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### *Quesnelle.*

No event of startling importance has transpired since my last. The subject of chief interest to which the JOURNAL devotes its energies is mining and nothing particularly new is reported.

As already announced the company represented by Col. Underwood of Chicago, is still to the front. It was feared when the Colonel was recalled to Chicago that the dredging scheme was indefinitely postponed; but to the satisfaction of every one, orders came by telegram to proceed with getting out the timber and other material for the dredger.

The sawmill is running busily and the sound of the steam whistle morning, noon and evening is a happy omen of what may hereafter be in this vicinity. Already real estate has taken a move and three lots were sold recently by the Government Agent. Whether this will be a a great inland city when the British Pacific passes through remains to be seen. No prettier spot could be selected than the peninsula formed by the Fraser and Quesnelle running parallel for a few miles before joining in the race to the sea.

The prospect of the miner is hopeful and cheering. The weather towards the end of September had been unfavorable to the gathering in of the harvest. Now it is all that might be desired. All the grain is gathered and potatoes of fine quality are stored for winter.

This week a very pleasant house warming took place in Senator Reid's new and commodious store. There was quite a gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Dancing was kept up until four o'clock in the morning. Mr. Bowron, who is a host in himself, conducted the evening's proceedings, and frequently entertained with songs, which were rendered in excellent taste. All were delighted with this pleasant and social gathering. The only serious interruption took place at midnight, when Mrs. Reid, by the aid of a few active and willing young gentlemen, regaled those present with an excellent repast. Our thanks are due Mrs. Reid for so pleasant an evening.

Judge Cornwall, accompanied by his son, passed up to Cariboo a few days ago and will hold court here on his return.

Mr. Anderson, representing a post three hundred miles north of here, came in last night on his way to Edmonton.

Mr. Boyd of Cottonwood has bought out the Occidental hotel from Mr. McLean. Two of Mr. Boyd's sons will run the institution in future. The former lessees retire.

Immense flocks of wild geese frequent the ranches down the river, Sunnyside, Australian, Behanon's, etc., but it would take a Lee-Metford to reach them and the winner of the Queen's cup to use it. These geese will not get near a bush or a fence and if a luckless one happens to be hit by a stray bullet it is a funny thing. A hoarse yell and all is over. From some unaccountable cause grouse have latterly dissapeared from near Quesnelle. Bear are plentiful and will receive attention soon.

### *150-Mile House.*

Surrounded as this important point is by the best farming country in the Cariboo and the greatest mines tributary, this is one of the centers of trade and travel. Every one that goes to any of the mines of the upper country goes to or through the 150. The owners of the store with its large and varied stock and of the hotel which is beyond dispute the best equipped of any house north of the C. P. R., Messrs. Veith & Borland are old-timers and by their close attention to business and their unrivalled location have made enough of this worlds goods so that they desire to retire from active business and spend the evening of their day without business cares. They offer their interests at the 150-Mile House at a reasonable figure and on terms that will satisfy any purchaser meaning business. In other words the firm will sell and give any reasonable time to the right parties for a large part of the purchase price. This is an opportunity for a couple of enterprising young men to acquire a business that is not often found. Messrs. Veith & Borland invite correspondence and a close investigation of the facts in the case. Anyone desiring a business such as described in the ad. of Veith & Borland in this paper can be assured that at no time in the history of the province has the outlook been as good for Cariboo in a business and mining way as at the present time.

### *Lac La Hache.*

Beautiful weather now succeeds a long spell of dull and rainy weather. The roads are fast drying out, after their thorough soaking. The teamster's horses were all looking very tired and worn out for the past two weeks, after the exceptionally heavy drawing over the mountain between Clinton and Bridge Creek.

The Hamilton boys' thrashing machine is at work at Abel's and will continue to Pennie's and McKinlay's during the next few days. This machine is one of the oldest in this section and still does excellent work.

Mr. and Mrs. Paxton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton were enjoying a weeks fishing at the 122 mile post.

R. Felker and wife, 116-Mile House, were enjoying a holiday with their friends yesterday.

A neighborly dance was held at Mr. Shermer's on Thursday evening, and an exceptionally enjoyable evening was spent.

With reference to the letter signed "Harry Walters" in your issue of the 28th September, I am astonished at Mr. Walters signing his name to a letter not of his own composition, but composed by one who wishes to be spiteful and has not the courage or manliness to place his own signature to his insignificant reproach for myself and parties unknown to himself. However Mr. Walters is quite capable of constructing a letter for himself in a more gentlemanly manner, as anyone who has conversed with him personally knows. If as the letter states, Mr. Walters is not receiving four hundred dollars per annum, he must be getting less. One would then naturally come to the conclusion he is very poorly remunerated for his responsible duties and must be working for glory. It is amusing to consider that Mr. Walters advises me "to stick to weather items" and then undertakes to correct me in such items of the past. How can Mr. Walters tell what kind of weather it has been in Lac La Hache when he is only two days in the valley out of seven? (this corroborates my statement of the letter not being Mr. Walters' own composition.) He states that "it has done nothing else (but rain) in Lac La Hache for over two week's." This is not the case. We have certainly had lots of rain, but it has not rained incessantly for that time. My advise to Mr. Walters is, to sign letters of his own composition and not be guided by an ignorant spark of jealously and thereby losing self-respect, and note that he does not again fall into the same mistake as he is attempting to rectify.

The information conveyed in my weekly notes are merely items of general interest, which I have perchance noticed, or have gathered from reliable sources, and these items are in no way furnished to mislead any party or parties.

Lac La Hache, October 7th, 1895.

### *Quartz Mining In Cariboo.*

During the season of '95 many important locations have been made in the upper country and while more attention has been paid to placer ground than to quartz, it is very evident that in the near future quartz mining will take a front rank in the district. We have been shown specimens of gold and silver bearing ore this season that came from different sections of the country and hundreds of miles apart that would attract the attention of mining men anywhere. Certain it is that a very large per cent. of the gold found in gravel in the Cariboo country came from quartz veins not very far away. These veins in many places are of course covered with slide and debris and are difficult to find but again in other places the ledges show up boldly and can be easily proven. In many of the mining countries men have worked for years on a creek or gulch and not noticed the material surrounding very closely. Other men come along and discover and locate a valuable quartz ledge from which the gold washed out by the early miners had been ground out by glacial action many centuries before. The great Treadwell ledge in Alaska, now owned by the Rothchilds and D. O. Mills was not located until long after men had found placer ground on the beach below and worked it successfully. Yet this mammouth ledge, 520 feet wide, first located by French Pete and sold by him for $100, resold by John Treadwell for $2,600,000 and worth at the present time, as its stock shows $14,000,000, was at any one's disposal for several years, and no one had enough faith in the proposition to locate it. It will pay the prospectors of Cariboo to keep an eye out for quartz and to investigate any rational proposition that they come across. The demand for quartz is good and any fair proposition can be readily handled.

