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1901 ORE OUTPUT

An Advance Report Furnished by the Department of Mines.

AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT.

Mines Department Awakening.—Might be Induced to Tackle a Government Refinery.

1902 WILL SURPASS THEM ALL

Truly there has been a change of policy in the department of mines of this province. Following close upon the bulletin concerning the placer grounds of Horsefly creek in the Cariboo, comes an up-to-date estimate of the amount and value of the mineral products of British Columbia for 1901 The total ore output for 1898, 1899 and 1900 appears on the title page of this issue. The statement for 1901 as given approximately by Provincial Mineralogist Robertson is as follows:

Minerals and Customary Measure.	Quality.	Value.
Gold, placer, ounces...	48,204	$ 892,500
Gold, lode, " ...	227,696	4,704,200
Silver, " ...	4,685,718	2,624,002
Copper, pounds.....	30,736,798	4,951,698
Lead, "	50,529,260	1,970,641
Coal, tons 2,240 lbs.....	1,529,210	4,587,630
Coke, " "	134,760	673,800
Other materials.....	.....	309,030
Totals.....	.....	$ 20,713,501

Of the above values the Cariboo district (estimated) produced $470,000; the Cassiar district, $320,000; East Kootenay, $2,850,289; West Kootenay, the banner of them all, $7,362,189; Lillooet, $56,900; Yale, $4,751,458; and the Coast division $4,902,665, or $20,713,501 for 1901, as against $16,344,751 for the year 1900, an appreciable increase when the many obstacles in the way have been considered.

In submitting this statement to the acting minister of mines, Hon. D. M. Eberts, K. C., Mr. Robertson says:

"This estimate is based upon the actual returns of a number of the mines, and for those mines from which returns have not as yet been received the output is based upon their approximate known tonnage for the past year, together with the assays of the ores from the same mines for the previous year.

"You will note that these are not given as final statistics for the year, which can only be obtained after all returns are in and checked very carefully These will be included in the annual report of the department, which can not be out for about two months yet.

"I hand you these figures now rather than wait for the final statistics, as I believe the prompt publication of even an approximate official estimate making so good a showing will be of benefit to the province, and is generally desired by investors in our mines.

"I think you will find this estimate conservative and very approximate, quite sufficiently so to show the progress which has been made in the mining industry during the past year.

"In calculating the values of the products the usual course has been followed, and the average price for the year in the New York metal market has been used as a basis. For silver 95 per cent., and for lead 90 per cent., of such market price has been taken. Treatment and other charges have not been deducted.

"Roughly speaking, the increase made in 1901 over 1900 is 25 per cent. on gross value of output of the province. This will be a very agreeable surprise to many, as the circulation of reports giving a contrary impression has caused a very despondent view to be taken of the progress of the mining industry during 1901, which does not seem to be warranted by the facts.

"There is an appreciable drop in the placer gold production, owing to the sudden melting of the snow last spring causing freshets and leaving a shortage of water during the latter part of the season.

"The tonnage of ore mined from the lode mines in the past year is about 871,832 tons, equal to an increase of 317,036 over the year 1900, a little more than 57 per cent.

"There has been an increase in the output of all the metals with the exception of lead, the low price obtainable in this province for lead ores having discouraged this class of mining, except where accompanied with good silver values.

"The gross value of the copper output has increased 206 per cent over 1900, while lode gold has increased 36 per cent. and silver 14 per cent."

Department of Mines Awakening.

Possibly the fact that this province has no minister of mines at present may have something to do with the insertion of the following advt. in the Engineering and Mining Journal:

"British Columbia, the mineral province of Canada.—British Columbia has produced, to date, $62,584,442 of placer gold, $12,812,860 of lode gold, $12,638,449 of silver, $7,619,626 of lead, $4,362,583 of copper, and $49,140,917 of coal and coke.

The mineral production for 1900 was $16,344,751.

Lode mining has only been in progress for about ten years, and not 20 per cent. of the mineral land has been even prospected; 300,000 square miles of unexplored mineral-bearing land are open for prospecting.

The mining laws of this province are more liberal and the fees lower than any province in the Dominion, or than any colony of the British empire.

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Victoria, B. C."

American's Anticipation, but Canadians?

