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WHOLE DISTRICT

Sized Up From a Commercial Point of View.

AN IMMENSE FIELD FOR CAPITAL

Some Profitable Investments For Good Practical Men.—The District's Boundaries, Its Towns, Topography, Scenery, Attractions and Wonderful Richness of Ore Deposits.—With Trails, Railways, Smelters and Labor It Will Be The Pride of British Columbia.

It is no easy matter to define the boundaries of the (miner's) Lardeau mining district with accuracy, the outline being so extremely irregular. However it is that section of British Columbia which is bounded approximately by the Upper Arrow lake on the west, by the Duncan river on the east, by an imaginary line running from Nakusp to Argenta on the south, and by the headwaters of Fish river on the north.

Trout lake, socalled from the abundance of the finny tribe found in its waters, is about in the middle of the district, and is itself a sort of enlargement of the Lardeau river, from which the locality takes its name.

Only a very few years ago this whole section was, in common with the greater part of British Columbia, almost inaccessible, the innumerable mountains being very steep and thickly wooded from their base to timber line, so rendering progress most difficult and slow. But in the face of all these and many more drawbacks, the prospector has not been discouraged, indeed it would almost seem that the harder the country is to prospect the more determined he will be to penetrate into the midst of it in his search for valuable minerals, and it is to him alone, with his indomitable spirit that the world is now indebted for the knowledge of the wonderful richness of the ore deposits in this region.

The same natural causes which operate in preventing the prospector from examining the rocks, also interfere with bringing the ore out and converting it by means of a smelter into hard cash, the extreme difficulty, which means expense, of moving the material from the mine to the reducing works having been a very powerful agent in retarding the development of the country.

Such very marvellous wealth however as has been abundantly proved to exist could not long remain unused, and it is very satisfactory to find two railroads already commenced, which will by furnishing convenient transportation from the very heart of the district, enable claim owners to realize at last the profits that have so long been delayed, and reward them for all the toil and privation that they have gone through during the years that they have held onto and worked at their properties.

With the certainty of railroad facilities in the immediate future, the usual townsites have been laid out and buildings erected thereon; but whether all of these incipient cities are destined to live and grow is quite another question, though some of them are so favorably situated that their future is pretty well assured. It is certain that as the population increases, accommodation must be provided, but the sites suitable for towns are few enough owing to the natural formation of the ground, which as above stated is extremely rough and steep.

The oldest townsite is probably Thomson's Landing, situated at the eastern end of the northeast arm of the Upper Arrow lake, from which point a wagon (?) road has been constructed to Trout lake.

Trout Lake City, the next oldest town is placed amidst some of the prettiest scenery to be found in all B. C., which as we all know abounds in grand and beautiful views. The wagon road just spoken of is unfortunately, owing to niggardly arrangements of past and presents governments, usually in a more or less impassible condition, deep mudholes being far too numerous. Trout Lake City is well built and sensibly laid out. It boasts of several very good hotels, the usual stores and of course a newspaper, without which no self respecting western town can exist. It may be taken for granted that this town has come to stay, as it is a most convenient point to start from either north or south, a comfortable steamer which runs on the lake during the season enabling prospectors and other travellers to reach the various creeks flowing iato the lake with the greatest ease. The projected railroads will run one on each side of the water, and it is intended, into the city itself, thus still further improving the situation from the travellers' point of view.

The apology for a wagon road is continued from Trout lake, or rather from a point about a half mile out, on to Ferguson, about four miles northeast, which latter town is capitally located at the junction of the north and south forks of the Lardeau river, on what is probably the most extensive piece of flat ground for a very long distance in either direction.

Ferguson also has undoubtedly come to stay, one of the railroads having determined to make it a divisional point, and to continue their road up and down the north and south forks, to such camps as are likely to find work for them in the way of shipping the produce of the mines. Ferguson must always be headquarters for supplies to the many mining properties that surround it, and is bound to increase and flourish rapidly as these mines are most of them quite in their infancy yet, and like other growing things will need more supplies as they become older and bigger.

Beyond Ferguson again we find the two rising towns of Circle City on the north, and Ten-Mile on the south fork, both very young but with excellent prospects, as they are located at the mouths of important creeks and in the immediate neighborhood of well known mines.

The general geology of the Lardeau is extremely confused and very puzzling, even to the writer who has been more or less in the district since '96. The most common formation is perhaps schist in one form or another, very frequently graptolitic in character, but limestone comes very much into prominence in some parts of the district. The usual direction of the ledges is n. w. to s. e., and a very casual glance at the map will show that the main waterways have a similar direction, except in the case of the northeast Arm, which is a veritable crossfissure across the general lay of the country. Several very rich deposits of ore have been found in the limestone, but more commonly the veins are found at the contact of lime and some other rock, or at a contact between the usual country rock and some other, such as quartz or diorite.

The minerals hitherto found in the Lardeau are numerous enough, and no doubt more will be found as development progresses and different places are opened up. The principal ones so far are galena, almost invariably highly argentiferous; grey copper or fahlore, commonly carrying extraordinary values in silver and some gold. Yellow copper ore or copper pyrites, and large quantities of iron pyrites which is frequently arsenical and usually carries a little gold. There are also some free milling gold quartz ledges known though, owing to the short time that has elapsed since their discovery, very much work has not been done on them. Molybdenite is not uncommon, though not in large quantities. But oddly enough so far there seems no nickel, at any rate there is no authentic record of it having been found excepting in mere traces. It is hardly correct to class the vast bodies of so-called "carbonates" as minerals, they are merely the result produced by ages of atmospheric action upon the ledges that lie beneath, but which were once on the surface; still they are by no means to be neglected as they not only give a sure indication of mineral treasures below, but very often indeed are themselves highly valuable.

A word of caution here may not be out of place. It is a fact that gold, and free gold, is by no means rare in these "carbonates" which are commonly largely composed of "gossam," a dark reddish-brown earth which has been derived from iron ore. Now although this gold is "free" now, it would be most unwise to erect a large stamp mill to deal with it, as at a very few feet below the surface the gold will be no longer free but combined with iron pyrites and consequently not in a milling but in a smelting condition. This mistake has been made in one instance at least in West Kootenay, to the great loss of the shareholders, who have spent money on a well equipped mill for which now there is very little use. This is just one instance where a scientific training would have been better than the untaught but practical man's advice, and would have saved much useless expense.

In this district most especially, the services of a thoroughly good assayer are indispensable to the economical working of a mine, as then good stuff will not be thrown away, and a continual series of assays will show the manager what he has and what he may reasonably expect to have as the development proceeds.

