Z. Gordon Goldberg or L. Goldberg, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Little Robert and Little Robert No. 2 mineral claims situate at the head of the North fork of Lardeau creek, and adjoining the Black Warrior group on the northwest, in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

You are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred and five dollars and twenty-five cents ($205.25) in labor and improvements on the above mentioned mineral claims in order to hold said mineral claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said claims will become the property of the subscriber, under section 4 of an Act entitled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900.

Dated at Ferguson this 4th day of December, 1901.

dec5—3m JOSEPH C. KIRKPATRICK.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE.

NETTIE L. and AJAX mineral claims, situate in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Nettie L. Mountain, between the North and South forks of Lardeau creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. P. Cummins, as agent for The Great Western Mines, Limited, of Ferguson, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 81859, 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 twenty seventh day of November, A. D. 1901.

dec5—2m A. P. CUMMINS, P. L. S.

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