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PROSPECTOR'S LIFE

A Rather Overdrawn Account, But Much of it is True.

NOT ALL GOLD THAT GLITTERS

A Life Full of Adventure, Hope, Constant Expectancy, Many Difficulties, Hard Work, and Too Often No Remuneration for the Labor.

"If a man loves adventure," says Will Sparks in Ainslee's, "he will find nothing that will satisfy his passion so much as a life of mining and prospecting. The prospector is the adventurer par excellence of the Rockies. From the moment he starts upon his career in the mountains, leaving behind him the collection of colorless and wind beaten shanties, known as 'the city,' adventures greet him at every turn. As he picks his way through a wilderness of rocks and fallen trees, having left the meagre trail far behind, ever on the lookout for the faintest sign of the outcropping of the precious metal, his passage is almost sure to be disputed by wild beasts. But what an excitement there is in seeking for gold! It is stronger and more intense than that of the gambler at the green table staking his last dollar on the turn of a card. The prospector may be penniless, he may have put his last cent into the 'grub' that is now fastened onto the back of his burro; yet one stroke of his pick is likely to uncouver treasure that will transform him into a millionaire. He sits down to a meagre meal, cooked over a rude fire between a few stones, but all the time about him feels the presence of gold. Perhaps his fire is built on the end of a ledge that is 'chockfull' of gold; perhaps he is sitting on a rich outcropping that is simply covered with small stones; perhaps there is gold beneath the big tree just across the ravin. Gold may be everywhere, if he can just find it. Surely his luck is not lesss than other men's.

"And so he goes on, scaling the loftiest peaks, where snow lies all the year around, and even his heavy blankets are not enough do keep him warm at night, diving into all sorts of caverns and rifts in the rocks, exploring the caves, only perhaps to be chased out by the wild beast occupants, braving a thousand dangers that he may find the means of passing the rest of his days in ease.

"And how does it all end? In most cases the daring prospector who sets out alone meets his death miles and miles away from any human being. How, nobody ever knows. His bones may never be found. He disappears as completely as last winter's snow.

"But should the prospector strike it rich, his adventures will go on as long as he remains in the Rocky mountains. If his find is worth anything as a poor man's claim, he will put up a cabin and go to digging, concealing what gold he may take out in a place secret to himself. But he will have to guard it all the time, for covetuous miners who are not so fortunate would not hesitate to take his life if they could get possession of his little pile of yellow metal. His rifle must be his constant companion, and he must be ready to use it at the first sign. At night he must sleep with one eye open. If a stranger approaches the cabin he must be ready to dispute his right to be there. The few years a man may put in at this kind of life is most wearing, and, should the prospector conquer all risk and get back to his native town with a 'pile' his friends will look upon him as an old man, though he be still under 40. Only the unknowing ones will envy his fortune.

The man who works in the developed mines is also having adventurous experiences all the time. The tunnels, shafts and drifts are liable at any moment to cave in and bury the worker under tons of rock. Or perhaps they may be imprisoned without food or water, and pass many days of horrible suffering in darkness and silence."

THE MINING ARENA

Some Details of the Comstock Group

Some weeks ago the EAGLE gave its readers some idea of the Comstock group, up the north fork. Since then a report written by S. Shannon, B. A., of this place, has reached us and as it enters more into details we publish it in full. Mr. Shannon says:

"The group consists of two full sized mineral claims, viz: "Comstock" and "Silver Bullion" staked along the same location line and covering an area of approximately 100 acres.

As shown by the accompanying sketch-map, the property is most advantageously situated, since it adjoins Circle City townsite on the north side, and slopes quite precipitately eastward towards Galena creek, and westward quite gradually towards the north fork of Lardeau creek, the Comstock claim being on the eastern, and the Silver Bullion on the western slope.

The property is only 7½ miles distant from Ferguson, and an excellent pack trail on wagon road grade leads from Ferguson to Circle City, a distance of 7 miles, which trail continues up the north fork and across the Silver Bullion, but, along Galena creek to the point on the Comstock claim from which the development work will be prosecuted, a trail, not more than half a mile in length will have to be made. This can be done with very little trouble since the elevation to be attained is not more than 200 feet.

