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THE MINING INDUSTRY

The Many Discouragements of the Mining Man

He is Taxed on Every Possible Pretext

A well known Revelstoke mining man writes as follows to the B. C. Mining Record:

Sir,—Thinking possibly that every one is not as well acquainted with the mischievous system of taxation that is forced by our British Columbia legislators on the mining industry of this province—of which, indeed, the said industry is the backbone—I have ventured to write the following brief notes:

When an able-bodied man comes first into British Columbia he is promptly taxed \$3 annually for the privilege of living here, and another \$2 is added for "road tax," although roads are chiefly conspicuous by their absence. Possibly our able-bodied friend may have a taste for minerals—or thinks he has, much the same thing. He must then take his free miner's license, costing \$5, and with his pack on his back is free to examine the country. Let us suppose he is so lucky as to find indications of mineral. He must stake his claim in a certain way (chiefly by guess) and record it, for which he will pay \$2.50. During the following year he must do \$100 worth of work on the claim, swear that he has done so, and record the assessment—\$2.50 more. While at the office he may as well take his new miner's license, as the old one will have about run out, costing \$5, as before. This goes on for four or five years, by which time he should know whether his claim is worth anything or not; but during this time he must not use one stick of timber from his claim for mining purposes, without being taxed for it at the rate of 50 cents per cord—surely a high figure. He may burn, waste, or otherwise destroy all his own timber and that of half the country besides, if he likes, for nothing, but if he dares to put the timber to its natural and legitimate use, he has to pay the government for it. And when at the end of the four or five years he crown grants the claim, he is again taxed 25 cents per acre, and though he has legally acquired possession of the land, the act does not permit him to use the timber on it for mining purposes without taxing him. (If this statement is incorrect I shall be glad to be put right, but the wording of the act makes no exception.)

Well, our friend having probably, during all these years of hard work, been compelled to ask his friends' assistance in money matters, is now anxious to see what the mineral he has extracted is worth, and to recompense himself and his partners for their labor to some extent. So he sacks it up and sends it to the nearest smelter, which often costs \$25 to \$40 per ton to accomplish. The smelter company samples it, knocks off from it any possible loss they might sustain by imperfect smelting—10 per cent. of the lead, 5 per cent. of the silver and gold, and about 1 1/2 per cent. of the copper—leaves the unfortunate owner for nearly all the remaining minerals, and finally charges him a good round sum for smelting. If the ore is exceptionally rich there will be even a little profit left to counterbalance the cost of mining and other expenses. Then the government steps in again and remarks: "Hand over 2 per cent. of that to us. Now, why? What has the government done during this whole time to help the mine owner? Nothing at all, but has been bleeding him for fees continually, and even declared that

neither he nor his men shall work more than eight hours a day, whether they want to or not.

On the other hand, what has the prospector and mine owner done for the government? He has shown up the value of the country, has been the pioneer settler in the "primeval forest," and has been the means of many small towns springing up all around, all of which contribute heavily to the government through their own licenses and fees. I would then ask why in the name of common sense does not our government encourage the mining industry, instead of eternally worrying it and hampering it with mischievous laws and fines. For British Columbia has mineral resources which are probably unequalled elsewhere on the earth, and it is to these resources that we must look for our wealth. Surely then the development of them should be a source of the greatest anxiety to the government, that nothing should be allowed to hinder, but everything to assist. Unfortunately, but few members seem to know what a mine means; they think apparently it is a spot of land where you go with a pick and shovel and get bushels of gold coin ready made; and, consequently, the wildest suggestion respecting drawing taxes from the mine is promptly made law, to the infinite and lasting harm both to the country itself and to its mainstay, the mining industry. My sincere hope is that this plain recital of facts may help to amend our condition.