With a full knowledge of the difficulties in so doing, it is yet impossible to close this article without a reference at least to a few of the principal mines. Bold indeed would the man be that attempted to enumerate and describe them all! One of the oldest and most extensively developed is the Silver Cup and adjoining claims, now belonging to the "Sunshine" Co., which has often produced ore running as high as 1000 ozs. silver per ton, and whose average value is probably not less than $150. It is situated at the head of one of the creeks flowing into the south fork of the Lardeau, four miles from the home of the EAGLE. The Abbott group is another well known property near the head of Haley creek, also the Great Northern near the north fork of the Lardeau, the great Horn ledge not far from Circle City, the Glengarry a little further north, and the Old Gold and Primrose in the same neighborhood. The Badshot group at the head of Gainer creek is an example of a very rich vein occurring in limestone, while the Lade property, close by, is one of the few free milling gold veins that are known at present. Coming nearer to Ferguson, the Nettie L. demands attention as being but a young mine yet, but with wonderful values, the actual dump itself carrying more silver than many a definite vein does. This mine, as well as the Silver Cup, is shipping as fast as the ore can be transferred, and will soon rank among the dividend payers.

Fish river and its tributary creeks is by no means behindhand with valuable properties, some of which seem likely to pay from the grass roots. But time and space forbid more than just a mention of very few of the principal ones which are situated on Mohawk and Lexington creeks, while Sable and Pool creeks also have several highly promising prospects.

Enough has been said. We hope to induce capitalists to investigate our resources. We need not promise anything that we cannot perform, and will only too gladly welcome the strictest examination that can be made of this wonderfully rich district.

Then Our Interests Are Identical.

Trout Lake Topic: R. P. Pettipiece has concluded to enter the journalistic field in the near future with Ferguson as his headquarters. The new paper will be called the Ferguson Eagle and it will be dedicated to the interests of the sister divisions of Trout Lake and Lardeau. Heretofore we always considered ourselves the most optimistic person in the country, but we must certainly climb down now and let Parm up as he has clearly gone us one better. It is an old saying that misery is fond of company, but be that as it may, we are fortunate in having as a companion in suffering one as genial as our friend Mr. Pettipiece. We wish him the very best of good luck and hope that with two shoulders to the wheel the district will be made to move just that much faster during the coming season.

Sorry that J. J. didn't stay for the draw or see his way clear to call us, for we are not drawing to a bobtail. And we really expect to be so busy recording events which will transpire in this promising district, turning out job printing, and rustling round in search of filthy lucre, that there will be positively no time to feel miserable. So come now Mr. Langstaff, cheer up, shake those dry bones, and crawl out of that three long soporific year's rut, and "let's keep a pushin' and a shoven."

A Vigorous Protest.

There is no better water power streams in B. C. than those "within a radius of 10 miles of Ferguson," and the residents and business men were more than justified in sending a strong protest to Victoria. They will do well to keep their weather eye on any company which applies for such lead-pipe cinches as the North Kootenay Water, Power and Light Co., headed by J. D. Molson, bank manager, Revelstoke, has done. Companies of this nature are not only looking for the earth, but the water as well. Ferguson will be installing a water works system soon, for fire and domestic purposes, and the town has a right to these privileges, if they must be given away. There are too many privately owned "people's rights" in this province already.

Mr. Kellie Does a Good Deed.

J. M. Kellie has certainly struck a new and capital anti-Chinese scheme. Clause 3 of a bill which he has introduced reads:

3. No owner, agent or manager of a mine shall employ underground in any mine to which this Act applies, or allow to be underground in such mine for the purpose of employment, any person who has or wears hair on the scalp of his head over six inches in length.

It should have the desired effect, as the Chinaman would rather part with the country than his cue. The Act, however, is not needed in his constituency, as no Chinamen are so employed.

SCREAMLETS.

Rudyard Kipling must have been gazing from the top of Nettie L mountain when he got off Our Lady of the Snows.

The city of Calgary has purchased the privately owned waterworks system, at $85,000. But it had to come sooner or later. There is only one way of getting rid of a monopoly, monopolize it.

After perusing the editorial columns of the Kootenaian one is led to believe that there is a man named Buchanan who would give his hide to step into R. F. Green's shoes; but apparently his feet—or head are too swelled.

R. F. Green, member for the southern portion of this district, with the Slocan his main constituency, is asking for a special appropriation of $20,000 and $15,000 respectively, for certain trail building purposes. The EAGLE has not seen a similar request by J. M. Kellie, though eagerly looked for.

The EAGLE did have some notion of "hornswoggling" that "published in the greatest white metal camp on earth" from W. MacAdams of the Sandon Paystreak. But after seeing the Kaslo board of trade's cold blooded steal of R. T. Lowery's "the lucerne of America," placed upon the title page of their recent production of an illustrated write-up of that city, even our nerve failed us. The rest of the Slocan may be swiped anytime now.

This district is not suffering so much for the need of railways as trails. The boys, in many cases, have the ore, but they have neither money nor means of getting to it with even a pack train. In fact they are kept broke from one year's end to the other doing assessment work under such adverse circumstances.

The EAGLE rises to remark that it has come to stay. It is no boom sheet, just started to create a furore and then fold its white wings and silently steal away. It represents the sum total of the interests of its proprietor on earth and has come to Ferguson to cast in its lot with the business men and miners of the district for keeps. It has either to make it stick or break. Among the mountains of this great and glorious district is its home and in its fortunes the future of the EAGLE is inextricably bound up.

As to newspaper etiquette! Parties wishing to enter the EAGLE office at this particular juncture should be governed by the following rules: Advance to the inner door and give three distinct raps or kick the door down. The "devil" will attend to the alarm. You will give your name, postoffice address and the number of years you wish to stake out the EAGLE. He will admit you. You will advance to the centre of the room and address the editor with the following countersign: Extend the right hand about two feet from the body, with the thumb and index finger clasping a $2 bill, which drops into the extended hand of the editor, at the same time saying: "Were you looking for me?" The editor will grasp your hand and the bill and pressing it will say: "You bet I was!" After giving him the news concerning your locality you will be permitted to retire with a receipt for an obligation properly discharged.—[Apologies to Marcus (Iowa) News.]