The country rock in this belt consists almost entirely of a thin bedded talcose schist, with strata of lime running through it at varying intervals. It is along those strata of lime that the mineral occurrs throughout this entire belt. There appears to be but the one band of lime running through this property, and it varies in width from 10 feet to 40 feet as seen by its outcrop. On either side of this belt of lime, i. e. in the contact between the lime and the schist, is found quartz, well mineralized with copper pyrites and galena. To quite an extent the copper pyrites seems to stay with the footwall of the lime and the galena with the hanging wall, but this does not hold throughout, as the minerals are found together and on either wall of lime.

The trend of the formation here is northwest and southeast, and the strata dip towards the northeast.

On the Galena creek slope the formation is fairly well exposed, and it is there that some development work has been done. This work consists of three open cuts of rather modest demensions but in each of them very fair showings of ore are exposed. No 1 open cut is well down the slope near the creek and shows up mostly copper pyrites; No. 2 is about 300 feet up the slope from No. 1, and is along the hanging wall of the lime. It shows up considerable galena, also some copper pyrites. No. 3 prospect pit is about 200 feet from No. 2, and exposes both copper pyrites and galena.

Quite a depth of wash covers the Silver Bullion claim and no development work has been done on it, but, across the north fork on the Sunset group, this same lead is exposed at intervals all up the slope, and some very fine showings of ore, like in nature to that on the Comstock, are there found. Also on the Richmond claim, across Galena creek from the Comstock, there is rather a fine showing of both galena and copper pyrites.

The lead is locally known as the Hunter and Trapper, and is traceable and well mineralized throughout the length of eight claims in this section. On the divide between the north fork and Pool creek it seems to be capped over, but appears again from Pool creek to Fish creek, and there also some fine showings of ore are found on it. It parallels, and is situated about midway between the Black Bear lead and the Horn lead.

From samples broken from off the ledge by myself, I obtained the following assays:

(1) Galena—gold $3.33; silver 34.5 ozs.; lead 57 per cent.

(2) Copper pyrites—gold $6.67; silver 9 ozs.; copper 26 per cent.

(3) Galena and copper pyrites—gold $8.00; Silver 19 ozs.; Lead 35 per cent. and copper 9 per cent.

Estimating silver at 60 cents per oz., lead at $4.25 per cwt. and copper at $16.50 per cwt., these samples would indicate ore in all values worth $72.48; $97.87 and $80.50 per ton respectively. These assays are from samples of fairly clean ore. The persistency of the gold values here is very encouraging, and is characteristic of this lead, for I have also sampled the Sunset group, and the Richmond, and found that the ore on them likewise contained very good gold values.

There is every facility offered for developing the property at a minimum cost, for the ledge can be driven on from the start, proven as work progresses, and for 300 ft. or thereabout each foot driven in the tunnel will give one foot additional in backs overhead. Abundance of timber suitable for all purposes will be convenient to the workings, and any amount of waterpower may be generated from either Galena creek or the north fork.

As the slope is free from snowslides, the property may be worked in perfect safety all the year around.

Of course, as yet the property is only a prospect, but the character of the ore, the continuity of the ledge, the position of the property and the facilities for working it, all place it above the average prospect and make it a desirable proposition for the investment of a moderate amount of capital, which if properly used, has fair chances of developing this prospect into a mine."

A company has been formed to commence development work upon the above property next season, they having acquired the group some weeks ago.

ARROWHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Its Closing Examination, and a Presentation to the Teacher.

The public examination of Arrowhead school, prior to its closing for the Christmas holidays, was held on the 21st. There was a full attendance of parents and friends. The pupils went through their various tasks with great credit, and shewed how well they had been instructed. Songs and recitations were given. The patriotic songs were sung with great vigor by the pupils. At the close of the exhibition the result of the written examinations for the first places in school and for the medals presented by Thomas McNaught, J. P., Halcyon Springs, was announced. The first place and medal for the boys were gained by Malcolm Johnston, and the first place and medal for the girls were gained by Miss Hilda Richards. Thereafter a very pleasant function took place at which Thomas McNaught was called upon to preside. Master Paul McCreery, one of the pupils, read an address to their teacher, Miss McNaughton, and in their names presented her with a handsome toilet case, who expressed great surprise at being the recipient of such an unexpected and handsome gift. Mr. McNaught then addressed the boys and girls upon their duties and shewed that upon the young shoulders of all the boys and girls in Canada rested the great responsibilities of the future of their Dominion and that they should work hard and strive to grow up good men and good women and make themselves fit and worthy of the great heritage which their fathers now possessed. The proceedings were closed by Miss McNaughton presenting each of the pupils with a handsome Christmas card.