A. H. HOLDICH, R. S. M., Etc.
Revelstoke.

PROPERTIES ON POOL CREEK

The Mining Propositions That Promise to Become Notable

Mr. J. Darraugh, superintendent for the Wide West Gold Mining company, the properties of which are located on Pool creek in the Lardeau district, stated to the Rossland Miner that operations would be commenced on the properties of the company on May 1st. Mr. Darraugh says he will at the same time vigorously prosecute work on the Pontiac group of claims, which gives most extraordinary assays, returns of from \$100 to \$745.73 being obtained from it. He further says he was in Nelson a day or two since and met A. F. Rosenberger of the Imperial syndicate, which owns the Eva and other properties near the Pontiac. Mr. Rosenberger reports that the Eva is turning out remarkably well, and that some very high assays are being obtained from the ore. He also learned while in Nelson that the Oyster claim, which is owned by Starkey, Ernest and Allen, has ore which is even richer than the Eva. All of the propositions mentioned carry free milling ore and are located a long Pool creek, and it is anticipated that a valuable free milling belt will be developed there during the coming open season.

THE MOUNTAIN LION GROUP

The Mountain Lion Mining company have made their second payment on the Mountain Lion group on the north fork. The other payments are already deposited in the bank to await maturity. M. C. Miller of Minneapolis, acting for the company, will be here as soon as the snow has gone to commence development.

A NEW LARDEAU COMPANY

The "Lardeau Light and Power Company, Limited," with a capital of \$15,000 divided into 300 shares of \$50 each, is applying for a certificate of incorporation under the "Water Clauses Consolidation act, 1897," and "Companies' act, 1897." The objects set forth would fill all the EAGLE'S news columns.

SOUR GRAPES

The Topic agrees with the EAGLE. Liberals should not be in the grafting business. That should be left to fake socialists.—Trout Lake Topic.

To judge by the Topic's lofty contempt for political pap, it is easy to understand that it was never offered any.

MINERS' UNION IS FORMED

Union Starts with Good Membership and Bright Prospects

Well Attended and Enthusiastic Meeting

The meeting of those interested in the formation of a miners' union in Ferguson on Saturday was a great success. The provincial organizer of the Western Federation of Miners (Jas. Wilks) was with us nearly all Saturday, the 20th, and did good missionary work amongst those not acquainted with the work of the union.

At 7.30 p.m. J. R. P. Pettipiece took the chair, and after the election of a secretary the chairman introduced Mr. Wilks to the meeting.

Mr. Wilks in an able speech of about 45 minutes duration laid the principal objects of the union before the meeting, especially dwelling on the fact that miners' unions were not organized with a view to a tit-for-tat, but for the mutual benefit of employer and employee.

It was then moved and seconded that we proceed to organize a miners' union in Ferguson. Upon taking a vote on the question it carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilks then requested those not interested in the formation of a union to retire. The miners then proceeded to organize the Lardeau Miners' Union. The name was chosen after some discussion, and is intended to emphasize the fact that this union is not alone for the miners of Ferguson and vicinity, but is intended to take in the whole Lardeau district; and although those living at some distance from Ferguson may not be able to attend our meetings regularly, we hope they will show their faith in the principles of unionism by uniting with the union here and inducing others to join. It is expected that the Lardeau union will send a representative round to the different camps to initiate the miners who desire to join with us.

The Lardeau Miners' Union starts with a membership of 43, which before the end of the coming month we hope to swell to at least 100, and before the summer is over we hope to induce every miner in the Lardeau district to become a member of our organization. After the initiation of candidates the following officers were chosen for the ensuing term:

President Bro. Vincent Lade
Vice-president Alex Brown
Secretary A. J. Gordon
Treasurer Peter Ferguson
Conductor Jobt. Foran
Warden Edmund Ward

INVESTING PUBLIC CAUTIOUS

No Chance to Find it Worthless Propositions on them Now

There was a time when a man could go into Toronto, New York or Boston, and float a proposition with nothing more than a piece of rock in his pocket. And the reason he could do it was because there were millions of money there waiting for investment. Now they have just as much money today, and are just as anxious to become interested in a mining deal, but now they want to see a carload of gold bricks before they will touch a mining proposition. Why? Their confidence has been abused, their money misappropriated, leaving the users of them with nothing but certificates in a jack-pot mining and milling company. How long does it take a broker to realize that every time he sells a good stock he puts a missionary to work for himself? The people in the east have a

great abundance of money ready to take hold of any substantial mining proposition, but it must be through some one who can get their confidence and not the one who has sold them worthless shares.