### *Scotty Creek.*

Over thirty years ago two colored men did considerable work on this creek which is a tributary of the Baonaparte, emptying in 16 miles above the mouth of the latter stream. The benches on the creek are small and low, the quantity of gravel in consequence is limited and the boulders very numerous. The benches are rich and even thirty years ago must have paid wages from the amount of work done. Two men, Knight and Goodwin have some claims about half a mile above the mouth of the creek in the canyon and are doing well. This gravel is not extensive but enough to last them a full season or more. They have in a couple of sluice boxes and are shoveling in. They make from two to eight dollars per day each in the present ground. Some parties have recently been examining this ground with a view of hydraulicking the creek bed, but from the amount of gravel in sight and the expense of getting in water and handling boulders it will not be undertaken at present. There is no doubt that there are places up the creek where men can do very well in ground sluicing or shoveling in, and can certainly make good wages. It is well worth the prospector's time to spend a few days on the creek towards the source.

### *Accident At Quesnelle Forks.*

The cave of a slab of gravel in the Cariboo mine at Quesnelle Forks last week caused serious but not fatal injuries to five men, Messrs. D. McRae, Joe Dunn, Brown, McNorton and another man whose name we did not learn. The bank of gravel, which is about 300 feet high, was considered dangerous, and the sluice boxes near it were cleaned up only a short time ago. A watchman was on duty to give warning, while the men were at work blasting boulders in the pit. He gave warning in good time and the gravel fell in such a way that would not seem to carry danger with it, but when it struck the bottom, the mass broke up and slid outward to where the men were standing in apparent safety. They were badly bruised and knocked around. One man had his legs broken and another an arm, while McRae had his back severely injured. A surgeon was sent for and at last reports the men were as comfortable as could be expected.

### *Commendable.*

In a recent speech before the directors of the Lillooet, Fraser river and Cariboo Gold Field's Co., Ltd, in London recently, Mr. R. M. Horne-Payne said and quoted among other things as follows:

Amongst those who have recently issued a report of the investigations of the country stand forward prominently Professor Sir G. M. Dawson, K. C. M. G, F. R. G. S., Director General of the Royal Geological Survey, of Canada, and Mr. John B. Hobson, one of the most prominent experts of the west, who were selected by all the great mining companies of the Western United States to represent them before the United States Congress, at Washington, on the mining question. Professor Dawson says, in a paper read before the Royal Colonial Institute: "The Cordilleran belt, or Rocky Mountain region of North America, forming the wide western rim of the Continent, has, whenever it has been adequately examined, proved to be rich in the precious metals as well as in ther ores. This has been the case in Mexico and in the western states of the American Union. Though some parts of this ore bearing region are undoubtedly richer than others, generally speaking it is throughout a metalliferous country. There is no reason whatever to believe that the particular portions of British Columbia now for the first time opened to mining by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway are richer in ores than other parts of the Province On the contrary, what has already been said of the Cariboo district affords prima facia evidence of an opposite character. The Province of British Columbia alone, from southeast to northwest, includes a length of over 800 miles of the Cordilleran region; and adding to this the further extension of the same region comprised within the boundaries of the Dominion of Canada as a whole, its entire length in Canada is between 1,200 and 1,300 miles. This is almost identical with the whole length of the same region contained within the United States, from the southern boundary with Mexico to the northern with Canada Circumstances have favored the development of the mines of the western states of the Union, but it is, as nearly as may be, certain that the northern half of the similar region will eventually prove equal in richness to the southern and that when the mines of these western states may have passed their zenith of productiveness, those of the north will be still increasing in this respect. The explorations of the Geological Survey of Canada have already resulted in placing on record the occurrence of rich ores of gold and silver in various places scattered along the entire length of the Cordilleran region in Canada, and though so far as we have to chronicle only an awakening of interest in the southern part of British Columbia, these discoveries stand as indications and incentives to further enterprise to the north. While the remote and impractical character of much of this northern country places certain obstacles in the way of its development, on the other hand the local abundance of timber and water power in it afford facilities unknown in the south, which will be of importance whenever mining operations have actually been set on foot." Mr. John B. Hobson, in the course of his speech before the Chamber of Mines in San Francisco, in December, 1894, said: I have seen in British Columbia, included in only the three districts of Lillooet, Fraser river and Cariboo, three times the area of auriferous deposits that are known to exist in the whole state of California. I do not hesitate to predict that the day is not far distant when the gold output from British Columbia will astonish the civilized world.

### *Lightning Creek.*

On Wednesday of this week, Mr. Berry Youill who has been spending the season in development and exploration work in the Cariboo, came down for a few days and went on to Kamloops where his family now are. Mr. Yarrill and associates are sinking and drifting on a bench opposite Stanley and have full confidence that they have an old channel of Lightning creek there. It is on the same level as Butcher's flat and other noted claims that yielded high in the '70's. Mr. Youill thinks the time will soon come when, by a bed-rock tunnel in Lightning creek the gravel below Stanley will be drained and that there is more gold in the bed of the creek that could not be taken out on account of water than ever was taken out. In addition, there is every reason to believe that the creek bed is equally good below the Eleven of England ground.

Mr. Brobeck is engaged in surveying for Chas. Ramos on Slough creek, Mr. Ramos having secured a lease of two miles of this famous creek. The Slough creek company are still energetically pushing work and every indication is favorable to bringing this enterprise to a favorable termination. The value of the creek bed is beyond question. The depth and surrounding circumstances are such that time will be required. The management is at present undoubtedly in good hands.

### *A Valuable Book for Miners.*

A "Handbook of British Columbia Mining Laws" has just been issued by J. H. Brownlee and James Brady, at Victoria. The book contains seventy pages of valuable information for miners, prospectors and investors. It has been compiled from the British Columbia mineral and placer acts, 1891, and amendments, 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. There are also included a summary of the "mineral" and the "placer" acts.


