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THE CUP LOCALITY

A Number of Promising Claims Now Receiving Attention.

MORE SHIPPERS FOR LARDEAU

The Free Coinage, Copper Glance, Triune, Yorkshire Lass, Morning Glory, Virginia, Lucky Jim, Black Eagle, Nora Lee, Golden Gate, Early Bird, I. X. L., and Alice.

The Silver Cup, with its group of claims, is so well known to the general public that the EAGLE need not dwell on its merits or demerits, but simply take it as a starting point, a landmark, in speaking of the claims adjacent thereto, and which are not so well known. The geological formation of this section of the country, or southwest of the great "lime dyke," are slates and schists with small belts of limestone occurring frequently, the limestone and schists forming contact veins which carries large deposits of ore.

To the northwest of the Silver Cup, on the same veins, is the Free Coinage, Copper Glance, and Triune group.

On the Free Coinage claim considerable development work was done in 1897 and '98 and some very rich ore encountered, but work has been discontinued since the above mentioned period.

The Copper Glance adjoins the Free Coinage and is fairly accessable, with large surface showings of rich ore.

The Triune group comprises three claims, which are now being worked by energetic lessees. The ore exposures are immense, being from 12 to 22 inches, solid shipping, and sufficiently rich to stand packing from the claims to the wagon road.

Sidelining on parallel veins with the Cup, to the southeast, are the Yorkshire Lass, Morning Glory, Virginia, Lucky Jim No. 1 and No. 2. The Yorkshire Lass and Morning Glory have little work done on them. On the Virginia group a shaft is sunk 30 feet, and is now being pushed on to greater depth. The shaft exposes quantities of ore of good values. A trail leads from the property to Trout lake, about 2½ miles.

The Lucky Jim group is to be vigorously worked this summer, the owners P. H. Murphy and G. S. McLeod, with a party of men are now on the ground. The work will consist in sinking a main shaft 50 feet. The vein is 5 ft. wide, between walls composed of quartz and pyrites. In the centre of the vein is a leader of pyrites from two to eight inches wide, rich in gold values. From assays made the lowest returns were $292, the highest $494. These values are enormous and with the work now in hand will show the future of the property.

Sidelining the above claims comes the Black Eagle, Nora Lee, Golden Gate, Early Bird, I. X. L., Alice and other claims.

The necessary development work to properly demonstrate the value of all these claims is still in obeyance.

The EAGLE would like to see capital come to the rescue of the prospector. He has done all he can do. He has given the claims his best thought, his strong muscle and is prepared to reciprocate with capital in every way if he can only do so. The properties so far developed in the district are successful a fact which should lead parties seeking investment into this camp.

SOMETHING ON AT THE CUP.

But at Present it is Shrouded in Mystery.—The New Manager.

Manager Didisheim and three experts, whose names were not obtainable, arrived in the camp on Sunday, and on Monday they went up to the Silver Cup, apparently to size up the mine with a view to directing future development and operations. The Silver Cup mine is all right. If it was not, it would not stand the red-tape management existing one month. They have lots of ore in sight, after six long years of work. There has been a lot of money spent, but the mine has more than re-paid it all with a handsome balance. The mine management is governed by a provincial manager and his staff, these in turn are directed by a London board and God only knows how many other officials. L. Didisheim, the latest acquisition in the way of a manager, who recently got the job, because the late manager would not become a nonenity and be bossed around like a child, is a nice man—in his own estimation. In order to better show his immense personal importance and serve his company on the "sucker" plan, he has given instructions that no visitors be allowed in the mine, and that the EAGLE in particular, publish no information concerning their doings. An EAGLE reporter endeavored to secure the mission of the "experts" from Mr. Didisheim, but in broken English he told us to go to blazes, that we were always lying about his property, and otherwise made ourselves obnoxious in his presence. The EAGLE doesn't give a continental about being called "gentlemanly" names, but the point is this. If the management desire their doings to be continually clouded in mystery, are they figuring on gulling someone? The truth never hurts a good thing. And if this great hi-yu manager would condescend to give us information which is considered public information by every other mining man in the camp, there would be no errors. The Silver Cup is looked upon on the outside as our banner mine; and for this reason the results of their ore shipments, etc., would be of immense benefit to the camp. But this company has an ungentlemanly and abusive manager, swelled with his own importance, a man who despises "white" people, anything British except his salary, and for that reason nothing can be gleaned from this quarter. The EAGLE does not like to become personal, but if ever Manager Didisheim trys to run a "sandy" on us again we'll strip him of his yellow leggings, and otherwise knock the supreme crap out of his foreign pride. And whenever we feel like publishing anything concerning the Cup, we will just proceed to do so, Manager Didisheim to the contrary notwithstanding.

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY

The Initiative Movement For Organization Now Being Taken in Vancouver.

The Vancouver Independent, the cleanest and best edited labor paper in the province, gives a detailed account of the movement in Vancouver to form an Independent Labor Party in Vancouver and if possible throughout the province. A convention recently held in Vancouver gives promise of rapid and influential development. The Independent says: "The idea is similar to that which has been successfully carried out in Winnipeg; it takes into the ranks of those in sympathy with and willing to secure legislation for the working classes. The object is to study economics and vote for the party's candidate whenever it sees fit to make a nomination for any representative position. The obligation is that applicants for membership renounce allegiance to the two chief political parties. It is open to all in sympathy with the objects sought, and while progressive trade unionists have been along the backbone of the party, the roll has included in the Prairie City about an equal number of non-unionist, business and professional men."