The Northwest country has innumerable rich mining prospects in each of the various camps presenting splendid opportunities for capital to develop, and the right man ought to be able to interest money in their development. And it is to this line of work that the successful operator in the Northwest country must devote his time and energy if he would be successful. The time is quite far distant when it will be possible to sell any considerable number of worthless shares in a mining property.—Northwest Mining News.

THE EAGLE ON THE WING

A Popular Hostelry—The Eagle and the Lardeau—Knocking Ferguson

On board s. s. Kootenay, Arrow Lakes, April 21.

Accompanied by James Wilks, A. F. of M. organizer, Arthur Evans, Fred Disjardine, Gordon McLennan, John Russell and C. Erickson, I left Ferguson this morning at 2 o'clock, reaching deepwater landing, 17 miles over snow and mud roads over which traffic has been practically suspended for the time, just as the s. s. Archer was pulling out for Arrowhead at 7:15. The party awakened the ever obliging Frank Fullmer (at the top of the big hill, and there we did justice to fresh eggs, etc. This is probably one of the most popular hotels in the district.

Arriving at Arrowhead at 8:10, we had time to smile with the genial proprietor of the Lakeview, Mr. Foley. Here the crowd split, and as a result I will reach Rossland this evening at 10 o'clock, making the trip from Ferguson to Rossland in 20 hours. At Arrowhead I met S. Sutherland, J. V. Armstrong and others bound for the pay roll centre.

The s. s. Archer is now making two trips a day, leaving the Landing at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., making connections with both the south boat and north train.

Traffic is comparatively light on the Arrow lakes, but from conversation with passengers bound here and there it is strikingly evident that the Lardeau and the EAGLE, synonymous terms, are well known and well talked of. I have also learned that, true to past events, the Topic editor is a knocker. In conversation with the particular passenger I have in mind, he told me that "Mr. Flagstaff," as he calls him, said: "You make no mistake, but invest in Trout Lake. Ferguson is no good, nor ever will be." Now, I have no objection to the first part of his statement, but why knock Ferguson? Is it likely to do any town or individual any good when knocking is resorted to.

I notice in a recent copy of the Nelson Tribune that C. P. R. engineer Sullivan is calling for tenders for track-laying and grading the Lardeau branch of that system. The tenders must be in Winnipeg by April 29 at 12 o'clock noon. This sounds like business, and strengthens the certainty of our district receiving better transportation facilities this summer.

At the Landing freight shed I noticed the new fan, etc., for the Nettie L. mine, and it will not be long before development on a large scale will be in progress, meaning the re-employment of as many men as worked during the winter.

We are nearing Robson, so au revoir for the present.

WILL CONTROL THE RATES

The Ontario government will control the passenger and freight rates of the Thunder Bay, Nipigon & St. Joe railway, which is to have a grant of 5,000 acres of land for each mile of road. The company must place at least a hundred male settlers upon the land every year for ten years, locate stations in the centre of each block of land, survey town plots and build school houses and public buildings sufficient for the requirements of 500 people.

RAPID DECLINE IN SILVER

Discussion of the Causes of the Late Fall in Prices

A Fall of Five Cents Since the First of the Year

Silver, after a long period of comparatively high prices, has recently had a rapid decline, following a period of rapidly falling prices, says the Engineering and Mining Journal. At the beginning of the year the current price in New York was 64c, and the average for January was 64.12c. On February 1st the quotation was 60 1/2c, the average for the month being 61.06c. There was then a slight improvement, March opening with a quotation of 61 1/2c, and showing an average of 60.63c. On April 1st 60 1/2c an ounce was quoted, but since then there has been a sharp fall, the price as we write being 59c per ounce in New York, and 27 1/2 pence sterling per ounce in London.