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The Province in its issue of Oct. 5th has a peculiar review in regard to the doings of Cariboo's representative to the Dominion House, Mr. Frank S. Barnard, while in England. The article is the work, evidently, of some one having a private score to settle and who proposes to have it out in print. In the judgementof the JOURNAL the article is first inconsistent, second hypercritical, and third written in such a manner as to cast doubt and uncertainty on the company represented by Mr. Barnard. As we understand the matter, Mr. Barnard has not sought notoriety in connection with the business above referred to, but has only courteously given, when asked, his plans, so far as the company is concerned as already mapped out, viz., to purchase and develop mines in British Columbia. He states that money is available for this purpose and of course thereby banks his reputation as a business man, that it is as stated, available. When the Province can show that this fund is not available it will have a case in this respect, not before. The enquiry as to "what has become of the balance of the capital, $97,500, which is not practically available for investment" and the remarks following on the subject, would indicate that the writer is not familiar enough with operations of the kind to know that often a certain amount, as in the present case, of the capital stock of a company, is held as treasury stock for a certain purpose, as to pay for certain mines in stock of the company instead of paying cash, or as a reserve fund, to be sold when needed. There is nothing mysterious or beyond the understanding of the ordinary individual in this. The Province promises to "watch the development of this combination and keep our readers informed, etc.," The JOURNAL would respectfully suggest that if the Province has a mission of any kind to perform it would be just as well for the mining community if it would keep on performing it and not, as in the article referred to, try to injure the country in general, which is looking forward to English investors taking hold of mines in British Columbia. If the Province has some better men to send out after foreign capital we trust they will pack their trunks and set out soon, and the mining community will wish them God speed.

Now that the recent exhibition at Ashcroft has proved the possibilities of fruit in this region there is reason for our ranchers to consider the feasibility of putting upon their farms drying plants to preserve their products. California dried apples, pears, peaches, plums, apricots, &c., at big prices,—really inordinately large prices—are too much of a good thing when it is considered that the money paid for such provender is a dead loss to British Columbia forever; and the sting of the loss is greater when we can raise and preserve just as good fruit as the Californians can, and at no greater expense, either. When the matter of cheap labor is considered, we have the natives to fall back on, who are willing workers and usually adepts at any kind of light work which is not too intricate for them to readily learn. All over the Sound region and lower Fraser and Yakima countries the Indians are depended on to pick and care for the hop crop. They have never demanded exorbitant wages; in fact, are cheap labor, without many of the objections usually laid against the coolies. The natives are at home here and spend their money where they earn it. If one rancher does not wish to buy an evaporator or dryer alone, let a number, or a whole neighborhood, for that matter, chip in and set up in the the fruit drying business. Just plant the trees and let them get started, then get the apparatus for preserving. Not a cent's worth of the product but will find a market. The main features are to have good fruit and to keep our cash at home.

The freight receipts at Ashcroft station for the week ending October 4th, 1895, were 956,310 pounds, much the largest week's receipts for this year. A lot of the freight was pipe for the R. T. Ward claim on the Horsefly. Two carloads of oats for the B.X.Co. and two carloads of groceries and general merchandise were also received, besides innumerable small lot consignments. A carload of hides was shipped to the coast.

Farmers should heed well the lesson shown by a statement made at all of the Fairs held throughout the country, viz, that butter and eggs are imported in large quantities to supply the people of this beautiful and fertile country. In Ashcroft eggs have not been sold this season for less than 25 cents and very few less than 30 cents per dozen and much of the time the merchants were unable to supply the demand for them and yet no better country in the world can be found for fowls to thrive in. Good ranges for cattle, and our butter imported, most of it, from Australia. There is something wrong with the farmers when things are as stated

## *Agreed Here.*

The people of Ashcroft agree that it was a very bad plan for the Ashcroft and Kamloops fairs to be held the same week, The MINING JOURNAL will not discuss the reasons that led to the conflict in dates except to say that a strong endeavor was made by the management of the Ashcroft association to arrange for a date that would not conflict;" but now that the fairs are over and upwards of a year is to elapse before the period for exhibition again arrives it is imperative that the associations, with the addition of Vernon, join issues as suggested by the Inland Sentinel and with Vernon to come first, Kamloops second, and Ashcroft third, be in a position for the exhibitors at all these fairs to not only not conflict in dates, but to be able to appear at both the other fairs.

Then after the termination of the Ashcroft fair the united exhibits could be moved in one grand body on to the Royal City Exhibition at New Westminster, and all would go off like clock work, justice would be done everywhere, the general good be subserved, and no town, locality or individual be the loser.

There is no manner of reason for a quarrel or fight between any portion of the 'inland empire' of British Columbia. The crowd or traffic benefit to be derived should be only a secondary consideration to any town. The show should count for everything and each show should be the pride of all the people; and it is to the injury of the whole province when conflicts arise that curtail the completeness of these exhibitions in any manner whatever.

Let the Sentinel take the initiative and call upon the officials of the Vernon, Kamloops and Ashcroft fair associations to meet at Kamloops, as being the central point, and arrange dates so that no more clashing shall occur.

The Ashcroft Fair was in every respect a success, and judging from reports of those in attendance, so were the Kamloops and Vernon exhibits. And yet it was a mistake, as the Sentinel last week stated, having these exhibitions at the same time. Many who wished to attend more than one or all of these exhibits, were prevented from doing so and of course chose their own Association instead of visiting their neighbors. This, of necessity, made the attendance smaller and the exhibits of less merit than would otherwise have been the case. It would seem to us that for the convenience of all, Vernon, Kamloops and Ashcroft in the order named, should have their exhibits, following these the coast cities. The arrangement then as regards time would give each as good a time in the year and one would not interfere with the others. The Directors of the Inland Association, will, we are satisfied, join in placing dates hereafter so that there will be no conflicting.

Placer mining by means of a dredge pump is being carried on successfully on the Snake river near Minidoka. The plant is the property of Sweitzer & Burrough, cattlemen of that section. They put in the machinery last year at a point some distance further up the river from where it is now located. During the winter they drifted down stream, and started up in a new place this summer. The owners do not make any boasts of what they are doing, but their success is attested by the fact that they have kept the plant in operation night and day all this season. Those somewhat familiar with their operations say they ship large quantities of gold, some of it being sent to the Boise assay office, while part is sent elsewhere. The plant consists of a sand pump and burlap machines set upon a flat boat. The sand and gravel are pumped up from the bottom of the stream and run over the burlaps. The dredge works against the bank so that some of the material comes from the bottom of the river and some from the bank. There is an immense amount of placer land in that vicinity and success in working it will lead to the inauguration of extensive operations there. The American Falls camp is only some twenty-five miles further up the river and it seems that that is one of the best sections of the entire Snake river valley for placer mining operations, though the country along the stream from one side of the valley to the other is all rich.—Statesman.