The year 1902 certainly looks good to us from a business standpoint, and there is every reason to look for a large copper output. The present price of copper need not worry us, for it is at its low point now, and for a short temporary period at that. The influences that have caused it are rapidly being changed, and almost any bright morning we will awake to find that copper has risen above 15 cents, to remain permanently there. The business forces demand it, and it would have been there all along had it not been for a few shortsighted interests who, figuratively speaking, killed the goose that laid the golden egg. The pocketbooks of the Michigan stockholders are doing the work of education necessary to bring the management to its senses, and there is a howl going up that cannot be long silenced.—Western Mining World.

Gold Production of the World.

In 1900 the gold production of the world reached a total of $256,000,000, says the Engineer and Mining Journal. In 1901 this was undoubtedly exceeded, although the full amount of the increase cannot yet be stated with any approach of accuracy.

INJURIOUS ERROR

Made by a B. C. Correspondent in Engineering and Mining Journal.

MUST SURELY BE MISINFORMED

Reads More Like a Report of 1898 Than 1902—Two Years of Progress Overlooked.

CAN'T OVERLOOK US THIS YEAR.

The EAGLE will bet six bits to a pinch of smelter smoke that Wm. M. Brewer, the Engineering and Mining Journal's British Columbia correspondent, has never turned his optics on this district, or even met and talked to a man who has during the past year. And his latest effusion in the special export number will certainly bear out contention. For instance, here is one of the few gems:

"Talk of railway connection for both the Lardeau and Trout Lake mining divisions has been freely indulged in, and some surveys made, but apparently the railway company is waiting to see the results of development at depth and the mine owners are waiting for the construction of the railway, and an influx of capital to purchase before many of them attempt to develop to any extent."

It may probably be news for Mr. Brewer to learn that railway construction has been going on steadily on this line since last summer, and that trains are even now being operated as far as the steel is laid.

Had the EAGLE a Marconi battery Mr. Brewer would be advised of the Lardeau's progressive and extensive development during the year 1901, proof of which is afforded in the construction, now well under way, of a 100-ton a day smelter plant, by the Lardeau Smelting and Refining Co.

Here is another brilliant effort of Mr. Brewer's:

"Northwest Kootenay District—From the Lardeau portion of this district have come excellent reports as to progress, but from the other mining divisions Revelstoke, Illecillewaet and Trout Lake the reports have been vague and unsatisfactory."

And in the next breath, speaking of our ore output, he says:

"The bulk of this has come from the Silver Cup, credited with an output of about $180,000, the Nettie L. with $146,000, and the Triune with $82,000."

And yet the "reports as to progress" from Trout Lake division "have been very vague and unsatisfactory," notwithstanding that all the ore output Mr. Brewer speaks of is from the selfsame Trout Lake division.

The EAGLE would urgently advise Mr. Brewer to either visit this camp, buy the new map of the Lardeau—for sale at this office at $1—or quit writing about something with which he is not familiar—the Lardeau and Trout Lake mining divisions.

If the report of the minister of mines is responsible for such errors as made by Mr. Brewer—which is doubtful—the sooner the antiquary is supplanted by a live man the better.

Lardeau District the Next Klondike.

The year 1901 again showed an advance in the production of gold in almost all the parts of the world, although the South African mines are still restricted to a very limited output. The search for gold has continued everywhere active and has met with a considerable degree of success, although no such sensational discoveries as those of the Klondike rewarded the prospectors.—E. & M. J.

Sufferers Should be Recompensed.

At last the sleepless citizens of Ferguson have a precedent, or rather an alternative for being disturbed each night by a band of worthless howling curs. The Victoria Colonist reports: "A citizen whose dog disturbed the slumbers of the neighbors by howling, was fined $5. He was given until January 31 to pay." Let the good work extend to the Lardeau.

The Real Article.

A wise mining promoter forecasts all possible objections by first thoroughly acquainting himself with the merits of the proposition and fortifying himself impregnably against all possible attack, Knowing thoroughly its merits and believing in the triumph of right he is undismayed by opposition and usually makes the greatest winning in the end.

The amount of gold coin in actual circulation in the world is estimated by the Bank of England officials to be about 865 tons.

PRODUCTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

Below will be found a table of the mineral production of British Columbia for the years 1898, 1899 and 1900. This table is an effective answer to the croakers who try to belittle the mineral resources of B. C.:

AMOUNT AND VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTS FOR 1898, 1899 AND 1900.

	Customary Measure.	1898.		1899.		1900.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer.....	Ounces.....	32,167	$ 645,846	67,245	$ 1,344,900	63,936	$ 1,278,724
Gold, lode.....	"	110,061	2,201,217	138,315	2,857,573	167,153	3,458,861
Silver.....	"	4,292,401	2,375,841	2,918,413	1,663,708	3,958,175	2,296,209
Copper.....	Pounds.....	7,271,678	874,781	7,722,591	1,351,453	9,997,080	1,615,289
Lead.....	"	31,693,559	1,077,581	21,861,436	878,870	63,358,621	2,691,887
Coal.....	Tons, 2,240 lbs.....	1,135,865	3,407,595	1,306,324	3,918,972	1,439,595	4,318,785
Coke.....	" "	85,000	175,000	84,251	171,255	85,149	425,745
Other materials..	.....	.....	151,500	.....	206,400	.....	251,740
			$10,906,861		$12,393,131		$16,344,751

Production for 1890, $2,608,608; for 1899, $12,393,131; for 1900, $16, 344,751.

The Minstrel Show.

This will be the event for the 14th February. The company is hard at work practicing how best to use their vocal organs, and set those banjoes ringing. The EAGLE assures the public it will be the best investment of four bits ever offered in the Lardeau in the musical line, while those who love the dance will have a grand ball to look forward to when the storm of jokes, and songs, and music of the best is over.

Let the People Own Them Both.

It would seem preferable for the miners to build and operate their own smelters and refineries and to make their own sales if they are to continue to do business, and that this will be done seems sure if the miners continue to retain and operate their mines. Outside the absorbing of the mines by the smelter people, this is the only solution.—Mining.

Hauling Machinery.

Fergusonites were greeted with a pleasant scene on Saturday evening last, when S. Daney's four-horse freighting teams lined up Victoria avenue loaded heavily with machinery, boiler, etc., for the new smelter. It looked good to Lardeauites, who have long looked forward to the era which is now dawning.

Vulcan Furnace a Success.

One of the Vulcan furnaces in operation in north Mexico proves more than satisfactory. The EAGLE was shown a letter the other day from the company to Mr. Vernon saying they were producing matte of copper, gold, lead and silver 96 per cent. pure, at one operation. Wonderful indeed!

PUBLIC MEETING

Held by Fergusonites on Monday Evening to Discuss

GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Increased Demands For Public Works Come With Growth of the District.

HOSPITAL QUESTION DISCUSSED

On Monday evening last a public meeting was held at the Miners' Union hall for the purpose of discussing the requirements of the Ferguson district in the matter of trails, wagon roads, and other objects of a cognate character.

The fact of increased activity in mining prospects, the establishment of the smelter, and the advance made by the C. P. R. into the country induced a considerable amount of public interest.

Amongst those present were R. P. Pettipiece, chairman; James Lade, James Otto, Vincent Lade, Andrew Ferguson, A. C. Cummins, J. P., Joseph Kirkpatrick, A. J. Gordon, S. Shannon, B. A., Al. Chism, David Morgan, John Smith, George B. Batho, Robert Gunn, John Atkison, J. Q. McKinnon, William Glenn, William Shannon, Napoleon Emo, Henry Russell, etc., etc.

Some seventeen resolutions were put and carried, dealing with the existing and prospective roads and trails, those of the principal moment being the proposed new wagon from Ten-Mile to the edge of the Triune basin which will cost about $5,000; the repair of the road from Baty's to Ten-Mile; and the mode of opening up the trails leading into Circle City, thus affecting an improvement most badly required between that point and Ferguson. The trail up Walker creek to the Great Northern mountain was considered one of the essentials, if the properties in that section are to be properly developed.

The estimates in most cases were high, to say the least, and after reasonable discussion it was decided to submit the general body of propositions to Thos. Taylor, our representative, should business permit of his coming here in the near future. If he cannot do so, a further public meeting will be convened, probably next Monday evening, and the entire question again considered.