Several causes have combined to cause the decline, but the chief one is found in the decline of demand for the east. The demand for coinage in India is satisfied for the present, and the prospect in that quarter is that buying will be light, at least for several months. The demand on Chinese account was at first aided by the troubles in that country, but has now fallen off heavily on account of the almost total paralysis of trade there. In the meantime no compensating demand from European countries has been manifest, purchases for coinage by the countries in the Latin Monetary Union and by Russia having been very small.

The rapid fall of the past two weeks has been helped by the collapse of a small speculation in London; the breakdown being assisted by reports of expected large receipts from the United States and Mexico. These, of course, were baseless, since the metal is not being pressed for sale by refiners here, while so large a part of the Mexican silver now reaches Europe through this country that almost the same conditions govern Mexican exports. The reports, however, served their purpose in helping the decline.

CANADA'S MINERAL PRODUCTION

The total value of the mineral production of Canada for 15 years past has been as follows:

1900	\$63,775,090
1899	49,584,027
1898	38,697,021
1897	28,661,430
1896	22,584,513
1895	20,639,904
1894	19,931,158
1893	20,035,082
1892	16,628,417
1891	18,976,616
1890	16,763,353
1889	14,013,913
1888	12,518,894
1887	11,321,331
1886	10,221,255

It is gratifying to be able to record a large increase in the total production of minerals in Canada during 1900, thus continuing the very satisfactory records of the past four years. The total increased by a little over 28 per cent., 11 per cent. of which must be credited to the large output of the Yukon gold, 9.6 per cent. to increases in other metals, and 6 per cent. to the increase in the aggregate value of the non-metallic products, the value of the structural materials and clay products showing only a slight growth over past years. Compared with 1894, when the steady increase began, the total mineral production of 1900 improved nearly 320 per cent., and since 1886, when the first figures are available, over 600 per cent.



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WINGLETS.

There are two kinds of stock propositions—one in which the purchaser has a chance to make a whole lot of money on a small investment, and another in which he parts with his money without a possibility of getting it back. The first kind of investment is represented to be very easy to get, but in reality they are very hard. Every man who has stock to sell will tell you the same story.

Too often the prospector, usually the tenderfoot element, insists that everything he discovers is the making of a mine. And the minute he finds a streak of mineral rock he imagines his fortune is made. He can talk about fifty thousand dollars as easily now as a Wall street banker. Four or five years go by, and if he still holds his claim he will approach some one in town to bond it for a cash consideration and a stock interest. This is easy work and he soon finds some one who will take his claim and begin selling stock. This is the way most of the worthless stocks originate. The people whom he interests get the fever and their friends get the fever through contagion. The public does like to be humbugged, as Mr. Barnum once said.

There is no good foundation for prejudice against "pocket" mines, says the Mining and Scientific Press. Nearly all mines are more or less pockety or spotted. A real pocket mine is one where an exceedingly rich bunch of ore occurs occasionally, while the rest of the vein is comparatively barren. Sometimes it takes all the money found in one pocket to carry on the work to reach the next. Occasionally six months' or a year's work is spent before a good pocket is found. Some of the pocket mines have been worked for a number of years in a sort of intermittent way, but have been found to pay in the end. The ledges of these mines are usually small. But even in the chimneys of good, well defined wide ledges there are poor and rich spots—not so marked, of course, as in the true pocket mine, but occurring nevertheless. Possibly the pockety mines will not hold out as long or warrant expensive plants, but then much ore is mined. Sometimes a vein is pockety and extremely rich on the surface, which, with depth attained, settles down into a steadily paying proposition.

The recent improvements in the science of metallurgy are very apt to result with the perfection of these improvements in seriously affecting certain smelting interests of the company. Every year new applications are being made of old processes and the treatment of ores is constantly becoming cheaper and making it possible to treat both higher and lower grades of ore at a greater profit. It is even now thought by some that the chemical methods will entirely supersede re-

duction by heat just as they have already done in refining. The pyritic processes are destined to absorb a large part of the mineral that now goes to the smelter. There are unquestionably great improvements to be made in ore treating processes, and with the adaptation of the improved modern machinery it may reasonably be expected that ores previously too low in grade to allow a profit can be handled successfully. It is only a question of perfecting the processes now used.—Northwest Mining News.