HOUSE BURNED AT COMAPLIX.

An Unfortunate Interruption With Christmas Festivities.

COMAPLIX, Dec. 26.—About midnight on the 20th fire broke out in Engineer Young's house, which destroyed all they had in the house. A score of willing hands were on the spot shortly after the fire was discovered, but too late to save Mr. Young's house or contents, as the fire got too much headway. But they saved the adjoining house, J. Harlands, by the use of water, wet blankets, etc. Mr. Harland's house was badly scorched but luckily not damaged. The cause of the fire seems to have been the stove pipes from the sitting room stove. The loss is only partially covered by insurance. The building belonged to the saw mill company.

The children's Christmas tree and dance which took place on the 20th, inst., was a great success. The excursion boat Archer arrived from Arrowhead about 8:30 o'clock laden with pleasure seekers and left for home about 5 a.m., all well pleased with the time accorded them. Thomson's Landing was well represented. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Miss Gibbons, our school teacher, deserves great credit for the manner in which she drilled the children and the pains she took to get up a good programme. The affair wound up with a social dance in which all took part.

PULLING FOR THE LARDEAU.

A. E. Welch is Enthusiastic as to Our Mineral Resources.

A. E. Welch of London, Ont., who is interested in mining property up the north fork of Lardeau creek, was in Charlottetown, P. E. I., a few weeks ago. In an interview with the Daily Patriot, Mr. Welch states as his opinion that the evil effects of the boom in Kootenay mining of a few years ago had now passed away and that the public had learned the wisdom of investigating what they were going into. Interest in mining ventures was reviving with leaps and bounds. The war in South Africa has drawn the attention of English capital to Canada, and money is beginning to flow our way freely.

Mr. Welch claims that British Columbia is overflowing with minerals, needing nothing but legitimate and proper development, to form that province into one of the richest spots on earth.

EFFICIENT ASSAYERS IN B. C.

The results of the recent examinations for proficiency in assaying under the direction of the provincial assayer have been issued, and it is announced that certificates of efficiency have been issued to the following assayers in the Nelson district: George B. Church, A. K. McKillop, Henry Harris, Colin Campbell, Francis Hawkins, Walter E. Segsworth and Frank Agnew of Nelson, Richard Marsh and John McLellan of Rossland, R. E. Tally, R. T. Wales and J. C. Welch of Trail, W. A. Williams of Grand Forks, C. M. Wilson of Sandon, S. G. Blaylock of Fernie, G. A. Clothier of Moyie, G. A. Guess of Greenwood, John McVicar of Ymir, S. Shannon of Ferguson, and Howard West of New Denver.

The present rather cold spell of weather is having a good effect upon the road between here and the Landing, especially on the big hill.

RAILWAY NEWS

Reported That Work Has Begun on the Wharf and Slip.

CHEERING INTELLIGENCE HERE

The Almost Immediate Construction of Lardeau's Railway Seems Certain.—The Proved Mines of This Camp Can Soon Start Shipping.

No new developments have come to light in regard to Lardeau's railway during the past week. The writer was informed a few days ago, upon what should be reliable authority, that the C. P. R. were already building a wharf and putting in a slip at the foot of Kootenay lake, thus taking advantage of low water at this time of year. This along with the news that a contract for 90,000 ties has been let is fair evidence that the company mean business next spring. From this it would appear that construction work was to be begun at the southern end, but as the rails are to be stored at Arrowhead the company must intend to work from both ends. It matters very little whether the road is completed from Kootenay lake to Arrowhead or not, so long as they tap the district at any point. Were they to stop at the foot of Trout lake and put scows on to run from this end it would necessitate the working of thirty or forty four-horse teams between here and the lake, which would be very beneficial to Ferguson from a financial point of view. The mines are here and the ore must come down the hill, so the country is safe, sceptics and soreheads to the contrary notwithstanding.