Meantime Joseph Ryan, who acted as secretary at the meeting, will see the various gentlemen who put forward the resolutions, and consider with them in what way they should be modified or increased.

The question of securing government aid for the hospital was referred to a standing committee consisting of Messrs. Jas. Lade, A. J. Gordon and S. Shannon, to promote a petition in respect to this most important matter and report progress to a meeting to be held on a future date.

Black Warrior Group.

Very satisfactory results have been obtained from the recent developments on the Black Warrior.

As is well known here this property has the best surface showing of ore in the camp, the outcrop indicating a chute of clean ore averaging two feet in thickness and about thirty feet in length.

Last week this chute was broken into from the new tunnel at a depth of fifty feet and practically the same conditions as to size of chute and nature of ore prevail here as at the surface.

The position of the chute in the ledge and its dip in the same being now known S. Shannon thinks the developments of this week will very likely disclose the whereabouts of the ore body in the lower tunnel. It would now seem that this property may be added to our list of shippers for the coming season.

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HOW INVESTORS ARE WORKED

The guileless (?) investor living in the east is frequently considered fair game for the grafter. That the latter sometimes happens to be "working his graft" in connection with mining is unfortunate in so far as it discredits in the minds of the uninformed the legitimacy of mining as a business. But every good thing is counterfeited, even money, and the good business man will endeavor to continue the use of good money and reject the bad, in spite of this fact, says Ores and Metals.

Some of the ear marks of the latter should be studied but only incidentally since a thoro knowledge of the genuine article is the only safeguard. So in a mining investment. If a promoter starts a stock at a few cents and runs it up to twenty cents simply by advertising an increase in price at intervals without having done anything to add to its real value, it is safe to let such an operator alone.

This is particularly true if after spending several thousand dollars of the company's money without making a shipper of the mine, he starts in to promote another company along the same lines and has the nerve to refer to his former success in stock selling as an inducement to bite at his present scheme.

A property may be ever so good and yet if it is so managed that the secretary and a few of the official board are the only ones to reap any benefit it is safe to conclude that the stockholders' money is not being judiciously invested. It may also be concluded that the sale of stock is the chief aim of the management, rather than the making of a producing mine. When a man advertises stock at a given price and says the figure will be advanced on a certain date in the future because of a strike in the mine or because it will be shipping in sixty days, when he knows that neither of these statements is a real factor in the advance, he is simply getting money by false pretenses and operating a confidene game rather than a mine. He is proceeding on the theory that it is easier to work a sucker than to work a mine.

In a general way it is very safe to let alone the proposition that offers you too much for your money. It usually includes returns in the shape of a gold (?) brick.

A fair business risk and a bona fide proposition calling for capital for development can generally be accepted with safety in mining as well as any other industrial enterprise. The percentage of profit in a legitimate mining enterprise, however, is much larger than in any other business.

What is the use of crying peace and good will when there is no peace nor good will? Everybody knows that the monopolies are eating up the property of all the people, that they are levying tribute that would cause a revolution against any king who should attempt to do the same thing. You do not like the monopolies, and you know it. Nobody does, unless he is an owner in some of them, and even then he knows it is wrong, says the Appeal. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to sit still until they have everything in their hands and can withhold every necessity of life and force you to starve or break the law? Are you willing to become industrial slaves? Are you lost to every desire to be free from their tribute? Are you willing to forever listen to the lies of politicians who have been running things for years, and have permitted monopolies to grow and prosper? Do you not know that men who are robbing you by taxing your food and necessities will bribe to get politicians to lie to you? Do you not also know that the trusts will not quit skinning you until you force them to, by electing men who have a program that will take out of their hands the power to tax you? Why longer shut your eyes and feel that it will come out all right whether you act or not? Wrong is never righted, except that men go at it to right it. Men who do injury to their fellows for gain will continue to injure them as long as they are permitted. If the trusts would destroy themselves, do you not know that they would be at it, and that you could begin to see such effects? Wake up!