If the Vancouver committee would take it upon themselves to act as "headquarters," and from there submit questions to union organizations throughout the province by referendum vote, the EAGLE believes the unity of forces would be quickly brought into working order. By this means the people would be educated up to the system of voting which must come sooner or later, and the province rapidly won and governed by the Independent Labor Party—or the people.

AN EXPERIENCED MAN'S OPINION.

"I have prospected, lived and worked in mining camps from the Lake of the Woods to Barkerville (Cariboo) for the last twenty-six years; but I never was as stuck on a camp as this one" said J. N. Black (Dad), of the firm of McKinnon & Sutherland, to an EAGLE man yesterday. "There never was more development work going on in the district than this year, and the prospects were never brighter. Business is a 100 per cent. better than this time last year. Many new strikes have been made, a half dozen or more shippers added to the list, a dozen men are now working for one last year, tonnage for a railway is being created and everything points to a season of unprecedented prosperity. Why, in another season or two the Silver Cup and Nettie L. will only be among the ordinary producers, as was the case with the Slocan Star in the early days of the Slocan, a mining district in which I am interested and have lived for years."

WITH A RAILWAY

Practical Mining Men Would Strike the Camp.

TOO MANY CHEAP PROMOTERS

An Experienced Miner's Opinion of This District.—Methods Pursued Which Black Eye Legitimate Investment.—New Blood Needed.—Will Wait for the Railway.

E. M. Morgan and party left for the Mabel group on Saturday to finish sinking on the lead they are now working upon. As soon as sufficient depth has been attained drifting will be commenced and ore piled on the dump to await transportation facilities. Mr. Morgan is quite satisfied with the prospects of the Mabel group, and speaks glowingly of the district's mineral resources in general. He has been in nearly every mining camp in North America, but never before did he see such surface and ore shewings as obtained in this camp. Mr. Morgan finds the "waiting" possibly as much of a struggle as anyone else, but his absolute confidence in the merits of the district has given him a resolute determination to hang on until the tide does turn. "All we need in the world is a railroad," said Mr. Morgan. "Then good practical mining men will soon arrive on the scene. There's too many cheap-john jacklegs in the camp, looking for something for nothing; and they find it. The result is, they go down into the penny ante belt, float a jim-crow company, sell shares, find they have a wild-cat, go broke and the shareholders in chorus condemn the country in general, instead of stringing up the "floater." But these things will change when we get a railroad. It's only a matter of time until we get some really practical mining men into the camp. Until then we will hold on to our properties, peg away as usual and keep a stiff upper lip. We've got the ore and the rest is bound to come—and we'll either be here or there will be a stranger in the shades."

STRAIGHT TIP TO PROSPECTORS.

The Outcrop's Advice is Applicable in This Camp.

Now that it is an assured fact that we will have a number of monied men and mining experts in the Lardeau district this season to investigate the inducements we have to offer in mineral claims, it may not be out of place to make a few suggestions to the present owners.

We agree that the prospector is the hardest working man of to-day and that he should receive for his work and perseverance the very highest reward obtainable. It is he who puts a pack on his back and climbs the rough rugged mountains. He spends weeks away from the sound of human voices and is entitled to every consideration.

At the same time our district is new and every prospector owns from one to a dozen different claims, and will therefore find it an advantage to put a reasonable price on his properties and stay with it. Don't raise the price when a mining man says he wants it. You have other claims and the sale and development of one means that your chances of getting a good figure for another has increased many times. Don't let your imagination run off with you. Tell the truth, and when an investor has trudged many a weary mile he will find the facts to be as you stated and will have no reason to find fault, even if he is worn out. When you set a price on your claim you will not need the advice of others, so don't ask it. When you are offered your price take it like a man. You will not take a suit of clothes if the tailor raises his price after you have given him your measure; neither will an investor buy your claim if the price be raised. Don't talk too much. No man can talk all the time and say something. Tell what you have and stop there. A good mechanic when offered a job will simply say he can do it; a poor one will talk one to death. But above all don't back-cap the other fellows property. No man knows what is hidden in the rocks.

Capital For the Lardeau.

Dr. Spencer, a member of the London Chamber of Mines, who is interested in several properties in the Lardeau, will be in this district about the middle of July in the interests of British capitalists.

LARDEAU'S MINES

Assessment and Development is in Full Swing.

ORE SACKING AT THE TRIUNE

Work on the Brow, Hunter and Trapper, Lucky Jim, Nettie L., Hazel, Hobo and Good Luck.—Supplies Being Packed in Every Direction.—Lardeau's Best Year.

The Triune Group.

S. A. Sutherland and D. Ferguson were up to see the Triune group on Monday. The lessees, Messrs. Gunn and Lade brothers, are busy taking out and sacking ore. Three men are working in the mine, and are taking out three tons of clean shipping ore a day. They have about 20 tons ready for pack horses, the only means of transportation they have, and will commence shipping regularly at once. They expect returns of at least $200 to the ton, net. The tunnel is driven in on the lead and all the ore taken out so far is just what was encountered on the way in, doing away largely with dead work. As soon as a few shipments are made and they are in far enough, drifting will be commenced. Never in the history of British Columbia was there such a shewing in so short a time. Mr. Sutherland brought down some fine specimens of ore which were being admired by townsmen yesterday and to-day. Needless to say the Ferguson brothers are highly elated with their property, acquired in part only last fall, they having paid only $3,000 cash for one of the claims. It hardly seems possible that three men are taking out nearly a thousand dollars worth of ore a week, but such is the case at the Triune. As soon as the rawhiding season comes around a larger force of men will be put on and the Triune will probably ship more ore than the Silver Cup this winter. The trail recently built by the owners and lessees, unassisted by the government, is fairly passable, but needs further work done upon it, to facilitate heavy traffic.