WILL REACH THE NETTIE L.

Lardeau's Banner Mine Will Then Surprise The Natives.

The C.P.R. will commence construction of their new line into the Lardeau and Trout Lake mining districts almost immediately. Some of the rails have already arrived at Revelstoke. Building will proceed simultaneously from both ends, viz., Arrowhead and Kootenay Lake, and the line will pass through Thomson's Landing, Trout Lake and Ferguson, incidentally taking in the property of the Great Western Mines, limited, on Arrow Lake, and the Nettie L. and May Bee, at Ferguson. Before next winter, barring unforseen contingencies, the railway will be carrying the phenomenally rich ores of the Lardeau to the smelter in large and regular quantities, the principal mines being now developed to such an extent that uninterrupted shipments can be easily made. At present the Silver Cup, Nettie L., Triune and other properties are sending out considerable shipments by trail, though transportation so far has been very poor owing to soft, wet weather and lack of snow.—Calgary Herald.

FREE MILLING PROPOSITION.

A Conservative Statement Made By A. H. Gracey, The Engineer in Charge.

The work on the Imperial syndicates property near Camborne is progressing smoothly. A. H. Gracey, the engineer in charge, stated to the Nelson Tribune that the propositions are still in the prospect stage, and that untill further work is done it will be difficult to give an estimate of their merit with any degree of accuracy. "Our claims are the best looking prospect I have ever seen, but in the mining industry it often proves that bright prospects peter out, hence we are conservative in speaking of the properties as yet," is the way Mr. Gracey puts the matter. A depth of over 80 feet has been reached on the tunnel now under way and the showing is excellent.

On the Criterion and Oyster groups on Lexington mountain wock is being carried on by the prospectors who own the ground, and it is reported that they have struck rich ore on both.

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NOTICE.

A large number of the EAGLE'S subscribers are paid up to February 14, 1901. Due notice is hereby given, and each and every paper will be stopped at expiration. This may cause annoyance to readers who are "good" for the small amount of $2, but this is simply our way of doing business, so none need be offended, as all are used alike. To avoid missing a single issue send in your $2 at once. We need it in our business, and the EAGLE will endeavor to give a better $2 worth this year than last.

THAT MINERAL TAX

After due consideration, and with some hesitation, the EAGLE has arrived at the conclusion that the provincial tax of two per cent. on the net proceeds derived from the ore output of the metaliferious mines of this province, is an unjust tax and a tax which will hurt the Lardeau more than might be thought.

The way the EAGLE has sized the matter up is this: Some few years ago here was a district lying dormant, unproved, and from which the provincial government did not receive one cent of revenue. Along came the prospector, found the indication of mineral, and ultimately, with assistance of more private capital, developed to some extent properties here and there and created a revenue for the government. People came in. The sale of miners' licenses, traders' licenses, freighter and packers' licenses, liquor licenses, mining companies' licenses, poll tax, recording fees, etc., followed. Farmers took up land and various industries are built up, all contributing taxes to the government.

Now, it must be admitted that had it not been for the prospector, perhaps now the mine owner, the government would still be getting no revenue from these hundreds of sources. But what has the government done? The very minute these same men who create all the revenue, commence to ship a little ore in an endeavor to get the thousands of dollars they have already spent in development work, back, along comes the government and demands a second tax of two per cent., a first-rate dividend in itself.

Who ever heard of a government taking a per cent. of the sale price of a steer? The steer owner may pay taxes on the land upon which the steer was raised, but the other is too nonsensical to take seriously, was the law not actually in vogue in this province at the present time.

If a property is worth $50,000, tax it on that basis; if it is not worth two bits, being undeveloped and waiting for capital, then leave it alone until it is worth something.

God knows this country is taxed enough (for a non-government ownership government), especially the industry which most concerns our present and future welfare. And the government may as well make up its mind, first as last, to rescind this unjust two per cent. mineral tax, since all the revenue derived by the government is almost directly contributed by the mine operators in the first place If the tax is not applied on the actual-worth-of-the-property basis there will probably be more trouble in the air, as much as we hate to talk about it.