The scarcity of water throughout the state of Montana has had a disastrous effect upon the placer mines. Their operation calls for plenty of water, and as the water gave out from time to time all over the country, the mines here and there were compelled to shut down. The suspension has had its effects upon the Helena assay office, says the Herald. While the volume of business has not fallen off to any great extent, yet the amount of business done this year will not be an increase over that of last year. The assay office in this city has done an unusually large business during the past three or four years, each annual statement showing decided increase over the preceeding one. The statement of 1895 will not show the regular increase owing to the falling off of the receipts of gold dust due to the shutting down of the placer mines, but will about equal that of 1894. According to that, there will be no real loss experienced, but regular annual increase will not be forthcoming. However, it is now expected that the increase next year will make up for the shortage now being felt.


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## *The Chlorination of Gold Ores*

The extraction of gold from its ores by the use of chlorine was one of the greatest advances in the metallurgy of this metal ever made. The first practical method for applying chlorination was the Plattner process, and the first place where it was applied in this country on any considerable scale was in Grass Valley, California, by the late G. F. Deetken. The Plattner chlorination consists in putting the fine, roasted ores in a wooden tank or lead-lined wooden tank, to a depth of several feet, closing the tank and allowing the chlorine gas to penetrate the mass from the bottom The supply of chlorine is kept on for two or three days until the whole mass of moist ore has been thoroughly chlorinated, when the gold, converted into chlorine, is leached out with water. This process involves the grinding and roasting of the ore, and usually its concentration, and it requires four or five days for the charging chlorination, washing and discharging of the charge. The charges amount to from five to twenty tons, rarely more, and it consequently requires a great many tanks. The solution is drawn into settling tanks and finally into precipitating tanks, where the gold is precipitated by ferrous sulphate and the clear solution decanted off so that the whole process requires a very extensive array of lead-lined tanks, says the Engineering & Mining Journal.

The next step in progress was to shorten the time required for chlorination by the use of the revolving, lead-lined barrel. The barrels at first were made to hold one ton, then three, now five and ten tons. They are charged very quickly. The chlorine is generated in the barrel by the use of calcium chloride and sulphuric acid. When chlorinated the charge is, as formerly, dumped on sand filters and washed, but this washing was an extremely tedious operation, especially when the sand filter became clogged with the calcium sulphate and fine iron oxide from the charge. Various devices were adopted, some with a great measure of success, to shorten the time of washing on the filter, and to effect a more perfect washing of the charge. Even with these it still required a great number of filter tanks.

The next step was to wash in the barrel. This was done first at Deloro, Ontario, the wash-water being emptied out of the chlorinating barrel with only a very little of the charge mixed with it, so that most of the charge remained in the barrel until thoroughly washed, when it was carried away by a stream of water to the waste dump. The small amount that went out with the solution went into a settling tank and then the solution went through filters. This greatly lessened the use of filters, but it required a good deal of time to wash the charge. Efforts were then made at continuous washing by pumping water through one trunion and allowing it to flow out through the goose-neck which connected with the other trunion, but this was slow on account of the necessarily small size of the pipes that passed through the trunions.

The next step was to dump the entire charge into a separate filter vessel and to wash under pressure, but this has also some difficulties, among which may be mentioned the irregular washing of the charge. The water will find free passages and will follow them and not pass through the remainder of the charge. There are also other difficulties which are not necessary to mention now.

Mr. John E. Rothwell suggested, and has since carried out practically on a very large scale, the washing and filtering in the chlorinating barrel itself and has found this an excellent and rapid method of doing the work. In the first experiments he used an asbestos filter, but it was difficult to get serviceable asbestos cloth, the life of the cloth being short and the cost high. Mr. Rothwell then built barrels with a sand filter in them and by the use of pressure he is enabled to wash the charge very rapidly, thoroughly and economically.

The filter used by Mr. Rothwell is the five ton chlorinating barrels which he has recently used at the DeLamar mines in Nevada. He has since then designed a ten-ton chlorinating barrel with the same kind of a sand filter. These sand filters appear to be extremely efficient and economical and the washing in the barrel is an unqualified success. The tendency is now to make the barrels larger; there does not appear to us to be any reason why ten tons should be the maximum limit, on the contrary, it is probable that fifteen or twenty-ton barrels will be used and that with them the capacity of a chlorinating mill may be very easily brought up to 150 or 200 tons a day.

## *Dick Willoughby Sees Life.*

"Prof. Dick Willoughby," the hermit, is again in Seattle with his pockets lined with gold, and has had more fun than a whole town full of children riding on railroad trains, steamboats and street cars—things he had never dreamed of before. He has been to San Francisco, where he completed the sale of some of his mines for $67,000. On his arrival from Alaska his sea-leg ran him against a post, and his first trip on the train made him sea sick. He was hugely exhilarated by a ride to Tacoma on the "racing boat," as he called the Flyer, in one hour and twenty-five minutes. Then the adventuresome old fellow boarded a street car, and when his old friend Miner W. Bruce asked him if he was not afraid, he answered:

"No, sir, I weren't; I'm not afraid to go any place where women and children can go."

But there was one thing the venturesome old man would not do, and that was to risk his life among the bevy of fair matrons and damsels at the harvest festival. He went there with Joe Goldsmith, the well-known Yukon miner, to see Mr. Bruce, but one glance at the New England women in Priscilla costumes, one wave of sound from the hall filled with chattering society girls, was enough for him. He paused, shook his head, and said: "Well, I'll wait till tomorrow." Then he wandered back to the water front lest he should be left by the Topeka, which sails for Alaska tomorrow.

## NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon at
The Court House, Ashcroft, October 23, 1895.
The Court House, Lytton, October 24th, 1895
By order JOS. WM. BURR,
Dep. Registrar County Court.
Ashcroft, September 14th, 1895. sept 14

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*Showing the Days and Places of Courts of Assize Nisi Prius, Oyer Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1895.*

FALL ASSIZES.