Tunnel Work on the Brow.

Messrs. Geo. and J. Lembke are now at work on the Brow, a property in which they are interested, sidelining the Ajax on the east. They are running a crosscut tunnel to tap what they consider the Nettie L. lead, and are now in nearly 25 ft. W. Letts was up to the property on Thursday last and speaks well of the shewings on the Brow. Geo. Lembke was in town on Saturday on his way to record some work. He has written to his brother in Vancouver stating the circumstances and if the reply is favorable it is possible that 75 or 80 ft. more will be driven. This, Mr. Lembke feels certain, will catch the big lead at about 100 ft. depth, and expose much the same values as found in the Nettie L. He is very anxious that the work be pushed ahead, but lack of sufficient capital is bothering more than Mr. Lembke.

Another Rich Pool Creek Group.

A force of men started last week from Comaplix to do a large amount of work by contract system, on the Hunter and Trapper claims at the head of Pool creek, and spendid results are expected from the commencement, as surface samples from a one foot paystreak have assayed $490.80 and $284.32 per ton, and from a nineteen foot vein of concentrating are $75.60 per ton of concentrates. The group is owned by the Canadian Mutual Mining and Development Co. of Toronto, which has made excellent progress the past fifteen months with seven out of thirteen of its properties.—Com.

Nettie L.

Manager Pool made a hurried trip to the Nettie L. on Monday and left in the evening to be in Revelstoke for the company's annual meeting. As soon as the meeting is over a program for the future development of the mine will be made public. Mr. Pool could only assure the EAGLE that they would make things hum from this date. Regular ore shipments are still being made; but a larger output will soon be made. This will mean an additional force of men. And thus the payroll constantly increases.

Outside Investors After It.

The owners of the Silver Belt group have been approached this season by three representatives of capital, English, San Francisco and New York, with a view to buying a controlling interest or outright, but they have so far declined to change their present plans of a syndicate to develop the property, and incorporate a Canadian company to reap the rewards the owners expect from it..—Com.

Hazel, Hobo and Good Luck.

Sam. McColl struck the camp last week, to commence assessment work, with Messrs. D. Dunbar and S. F. W. Gainer on the Hazel, Hobo and Good Luck claims, located on the Horn ledge, above the Rob Roy, some two miles from Circle City.

Lucky Jim.

Jas. Grant is in town getting supplies to take up to the Lucky Jim, the well known gold property, which is being developed a good deal this season. In another column will be found an account of the work to date.

Silver King.

The Chesnut brothers left on Monday morning for Gainer creek to do assessment work on the Silver King.

A PROMINENT MINING MAN.

Dr. M. F. Chesnut Looking After His Companies' Interests.

Dr. M. F. Chesnut of Rossland, who is extensively interested in mining in the Lardo-Duncan country, just over the divide, has returned to the camp after an absence of several months, and to-day in company with superintendent J. W. Westfall has gone to the Old Gold mines. The Dr. is here in the interests of the company of which he is secretary. He has just let a large tunnelling contract and will remain until the contractors have taken in their outfit and commenced work. The company is and has been working day and night, developing their property with satisfactory results. Their future plans are to continne along the same general outline heretofore followed with increased vigor. The party will be gone a number of days. They will also examine other properties in the vicinity of the Old Gold before their return to Ferguson.

LAURIER MUST ACT.

W. G. Alcock of New Westminster, says: "With regard to the Japanese whom Sir Wilfrid Laurier seemed to be afraid to touch with a ten-foot pole, they are a greater menace to the white man than the Chinese. They are more aggressive, and work cheaper. They are depriving thousands of loyal British subjects of the means of a livelihood. They will work at $4 to $5 per month and board. They fairly swarm around the canneries, the mills, and factories, and as section-men on the railroads and on the steamboats. They work as carpenters, shoemakers, harnessmakers, tailors, painters and boatbuilders. They bring their rice and other provisions from Japan. They are not only taking the very living from white laborers and mechanics, but running businesses; already many white men who had just their daily labor to depend on for the support of their family, have had to break up their little homes, sell their furniture to a second-hand man and go across the line to seek to make a fresh start, where there are few Chinamen, and where Japs are not allowed to land. This is but the beginning. God alone knows what the end will be.

Natal can stop them; New Zealand and the Australian Colonies can stop them; but for some unaccountable reason they must be allowed to overrun this province; then the North West Territories and Manitoba, and it will not take long at the present rate to give Ontario and Quebec a taste of what it is to compete with rice-eating coolies.

I consider this the overshadowing question in Canadian politics to-day. We have asked for bread, and have been given a stone."

IT IS.

Is it not about time the misleading official title of Lardeau mining district for the Fish River camp was altered? The Indians name for Fish river is the In-Comaplix, and there seems to be no reason why the camp should not be known by the name of the recording office instead of by that universally appropriated in popular parlance to another district altogether.—Revelstoke Herald.

A FAIR TRIAL FIRST

Not Sufficient Development Work Done to Criticize as Yet.

PROMOTERS WILL BE TO BLAME

In Most Cases if There Are Failures.—There is Plenty of Pick and Choice, But Proved Properties Do Not Sell at Two for a Cent Apiece.—Time Alone Will Tell.