SCREAMLETS

Even when we realize that people are flattering us we feel sure they mean well.

It may be all right that the world owes every man a living, but the trouble is there are too many preferred creditors.

The starting of government banks might "infringe" somewhat on the "rights" of bankers, but it would help the people.

The Topic says Ferguson is four miles further from civilization than Trout Lake is. Then we are lost to the world indeed.

Did you ever think how many there are in society as now ill-adjusted, who never find any pleasure in life, and how many there are who appropriate to themselves luxuries they never earned?

Did you ever think that the reason why the people get so little benefit from the government is because the gluttonous wealthy class employ the law-makers and use the laws to appropriate to themselves the benefits which should be shared by all?

Several Nelson merchants propose to form a company for the erection of a lead refinery. Should it be decided by the Dominion authorities to bonus such an undertaking, a first class scrap may be looked for between the two Kootenay lake cities for its possession.

If you pay a girl 60 cents per dozen for making overalls, it is useless to set a \$2,500 a year minister preaching to her. An empty stomach begets an obdurate frame of mind, and the possessor of the stomach is more concerned about the here than the hereafter.

A woman's words persuasive
We can listen to and meet
With an answer that's evasive
And an adjective that's sweet;
But our logic seems so simple,
And our self-possession flies,
When her cheeks are all a-dimple
And she reasons with her eyes.

The operation of the railroads by the government, and ownership by the people, might seriously impair the control of government now exercised by some magnates, but it would relieve the people. In fact we're prepared to admit that if all these things were done a whole tribe of arrogant aristocrats would be hurt, but the people would be blessed and progress assured.

The EAGLE sanctum is now almost in shape for the reception of visitors. Capitalists will be invited to recline on the beautifully upholstered rocker that has been provided at enormous expense; a fine line of stout chairs has been provided for the use of merchants, miners and prospectors; while collectors, insurance agents and rubbernecks will find ample accommodation on the steps outside.

The "practical," "hard-headed" and "common sense" men, the men who declare anything they never thought about, impracticable—you have some of them in your locality, no doubt—believe in the public post office and the public schools and the public fire department and the public streets and the public waterworks and public libraries, because we have them; because they are here, and have demonstrated their fitness to stay. Did you ever know one of these "practical" men to refuse to walk on the streets of your town because they are "public"? or fail to avail himself of the library because it is "public"? or go thirsty because the water pumps are "public"? or let his house burn down rather than call on a fire department because it is "public"? or abstain from using the post office because it is "public"? Men who are really practical and have good common sense do none of these things.

DON'T PROMISE TOO MUCH

Extravagant Promises the Cause of Many Disasters of Mining Companies

Any operator or company that has successfully developed a mining property will bear witness that it requires a great amount of capital to take a prospect and carry it through the various stages until the product makes it possible to pay dividends. Mining, equipment, labor are very expensive items in developing properties, and the company that promises dividends before a hole 50 feet in the ground has been sunk is working a confidence game pure and simple. There are hazards in all mining enterprises, and it does not become a company without considerable development in the way of blocking out ores to make these unsubstantial promises. The great desideratum in mining is to have the officials of the company act on business principles and discover what the prospects of a company are for paying dividends before making the promises.

There are indeed few if any exceptions in which the dividends promised in a prospectus materialize within a period of a few years at the earliest. And why make them? It may help in the selling of a limited number of shares at the start, but when half a year is passed, or even one year, and the dividends which the stockholder has been led to expect are not forthcoming, it means that it will be difficult raising money to continue work. The reason is obvious and needs no emphasis. Excessive capitalization, extravagant promises of profit, often wreck a most promising prospect and discredit legitimate mining operations.—Northwest Mining News.