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| Clinton | Thur-day..26th September. |
| Richfield | Monday..23th September. |
| Kamloops | Monday..7th October. |
| Vernon | Monday..14th October. |
| Lytton | Friday....11th October. |
| New Westminster | Wednesday..6th November. |
| Vancouver | Monday..11th November. |
| Victoria | Tuesday..19th November. |
| Nanaimo | Tuesday..26th November. |

## NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows, viz:
Richfield, Thursday, October 3rd., 1895
Quesnelle, Monday, " 7th., "
Soda Creek, Friday, " 11th., "
150-Mile House, Monday, October 14th
Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. By command
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar of County Court

## NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at
The Court House, Clinton, Tuesday 29th October, 1895.
The Court House, Lillooet, Friday 1st November, 1895. By order,
F. SOUES,
Registrar County Court.
Clinton, August 14, 1895. aug. 17

## NOTICE.

COURTS OF REVISION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT FOR 1895.

Courts of Revision and Appeal under the provisions of the above act will be holden for Cariboo District at times and places as below, viz:
BARKERVILLE POLLING DIVISION—
Richfield Court House, Saturday, 12th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.
LIGHTNING CREEK POLLING DIVISION—
Stanley, Monday, 14th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.
QUESNELLE POLLING DIVISION—
Government Office, Quesnelle, Wednesday, 16th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.
KEITHLEY CREEK POLLING DIVISION—
McInnis', Alexandria, Thursday, 17th October, 1895, at 11 o'clock a. m.; and at McLeese's, Soda Creek, Friday, 18th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.
WILLIAM'S LAKE POLLING DIVISION—
150 Mile House, Saturday, 19th October, 1895, at 3 o'clock p. m.
JOHN BOWRON,
Judge Court Revision.
Richfield, 11th September, 1895. 19-21


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## *Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd.*

A special meeting was held in London, England, on the 18th instant, when resolutions were proposed increasing the capital from £50,000 to £300,000; raising the board of directors from five to nine members, and appointing as additional directors the Hon. Forbes George Vernon, M. Henri Rosenneim, Baron de Machiels, and Dr. Jules Goldschmidt, the last three being resident in Paris; and appointing Mr F. S. Barnard, M.P., as managing director. In reference to this meeting and the proposals to be submitted, the directors have issued a circular to the shareholders from which we take the following:

The directors having, in pursuance of the powers vested in them for carrying out the objects of the company, secured throughout the province of British Columbia many mines, mining rights and claims, and having selected from them six properties as the most promising, which have, by extensive works, shafts, tunnels, etc, and repeated and elaborate assays, been proved to contain gold in large quantities and to be of great value, they are of opinion that the time has arrived for the company to alter its operations from those of a Prospecting and Exploration Syndicate to those of a large Development Company.

For the purpose of doing this it will be necessary to largely increase the capital and strengthen the executive of the company.

With a view to securing expeditiously a portion, viz., £200,000, of the additional capital which it is proposed to create, the company's brokers in London and Paris have organized a syndicate, in which they themselves and the directors have taken a considerable share, and which will be managed by the company's Paris brokers (the senior member of whose firm is proposed as one of the additional directors), to guarantee the subscription of half the issue, viz., £100,000, if it should not be subscribed forthwith by the present shareholders or share holders, on condition of the syndicate having the option for one year to take at par the remainder of the new issue.

You will observe that it is not proposed to issue at present £50,000 of the new capital. This the directors deem it wise to retain in the company's treasury, for the purpose, if necessary, of issuing the same as fully-paid shares in payment of any further properties it may be thought advisable to acquire."

## *Don't Pay to "Wild Cat."*

It is no cause for congratulation that thousands of people in the old world have lost millions of dollars in the South African bubble, for the effect is very demoralizing on the development of mining in all parts of the world. It is a matter for congratulation, however, that the eyes of bona fide investors have been opened to the true state of affairs in South Africa in time for them to retrieve something from the wreck that inevitably is to come. That there are legitimate and profitable mining ventures in South Africa no one for a moment doubts, but that unscrupulous men have advanced their swindling work is also a lamentable fact; it is more to be regretted than anything else that the British and French public have been caught in the manner they have, for in all matters of investment they are notable for being extremely liberal in putting up their money.

The lesson to be derived will be to open their eyes to the opportunities to be found in British Columbia, and while it is not a matter for congratulation to see those people lose their money by investing in arrant swindles, it is a matter for congratulation that British Columbia is in a position to invite capital to her confines and give it employment in legitimate mining. There is no necessity whatever for a 'wild cat' mining scheme to be sprung in British Columbia, for, from Cassiar to Kootenay, from Cariboo to Yale and Lillooet, and even to lately discovered Alberni, is to be found in creek bed and gravel bank, placer gold, to be had for the washing; while in gulch and on mountain, is to be found quartz, so easily tested that the investor does not need to go astray, or to be swindled; and if a swindle should be worked with a British Columbia 'wild cat' as the base of operations it would be simply because the investor showed extreme gullibility and did not take time or did not care to investigate.

So far, it is safe to say, that the mine swindler has not been able to promote his work to any great advantage in British Columbia, for it is much too easy to investigate his doings. In order to make a success of a mine swindle there is usually something in the shape of ground to start with. So far, it has been so easy, probably, to find something good or fairly so, that there has been no excuse for taking hold of anything absolutely worthless, and therefore British Columbia has been free from the conditions that have acted so largely to throw distrust on South African ventures.

It is the duty of every mining man to observe that only bona fide operations are put before the public, and it should be the pride of all good citizens to keep our mining operations pure.

Failures have occurred in British Columbia, and may occur again, but defective machinery or physical obstacles have been the cause and the promoters have usually been the losers.

All the people of British Columbia desire is that investors visit and see for themselves what this province has to offer in the way of mines and they have no fear of a tremendous 'come back' as now threatens South African investments.

## *The African Mining Swindle.*

To the investor who is on the wrong side the news must come like a thunder bolt that South African shares have suffered a considerable decline and an ultimate smash is considered inevitable. All financial authorities agree that there has not been in many years such reckless, even idiotic, speculation as in very many of the South African ventures. The amount of it may be realized from the fact that during the last month alone, when the market was already seemingly glutted, companies connected with South Africa and Australia for mining and other purposes were registered at Somerset house with a capital amounting altogether to more than £23,000,000. These were exclusive of the new Barnato bank, out which the once stow a way and circus employe, already a multi-millionaire, is said to have made £1,000,000 in 24 hours after putting his scheme on the market.