The residents of this favored district should be happy. No banks, lawyers, highway robbers, policemen, sheriff, smallpox or other infectious diseases. No cowbells, cats, engine bells, street cars, public meetings, churches, theatres, blackjack dens, nickle-in-the-slot machines, money or bush fires to keep one awake nights. No labor trouble, fresh (?) war news, city council, board of trade, political cliques and healers, tinhorns, hangers on, red lights, etc. In fact there is nothing to do but work, eat, read, and sleep, and enjoy the bright clear sunshine. And there is no cemetery or undertaker. Nearly 150 miners are hard at work in this neighborhood blasting, picking and tearing out the precious ore, while the muckers, ore sorters, rawhiders, four-horse teamsters and office men are hard at work. The business houses are just doing the local supply trade, the hotels are doing a light business, and everybody in the camp is happy, but impatiently waiting for spring, trails, etc. We have more reason to be thankful for what we have not got than for what we possess. But there'll come a time—.

S. A. Sutherland, of the firm of McKinnon & Sutherland, general merchants, left for Vancouver on Monday morning, to spend a few weeks holiday.

LARDEAU MINES

Where and What Some of Ferguson's Properties Are.

GREAT DEAL OF DEVELOPMENT

Now Going on in the District.—Some of Them Will Employ Large Forces Early This Spring.—Supplies Being Taken Up, Cabins Being Built, Work Planned and Laid Out.—Enough Work in Sight To Make This a Busy Camp Next Season.—Ore Shipments.—New Strikes, Etc.

Lode Star Group.

The Lode Ssar gronp of six claims, the Silver Bow, Silver Spray, Mountain View, Royal Clipper, Lode Star and Liverpool, is located about one mile southwest of Hall creek and five from the point at which the creek empties into the Duncan. There are three tunnels now run on the property, No. 1 tunnel, 69½ feet, on the Silver Bow, No. 2, 70 feet, on the Silver Spray and No. 3 tunnel which is now in 76 feet on the Lode Star giving a depth of 40 feet and which is the one which the owners, the Lodestar Gold Mining and Development Co., of Liverpool and Kaslo, will work during the coming season. It has already cut a thirteen foot lead of concentrating silver-lead ore, giving values at different depths of from $58 to $180. There has also been some drifting done both ways to further prospect the lead. Two cabins have been built at a cost of $500, giving accommodation for 40 men.

The Lodestar group adjoins the Bannockburn and is opposite the Abbott and its close contiguity to these groups affords a strong assurance of the very promising nature of the property. A wagon road runs within 1000 feet of it and the railroad will come within four miles. There is splendid water power within 50 feet of the present workings. The lead, which is sixteen feet wide on the surface, has been traced over 6000 feet. It runs east-south-east by west, northwest. Ten or twelve men, perhaps more, will be put on to work next season when the claim will be crown granted and a shipment if only of a smelter test will be made. With careful management good results may confidently be expected from this property, and under the supervision of Mr. S. S. Connauton of Kaslo, the manager, the EAGLE has very little hesitation in saying that the Lodestar has every prospect of turning out one of the banner mines of this wonderful district.

The Old Gold Quartz and Placer Mining Co., of Rossland, B. C.

This company owns two groups of claims, one of which is situate in the Nelson division, while the Silver Queen and Silver King is situated on the little west fork of the Duncan river in the Trout Lake division, about 12 miles north of Ferguson by road and trail, and five miles east of Circle City. The Silver Queen and Silver King are exceptionally promising claims. There are three leads passing through this property, two of which are of great promise. One lead has over 500 feet of work done on it, two tunnels being driven. No. 1 is being driven on the Silver King and No. 2 tunnel on the Silver Queen. In the face of No. 2 tunnel some three feet of high grade concentrating ore is exposed and along the side of and on the foot wall there is eight inches of clear grey copper, ore which assays as high as $2,000 in silver and $6 in gold per ton. There is now considerable ore in sight on this property. The results of two smelter tests from ore taken from near the surface gave values of $126.80 and $132.40 per ton. The property is now well equipped with buildings necessary for the miners' supplies, with the necessary trails leading up to the different workings, etc. The developments so far have been very satisfactory to the management, and they intend increasing the working force and completing the necessary arrangements for commencing shipments just as soon as the season will permit.

The Primrose Group.

This group consists of seven claims, and is located on the little west fork of the Duncan. Development operations now being pushed in two tunnels have exposed a large body of high grade ore, smelter returns of which give values of over $300 per ton. Assays range from $625 to $1,400, with from 20 to 23 per cent. copper. Already over 500 feet of work has been completed. There is nearly 500 feet of ore in sight in depth on this property: from the shaft above down to No. 2 tunnel 200 feet, from No. 2 to No. 1 tunnel 280 feet. The management now feels warranted in increasing the force at as early a date as additional supplies can be got in, and it is the intention of the company to begin shipping in the near future.

The Towser.

The Towser is now working 22 men. They have started to sink on the ore, where it is hoped that clean shipping ore will be struck. The bonders, by the number of men working, must have great faith in these claims, which adjoin the Silver Cup and Sunshine.

A report has just reached us that six inches of clean shipping high grade ore was exposed yesterday, which we hope to confirm next issue.

Empire Group.

Extensive work will be commenced if possible next month on a 200-foot tunnel to cross-cut two leads and to tap the main lead at a depth of 150 feet, on this well known group by the new proprietors. Supplies are already on the ground. This will add another shipper to the list. The Empire group is 10 miles from Ferguson on the head of Cariboo creek, which flows into the Duncan.

Idle Hour Group.

J. C. Kirkpatrick and W. H. Howard returned last night from the Idle Hour group, situate back of the Nettie L. They have completed their cabin and blacksmith shop. Supplies have been taken in and preparations are being made to drive a 100-foot tunnel on the lead. The Idle Hour carries concentrating galena, and gold values.

The Black Diamond.

The Silver Tip Mining Co., who are working the well known Black Diamond, intend to renew work on their tunnel and expect to strike the ore within a few feet of where they left off at, and work in, continuing development. The surface shewings carry gold, silver and copper.

The Centre Star.

The Centre Star Mining Co., of West Superior, are making arrangements for the development of their property. It is their intention to commence work as soon as supplies, which will be bought here, can be taken up.

Gold Bug.

J. Livingstone is working on this claim, and is now within a few feet of the ledge. He is getting some galena with copper, indicating that it is likely to be struck at any time.

The Nettie L.

W. B. Pool and A. H. Holdich left Tuesday morning to superintend the shipment of 100 tons of Nettie L ore from the Landing to Trail.

Abbott Group.

The owners of the Abbott group intend doing extensive work this season, besides having them surveyed.

The Silver Cup.

Some 20 men are at work on this property. Nearly 200 tons of ore is being shipped to Trail.

Pittsburg.