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

Little Tommy, Death on the Trail, Morning and Midnight, situated in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: on the Lardeau Duncan Divide at the head of Hall Creek.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for George H. Bayne, Free Miner's Certificate No. B30631, and Cutler T. Porter, Free Miner's Certificate No. B30405, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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RANDOM FLIGHTS

The Eagle Poet's Farewell—An Alleged Court House

The EAGLE poet, who has been chained up in the cellar for the winter, made his escape the other day, and was hitting a 2:40 gait for the Landing when last heard of. He left behind him the following verses, which seem to explain his hurried departure:

BEAUTIFUL SNOW
(Revised and amended)

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow!
So early it comes and so late does it go.
You slip and you slide and you stumble
along,
With language unfit for the sanctified
through;
You step to the side and your course
gets a check—
You're into the beautiful up to the
neck.
Whose'er was the chump in this world
full of woo
Who spouted the praises of beautiful
snow?
Once I delighted in beautiful snow,
But that was in childhood's days, long,
long ago;
With glee chilly missiles I vig'rously
hurled,
With gladness I greeted a snow-
covered world.
But now, ah! how changed is the story
I tell;
I wish it was all shovelled down
into—well,
In language polite, the regions below
Might possibly welcome the beautiful
snow.
I'm sick unto death of the beautiful
snow;
My frame is now feeble, my step has
grown slow;
In summer I gracefully walk through
the street,
In winter I sprawl on my hands or my
feet;
My eyes are nigh blind from the aspect
of white
That daily presents itself unto my
sight.
Soon may it be ended, soon, soon may
I go
To a clime that's too warm for the
beautiful snow.

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If the Topic is to be believed there is actually a court house at the lake, and that being the case all sorts of salaams, prostrations and apologies are due and are hereby proffered to the individual whose veracity was questioned the other day. But where is the court house, any way? Surely the Topic doesn't refer to the little building that used to be alternately known as the recording office and the coop.

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The Topic is again prophesying a boom for Trout Lake City. A boom in that sleepy hamlet would be as much out of place as a bull in a china shop. Trout Lake City is a sweetly reposeful place of about a hundred inhabitants, adjacent to Ferguson. Fergusonites come down here when they wish to rest their ears from hearing the busy hum of industry, or to sleep off the effects of their latest jag. A peace that passes understanding hovers over the village; the dining room girl goes silently about her duties, shod with pneumatic slippers; the carpenter uses muffled tools; even the hens cackle in subdued tones; and the mines are so far away that not the faintest echo of their frequent blasts ever disturbs this quiet hamlet. A boom would be a rude awakening from this beautiful dream.

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Following is the bill of fare for Fergusonites for the coming week:
Sunday—Sunday school, bible class, church service.
Monday—sluff.
Tuesday—freeze-out.
Wednesday—poker.
Thursday—more sluff.
Friday—meeting of miners' union.
Saturday—drunk.
Take your choice—you pay your money anyhow.

ONE USE OF LOCAL STORES

It has been said by one of our exchanges that the great majority of workingmen in the province, by sending their orders to eastern sweat shops, are not desirous of seeing local stores established nor towns built up. This is a mistake. The workingmen appreciate the presence of local stores. They know how convenient it is to have some place to stand off for their supplies when they are out of work and have not the ready cash to send east. They never ask credit from the departmental stores where many of them send all their orders, and it would do them no good if they did.—Silver-tonian.

AN UP-TO-DATE COM-
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Per Agent, Robt. Foran.

NOTICE TO CO-OWNERS.

TO ARTHUR EDWARD STANFORD:

Take notice that The Double Eagle Mining and Development Company, Limited Liability, co-owner with you of the "May Bee" mineral claim, situated on the Nettie L. mountain near Ferguson, in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay, British Columbia, have performed and recorded the assessment work and made the expenditure required to be done and recorded on the above mentioned claim for the year 1900 under section 24 of the Mineral Act and the year for which work was done and expenditure made having expired, we hereby give you notice pursuant to section four of the Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900, to contribute your proportion of such expenditure for the year 1900, within 90 days of the first publication hereof. Dated this 18th day of January, A. D. 1901.

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Per A. H. Holdich, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CO-OWNER.