The old established firm of Bourne Bros., Revelstoke, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. It seems hard luck for men, after having worked diligently for nearly twenty years, to have to lay down, but nothing else can by expected under our present competitive system. Only a few weeks ago two or three of the oldest firms in Victoria went down, and there are others to follow very soon. The B. C. Trade Budget, of Vancouver, is familiar with the benefit of co-operation in this age, and has advised small concerns to amalgamate, reduce expenses and prices and thus protect themselves from certain collapse. In other words, the small merchant must get ready for socialism as readily as the proletaire, for experience is proving that they have no lead-pipe cinch on the future. The present day lessons may seem to be dear ones, but probably it's the only way a lot of the men with "capitalist minds" can be taught to think. How much easier, better and safer it would be were we shareholders in the people's trust. The sheriff, the lawyer, the private banker, and other sharks who prey upon and live off the producer would then, too, be employed at some useful work for society.

A man with a common million or two is not of much account now-a-days. Consider the mine owners, for instance, says the Paystreak. Lead prices have been knocked inside out by a trust big enuf to buy every silver-lead mine in the province and still have a healthy stack left. Mines like the Slocan Star, which has made half a million, or the Payne, which has made a million and a half, or the North Star, which has several millions in sight, or the St. Eugene, which could supply the whole of Canada with lead and have enuf left to tear a side off the China trade, are all peoned to the trust. Their owners may have considered themselves heavy-weights, but they are white chips in the big international game now being played. Soon they will be reduced to a wage-scale basis and allowed to make just whatever it suits the trust to allow them. Then not only the miners who do the actual physical work of pounding the drill, but the men who own the land and the machinery of production will be working for the monopoly which owns the machinery of distribution. This is the inevitable outcome of the present system. There is one avenue of escape—government ownership and operation of the machinery of distribution.

The Hon. Jos. H. Hutchinson, ex-lieutenant-governor of Idaho, and now superintendent of the Trade Dollar mine, says: "Last year Idaho produced $18,300,000 worth of gold, silver, copper and lead; that is about $115 for every person in the state, or $600 for the average family."

Certainly! But who received the $18,300,000? The owners of the means of production, of course, less a small percentage paid to the men who produced the wealth. And who were the owners; the state? Oh no! the owners live in New York and Paris, and never even saw a mine. That's queer. Now why couldn't the state "own" mines, smelters, refineries and so on, and do the same as the capitalists, hire the brains and labor to operate their industries? Oh, you you see if the state did that, each family would have actually had $600 to their credit, which would be bad—for the man who "own" the means of production.

Tariff protection created millionaires in the United States, whose combined efforts in the industrial world are to-day crushing foreign manufacturers out of existence. In other words the captains of industry of the United States—backed by capitalists of all countries—are nationalizing socialism. It is now the duty of the producers to localize socialism. Let us further socialize our schools, and municipalities, then the Province and as a matter of course the Dominion, if not then commercially annexed and socialized by Uncle Sam. The other fellows, the trusts, are internationalizing the movement. And we must meet them as far on the way as we can. The time to begin is now. Socialism is coming more rapidly than we are preparing for it.

The civic labor ticket, except one alderman and two school trustees, was turned down in Rossland on Thursday last. Owing to the mine owners' strike few union miners are now in Rossland, hence such a result was made possible. In fact, the EAGLE is reliably informed, Barney Macdonald practically blackmailed Rosslanders by a threat to close the mines were the labor ticket elected. May the kind God of heaven help a city in such a deplorable position. John S. Clute was elected mayor over J. P. McKichan by 62 of a majority.

The result of the West York Dominion bye-election only goes to show that it was by sheer force of his personality rather than his creed or politics that the late Hon. N. Clarke Wallace held the constituency with such a sweeping Conservative victory each election. Last week Campbell, a liberal, was elected by 156 of a majority, over a son of the time-honored Orange leader.

The EAGLE has consented to place a column of its space at the disposal of the members of the Socialist Party of B. C. until such times as the party secure a paper of their own, which will be established at the coast some time this year. Send along your "ideas," reports of meetings, and progress of the movement in your locality.

The only way to get rid of the smelter and refinery trust is by absorbing it in the people's trust. To look for relief by competition is hopeless.

WATER RIGHT NOTICE.

WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION, ACT '97.

Thirty days from date I, Charles W. McCrossan, Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 31832, 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.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following tract of land, consisting of 120 acres more or less, in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post planted about 400 feet north from the wagon road along the south fork of Lardeau creek, approximately half way between Eight-mile creek and Ten-mile creek; thence 60 chains east; thence 20 chains south; thence 60 chains west; thence 20 chains north to point of commencement.