H. Breeley and Dan. Williams intend driving a tunnel on the Pittsburg, on the Nettie L hill.

Eight-Mile.

Capt. Davey is doing assessment work on the Eight-Mile claims, known as the townsite.

Preparing for Spring.

J. Laughton is thoroughly renovating the interior of the Hotel Lardeau, and has a lot of new furnishings on the way in. The third floor is also being converted into a dozen or more comfortable bed rooms. The lumber for an addition on the west side of the main building, to be used as a bar room, is being hauled and dried. Mr. Laughton will have everything in shape for the early spring trade, which is very likely to be brisk. He is also endeavoring to get an A 1 chef to look after the cuisine department.

A Station and Agent Needed.

Ferguson business men are jointly corresponding with Hewitt Bostock, urging upon him the great necessity of the Kootenay Lumber Co. building a floating freight shed at Thomson's Landing, and placing an agent in charge. Mr. Bostock writes very favorably and the chances are it will materialize.

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OUR SONS.

We're a pore un'appy Hempire, an' we
'aven't gort no friends;
If we wins, the nytions 'opes the news
ain't true;
If we're beat, they all yoonite ter re-
mawk it serves us right,
An' they wish we'd copped it 'otter,
so they dew.
They draws pickshurs of us, trustin' for
ter get ar dander up,
A thing they is pertic'lar 'andy at,
An' sarcawstic observyshuns they is
strong on, is them nytions;
But—yuss—they mostly lets it stop at
that.

We're a pore un'appy Hempire, an' we
'aven't gort no friends,
But we 'as some near relitions 'ere an'
there;
They mye sim a quiet crew when theer's
nutthink much ter dew,
But they're up as soon as fightin's in
the air.
We don't receive no complimints from
furriners an' sich,
An' the biddin' fur ar fivor's rawther
flat;
But though we've gort no friends, we've
our sons ter mike amends,
And we're jolly glad ter let it stop at
that.

A pore un'appy Hempire? Nort a bit
of it, we ain't
While the tie 'twixt son an' father
never fails;
Art o' Canarder they come ter the rol-
lin' of the drum,
An' the bugle calls the men of Noo
Sarth Wales
It's solid 'elp an' welcome, an' yer bet
we know its worth;
When sife at 'ome yer soldiers might
'ave sat,
When war was on the bill, yer gave us
yer goodwill—
Yer did, an' didn't let it stop at that.

—Barry Paine.

DON'T LIKE FOREIGNERS.

Every white man's paper in the Province has come out flat-footed against the mine managers in their efforts to import aliens to work in the mines of the Slocan. Here is a broadside from the Nelson Economist that has the right ring to it: "If British subjects feel that they are justified under existing conditions in accepting employment at the Payne mine, they must be protected. But should it transpire, as is alleged in some quarters, that the manager of the Payne has imported Swedes, Italians, Boers and other foreigners who have no further interest in the country than acquiring the wealth which is the heritage of British subjects, the Government will be justified in bringing up with a sharp curve the man who would so far forget his obligation to British Columbia as to attempt such a thing. The Economist has always contended that the mine-owners have been unfairly dealt with and it still maintains that the mining legislation of last session was uncalled for and discriminated against a class of men who had already done and were still doing a vast amount of good in opening up the resources of the country, but it cannot and will not endorse the importation of foreigners to absorb the labor and profit that rightly belongs to bona fide British subjects."

CANADA AND CANADIANS.

Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of Ontario, in a recent speech made at Whitby, Ont., gave some very good advice to Canadians. "We want to feel more and more the growing responsibility upon us," said he, "the growing responsibilities upon the Dominion of Canada. We must rise to a conception of the magnitude of our position as Canadians. Canada as owner of half a continent is destined to have a future, the brilliancy of which and the success of which no one can anticipate. Why, at the beginning of this century the population of the United States was only 5,000,000. Scarcely a hundred years have flown away, and today their population is estimated at 75,000,000. In 20, 30, or 40 years what will the population of Canada be? It will be just what our energy in developing the latent resources of the country, in encouraging settlement and in improving the social condition of the people will make it. We have not enough confidence in ourselves. We have not confidence enough in ourselves as Canadians. We are looking to the United States, to the Washingtons, Websters, and Lincolns, and seeing in these names the elements of greatness, forgetting that on Canadian soil we have their equals in the Browns, Baldwins, Blakes and Mowats of the present day. Let us display our loyalty to our own men. We think of the great expanse of the United States, forgetting we have a still greater expanse. We talk of the constitutional development of England, forgetting that we have made even greater development constitutionally than England. There is no land more free, there are no institutions more stable, no people more intelligent than ours."

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

New Denver Ledge

Outside of the two Association organs in Kootenay, one at Nelson and one at Sandon, and the literary chameleon at Kaslo, the newspapers of the Province are unanimous in declaring that the eight-hour law is here to stay, so far as the people and Parliament are concerned. True, some have criticised the advisability of thrusting the law upon us at the present stage of development, and the limiting of the law to one class of workmen, but none have opposed the principle of the law nor the law itself.

Politically the law has no opponents. The Liberal party has come out strongly in favor of it, and the Liberal-Conservative party has done likewise. The leaders of both have never lost an opportunity to speak favorably of the law. It has even been suggested that the law should be made to apply to other branches.

Speaking on the subject the Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The miners rightly say, that if they are to be considered as mere animals or machines, needing neither books nor recreation, and ready to spend the whole of their working lives either in a mine or a bunkhouse, then it matters not how long their hours of work may be. But if the contrary be the case—as certainly it is—our miners ought instead to be regarded as human beings of ordinary sensibilities, and able to read and think, and appreciate also the ordinary good things of this life. Under such circumstances, the passing of eight hours of each working day beneath the ground, under dangerous and unhealthy conditions, including the presence and endurance of foul air and noxious gasses, may reasonably be considered something like an ordinary maximum of proper employment for a metal or other miner. Such a term of work, moreover, approximates to the standard day of mining labor in most parts of the English-speaking world, and only leaves the man who is thus employed a reasonable margin for the partaking of meals, the necessary cleaning and attention to clothes and person, and the enjoyment of a not undue amount of recreation and rest, other than sleep. In fact, to put the matter plainly, and as we believe correctly, the gist of the dispute between masters and men in the Slocan country lies not so much as to hours of work, but rather concerns rates of remuneration and amount of recognition of the conditions of organized labor. An eight-hours' day limit for labor that is hard and continuous is in fact becoming so generally recognized throughout not only the British Empire, but also in the English-speaking world, that it has become exceedingly difficult—nay, almost impossible—for any popularly elected legislative body to recede from a position once taken up by it in statutory recognition of such a working day."