Where the government does and will not develop its own resources, then the EAGLE contends that when private persons or companies develop a country, which was lying a non-revenue payer into a big revenue payer, the said persons or companies should not be held up for a second tax so unjust as this two per cent. proposition. They have spent their good money in bringing this camp to the front and the government, which largely benefits, should give them a fighting show to get their money back.

The government cares naught whether the company shipping the ore is paying a dividend or not, they insist on this two per cent. rake-off.

The sooner a direct tax, as with ranchers, is substituted for the present hold-up system the better for every resident of the Lardeau.

FROM THE SANCTUM.

Wanted—200 more paid-up subscribers for the EAGLE. We are having no trouble to meet bill; it's paying them that bothers us.

The Lardeau was adjudged by one of the best known mining engineers, this summer, as being one of the richest parts of British Columbia, and his opinion seems about to be verified.

Judging by the present state of the channel leading from Thomson's Landing proper to deep water landing, very little dredging woud have to be done to enable the boats to come right up to the high-water landing the year round. It is a matter which should be drawn to the attention of our new member Mr. Galliher.

Many corporations do not allow their employees to become members of any local organization. Suppose their men should say, "We refuse to allow you to join any employers' association." Would the employers be indignant? No, they would only be amused. And yet one demand is as unjustifiable as the other.

A rancher in Arizona lately informed all whom it concerned by means of a notice posted on a cottonwood tree that: "My wife Sarah has left my ranch when I Didn't Do a Thing Too her, and I want it distinkly understood that any Man as takes her in and Keers for her on my account will get himself Pumped so full of lead that some tenderfoot will locate him for a mineral claim. A word to the wise is sufficient and orter work on fools."

On November 1st a law went into effect in Ontario which provides for the taxation of corporations doing business in that province under other than provincial characters. The tax will amount to $100 per annum on most companies, but where the capital stock is very large an additional sum will be charged. In some special cases the tax may be reduced to $50. Brokers representing outside companies will be liable to regular tax. Travellers are exempt.

Many a mother in the east has been disappointed this week because she did not receive a letter from her boy in the west. A letter is a little inexpensive article, but the joy it can produce in the heart of a mother, old and gray, cannot be bought for money. A mother's love is the purest and noblest blessing on earth, and a son who would not occasionally feed it with a letter is short on the higher qualities of manhood.—New Denver Ledge.

An orator in Missouri got off the following: We live in a country of high mountains and high taxes, low wages, big, crooked rivers and crooked statesmen, big lakes and big strikes, big drunks and big pumpkins, big men with pumpkin heads, silver streams that gamble in the mountains, and pious politicans that gamble in the night, roaring cataracts and roaring orators, fast horses and fast young men, sharp lawyers, sharp financers and sharp nosed gossips, fertile plains that lie like sheets of water and thousands of newspapers that lie like thunder."—Argonaut.

Organized labor is yielding an influence upon every public question never attained before. The world's greatest thinkers are now beginning to appreciate the fact that the commands of labor mean more than appears on the surface. They see that the demand for work is not alone one for the preservation of life in the individual, but is a human, innate right; that the movement to reduce the hours of labor is not sought to shirk the duty to toil, but the humane means by which the workless workers may find the means of employment; and that the millions of hours of increased leisure to the over-taxed workers signify millions of golden opportunities for lightening the burdens of the masses, to make the homes more cheerful, the hearts of the people lighter, their hopes and asperations nobler and broader.—Erie People.

SCREAMLETS.

It's hard to be poor, but it's easy.

If you court trouble you will finally become married to it and remain so until divorced by death.—Regina Standard.

An exchange rudely remarks that as Sir Charles has gone into the insurance business the Conservative party should find no difficulty in securing a new policy.

"I wouldn't mind going to South Africa," said a Lardeau prospector to the EAGLE yesterday, "but I'd hate like the dev to be bossed around by a chappie English official."

There is probably not half a dozen youngsters in this province, over five years of age, who take any stock in the Santa Claus feature. Superstitions of more than one kind are dying out with the close of the century.

If the EAGLE is rightly informed the Baptist church refuses to be exempted from taxation. It will only be a matter of time until all the churches will either pay taxes, like other business institutions, or go out of business.

Incircumscripibleness is one of the treasures of the latest volume of the celebrated Oxford English dictionary. An exchange remarks that the editors are coming to honorificabilitudinity. and most of them are probably anti-disestablishmentarians.