A serious warning note of the coming collapse is given in an serious article in the Nineteenth Century from the pen of an obvious expert, showing that the market for these shares is largely artificial, that its control is in arbitrary, often unscrupulous hands, and that the most favorable output next year will not pay interest upon the capital invested. He gives some startling instances of the magnitude of the speculations. The aggregate quotations of Witwatersrand shares, for instance, has risen from £30,000,000 a year ago to over £150,000,000 now.

Shares in certain mines which have not paid a farthing dividend, have risen within a few months 3000 per cent. Instances of stocks being quoted at 1000 per cent above their face value are very common.

More than a year ago a gentleman familiar with South African affairs said that most of the shares offered were as high as they ought to be, but the advance has since surpassed the wildest imagination.

According to a book written and lately published by Baron Ferdinand Rothschild, being a diary of his trip last year to south Africa, he was assured last December by all the South African mining experts that the boom was then at its most extreme limit and was expected to crash at any moment.

The vast glut of money in London and the genuine purchases by French rentiers, who have not been taught wisdom by the Panama bubble, has sustained the speculation to the present point. When the crash does come it is likely to greatly accentuate the present extreme bad feeling between France and England.

What Mexicans most fear is that the silver question will be settled and the parity between that metal and gold restored. They know that this is their time of opportunity, and that as long as the United States and Europe cling to the folly of gold monometallism the difference between the price of silver and gold will act as a high protective tariff and that all industries in that country will flourish. Mexico is an object lesson like that which the rapid advance of Japan presents. It shows that a silver basis does not bring ruin, but that prosperity follows in its train. It shows, above all things, how great the folly of the United States is in clinging to a financial policy which depresses industry, paralyzes trade and throws labor out of employment—Western Mining World.

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## ASHCROFT LOCAL NEWS

It is said that somebody rather worked the boys about town the other night on the strength of a report that an Ashcroft horse had won races at Kamloops.

J. Graham for the past few months night operator at the C. P. R. has been moved to Wigwam as agent. Evan Goodfellow of Revelstoke takes his place here.

Two more carloads of pipe and fixtures for the R. T. Ward claim on Horsefly river arrived Wednesday and the material was unloaded and stacked up alongside the Harvey, Bailey & Co. warehouse.

Miss Ree McRae left Wednesday night for a few weeks visit to friends and relatives at Chilliwack and the coast cities. She will be greatly missed by her Ashcroft friends, being a favorite with all.

It is now thought that water will be brought in from Styne creek to add to the supply for working the Van Winkle mine near Lytton. The mine has of late shown up well. The estimated cost is about $30 000.

J. C. McLagan, manager of the Daily and Weekly World, of Vancouver, honored the Inland Fair with a visit Wednesday and made an elaborate report of the Fair and its exhibits for his paper. We acknowledge a friendly visit to this office.

A telegram from the 150-Mile House to the JOURNAL states that James McCauley has bought of Dr. Watt some interests in the Horse Fly country. The purchase is supposed to be for Mr. Hewitt Bostock. We are glad to see Mr. Bostock become interested in the mines of Cariboo and hope the outcome will be satisfactory.

J. D. Campbell, a mechanic from the Cariboo mine was in town this week. He says the Cariboo is a great and valuable mine, beyond question, but that it will not be opened up to good advantage for several years and although the output will be good this season, it is small in comparison to what may be looked for in the future.

Lindley Crease of Victoria who has been for the past month in attendance upon the assizes held by Justice Drake through Cariboo passed down home last week. While in Ashcroft Mr. Crease made the JOURNAL office a pleasant call. Considerable legal work was found at Clinton and a case of jail breaking at Barkerville besides some civil cases tried. Simon Philipene who is now in jail at Kamloops will be admitted to bail.

Mr. M. J. McCarthy, the landlord of the popular 139 Mile House made the JOURNAL office a pleasant call last week. Mr. McCarthy, while down, took two of his daughters to Kamloops, where they will continue their school course. The JOURNAL, Mr. McCarthy very kindly said, was a welcome visitor on the Cariboo road and was the first paper to be read by old and young. That we appreciate the consideration and good wishes given us by our subscribers goes without saying.

The Ashcroft Quadrille Club held their first dance in the town hall on Wednesday evening with quite a large attendance. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock and continued till one, everbody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If the attendance is as large as it was last Wednesday night with the increase that is expected, success is assured. The promoters are to be congratulated on organizing such a club so that the lovers of the terpsichorean art may spend one pleasant evening a week during the winter nights. It is the first quadrille club Ashcroft has had and all members should do all that is possible to make it a success. The dances will be held every Wednesday evening.

J. A. Newlands of Seattle, passed through Ashcroft on his way home this week, after a summer in Cariboo. Mr. Newlands has been doing work on some quartz claims located by himself and associates on Chisholm creek, near Stanley. One of these claims is known as the old Foster claim and a good deal of work, including a shaft sunk to considerable depth was done years ago, but the ore becoming baser, it was abandoned. With the Cyanide process it is found the ore can be successfully treated and it is believed, by Mr. Newlands, to be a good proposition. There is no doubt but that immense deposits of quartz in this locality, will be in the near future worked by the process above mentioned and Cariboo is as likely within the next few years, to be celebrated for its quartz mines as is any part of British Columbia. Mr. Newlands had a handful of specimens, nuggets with quartz attached and quartz showing free gold. He expects to return early in the spring to resume work on a large scale.

S. Tingley is in Victoria with his family for a few days.

The work train and bridge gangs are likely to be here some time yet.

The residence of Wm. Bailey is nearly completed and will be neat and comfortable.

Catuline's pack train arrived in town last night and will load for Quesnelle Forks.

G. L. Betts, C.E., of Vancouver was in Ashcroft this week and returned home on Friday.

Justice Drake returning from holding the assizes in Cariboo passed through Ashcroft on Tuesday.

There is at present a large amount of freight at Ashcroft but some of it is not to be shipped until winter.

Next year will see many prospectors visiting the Omineca country and with good chances of success.

I. Lehman and son returned on Thursday from a day's hunt on the mountains. Half a dozen ducks and wild geese were the results.

They are opening today at F. W. Foster's a large lot of dress and general dry goods, imported direct from the best European markets.

The C. P. R is doing good freight and passenger business this fall. We look forward to a very material increase in business of every line next season for the province and the west in general.