In the British navy there are 150 vessels that have been in service at least 25 years.

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The Labor Trouble in the Slocan

is still unsettled, and all lovers of British fair play are requested to keep away until settled. Due notice will be given when the time comes.

SILVERTON, SANDON
& NEW DENVER MINERS' UNION.
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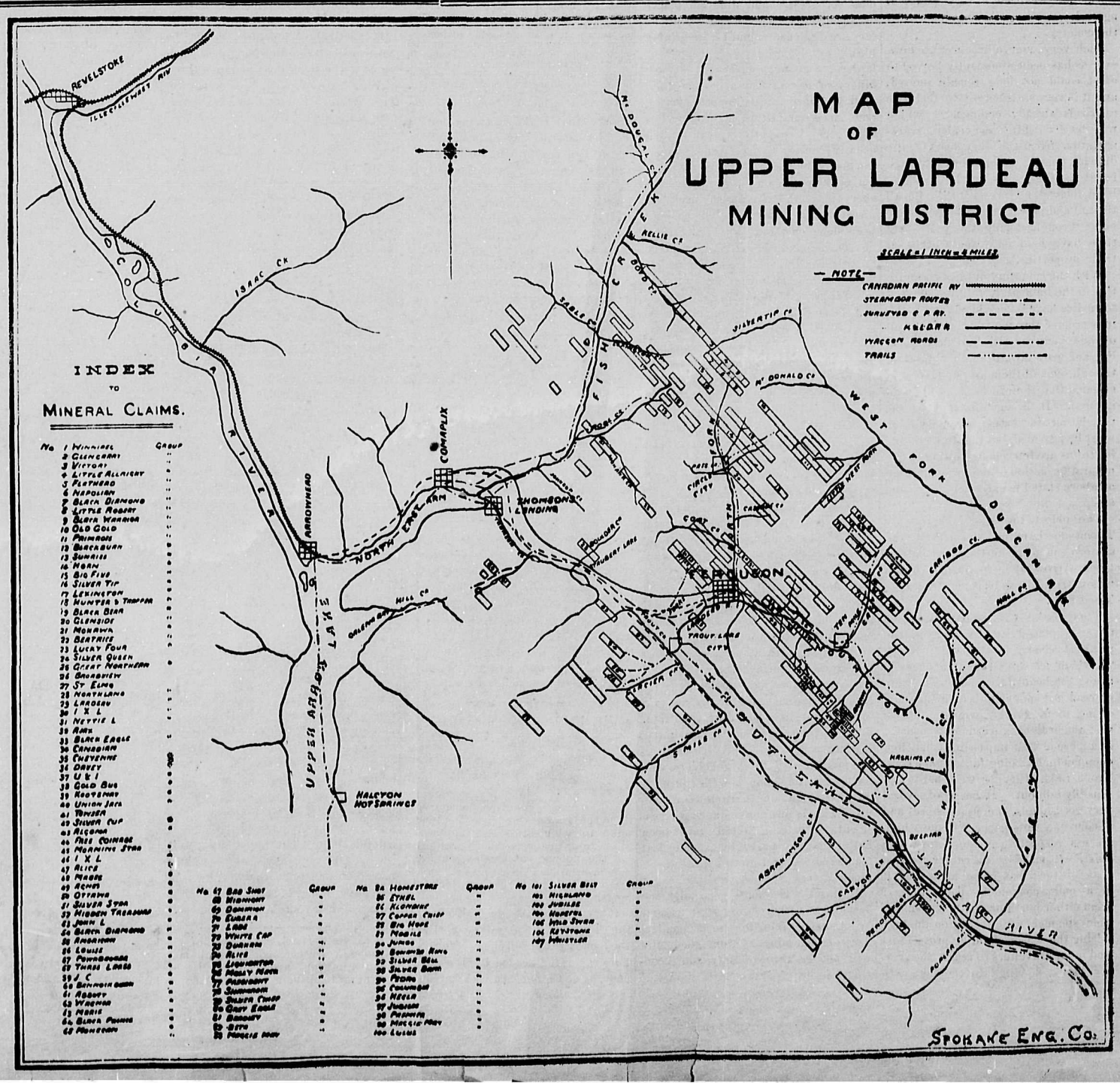

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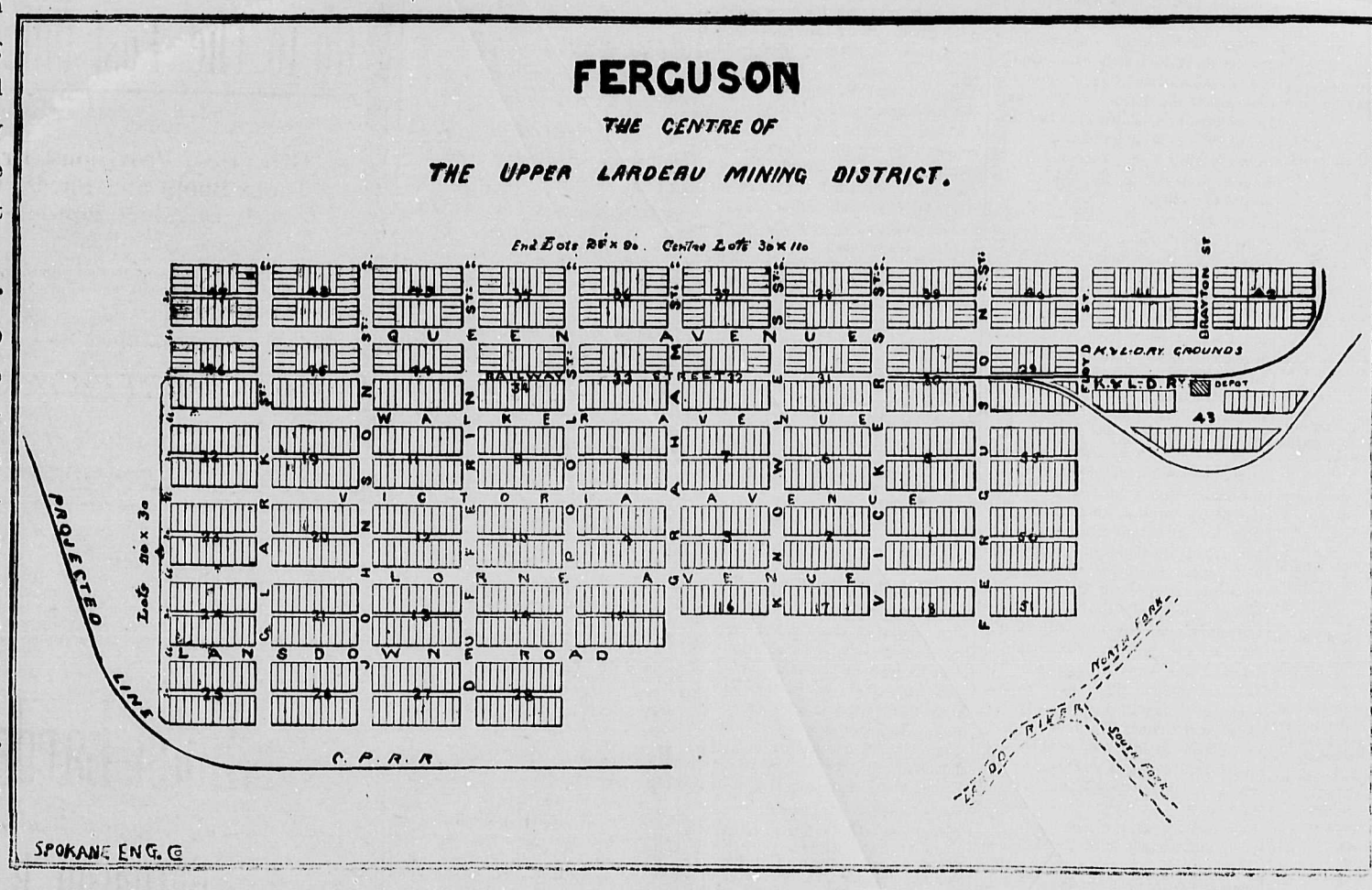