TO NAPOLEON WELLS:

Take notice that we the undersigned co-owners with you of the Little Robert and Little Robert No. 2, mineral claims situated at the extreme head of the north fork of Lardeau creek in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay in the province of British Columbia, have performed and recorded the assessment work and made the expenditure required to be done and recorded on the above mentioned claims for the year 1900, under section 24 of the Mineral Act and the year for which work was performed and expenditure made having expired we do hereby give you notice pursuant to section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900, to contribute your proportion of such expenditure for the year herebefore mentioned within 90 days of the first publication hereof. Dated at Trout Lake this 28th day of January, A. D. 1901.

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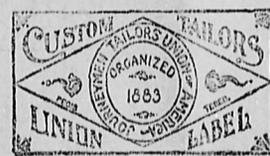
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THE C. P. R. are now pushing construction work on the Lardeau branch, which will be completed as far as the foot of Trout lake this summer. Once the railway reaches this point the producing mines right around Ferguson will only have to haul their ores to a point this side of the lake, and it will no longer be Thomson's Landing, which is now so familiar, but Trout Lake Landing. From the point where loaded our ores will be barged to Selkirk City, and for the present, at least, sent out to Nelson or Kaslo.

While construction is going on, the many mining companies now operating in the camp are making ready to ship ore this season or as soon as possible.

These mine-owners need supplies, and those supplies are purchased in Ferguson. And why not? for Ferguson is the place where the mines are, the pay roll centre.

The building activity in Ferguson, and the rapidity with which lots are changing hands, shows very clearly which way the wind blows.

Towns may be moved, but mines cannot; that is one reason why an investor in Ferguson real estate is secured. All who have seen the Ferguson townsite aver that it is the natural centre of Lardeau's mines. Its neatly laid out appearance, its unique position at the base of the Great Northern, Nettie L. and Silver Cup-Triune hills, all tend to increase its certainty of becoming the Rossland-Sandon of the Lardeau.

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On the Wing Items

Ed. Ward left for the Silver Cup yesterday.

Frank Labeau is erecting a residence east of the King's hotel on Victoria avenue.

J. C. Kirkpatrick and J. McTaggart left for the Little Robert on the north fork Thursday.

S. A. Sutherland, of McKinnon & Sutherland, returned Monday from his business trip to southern and western cities.

R. P. Pettipiece, chief featherer of the nest of this noble bird, left for a week's trip to civilized parts on Saturday last.

The bulk of the Nettie L. employees were laid off on Saturday last. Development work will be resumed in about a month.

The snow is going off rapidly under the influence of the fine weather lately prevailing, and the townsite will soon be clear of the beautiful.

Trooper Lewis of Strathcona's horse, who is well known in the Lardeau, has been lecturing in Revelstoke on his South African experiences.

The townsite of Ten Mile will shortly be surveyed and put on the market, a more high-saluting title being substituted for the present one.

A three year old boy, son of a miner in Rossland, was accidentally drowned last week in the fish pond behind the saloon of the Halcyon Hotel and Kings hotel.

S. Harris, recently chef at the Hotel Queens, Comaplix, has accepted a position at the Silver Cup mine. He will succeed in life; he is a full-up reader of the EAGLE.

The Idler got her first spin on Trout on Tuesday. She got as far as Ten Mile but was unable to proceed further on account of the ice, which, however, showed signs of soon going to sea.

Choir is being formed in town in connection with the Methodist mission. Music has been sent for, and Ferguson warblers give promise of singing when they get fairly into it. Thursday evening has been set for practice.

The Greenwood Miner has been changed to an eight page weekly, signing the growth and prosperity of the town. The newspaper is the medium by which towns are judged. Grier is no jackleg at the pro-

Trout Lake Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F., will hold their annual church parade on Monday next at 7:30 p.m., to the Methodist church, Trout Lake City. B. J. Green will preach an appropriation. Sojourning brethren are invited to take part in the parade.