Dated at Ferguson, B. C., this 27th day of November, 1901.

nov28—2m JOSEPH MURRAY.

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. 81850, 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.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE

SILVER CROWN mineral claim, situate in the Lardeau Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Kidd creek, a tributary of Boyd creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Hector Poirer, F.M.C. B56275, acting as agent for myself and George Johnson, F.M.C. B48722, 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 7th day of November, 1901.

Nov 7 2m HECTOR POIRER.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS UPON THE GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT.

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Meeting of Executive.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 15.—The executive committee of the B. C. Socialist Party met here on the 13th inst. They decided, in view of the fact that so few of the locals have sent in reports of vote on platform and constitution, to extend the time till Feb. 1st. As there is urgent need of getting into permanent shape all locals desiring to vote on these propositions must send in returns by that date. Correspondence was received from following locals: Victoria, Nanamio, Revelstoke, Greenwood, Nelson, Ladysmith, and G. Weston Wrigley, Toronto; J. Cameron, organizer, and Miss Merrill of Nelson.

The secretary was instructed to prepare and have published, early in February, a complete statement of receipts and expenditure; to write J. Cameron testifying their high appreciation of his work as organizer; also to write to local at Nanamio and try and clear up an apparent misunderstanding.

Present: T. Mathews, J. Dodd and E. Burns. ERNEST BURNS,
Secretary, 130 Powell St.

Ernest Burns, executive secretary, Vancouver, in a letter to the Socialist, Seattle, says:

"My socialism is of a more elastic quality than that of some ultra-orthodox comrades, who have reduced socialism from a philosophy to a creed, and regard the slightest questioning of their tenets and dogmas as heresy of the most outrageous type. We have now entered upon an era when the principles of socialism will have to be applied to our daily life. This work is right before us and will not commence—as so many of the comrades imagine—after some industrial catastrophe has occurred in which the economic fabric of capitalism will fall to pieces, leaving the ground free and clear for socialism; on the contrary, we have to grow into socialism from present conditions, just as feudalism grew into commercialism, clearing away the rubbish of obsolete socialism on the one hand and laying the foundations for the temple of industrial democracy wherever we can find chance to work. This concurrent process of development and decay takes place in all organic life, not excepting the institutions of society itself. Constructive practical work is of far more service than revolutionary air fanning or unintelligent repetition of stock phrases or revolutionary jargon."

Socialism demands the public ownership of all the means of production and distribution.

Charters for the socialist leagues of B. C. are now in the printer's hands, and will be ready for delivery by Feb. 15th.

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.

Organizer Cameron has completed his present organizing tour. Arrangements for a new organizer are now being made by the executive.

"The right of the humblest human soul to the resources and liberty needful for living a complete and unfearing life is infinitely more sacred than the whole fabric and machinery of civilization."

Any contributions you wish to make to the organization and propaganda fund, should be sent to the executive secretary, and will be acknowledged in this column. Your orders for literature will also be promptly filled upon application.

To keep in touch with the socialist movement of B. C. you should be a reader of the EAGLE. Clubs of twenty will be accepted at 50 cents a year, the unexpired term, if any, to be completed by the new socialist paper when established at the Coast.

The executive committee of the Socialist party of B. C. have extended the time of voting on their submitted platform and constitution to Feb. 1st. All locals are requested to send the results to the secretary, Ernest Burns, 130 Powell St., Vancouver, by that date.

What an appalling amount of rent and interest there must be paid to foreign landlords by lessees in such cities as Vancouver and Victoria. One-half of the amount—if paid to the city itself, which should own them—would pay all expenses and have lots left for beautifying their natural opportunities. Let the foreign leeches be shaken off by Canadians.

A declaration of the principles and aims of the Socialist Party as drafted by the executive, will appear in these columns at some future date.

British Columbia needs statesmen at Victoria and Ottawa who will rescue the lead industry from rapacious railway monopolies and smelter trusts. Then will come genuine prosperity.—Paystreak.

The Independent Political Labor Party of Victoria has been re-organized. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws which are to be submitted for ratification at a future meeting.