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EIGHT HOUR LAW.

Kootenay Miners Protest Against Interference With the Statute.

The present session of the Legislature has been fruitful of talk and petitions regarding the Eight Hour Law. "Wipe it off the statutes," say the mine owners; "Maintain the law exactly as passed," declare the miners. There could be no two more opposite requests. It is an open secret, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser, that the government intends to retain the law, while seeking, of course, to make the relations between men and owners as pleasant as possible. In the early part of the session some strong petitions were presented by the owners against the law; now petitions of equal strength are coming from the miners, asking for the maintenance of the law in its entirety. One of these resolutions has been sent to Mr. Macpherson, M.P.P., as well as others, and reads as follows:

Whereas, unsettled conditions exist between labor and capital in the metalliferous mining districts of the province of British Columbia, arising from many causes, chief of which is the eight hour law: the Mine Owners Association and their several organs have advocated their cause persistently before the public and their emissaries have written and stated through the public press that the miners did not want the eight hour law. Being fully conscious of how disastrous to the people of the Kootenays any mis-step or wrong move by either party would be at this moment, we deem it our duty to state our position to the citizens of British Columbia and their representatives, who hold and guide the destinies of the province. Much depends on the foresight and wisdom of these men guiding the ship of state, as we hope they will continue to do, to a safe port.

Whereas we, the members of District Union No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, comprising eleven unions, with a membership of three thousand miners; do hereby protest against any political trickery that would tend to disrupt the present government, and we appeal to all organized labor to remember that the prosperity of our people depends on the maintaining of the metalliferous mines act as amended at the last sitting of the legislature. If miners are to be considered in the same category as so much machinery or some kind of animal that lives on black bread and hog fat, needs no books, can live in a rude hut, or sleep in a mining company bunk house without being dissatisfied, then there is no cause for quarrel over how many hours he shall or shall not work. Conceding him to be a human being, a modern man able to read, think and appreciate the good things of life as others do, then we contend that eight hours are sufficient for men to work underground. The dangerous and unhealthy nature of our calling are good and sufficient reasons for shorter hours than other branches of labor, skilled or unskilled. Oft-times by a slight mishap or the ignorance of an employee, the individual who makes such mistakes is not only killed, but causes the death of his comrades who may be near him. Working in artificial air, breathing poisonous gases every moment while underground, men often lose their lives before they can retrace their steps to a place of security. We are tempted in this resolution to question the competency of the Mine Inspector for the Kootenays, and wonder why a government should retain a man in their employ who has lost the respect and confidence of the men of whose lives he is the guardian.

The wage question on which is based the present struggle between the miners and mine owners in the Slocan district, is not above the standard paid to first class miners in other places, such as Cripple Creek, Col., where miners have been working eight hours since 1894. It would be superfluous to add that in all the British colonies and in Great Britain miners work but eight hours. There is no place outside the Kootenays in this western mining country, with the exception of Alaska, where more of the necessities of life cannot be purchased with a dollar than in the mining districts of British Columbia. In the state of Montana, where wages will average from 75 cents to $1 per day per man higher than in portions of British Columbia, clothing, food, and in fact everything that would satisfy one's desires can be obtained at least 25 per cent cheaper than in any portion of the Kootenays.

Therefore, we contend that wages are not high, but, on the average, are below the standard paid in other localities. People in British Columbia are not able to maintain their physical strength, not to speak of their mental and moral requirements, on the same wages paid for labor in Europe or the eastern provinces. Labor should not suffer for the mistake of men who have more money than judgment. Unscrupulous speculators plot and scheme in every way imaginable to float mining properties for millions when they are not worth so many thousands. The speculators get wealthy on one or two such deals and everything is charged up to the cost of mining, even champagne suppers. The next move is to reduce wages. We further believe the testimony given before the government commissioner, Mr. R. C. Clute, has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that miners will perform as much work under the eight-hour day as was previously accomplished under the ten hour system.

Therefore be it resolved that we, the miners comprising District No. 6, Western Federation of Miners, believing in the justice of our cause, do hereby protest against any revision of the eight hour law, and insist on the maintenance of the same, even if every metalliferous mine in British Columbia should close down. Any tampering with the eight hour law at this late day will result in a struggle which will last until every dollar in the Western Federation of Mines has been expended. It is only by such laws that we will attain the higher and nobler walks of life.

At present several political buccaneers are at the seat of government within the sacred chambers of our legislative halls. Their very presence is a menace to our representatives. Their objects are to hamper and intimidate the government in expressing the will of the masses of this province.

Be it further resolved that we will look with suspicion on all political freebooters who are ever ready to array themselves with the opposition—a party which, during their reign as government, has never placed one single act on the statutes that would better the condition of the masses of British Columbia As an organization we are irrevocably opposed to party politics. When party lines are drawn unscrupulous individuals entrench themselves behind the bulwarks of party politics, and prejudice man against his fellow man. Partizans have done more in the past to destroy the spirit of human progress than all the other evils reformers and reform organizations have had to combat against.