The EAGLE was accosted the other day by a newcomer. Said he: "I don't see anything about the wildcats in the EAGLE at all; you seem to be giving nothing but the bright side of it; and the jerk-water companies operating here and there in the district are all supposed to be representatives of the district, on the outside. You should give both sides." Well, stranger, there are quite a few mere prospects and an accasional wild-cat in this camp, as in all others; but there has not been sufficient development work done, on many of them, as yet to demonstate their value, nor have they reached a stage where criticism would be just, for it takes time and money to find out these things, and no man can see further into the ground than another. We will admit that some properties are being "boomed" in the east which in the opinion of local mining men, are not worth two-bits; but the promoters in every case bought them for a song and palmed them off on an unsuspecting public as "a good thing." This is the curse of the camp. Outside opinion is prejudiced against the district after a number have been bitten by this means. But there is this to be said. Every property in the Lardeau taken hold of by competent mining men, with capital, has been a success. The Silver Cup and Nettie L. are examples of what proper development has accomplished. The local owners of various properties are doing good work, but they lack the means to push development the year round. This state of affairs can only be remedied with a railroad. With the advent of transportation a new era will dawn. The one-horse promoter will have to take a walk and buyers will be looking for properties, not holders seeking for a purchaser. There is ups and downs in every occupation, but the large number of men now at work in this camp and the certainty of largely increased ore shipments, even under the present adverse circumstances, this winter, helps to keep the bright side predominant.

IT SOUNDS WELL.

As a Country it Covers More Than One-Third of the Entire British Empire.

The area of Canada is 3,456,383 square miles. It constitutes more than one-third of the whole British empire, and is only about two hundred thousand square miles smaller than the continent of Europe. In other words, if Canada were placed upon Europe the whole of the continent would be covered, with the exception of France; or, if the United States, without Alaska, were placed on Canada, British Columbia and half Alberta would be left uncovered. Without its dependent territory Alaska, the United States is four hundred thousand square miles smaller than Canada. The one Canadian province of British Columbia is larger than France, Italy, Switzerland and Portugal taken all together. Quebec and Ontario are each larger than the German empire and Switzerland combined. Nova Scotia is larger than Greece, or Switzerland, or Denmark, or Holland, or Belgium. Yet Nova Scotia is the second smallest province of Canada. Prince Edward Island is larger than Montenegro.

The inland waterways of Canada are the most extensive in the world. In her lakes and rivers might be sunk the whole of Great Britain and Ireland, and nineteen thousand square miles of water would be left unfilled. The climate, though it varies enormously over an area so vast, is such as has always bred the strongest and most enterprising races of mankind. We have the largest and richest fisheries, coal areas, mineral and timber regions of the world. Our wheat lands, grazing lands, and iron, gold and silver-lead mines, when developed, will be among the most productive in the world.

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MILLIONAIRE CHRISTIAN'S SUNDAY PRAYER-SONG.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Give me 25 per cent.;
While the money in doth roll
I'll be filled with sweet content.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
While I make the dollars fast;
Safe into my safe they'll glide,
You'll receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Save my mortgages for me;
While I skin each brother's son
For support I'll look to thee.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
To my usury I cling,
For my game is neatly played
'Neath the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found
Let new victims now drop in,
Let them each with cash abound,
Make, oh, make for me more tin.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me draw long life from thee,
Plate with gold my marble heart,
Count my gains eternally.

LESSONS IN ECONOMICS.

The study of economics has a tendency to lessen popular veneration for the mere possessors of wealth or of the means of securing wealth from day to day. The wealth of the world is comparatively trifling and has been variously estimated at from four to ten years' production. A building over 50 years old is rare in this country, and the average life of that form of wealth is much less than half a century. Other forms have a still shorter life. Clothing may have an average life of a year, and food does not last so long. The production and consumption of wealth go on continuously, and the seeming great fortunes are merely franchises to take and consume an unusually large share of the daily product. Anyone whose efforts do not add to the sum of the world's wealth must take and consume the products of other people's labor. Wealth can be produced only by human effort, and anyone not a producer must deprive the producers of a part of their product. If such a one is charitable he merely restores a part of that which he is taking, and his supposed gifts to public movements are merely relinquishments. He cannot aid the public financially, but can merely lessen the burden he imposes on them.

The restrictive effect of high wages on miners is going to be a continuous theme for discussion. There are some mineral deposits that pay abundant returns to the owners at the present rate of wages, some which barely make a return for the capital invested, and some which will not pay to work while present wage rates are in force. If wages were doubled, the line of profit would be shifted, so that a smaller number would pay a good return to the owners, some of those formerly very profitable would barely pay a profit on the outlay, while a larger number would be made unprofitable. If wages were reduced to a bare subsistance, or if it were possible to obtain labor for nothing, there would still be some deposits that would not pay the cost of operation. The local question is between the payment of the products locally in wages or distributing them among the stockholders in various parts of the world. The feeling locally is as a consequence in favor of high wages.

PINCHER CREEK OIL FIELDS.

Archie McVittie returned Tuesday from an extended visit to the Pincher Creek oil region, bringing back with him several large bottles of crude petroleum which has been pronounced by analysis to be of a high grade.

There is a district about 20 miles square in that region which shows considerable quantities of petroleum almost anywhere, turn over a boulder and oil will be found adhering to it; dig small pits almost anywhere at random, and in most of them oil will seep.