Do you want a nation of honorable men, virtuous women? Let the women be the home-tenders, the men the bread-winners. To subvert this order of things is to destroy manhood and womanhood, and bring ruin, disorder, and disgrace on the nation.

The many barrels of red-eye imported to this camp contains songs, dances, millionaire-feeling, gab and various other commodities, but for a place where so much bug-juice is consumed there are few fights—in fact there are none, be it said to the credit of the camp.

The Industrial World, Rossland, to hand this week is a big improvement on the semi-weekly. It is now an eight-page, six-column paper, with Messrs. Wm. Verran and Jas. H. Fletcher as the new managers, vice A. C. Thompson. There is a good field in Rossland for just such a paper, and the EAGLE will not be surprised if it merges into a live daily sheet within six months.

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Map of the Lardeau

Showing the position of the streams, mountains and passes, waterways, every claim in the Trout lake mining district, the trails and wagon roads, location of surveyed railways, and everything which will assist an outsider to acquaint himself with our district. The production of this map has been taken hold of by two of the best fitted men for the purpose in the province, Messrs. A. P. Cummins, P.L.S., and S. Shannon, B. A., both having personal and practical knowledge of the district.

The map is to be beautifully lithographed in five colors and entirely free from advertising matter of any kind.

The urgent necessity for such a complete map, probably 40 x 40 has long been felt by all persons interested in this district; and it is a pleasure to note that two such able men have decided to fill the bill. The Price, the same to all, has been placed at the sum of $1.00, prepaid to any Address.

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PERTINENT POINTERS

For Prudent Purchasers

That the Lardeau district has unbounded mineral resources no well informed person will deny.

The Lardeau district is on the eve of a new era, brought about by the wonderful developments, finds and strikes made thus season; along with the fact that the construction of a railway by the C. P. R. is absolutely certain for early next season.

The large ore shipments being made this winter in spite of the fact that transportation and treatment costs approximately $37 per ton, indicates the high grade nature of our ores.

With cheap transportation next season, when Lardeau's acres of low and medium grade ore can be treated profitably, the possibilities are astounding.

The attention of outside investors has already been arrested and hundreds are now making arrangements to operate in this district after the early spring—in fact some of them are here now, securing bonds, looking for and finding ground-floor propositions.

No district in Canada today offers better inducements for the investor than this one. The mining business is no monopoly. The poor man has even chances, at least more so than in other lines. When he finds a Triune he doesn't have to sell. What other occupation in life can a man follow where his chances with a wealthy competitor are less diminished than in prospecting and mining?

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." It may not be your lot to make a fortune, but if ever there was an opportunity in a mining camp, the Lardeau offers it today. Don't wait until the railway comes; for then the prospector is not in the same need of money, to enable him to hang on.

If you have money to invest now is the time to investigate. Come straight to Ferguson; you will find men here who have properties to sell; in fact Ferguson is the home, the meeting place for prospectors and investors. The owners, as a rule, will be found most reasonable and always ready to give you information, cheerfully escort you to their properties, and otherwise interest you in their interests. We have the mineral resources and no money to develop them. Will you come in and help us and thus help yourself?