ALFRED PARR, Secretary. A. J. HUGHES, President.

FORTUNE IN COPPER.

Montana Men Developing a Rich Property on Howe Sound.

The Britannia group of copper claims on Howe Sound, are being inspected by a number of mining men from Montana, Washington and California, and, according to the miners, the claims which are at present shipping ore will surpass the Le Roi as a money winner.

In view of the coming importance of these properties, the following facts in connection with the purchase, development and prospects of the company will no doubt prove of interest:—

In 1896 a trapper on Howe Sound located the claims, and sold them to J. Boscowitz, of Victoria, for $20,000. The latter spent $15,000 in proving the prospects.

All work was carried on in a very quiet manner. In fact, for the past 18 months 16 men have been hard at work on the Britannia group, but few mining men in British Columbia were aware of the fact.

Mr. Adams, one of those interested in the property, said he thought he knew all of this province's mines, but it was not until he was visiting Patrick Clark at Spokane that he learned of the Britannia mine. He became interested, visited the group and secured a 30-day option on the property. Then he went through this province looking for a man with money and mining instinct to help him buy what he thought was the best property in the entire province. He could not find a partner, and so wired H. C. Walters, of Montana, that he had 50,000 tons of five per cent copper ore in sight, vein traceable 3,000 feet; vein 40 feet wide.

Mr. Walters came expecting to be disappointed, but when he saw the property and spent five days examining it, he remarked: "It's no dream, Adams; you are below the mark." The owners were with him on this examination and they closed the deal verbally on the spot, and at once instructed the men to work at a spot 500 feet east of the principal workings where the vein stands boldly out of the mountain 400 feet in length, and 10 to 150 in height.

On their first examination they found that the mammoth bluff was well mineralized, and they instructed the workmen to investigate the bluff. On their return they found that the men had broken into ore running six per cent in copper. This crosscut tunnel had been driven in 208 feet on their first visit, in an attempt to tap the vein 130 feet from the top. The tunnel was being driven west, but they instructed that it be diverted south, and on their second visit they found the workmen had struck the vein after a 16 foot drive to the south. The vein has since been crosscut, and is 26 feet from wall to wall, and will run six per cent copper and about $16 in all values.

On their return from their first trip, they proceeded to Victoria and closed the deal, which in itself was of very large dimensions. The first payment was $10,000 cash, and when all the payments are made and the mine put in shape, it will have cost Mr. Adams and associates $200,000. After the deal had been closed Mr. Walters said to Mr. Adams, "Are we dreaming? We have paid an enormous sum for a British Columbia property that no one seemed to have known anything about and people wouldn't touch. We had better go and look at it again." They visited the mine again, but were still more favorably impressed.

The extent of the ore body is of vast proportions, and very unusual richness. The ore in sight has been variously estimated by mining engineers. One mining man said there was enough ore proved up to keep a Blackett tram running, with a capacity of 1,000 tons per day, every day for ten years. But it may be safer to say without the slightest fear of a blunder that there are 200,000 tons of $16 ore in sight, or about $3,200,000 in value.

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THE LOCAL FIELD.

St. Valentine's day.

Cold and clear—8 below.

A public hall is to be erected in town.

W. Innis of the Towser, spent yesterday in town.

Ferguson needs a public school, and is entitled to one.

Miss K. Edwards of Batho & Co., is inconvalescent.

A laundry would do a land office business in this nucleus.

There would be a small fortune in a good market garden here next season.

R. C. Scott intends erecting another house immediately lumber is available.

A. E. Kincaide was down from the Nettie L a couple of days ago. He says "I tell you she's a bird."

G. B. McGregor of the Silver Cup, dropped down yesterday and arranged to have the EAGLE fly his way for one year.

Lew Thompson and Harry Carter Carter are about to have their ranch surveyed, at Circle City by A. P. Cummins.

Fred. Desjardin, with three men, started in cutting wood for the local market this morning, down near the saw mill.

Messrs. McKinnon & Sutherland intend building an addition, 24x40, to their already large store, as soon as they can get lumber.

"The Imperial Automatic Voting Machine" may be used hereafter at municipal elections in this province. No more spoiled ballots.

The EAGLE man on the wing purposes paying a visit to every working mine in the district as soon as possible. You know the rest.

The Hotel Ferguson is putting in their ice supply. The ice is good, the frost having come before the snow last fall. S. Daney is hauling it.

Lord Roberts has succeeded General Buller in command at Modder river. Great snap for the innumerable fireside "critics" and "war experts."

A letter received from the Slocan last night says the labor trouble is now practically settled, and the mines are hiring union miners by the score.

The Arm is likely to be kept open all winter. The big C. P. R. boats are coming in regularly for ore from the Nettie L. Silver Cup and Beatrice.

A. H. Holdich, assayer, and secretary of the Great Western Mines, will move to this place in the spring, as will also the offices of the company.

Just imagine getting "fresh war news" in a weekly paper. The war of life and activity in this great and glorious climate is all the EAGLE can scan.

P. Burns & Co., who controls the fresh meat business of the Kootenays, have lowered their prices in Rossland. May the good work be brought nearer home.

The Kootenay Mail has blossomed out as a semi-weekly published on Tuesdays and Fridays, while the Herald has adopted the same days of publication.

There is plenty of wood around this metropolis, spruce, fir, tamarack and cedar, and all that is necessary to possess it is to cut it. But there's the sticker.

Service will be held next Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Lardeau hotel hall, by J. E. Pleming. Do the right thing boys, and turn out. Encourage home industry.

J. E. Pleming, Methodist pastor at Trout Lake City, was in town yesterday. Ferguson will have regular services as soon as a meeting place is available.

Ferguson will at least have one representative in South Africa. Murdie McRae was accepted and left Revelstoke with Strathcona's horse contingent on Friday last enroute.

—If you intend to do work of any description on any property in this district this season, let the EAGLE know of it. This is the kind of information that counts with the investing public.

W. N. Brayton, general agent for the Ferguson townsite, will be here in a few days. He will likely make some arrangements for the saw mill to start up at once, so as to supply the local demand for lumber.

Gold Commissioner Coursier says that if he gets the appropriation he has asked for from the government this district will soon be given more trails and better roads. The EAGLE sincerely hopes he will make it stick.

—Ferguson offers special advantages and good reasons for the early establishment of reduction works, concentrators, smelters and manufactories of almost any nature. It is centrally located, good sites and there is unlimited water power.