A settler there has a hole six feet square, three feet deep, the sides boarded up, into which oil and water constantly seeps. He uses a common cream separator for extracting the oil, selling the proceeds in the Mormon settlements, making a good living therefrom. Another method of separating, used by the inhabitants of that district, is to take cans and fill with the mixture; the bottom is perforated and the water runs off leaving the oil, which is emptied out, and the process repeated. Mr. McVittie had about two quarts of the oil, which was gathered in this crude manner in less than ten minutes.

Some years ago an effort was made by boring to find the source of the petroleum, but the work seemed to have been misdirected; the operator went inside of the territory where all the indications were apparent, and on a prairie underlaid with a deep wash, proceeded to bore there. At a depth of 150 feet a heavy flow of water was encountered and a very good artesian well—still flowing—was the result.

Later, others went in with a complete plant and started nearer the district proper. This also was an ill-fated venture, as work had hardly begun before the plant was completely destroyed by fire. An abandonment of work followed and nothing has since been done.

Mr. McVittie has secured control of a large district, and has also perfected arrangements whereby an English outfit will drill 1000 feet in the midst of the oil field. Further operations will depend upon conditions, of course.—Cranbrook Herald.

FROM GOLD TO OIL.

Half a century has wrought many changes in the West, but in no section has there been so great a transformation as in California, said Edward E. Shields, a wealthy petroleum operator, of Los Angeles, to a 'Post-Intelligencer' representative the other day.

"In 1849, as every child who is able to read knows, the talk in California was gold," he said. "Now that scene has been shifted to Alaska and we Californians are just as enthusiastic to-day over oil as we were fifty years ago over the yellow metal.

"The discovery of oil in the vicinity of Los Angeles has practically ruined some of the best resident portions of the city. Unsightly derricks have been erected where it once stood intended costly dwellings should stand. The trouble with our people as yet is they are novices in the oil business but they are learning more every day and at present, boring operations are carried out on a more scientific basis than ever before.

"The oil industry in California you might say is in its infancy, yet we at present rank the fourth state in the Union producing the largest amounts of petroleum. So you see that enthusiasts are not so very crazy when they say California will be richer in oil than it ever was in gold.

"Yes, I believe that within a few years the product of the California oil fields will have the effect of reducing the price of oils. You see our supply is unlimited. Even out in the ocean we have great derricks erected which are daily pumping up from beneath the bed many hundred gallons of oil of the best grades. We are just beginning, as I say, but even now have no difficulty in finding a market for every barrel we produce."

WORK OF HUNTERS.

Killing off the wild animals of the globe for their skins! That is the process that has been going on for many years in every country where there was game that the skin-hunter could find and kill.

It appears from a work recently published in England by Mr. Bryden, an African traveler, that many of the species of big game of that continent have been entirely destroyed by the skin-hunters. Among the more important species so exterminated are the white rhinoceros and the quagga.

The business of skin-hunting is carried on largely throughout the districts of Africa lying near the British colonial possessions and the Transvaal. From these districts alone hundreds of tons of skins of wild animals that are slaughtered only for their hides are shipped to England each each to be made into leather. Men who follow skin-hunting as a trade in those regions are described as parasites who do not come into the country to settle, but destroy the game that the real settlers would use for food, in order to get a few shillings for the hides.

The zebra's skin makes a leather as fine as calfskin and it is sold as such in the London market, with those of several species of antelope and deer.

Elephant and rhinoceros skins are sent to Sheffield, where they are used in a raw state to face the wheels for polishing steel cutlery. It is said that no other material is so satisfactory for the purpose and that it will be hard to find a substitute when these skins cannot be had, through the approaching extinction of the animals.

Giraffe skins are used for making saddles, whips and other articles of general utility in a new country. The Soudanese make them into shields.

In the East Indies the camel-skin was formerly used as a covering for traveling-cases; but this is done no more. Sharkshins are used for the grips of sword-hilts, and the skins of large snakes are imported into all civilized countries to cover trinklets, books and toilet articles. Even the cobra's skin is used by the Chinese to cover their fiddles of one string.

Cruelty, like every other vice, requires no motive outside of itself; it requires only opportunity. — George Eliot.

Courtship in Church.

A young gentleman happened to sit at church in a pew adjoining one in which was a young lady, for whom he conceived a most sudden and violent passion, felt desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot, but, the place not suiting a formal declaration, exigency suggested the following plan:

He politely handed his fair neighbor a bible, open, with a pin stuck in the following text (2nd epistle of St. John, verse 5): "And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another."

She returned it with the following (2nd chapter of Ruth, verse 16): "Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have it grace in thine eyes that thou shouldst take notice of me, seeing I am a stranger?"

He returned the book, pointing to the 12th verse of the 3rd epistle of St. John: "Having many things to write unto you I would not with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you and speak face to face."

The marriage took place the next week.

Here is an interesting leaf from an author's diary:—"Sold one poem, and had five returned. Made almost enough to pay the butcher." "Sold a short story and came within an ace of making enough to pay ten dollars on the grocery bill." "Wrote an obituary on an ancient citizen, and had Maria's shoes mended with the proceeds." "I must try to write enough to-night to buy a gallon of kerosene oil."—Atlanta Constitution.

People wish to be settled. Only as far as they are unsettled is there any hope for them.—Emerson.

KOOTENAY MINING DIVISION STATISTICS.