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TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Take Christ in all in all he was a great man. We ought at least to study his teaching as we study the teachings of any other great thinkers. His teaching had and has its lessons for to-day and to-morrow, for the future and for the present. His revelation or teaching about heaven was a truth that largely lifted the mind off the present and fixed it on the future. This was a great truth, giving birth as it does to a purifying, an enobling and inspiring hope. Life without it would be miserable poor and wretched. Every man who has it must be the braver and the nobler. The trouble has been that many has made everything of heaven and nothing of earth, everything of to-morrow and nothing of today. This teacher, while he undoubtedly directs our thoughts, to what will be; yet he as strongly, if not more strongly, calls attention to what is. It was only occassionally that he drew the veil aside, and revealed the future, he was always insisting upon the value of to-day, and the present. In that healthful sermon, called the Sermon on the Mount—a sermon that is being read more eagerly and more reverently to-day than ever before—one of his most impressive lessons is "Take no thought for to-morrow." Has it ever struck the reader of that sentence that it implies one ought to have a deep, serious thought about to-day. If we are not to be over anxious about to-morrow of what is ahead of us, we ought to be thoroughly anxious about to-day. or the things which are. If to-morrow is not to bother us, it means that we should wrestle with the things of to-day; for the only way, in which the to-morrow of life can have no care for us, is by making the conditions of life to-day what they ought to be. Christ was a great believer of to-day. The future did not trouble Him much; the present did. Work, He says, while it is called day, that is, preach, teach, perform, change, comfort, help, all to-day. The needs of humanity were staring him in the face to-day, and to-day, not to-morrow, He must do His duty. Oh, it is to-day that we should be most anxious about. What is it that causes so many men and women to have painfully anxious thoughts about to-morrow? It is because the to-day of their lives is all worong. If you are out of employment to-day; if your money is all spent to-day; if the needs of wife and children cry out to-day; if you are hard pressed, and are in deep distress to-day, can you look at to-morrow without fear and trembling? It is because then we are in straits, difficulties, and penury to-day, that to-morrow is enabled to intrude itself in ugly black shapes, to load us with intolerable burdens, and to fill us with dark forbodings. In a true sense, to-day is everything, and a responsibility is laid upon us to make to-day right, and to make it liveable. Our work is to sweep away all wrongs and injustices which may exist to-day. Our duty is to get what is needful for to-day; to have a fair, honest share of God's free gifts to man as that to-morrow's shadow when it comes will be one of hope and good cheer to us. For if we are getting to-day what we ought, then to-morrow will have no fears for us, in fact, we shall welcome it as a good gift sent from Heaven to bless us and do us good. What is to-morrow, but a part of to-day. The future is but a link of the present. They are indissolubly connected. You cannot by any device separate them. If then our industrial conditions be unjust, unfair and dishonest, to-morrow, unless we are wise to sweep them away to-day, will ever be full of worries, cares and anxieties to the man who is loaded with responsibilities. Our industrial salvation to morrow depends upon us doing our duty to-day with all our minds and with all our hearts.—Vancouver Independent.

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ON THE WING ITEMS

The sleigh roads are in fine condition.

Dividends are always figured on the par value.

Frank Fletcher is Nelson's prospective mayor for 1901.

Electric mining machinery is being introduced in British mines.

Henry Daniel and C. O. Lalonde are candidates for mayor of Rossland.

Orientals outnumber the whites in the tailoring industry at Vancouver.

An extra of the British Columbia Gazette proclaims to-day as a public holiday.

Canadian manufactured shoes can now be obtained with the union stamp upon them.

Vincent Lade, Arthur Gunn, Arthur Evans and Robert Gunn are spending a few days in Nelson.

The freight sheds at Thomson's Landing are full up with merchandise labelled for Ferguson merchants.

The mail reached here on Monday evening at five o'clock, as per new arrangement. The improvement is appreciated.

David Morgan, Daniel Dunbar, Frederick Disjardine, William C. Pettipiece and R. P. Pettipiece came in from Revelstoke on Saturday evening.

The Imperial government will accept 1000 men for South Africa. They must be good shots, good riders, single and between the age of twenty and thirty five.

Jas. Tobin, blacksmith at Thomson's Landing, has secured four lots in Ferguson, the east end of block 30, upon which he will put up a building in the spring.

Manager Louis Didisheim, of the Silver Cup, arrived in town on Monday evening from Revelstoke, to see how the Cup ore shipment was coming up. He returned to Revelstoke yesterday.

W. M. Lawrence, hardware merchant, Revelstoke, has secured the contract of installing a furnace, and placing a tin roof upon James Cumming's new hotel. Edgar Burridge will do the work.

In a private letter to a friend in Ferguson, Fred. Fraser, mining recorder at Revelstoke, says: "The compliments of the season to all those Christmasing in the Lardeau, believing next year we can go in on holiday rates. Yours **."

The first masquerade ball ever held in the Lardeau took place in Hume's hall Trout Lake, last Wednesday evening. The affair was a success in every particular, and the attendance was representative of the entire district.

Andrew Cummings, proprietor of the Balmoral hotel, has decided to build a large addition to his hotel. The lumber is to be hauled from D. L. Clink's sawmill at Trout Lake, there being none on hand at the Ferguson mill.