Snobocracy let loose over the world with money unlimited filched from labor, knows no bounds. Its mind is too profane and its skin too thick to see even the indecency of robbing a nation to adorn a parlor.

If any further evidence of the patience and endurance of the Rossland union miners was wanted it is now afforded by their lenient attitude towards Barney McDonald's organ, the Miner, the most unfair sheet in Canada. That its plant has not been blown to atoms, and the literary staff horsewhipped is a tribute to the good sense of the miners.

Los Angeles Weekly Herald: "The objection to the Chinese on the part of the people who are familiar with Chinese character is broad and fundamental. It may be summed up by saying that the Chinese are morally, socially, religiously and politically unfit to live in the United States."

Granted. But they look good to Victorians, tho they have killed the capital city commercially.

Few artists are wealthy, yet there is often a fortune in a picture. The other day we read of J. P. Morgan purchasing a painting for half a million dollars, and the same paper told us of the Scottish artist, John Dalrymple, dying of starvation amid squalid surroundings in Belfast, on the day when all people were feasting and rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour. Dalrymple's works were exhibited at the Royal Academy, and he took three first prizes for designs at the Paris Exhibition. Some day a work of his may sell for what would have kept him in comfort for many years.

A Roosevelt Remark.

There is one excellent remark in President Roosevelt's first annual message. He says:

"American wage-workers work with their heads as well as with their hands. Moreover they take a keen pride in what they are doing; so that, independent of the reward, they wish to turn out a perfect job."

It is worth while to wade through the whole wearisome document in order to get those two sentences. For think how they corroborate the socialist argument. Think how they confute that time-honored objection that, if the lash of hunger were not felt, no one would be willing to work. It is good to be able to quote such words from the most strenuous of republican presidents in reply to that old but ever new plea of the defenders of competition and wage slavery.—New York Worker.

The Dog and the Tail.

A Fable by F. H. Richardson.

There was once a beautiful, large dog, and his name was Labor.

This dog had a scrubby little runt of a tail, and the name of the tail was Capital.

And the dog wagged the tail.

But in the course of time the tail, whose name was capital, conceived a thought, and it spake unto the dog and said:

"Look here, why is it that you wag me? That's all wrong. I ought to wag you. Look at my importance! Why, every time you bark my hair bristles up and scares the everlasting stuffing out of the object of your wrath. And of what use are you except to sustain and carry me, the important and dignified end of the company? Just look where you would be at if I should be looped off—why, sir, you would be a bob-tailed dog all your life! Indeed, you must wag me no more! I, as the rudder of this institution, which will safely steer you through all your troubles, will attend to any wagging there is to be done in the future."

The dog, being dull of mind, at once saw that the tail was perfectly right, or else God would not have caused it to speak so, and he at once acquiesced.

And ever since the tail has been wagging the dog and banging him against the trees and bumping him against the fence posts, and dragging him through the barbed wire and lambasting him around among the weeds and thistles and cockle burrs and mopping up the earth with him generally.

But some of these days the dog will also conceive an idea—that is, if he has brains enuf to perform such an action—and the dog will again wag the tail, and in his new found joy he may wag the tail so hard that there won't be any tail left at all.

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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

Chief Justice McColl of the supreme court of British Columbia, died in Victoria last Thursday.

The Ferguson socialist league will give a dance in Miners' Union hall sometime in March, probably the 17th.

Your subscription to the EAGLE is paid to the date on your wrapper. If you haven't paid for it, someone else has.

The total ore output of the Lardeau district to Dec. 31, 1901, is estimated at 3,727½ tons, at a gross value of $375,-[illegible]6.81.

The management of the Halcyon Hot Springs Sanitarium will hold their annual dance at the sanitarium this (Thursday) evening.

Mrs. E. Knowlton, and Miss Edna Knowlton left for Revelstoke on Tuesday morning to spend a couple of weeks in the railway centre.

The lead and copper furnaces at the Canadian Smelting Works, Trail, have been blown out and will remain cold till Feb. 1st, or as soon as ready.

When the C. P. R. begins to accept freight for Trout Lake, a good deal of mining machinery will be installed in Lardeau's leading shipping mines.