The report of the Minister of Mines for the year 1899 gives figures as to the relative importance of the mining divisions of East and West Kootenay:

Recording Office.	Claims Recorded.	Certificates of Work Recorded.	Bills of Sale and Transfers Recorded.	Free Miners' Certificates Issued.
Nelson	978	1,809	659	1,489
Rossland	625	788	309	2,140
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Kuskonook	316	261	105	83
Trout Lake City	379	485	286	266
Comaplix	280	171	107	113
Nakusp	168	169	122	211
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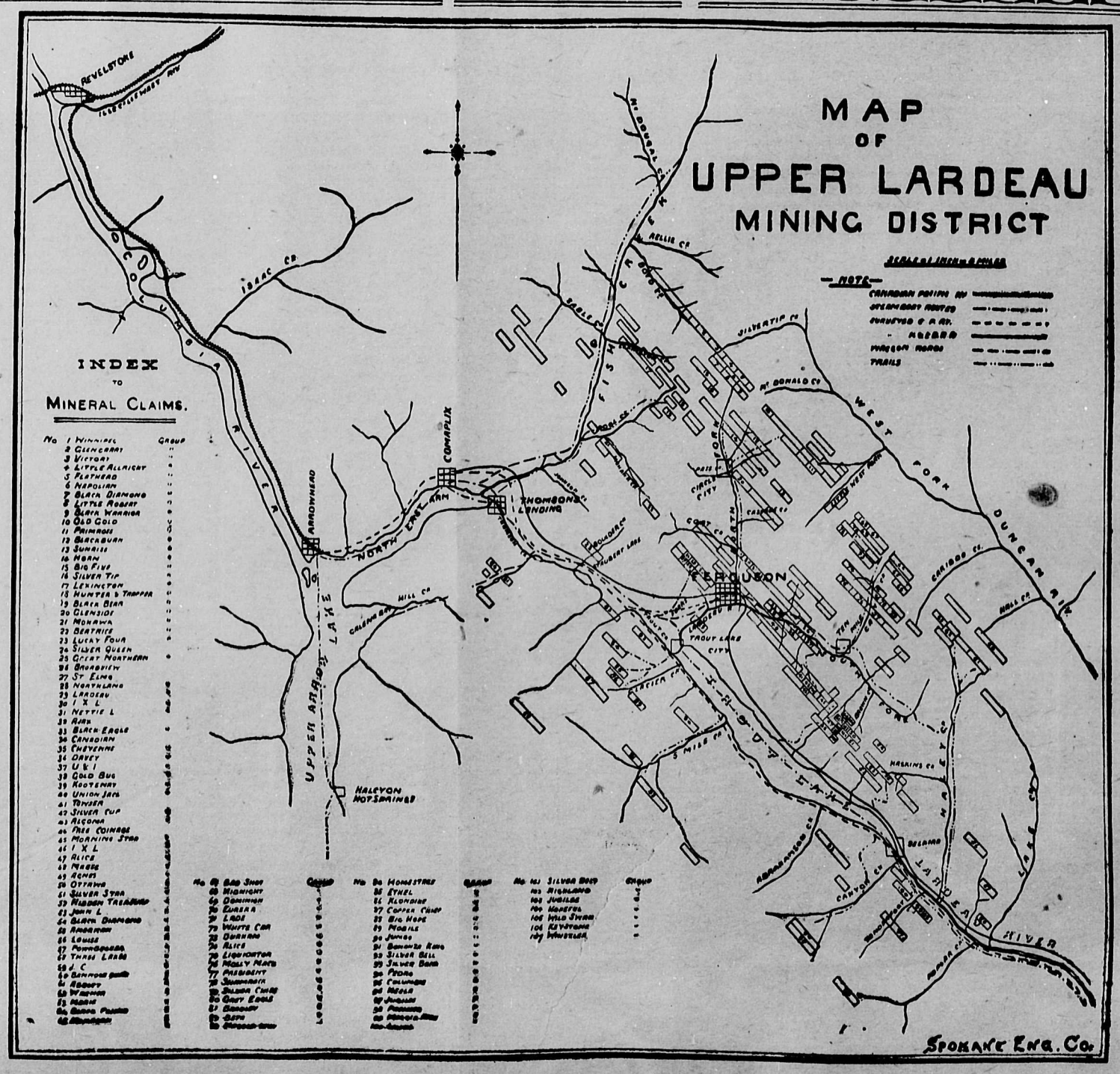

YELLOW CURSE

This is the way Editor Lowery, of the New Denver Ledge, sizes up the Chinese question:

In the discussion over the bill in the Federal Government at Ottawa proposing to raise the tax on Chinamen coming into Canada from $50 to $100 I notice that some of the members prefer to keep the bars down and allow them to come in freely. Members of parliament who would advocate such a course must do so in ignorance of this evil or else they have Chinese souls. The tax should be $1000 instead of $100. No man who stands up in Ottawa and pleads the cause of Canada for the Chinamen is a true friend to the best interests of this great Dominion. He should be herding exiles in Siberia, or thumping Indian slaves in the silver mines of South America. A white man's country is no place for Chinese boosters. In Eastern Canada the yellow men are not very plentiful. Here and there a few of them run laundries, and give a flavor of cosmopolitanism to the humdrum east. In the west they are so numerous, especially on the coast, that the foliage sometimes looks as though it was eternally nipped with autumn frost.