J. Wolfenden of Vancouver is expected in Rossland next week, accompanied by a number of British capitalists who are prepared to make investments in the district. The party will pay special attention to developed properties.—Tribune.

J. C. Barnes is in town nearly every day settling up the business of the Inland Agricultural Association. The premiums are all being paid in full and there has been so far as we can learn, complete satisfaction with the fair management.

LOST.—A small bay horse, with black mane and tail, patch of grey hair at root of tail, anchor brand on right shoulder and flank. Any person giving information leading to the recovery of same will be rewarded. Address, SIDNEY WILLIAMS, Provincial Land Surveyor, Quesnelle, B.C.

Mr. H. C. Hammond of Montreal, a capitalist and largely interested in the Cariboo and Horse Fly mines, came in to Ashcroft Wednesday morning and left the same morning by special for Quesnelle Forks. Mr. Hammond is a director of the C. P. R. also.

Numerous improvements are being made by the ranchers along the Buonaparte this season. O'Hara, English, McDonald and Dougherty are all repairing or building anew. It is intimated very broadly by "one who knows" that Tom Bishop will surprise his neighbors when his turn comes.

Much space has been devoted in the columns of the News-Advertiser to the doings of the British Columbia Gold Mining Company. We trust before the articles now running are finished that the entire truth will be known, and do not think the mine values of British Columbia will be injured thereby.

Machinery for the new process of flour making is on the depot platform at Ashcroft consigned to Wm. Lee & Co., of Pavilion. Three sets of rollers and six dusters with accompanying appurtenances from the works at Milwaukee are to be put in by the enterprising proprietors and the new mill will have a capacity of 30 barrels of flour a day.

Three old men from Cariboo came down from Barkerville on the last stage en route for the Old Man's Home at Kamloops, where they will probably end their days. They have been in the government hospital at Barkerville for a long time and have now seen the last of Barkerville. Their names are Bennett, Gardelle and McLeod. The latter, Mr. McLeod, got to Cariboo in 1859. He never saw Ashcroft nor the C. P. R. till Tuesday night, and has been in Cariboo 36 years. Several times he succeeded in making quite a sum but immediately went in other ventures which consumed his money and left him "broke" only to start in again. These three old, broken down men exemplify the pathetic side of mining and one could not but feel commiseration for the poor old fellows who have set their last sluice box and thrown their last shovel full of gravel. But such is life.

Public school in Ashcroft seems to be going on quietly and well.

Willis Armstrong, engineer of 499, shot a large eagle last Wednesday about four miles east of Ashcroft, measuring 7 feet, 9 inches from tip to tip.

Deer are being killed now on the mountains back of the Buonaparte, a Klootchman coming into town yesterday with two fine deer strapped to the pack horses being one of the proofs.

Mr. Van Alstyne of the Ashcroft hotel has gone to the Harrison Hot Springs for a few days. Mr. Steacy of Vancouver is at present in his place.

Dr. Sanson of Clinton, made a quick trip to Quesnelle Forks last week in response to a telegram calling him there to visit the men injured in the gravel slide in the Cariboo.

The Dog Creek races and following them the the races at Lac La Hache have called quite a number of people from this section. They are having magnificent weather for the sports.

Foster Steadman, five years old came to the JOURNAL office Wednesday morning and asked that he be put in the paper. The request was so good naturedly made that it is hereby granted.

The village of Ashcroft seems at times very quiet but there are more goods and machinery shipped to this point than any other three places on the C. P. R. between Revelstoke and Vancouver.

Mr. Wiley Shermer and Miss Eva Francis Wycott, of the 117-Mile House on the Cariboo Road, will be married in Ashcroft this afternoon at the Cariboo Exchange Hotel. The young couple are well and favorably known and we join their many friends in good wishes for long and happy life.

Freight receipts at Ashcroft station for week ending October 11th, 1895, were 193,130 pounds. Among the receipts was the mill machinery for the Lee mill at Pavilion, which was quite heavy. The freight from Milwaukee and duty amounted to more than $800 on the mill machinery alone.

A prominent business man in town says if the town was only a little larger and had a few more societies that he could be elected treasurer of he would be able to retire from business entirely and live on the emoluments of his various official positions such as treasurer of the Inland Agricultural Association, of the I. O. O. F., of the stock company owning hall, etc.

We see the name of David Smillie, an old acquaintance, mentioned in the Rossland Record as one of twelve men who went out as a relief party to carry Thos. Langtree, who was badly injured, to Rossland. Dave is like thousands of big hearted miners who are always to the front when trouble is to be relieved.

### *Communication.*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B. C. MINING JOURNAL, Sir: Your journal, that is supposed to give us upper country people the very latest news. How can you compare with the last issue of a coast paper received here yesterday the 9th, and dated the 11th inst, and giving us news from way over the seas before thereunto referred to have actually occurred. No doubt you have noticed this. A. B.

Clinton, B. C., October 10th, 1895.

[A. B. no doubt refers to the habit of some weekly papers of dating their issue several days in advance in order to make it late. They have some peculiar ways otherwise, too, that our readers may have noticed, viz., that many articles of so-called "Cariboo News" are stolen without the change of a sentence from the JOURNAL or sometimes rehashed a little. We have no objection to our coast exchanges copying all they please, but ask for proper credit.—ED.]

### Freight Shipments.

Below will be found the date of departure, teamster and destination of freight shipped north by Ashcroft's forwarding agents:

| | | |
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| Oct | 4, Ah Chee, Quesnelle Forks.. | 11,000 |
| " | 4, R. Valenzuela, William's Lake and 150..... | 7,770 |
| " | 5, A. McRae, Quesnelle Forks and 150..... | 9,100 |
| " | 5, D. McGillivray, Bridge creek and 70 mile house.... | 5,390 |
| " | 5, Kau Kee, Quesnelle Forks.. | 9,490 |
| " | 5, A. Focault, Bridge Creek.. | 6,000 |
| " | 5, A. Gorbonio, 150-mile house | 5,100 |
| " | 7, P. Garigan, Pavilion..... | 620 |
| " | 7, D. McGillivray, Quesnelle.. | 5,000 |
| " | 7, A. McRae, Quesnelle Forks and 150..... | 8,200 |
| " | 7, B. C. X., way ..... | 2,000 |
| " | 8, P. Garrigan, Pavillion..... | 1,400 |
| " | 8, J. Gannon, Clinton..... .. | 5,012 |
| " | 9, A. H. Martley, Lillooet and Pavillion..... | 7,310 |
| " | 9, R. Cummings, Pavillion.... | 1,750 |
| " | 10, W. H. Keatley, Lillooet.... | 4,650 |
| " | 10, B. C. X., Barkerville, way.. | 4,000 |
| | | 94,062 |

### *Silver Still Going Up.*

New York, Oct., 9.—Silver was traded in today at 68¾ @ 69¼ cents, the highest prices of the year. Dealings amounted to $450,000. The higher figures show an advance of 1¼ per cent. over yesterday's transactions. The lowest price of the year was 63, on January 10. The previous high point was 68¼, on April 1. The slight advance in silver bullion both here and in London is due to accumulation of the metal at the last mentioned center, preparatory to another issue of bonds by the the Chinese government in settlement of the indemnity to Japan. For months London has been accumulating silver. The production in the United states has not materially increased, while that of Mexico has fallen off on account of the rainy season.