J. R. Tweeddale has been transferred from the Revelstoke branch of the Imperial bank to Ferguson, and also promoted to the position of accountant.

M. J. O'Brien, manager of the Revelstoke Wine and Spirit Co., defeated W. M. Brown, hotel keeper, in the Revelstoke mayoralty election last Thursday.

I am glad to see Ferguson, and the Lardeau district, going ahead so and it cannot fail to benefit you all, who have stuck to it so nobly.—A. E. Welch, London, Ont.

Four aldermen of the Houston ticket were elected in Nelson at the civic election, but Frank Fletcher polled 17 votes over John A. Kirkpatrick as candidate for mayor.

Howard Vernon, superintendent here for the Lardeau Smelting and Refining Co., left for Nelson on Tuesday morning for the purpose of arranging for smelter supplies—coke, fire clay, etc.

Henry Floyd, general agent of the Ferguson townsite, Revelstoke, headed the poll as a school trustee in that city last week. J. W. Bennett, a socialist, came second, with Mr. Dickey a good third.

Rev. E. S. Rowe of Victoria, is being asked to make another tour thruout the interior next spring, or as soon as possible. The socialist league here will endeavor to have him visit this district.

Joseph Martin has resigned his seat in the local legislature, and will contest the Victoria seat for the house of commons, with another Liberal and a Conservative candidate in the field Joe will win.

E. B. McDermid, accountant and assignee, has opened an office in Nelson, and advised the EAGLE accordingly. The EAGLE may be in the "hole," but our bank account is not phat enuf yet to make an assignment.

Attendants of the opposition caucus at New Westminister, which Thos. Taylor attended, declare that they have sufficient evidence of strength to dethrone the Dunsmuir combination. A provincial election seems eminent.

"R. P. Pettipiece, Ferguson, B. C." is not the "secretary of the Liberal Association" here, and unless Vancouverites cease sending him notices and convention literature at once, he will enter an action for defamation of character.

The principal feature of interest in the platinum industry during 1901 was the discovery of platinum-bearing ores "in place" partly due to persistent search in the regions which have long furnished placer sand, and partly to accidental discovery.

The executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have instructed their secretary to write Premier Laurier, suggesting that Hon. E. Barton, premier of Australia, and R. G. Seddon, premier of New Zealand, be invited to visit Canada.

A man named W. R. Stephens of Golden, was run over by the switch engine and a Pullman sleeper at Revelstoke on Friday morning last, receiving injuries from which he died a few hours later. Stephens was deaf, and as a consequence was run down.

A year rarely goes by without some man comes forward claiming he has discovered the lost art of hardening copper. It is more than doubtful whether copper has ever been hardened, but it is one of those fables that cannot be killed. This time it is William A. Guernsey of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Claims are made that Mr. Guernsey has tempered copper chisels to a hardness which cannot be obtained with steel. Experiments are now being made on hardening copper plate. This discovery is very important, if true, which we very much doubt.—*Mining Reporter.*

Will Resume Development Work.

The Scottish-Canadian Mining & Development Co., Ltd., is being re-organized by Manager A. E. Welch of London, Ont., and work will be resumed on their north fork properties in the spring, under the personal supervision of the manager.

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	68,380.00
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	34,000	1,596.00
Cromwell	23,289	1,296.79
§ Ophir-Lade	12,000	1,320.00
Metropolitan	11,974	726.00
St. Elmo	12,000	510.00
Ruffled Grouse	11,770	507.19
Linson View	868	63.17
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§ Returns and corrections asked for.

As soon as the Eagle receives further information this list will be made complete and corrected weekly.

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To Z. Gordon Goldberg or L. Geldberg, 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.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To Mike Dwyer and Patrick Nicholson, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, co-owner with you in the J. C. mineral group, consisting of the Smuggler, Lone Star, J. C. and Bushwhacker claims, situated on the head of Lake creek in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay, in the province of British Columbia, have expended four hundred ($400) dollars in labor and improvement upon the above mentioned mineral group in order to hold said group under Section 24 of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the first publication hereof, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure, together with the cost of advertising, for 1901 your interests in the said group will become the property of the sub-scribers, under Section 4 of the Mineral Act 1900.

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oct 31 J. W. CHISM.

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