In China there are millions of beings who never had $10 at one time. They are the most licentious people on earth, notwithstanding that their blood is not heated by benedictine, or other rich cordials. Missionaries have tried to convert them to the Christian faith, but with little success. They are loyal to their own superstitions and will not trade them for a newer assortment. Some may pretend to come to Christ, but as a rule, like many in Canada, it is only for the benefits that accrue from the bluff. They look upon white people as legitimate prey. Their prisons are full of convicts and executions are of daily occurrence. In the morning those to be killed are stood in line and their heads cut off with a sword. Their bodies are then fed to the hogs. The government of that country wastes nothing, so beware of their pork. Contractors take large numbers of convicts and ship them to America where the poor slaves receive nothing but their board for years, as the big companies take all the money. Leprosy, bubonic plague and other terrible diseases are common amongst the scum of China. They never can assimilate with Caucasians, and after gleaning all they can in this country send it home and follow later on, dead or alive. This is the kind of material found working for some of the best families on this coast. John is a great thief, and he is successful at it, because he never takes much at a time. His caution is always on watch in his upper stope. Women like him for a servant as their husbands cannot love him as they might a hired girl. Women like him because he never gives anything away, not even their love affairs. He no savey, and does not tell the neighbors about the domestic doings of his master. He never gossips with the whites, even if he does drink tea. In California John has by his cheap labor caused many a girl to become a stranger to virtue in order that her body might have bread. History repeats itself.

So you yellow scab champions at Ottawa if you want to fill Canada with slave labor, tainted with eastern diseases and rotten with oriental vice, push the national doors wide open and flood this great and glorious Canada of the C.P.R.'s with a yellow virus that will eventually poison the hands now stretched out so foolishly to pat the saffron-tinted syphaxes upon their leprous, pigtailed craniums. If you do not want this lamentable state of affairs to come to pass why do you not nip the matter in the bud, and turn the high tax semaphore against the Mongolians before they own the country? It is easier to do it now than later on. In conclusion I will say that anyone, legislator or otherwise, who advocates Chinese emigration to this country is a traitor, just as much as that biblical character who sold his birthright for a fill of pottage.

FROM LOWERY'S UPPER STOPE.

From latest reports everything is not so yellow around Cape Nome as it was before the boats left Seattle.

The Atlanta Constitution wants to know what has become of hell. Most of it has been moved to Western India, but there is still a chunk or two of it in China and South Africa.

A society has been formed in New York for the purpose of attempting a political annexation of Canada with the United States. They will never do it. If they would work for the reverse the Canadians might assist. As it is we are perfectly capable of pulling our own canoe up the stream of time.

W. C. Edwards stated in the House at Ottawa that the restrictions on Chinese were a contradiction of the fundamental principles of the British constitution, freedom and the open door. If Edwards has such a love for these yellow mongrels why not come out west and live among them for awhile? This might cure him of his rot about the benefit of an open-door system.

The Rev. A. B. Winchester, who looks after the Presbyterian Chinese mission on the coast, has taken the stump on behalf of Canada for the Chinese. In his zeal to practise his iron-clad doctrine upon a race who only laugh at our religion the reverend gentleman seems to forget the white people. If he is burning with such a desire to save the Mongolian race why not go to China where the Canadians will not say a word to him, and John is thicker than love at a camp meeting.

A MISTAKEN DOG.

Here is a true dog story: A family down town having a false grate in one of the rooms of the house placed some red paper behind it to give it the effect of fire. One of the coldest days, the dog belonging to the household came in from out of doors, and seeing the paper in the grate, deliberately walked up to it and lay down before it, curling up in the best way to receive the glowing heat as it came from the fire. He remained motionless for a few moments; feeling no warmth, he raised his head and looked over his shoulder at the grate; still feeling no heat, he went across and carefully applied his nose to the grate and smelt of it. It was as cold as ice. With a look of the most supreme disgust, his tail curled down between his legs, every hair on his body saying, "I'm sold," the dog trotted out of the room, not even deigning to cast a look at the party in the room who had watched his actions and laughed so heartily at his misfortunes. That dog had reason as well as instinct.—Troy Times.

"Paw," said Japheth, as they sat on the huricane deck of the ark, "do you ever think of going into politics?" "Well," replied Noah, as he pushed the giraffe's head out of the mizzen-to'-gallan'-sail, 'if I did, I think the floating vote would be all I'd have to look after."—Baltimore American.

"Woman," said the corn-fed philosopher, "will never succeed in her demand for the same pay as man for doing the same work. The only way to get the same pay for the same work is to howl for more pay for less work."—Indianapolis Press.

No task is ill where hand and brain
And skill and strength have equal gain,
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—Whittier.

It is well to consider a little whether in our zeal to suppress one form of immorality we may not be forging chains which may in time be fastened upon the neck of some great but unpopular truth.—Loring Moody.

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The Arrowhead branch will not be in shape for about two weeks yet.

Freighting between here and the Landing is comparatively light for this time of year.

The firm name James Gill & Co., Revelstoke, has been supplanted by Messrs. Taylor & George.

Wm. H. Athol and J. McTaggart came down from the Spokane group, up the north fork, last Friday.

S. F. W. Gainer has opened a watch repairing shop in the second storey of the EAGLE palace. See his advt.

Sam. Armstrong, a C. P. R. brakeman, was killed on the Arrowhead branch at Wigwam on Wednesday last.

C. R. Scott has a contract from the townsite for clearing Vickers street between Victoria and Lorne avenue, and also a portion of Lorne avenue.

The Nelson and Silverton football teams will do battle to-morrow at Slocan City's Orangemen's celebration. Big money up, and a game for blood.