W. C. Meyers, of Brantford, Ont., writes the EAGLE thus: "Dear Sir: Please find inclosed $2 for which kindly place my name upon your subscription list. Life is altogether too short to be without your valuable organ."

Calgary, Alta., was visited by rather a disastrous fire on Christmas morning. Two stone blocks are in ruins. The loss is over $100,000. The newspaper offices were in the next block on either side of the fire. Two of the firemen were injured.

The Canadian Northern Railway now extends 340 miles from Portage la Prairie in a north westerly direction. The road will take a westerly direction taking in Prince Albert and through to Edmonton, which place it is expected to reach inside of four years.

The first childrens' Christmas tree entertainment ever held in Ferguson took place in the school house on Tuesday week, and was much enjoyed by the friends and parents present. The event was but the beginning of such fancions hereafter in the pay roll centre.

Have you noticed that the ads. in a live, up-to-date newspaper are generally in keeping with the paper itself, and that a sleepy, old fogy or smudgy looking sheet has the same kind of ads.? Is it because the newspaper braces up the advertiser, or the advertiser puts life into the medium?

The leading feature of the January Arena, which begins the 25th volume of that standard review, is a symposium on "Christian Science and the Healing Art." It is a remarkable 25 cents worth of the best reading matter issued by an American publishing house. $2.50 a year. The Alliance Publishing Company, New York.

* If you want ALL the mining news of the Lardeau you must become a paid-up reader of the EAGLE.

* When you reach Trout Lake City register at the Queen's Hotel, Abrahamson Bros., proprietors. Good accomodation; best service; choice wines, liquors and cigars; fire proof safe; rates reasonable.

James Cummings will commence the construction of his proposed large new three-storey hotel, on Victoria street, just as soon as the lumber can be laid on the ground. The major portion of this order is being furnished by D. L. Clink's saw mill at Trout Lake.

NOTICE TO CO-OWNERS.

To LILLIAN HOAR, J. W. M. HOAR, R. S. WILSON and O. D. HOAR:

Take notice that we the undersigned Co-owners with you of the Jumbo, Florence, Union Jack, Canadian Boy, Independant and Parrsboro mineral claims, situated on the south fork of the Lardeau creek in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay in the Province of British Columbia, have performed and recorded the assessment work and made the expenditure required to be done and recorded on the above mentioned claims for the year 1899 as well as the years 1898, 1897 and 1896 under section 24 of the Mineral Act and the years for which such work was performed and expenditure made having expired we do hereby give you notice pursuant to Section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900, to contribute your proportion of such expenditure for the years hereinbefore mentioned within 90 days of the first publication hereof.

Dated at Trout Lake this 20th day of September A. D. 1900.

H. M. CARTER,
J. C. KIRKPATRICK,
31-45 L. THOMPSON, Co-Owners.

NOTICE TO CO-OWNER.

To C. C. BENNETT:

Take notice that I the undersigned Co-owner with you of the "Brer Fox" mineral claim situated on the northwest side of Haskins creek and about three miles from its mouth and being a south-easterly extension of the Fayal mineral claim in the Trout Lake Mining Division, of west Kootenay, in the province of British Columbia, have performed and recorded the assessment work and made the expenditure required to be done and recorded on the above mentioned claim for the year 1899 under section 24 of the Mineral act and the year for which such work was performed and expenditure made having expired I do hereby give you notice pursuant to section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900, to contribute your proportion of such expenditure for the year hereinbefore mentioned within 90 days of the first publication hereof.

Dated at Trout Lake this 8th day of November, A. D. 1900.

37-49 PETER McVEIGH, Co-owner.

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Southern British Columbia
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The Chamber of Mines wants thoroughly reliable correspondents in every camp in the districts of East and West Kootenay and Yale to whom reasonable compensation will be paid for their service. Correspondents will be expected to furnish the Chamber of Mines with all development going on at the mines the installation of machinery, shipments of ore and value, and generally such news as will attract the attention of capitalists and cause them to investigate and invest..

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If your watch is out of order, needs cleaning or regulating bring it to me at once and I'll guarantee its repair.
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Good, prompt service, and any work undertaken guaranteed.
Freighting from Thomson's Landing to Ferguson a specialty.
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