Through the enterprise of the rustling general townsite agent, W. N. Brayton, the EAGLE will produce some good "cuts" of local scenes in its next issue, the 21st. The EAGLE had hoped to do so this issue, but the cuts have not arrived from the engravers.

Wm. Glenn is busy rawhiding ore down the hill, from the Nettie L. He has some exciting experiences at times, his mules occasionally taking to standing on their heads by the wayside. South African kopjes are sure not in it with some of these rawhide shortcuts.

J. W. Westfall, manager for several good live mining companies which are operating on properties near here, of Trout Lake City, was in town yesterday, and did an annual assessment on the EAGLE for himself and others. Mr. Westfall will make Ferguson his headquarters this season.

Messrs. Batho & Co. have added considerable to the convenience of their store during the past week, the post office receiving special attention. Additional shelving and other changes have been made for the purpose of giving their goods a better display. R. C. Scott was the wood artist.

SALUTATORY.

In making its bow to the residents of the Lardeau and the public generally, the EAGLE by no means feels called upon to offer any apology for its debut in the journalistic field of British Columbia. The town of Ferguson and the important mining camps around it, north, south, east and west have now reached a stage of development, at which the establishment of a newspaper to bring the doings of the district from week to week before the notice of the outside world has become an imperative necessity. Without at all aiming to create a boom or stampede, the EAGLE feels confident that the mere record and description of mining development and mining properties in this rich camp cannot fail to have a stimulating effect on the progress of the Lardeau. The camp has suffered as much from the fact that it has never been half advertised as from anything else. This defect the EAGLE proposes to the best of its ability to rectify.

Last year saw this district take a considerable stride. This year will inevitably witness another great advance. With the arrival of the iron horse next summer the great natural hindrance, which has hitherto kept the Lardeau back from progress and development—its inaccessibility—will be once and for ever removed and then a great change will come over the scene. At least from 25 to 30 properties will be shipping ore from the very start off, a number which will be indefinitely increased with the rapid development of other promising claims and the influx of capital, which will speedily follow the advent of the cars. The history of Rossland and the Slocan will repeat itself in the Lardeau. Business activities of all kinds will spring up to supply the demand from the mines, a big pay roll will rapidly roll up and property will establish itself on a solid and paying basis. The business, distributing and railway centre of all this life and activity will be without a doubt Ferguson.

A glance at any map of this great district will be quite sufficient to convince the most unobservant of the faith of this last statement. Situated as Ferguson is at the junction of the north and south fork of the Lardeau, on the only flat extensive enough to contain a large town for miles around and holding the key to the principal mining camps in every direction the town of Ferguson holds a unique and commanding position in the Lardeau district, to which no other place can even pretend. The principal properties of the district can in fact only be reached by passing through Ferguson. The miners', though not the official Lardeau, extends from Fish river on the northwest to Haley creek on the southeast and from Trout lake to the Duncan river. Its earliest located, best known and most promising properties are situated on the north and south forks of the Lardeau river; Ferguson right at the forks. With railways, as there soon will be, centering right at Ferguson, as a terminal and divisional point and branching off from there up both the forks of the river the great volume of the business of the district must necessarily pass through the hands of Ferguson merchants. It cannot be diverted from them. It cannot therefore be successfully contested but that Ferguson offers to every kind of business enterprise at the paesent date an opening without a parallel in the province.

These facilities and advantages of the present and near future it will be the aim and object of the EAGLE to keep steadily before the public eye. Our mining news it will ever be our principle to keep reliable and up to date. All the very latest happenings of the camp will be found in our columns. The EAGLE will constitute itself a guide to the intending investor whether in mining or other business and will constantly furnish to capital an unimpeachable advertisement, based on a strict record of facts alone, of the extraordinary mineral wealth of this wonderful camp. Politics we shall eschew. Our politics are the advancement of the Lardeau. Any one, politician or otherwise, who proposes to further this end will have our support. Any one who opposes or thwarts it will find in the EAGLE a determined opponent. This is our programme and with its announcement the EAGLE takes off its hat and makes its bow with Vol. I. No. I.

Money Order Office for Ferguson.

In response to a petition signed by the business men of Ferguson asking that a money order office be established here, the following reply has been received:

Post Office Inspector's Office.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 29th, 1900.

Gentlemen: With reference to your petition of the 25th inst., asking that the post office at Ferguson be constituted a money order office, I beg to say that the matter will without delay be laid before the Postmaster General for his consideration.

Yours truly,
W. H. Dorman,
Post Office Inspector.

Ferguson is entitled to this convenience, and is also pleased with Inspector Dorman's prompt action.

BUSINESS METHODS REQUIRED

Money Must Be Expended Before A Revenue Will Accrue.

Mining companies invest money in undeveloped properties before they can possibly get results. The provincial government has so far done the very opposite, in the matter of trail building in this vicinity at any rate. Up the north fork of the Lardeau creek there are dozens of claims sufficiently developed to prove that they are worth more than assessment work; but the owners are waiting for some means of getting supplies into them, other than upon their backs. The railway would not run a spur to them at the present stage of the game. But a trail good enough for a mule to navigate upon would. These trails must be provided before the government can hope to receive a cent in return, outside of licenses, certificates, etc. The money so expended would all go eventually into actually opening up properties, as the men who would do the trail building have their all in the ground, and are only too pleased to get an opportunity to earn a little ready cash to buy supplies with. Its all very nice for those in command at Victoria to set up a howl about the wasted money already spent in this large and scattered district. The EAGLE can witness some very striking incidences, without flying very far. But it doesn't help the case any. The present otherwise progressive government should do something more in legitimate trail building and repairing, and less haphazard patch work, at an early date. As is the case in any business, money must be judiciously expended before money can be made.

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Messrs. Sims & Co., of the Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing Co., Nelson, B.C., are reaching out for a share of the cigar business in this camp, as will be seen from their ad. in the EAGLE. Their cigars speak for themselves and in the interests of those who interest themselves in our field, these cigars should be called for and insisted upon by men of all classes in this district.

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton will visit this place at early spring. The EAGLE would suggest to Messrs. Craig & Hillman that "Dycie" be the driver from the Landing on this occasion. And if that road isn't corduroyed, drained and the danger of constant mudslides and falling trees overcome within one month, we miss our guess.

Arrangements with the telephone line here for daily despatches from the outside world were being negotiated this week, but for the present it was decided to wait awhile. Messrs. Kinman & Currie have the line in good shape, and Ferguson, Trout Lake City, Thomson's Landing and Comaplix are now listed as telegraph offices in the C. P. R. system.

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