If R. T. Lowery lived in this camp that inevitable cow and water barrel trouble would cease. No bell, no feed and no milking is necessary. Six tins for a dollar.

Local superintendent Westfall is increasing his forces on the Old Gold, Primrose and St. Louis groups, over the Duncan slope. Supplies are also being taken over in large quantities.

A. G. Fraser has opened up a general store at Thomson's Landing. Mr. Fraser was one of the Kuskonook fire victims and he certainly deserves success in his new venture. The Fish creek camp business is increasing down that way.

M. F. Chesnut, president of the Old Gold Quartz and Placer Mining Company, Ltd., and the Primrose Gold Mining Co., Ltd., companies operating just over on the Duncan slope at the head of the north fork of the Lardeau, is in the camp.

To-morrow is the glorious Twelfth! The same people who helped to liberate the British empire from the ruling days of religious tyranny, in 1690, are to-day being licked to a standstill by a people they fought side by side with at that time.

The Dominion government have granted $90,000 to the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan Co. for their Lardeau extension. The chances are the road will be built, up the Duncan slope, this season, seeing that the government builds and presents it to private owners.

If you are really interested in the progress of the camp you will help the EAGLE to spread the news throughout the world. If you are where the EAGLE can't reach you, send a copy to your friends. Sow the good seed, assist the publisher to stave off the sheriff and you'll reap the reward in due time.

Send the EAGLE to your friends, or to anyone you think will become interested in the camp. It passes from one place and person to another, is read, extracts copied into larger papers; the news will spread. But give us a lift to do the introductory work. Printer's ink made Rossland; it can do the same for the Lardeau.

A dozen or more pack horses went up to north fork properties already this week with supplies. Ten will leave for the Empire to-morrow or Friday. And every day supplies are being packed and taken to various properties operating in the camp. During August and September winter supplies will be laid in, so that the local merchants will be doing a thriving business from now till winter sets in.

SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS.

Thos. McNaught has furnished the EAGLE with a few interesting figures concerning the government owned railways of South Africa.

Natal,--after paying all expenses has generally a large surplus, amounting in some cases to millions of dollars. It has great difficulties to contend with in its line from Durban to Maritzburg, or Petermaritzburg, the capital, a distance of 125 miles. It rises from the sea level to an elevation of over 6000 feet. In the last returns I got from the manager, 1898, the surplus was over £500,000 sterling, over $2,500,000

The Cape Colony returns were sent me for the same year, and after paying all expenses they showed a return equal to over 7½ per cent. on the money invested. Their railways will compete with the C. P. R. and beat it hollow for complete equipment and comfort. The Cape Colony railway, it must be borne in mind, has a barren haul of nearly 700 miles across the Karvo, a desert plateau, with comparatively no return therefrom. This plateau has farms at stretches.

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Beware of the backcapper.

Canada should own the C. P. R.

"Canada should own the C. P. R." says the Lardeau EAGLE. In this we concur. But at present we are face to face with the stern fact that the C. P. R. owns Canada.—Regina Standard.

If one-tenth of the money spent on Rossland or Slocan properties was put into development work in this camp, their mineral output would sink into insignificance as compared with the Lardeau's production.

Now is the time to do effective work in bringing our mineral resources to public notice. Every copy of the EAGLE directed to parties outside of the camp will help. Trot along your mining news, and a dollar or two to pay for shoe leather.

How can you expect monied men in the camp seeking investment when they don't know you're alive or never heard of the Lardeau. Help the EAGLE to help yourself. All this camp lacks is advertising. If judiciously advertised the rest will soon follow.

If there is anything that a man should feel it a duty to do it is to patronize home industries. He is prosperous in proportion to the prosperity of the camp he lives in, and the camp is prosperous in proportion to the amount of business transacted. This is a fact so palpable that it ought not to be necessary to call attention to it.

In the Kootenays newspapers are not published for fun. They are purely business enterprises, the same as a shoe shop, a gold mine, or a saw mill. They are more satisfactory all round when they pay—more satisfactory to the owners, to their patrons, and to the town in which they are published. No town can have a better advertisement than a flourishing newspaper.—Nelson Miner.

A united effort on the part of those "hanging on" in this camp would accomplish the ends desired. The outside monied man is not to blame. He doesn't know where the "Lardeau" is, he doesn't know that this camp offers better investments than any other camp in B. C. If we fail to advertise our resources we ought to "struggle." Increase the EAGLE'S circulation and assist it to circulate thousands of extra copies throughout the world. Let's wake up for a few hours and let the outside world know that we are still on earth, ready to do business.

The people who have their little all at stake in this camp should not slumber on and idle their lives away waiting for a turn in the tide. Rouse yourselves; take some concerted action, scare up a few dollars and let's advertise our resources. There is no use for their existence unless developed. The development will not take place until we get a few monied men interested. The monied men will not become interested unless we reach them. How are they to know of the grand opportunities we have to offer. A little more printer's ink and less booze is urgently needed in this land of gold, silver, lead and copper.

There has not been a sale of a tried and proved property in the camp as yet this season. The brand of mining men, in most cases, who have struck here so far are apparently not looking for a real bona fide proposition for which they would have to pay a fair price. They want "cheap" claims, and needless to say the bush is full of them. The industrious miner who has proved his property to be worthy of a decent price will reap his reward when mining men strike the camp. With the advent of a railway the "cheap" mining promoter will fade away like a beautiful dream, to be replaced with men whose desire will be to do their mining in the ground—not in the east.

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