A small sum has been appropriated by the provincial government for the purpose of putting the wagon road between Ferguson and Baty's into some shape for traffic. Andy Daney is working in hand, having started negotiations with a gang of men yesterday.

Alcoholic drinks the people of the United States last year paid \$63,787, or at the rate of \$13.79 per man, woman and child. The cost of the people of Canada some- like \$5.25 per annum last year, in view of the railway lobbies at Ottawa and an increase may be noted in the figures for the current year.

Leaving May 2 from Owen Sound and May 5 from Fort William, the Canadian Pacific railway's upper deckers will resume regular service the following schedule: From Owen Sound—s. s. Alberta Tuesday, s. s. Babasca Thursday, s. s. Manitoba Saturday, from Fort William—s. s. Sunday, Manitoba Tuesday, Friday.

Annual production of gold has declined from \$100,000,000 in 1873 to \$100,000,000 in 1900. The consumption of the arts is estimated at from \$100,000,000 to \$70,000,000 a year, and will leave a rapidly increasing surplus available as use for money. According to the estimates of the United States mint bureau about \$500,000,000 of gold was consumed in the United States during the decade from 1880 to 1900. The world's production for the period was \$1,060,000,000, leaving \$560,000,000 available to the United States supply of money.

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LOWERY'S EASTWARD TRIP

Risks That Are Run by an Un-protected Bachelor on a Passenger Car

As the train upon which I rode pursued its rolling tendency towards Winnipeg the cars filled with people who often have hay in their hair. Their talk was of wheat and Manitoba politics. Many of them asked me what we raised in the Slocan. I informed them that we raised lead, silver and occasionally a little hell. Sometimes we raised objections, while at the present moment we were raising delegations for the Ottawa market. I also informed the farmers that many cold decks had been raised in Sandon, but of late the crop had been a failure. When I ejaculated that jack pots and black jacks were occasionally cultivated the light of intelligence sparkled in the eyes of one or two, as if they had somewhere in the past held a deal upon a rising market, or slyly peeped at an ace in a hole. All farmers are not green. Many of them must be dry, judging from the numerous pocket irrigation plants I occasionally saw in active operation.

An unprotected man meets with occasional dangers when travelling. One night, as the train jarred the ozone of the early morning, I fell asleep in the day coach, tired out from the struggle to keep myself alive to all occasions. Around me were man and ladies looked in the arms of Morpheus. Most of them were beautiful, and had their mouths open. Time and place change many laws of society. Unaccustomed to sleeping in the same room with so many earthly divinities I felt afraid to slumber, but nature willed it so. As I was dreaming that the millenium had arrived, and everybody was advertising in my paper, I was rudely awakened by a pair of soft, white arms encircling my frame, and the pressure of embonpoint lips upon my kissers. Thinking that the train was held up I mechanically reached for my gun (my purse was light enough to take care of itself), determined that no outlaw would get me in his sack at bargain counter prices. To my amazement it was a woman who so tightly clasped my blue suit. With bated breath and gentle tones she said, "Oh, my darling, why did you stay out so late? Come to bed, my sweet hubby. Come!" By the Shade of Horned Pumpkins, and Six Hands Round, says I to myself, this is simply horrible. Then as I gazed into her face I saw that she was asleep. She was a somnambulist and my vanity vanished. Knowing that persons in this condition will answer you if you whisper in their ear, I whispered, "Don't lecture me; wait till I get my boots off." She immediately relinquished her rapacious grasp and returned to her seat. Then I fled from the day coach, gave the porter of the Pullman all my fortune, and slumbered in a berth over the ice-box until the sun was middle-aged and all danger was past. When I passed through the day coach again the lady was still there, but gazed at me as though I were a bunch of faded wild flowers. I did not tell her how she had startled me the night previous, and the secret is still with me in the cent belt.

At Medicine Hat the Indians meet all trains with a plentiful supply of painted buffalo horns. It is long years since the buffalo chewed his cud around these parts. It may be said of this ancient and noble animal that though dead his horns live after him. Many of the reds who sell these remnants of Alberta's bison race have faces that are pale with the blood of the white man.—Ledger.

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