## TEAMSTER'S UNION.

The following agreement was handed in to the JOURNAL office yesterday for publication by a committee of teamsters.

We the undersigned teamsters on the Cariboo road, in view of the fact that:

FIRST. The prices paid for delivering freight to different points on the Cariboo road have been of late years so low that reasonable wages could not be made.

SECOND. That owing to the scarcity of grain and hay in the upper country, the prices have been advanced and our expenses thereby largely increased.

THIRD. It is but just and fair that a reasonable advance in prices should be made for delivering freight to the different points in the upper country. Believing, in view of the above facts being well-known to the people interested in the delivery of freight, that we will have the moral and business support of the thinking business men, and promising on our part to ask no other increase in rates, except such are just and reasonable, we the undersigned agree and pledge our honor to fairly maintain the rates established by the above mentioned teamster's union, subject to a change at any time when a majority of the teamsters whose signature appears below shall make a written request so to do; otherwise we will maintain and take no freight for a less price than mentioned in the tariff rates hereunto appended.

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| Barkerville, per hundred..... | $6 00 |
| Quesnelle, " " ..... | 4 00 |

The Tulameen Hydraulic Mining company, of which W. L. Hogg is manager is washing with a seven inch pipe and inch nozzle, prospecting a bank, which is known to be rich. About $100 has been taken out so far. The object is by this small plant to find out whether the company would be justified in putting on a larger plant, and so far the results have been satisfactory. Water can be got from a creek about a mile distant, which would give 500 inches for most of the year.—Inland Sentinel.

The Stevenson Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining company is getting along well. About a mile of flume is built, while the grading and trestle work for the flume is about half a mile farther ahead. The company has a saw mill with a capacity of 20,000 or 25,000 feet per day, but now it saws about 8,000 feet for the flumes. The company proposes bringing in the first north fork of Granite creek, and this will give about 1,000 inches of water. The pipes are at Thynne's ranch, the end of the wagon road, and when Mr. Hunter left Indians had been sent to pack it to the grounds. This company has been reorganized under Dominion charter, with the name of Granite Creek Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Co., Ltd., and the affairs will soon be nominally transferred.—Inland Sentinel.

James Lewis, jr., of Liverpool, Eng., is in the province. He represents the leading copper smelters of England, and has just completed a tour through Trail Creek, Slocan and West Kootenay districts inspecting the mines, and he was accompanied by W. Pellew Harvey of Vancouver. Mr. Lewis is in British Columbia with a view of establishing a smelter on the same lines as the famous Butte copper smelter.

We see by his own paper, the Ledge, that R. T. Lowery is to run a foot race with James Gilhooley, for $100 a side. There are several things about the proposition that we cannot understand. One is, we never knew a newspaper man to run, and again, we never knew one to have $100. We never saw Mr. Lowery but once and then concluded he was not an exception to either rule. We do not know whether or not we would wish him to win. The idea of a newspaper man having $200, or what he would do with it, is beyond our imagination. —Rossland Record.

Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, speaking of his trip to British Columbia, upon his return to Ottawa, said there are now 7,000 miners in a district, which a few years ago was unworked, towns are springing up and rapidly developing into large centers of population. The exports of the district will this year reach $3,000,000. At one point, Kaslo, which three years ago had scarcely an existence, the public revenue collected is $3,000 a month. Rossland was a wilderness six months ago, but now has 3,000 inhabitants. The wealth of the country is inconceivable. Mr. Wallace points out that wheat at 60 cents a bushel yields $20 a ton, whereas miles of mountains in the Kootenay district yield from $25 to $60 a ton in gold, silver and lead. He predicts great strides in the near future.


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Spence's Bridge, October 9th, 1895. 23-8


PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

1st October, 1895.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint Frederick Soues, of Clinton, Esquire, J. P., to file and register Bills of Sale affecting property within the Lillooet Electoral District. 23-2

## "Health Act, 1893"

Notice is hereby given that "An Act respecting the Public Health" is now in force, and that under the provisions of the said Act Alfred T. Watt, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, M. D., has been appointed Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 27th Sept. 1895.

## *Editorial Comments.*

So far the fairs of the province this fall have been very successful in the matter of exhibits, and there has been good attendance. In addition a number of race meetings have taken place where good crowds have assembled. Lower Nicola, Dog Creek and Lac La Hache each have set the pace for other neighborhoods to follow. The two former events have come off and the latter is still on the tapis to come off next week, we understand.

The Kaslo Claim's claim for credit for an original article relative to the height of human ambition, in which the hero is depicted as tending bar on a picnic steamer on a golden lake and the suckers and squaw fish ashore climbing trees to get away from the codfish balls, &c., which was printed in this paper without credit, is a just one and we will do better in future. Our excuses are that the dazzling description given by the party of the position he aspired to so dazzled and affected us that we lost our reasoning faculties for a short time; and further we have been so preyed upon by the coast papers and have received no credit for articles, that we began to think it the custom of the country. However, we are coming over to Kaslo some time this fall and will look you up, Bro. Claim, and we will go somewhere and properly apologize.

### *The North West Miner's Association.*

At the N. W. Miner's Association which recently convened at Spokane British Columbia attracted a great deal of attention. A prominent speaker said:

"From the southern boundary of Oregon, Idaho and Montana, to the northern limits of the Cariboo and Cassiar districts in British Columbia, and from the Pacific ocean, which washes the western boundaries of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, to the main range of the Rocky mountains, and on the eastern slope of that range, we have a field which will add more to the wealth of the world than any other area of twice its size.

"We should be proud that we are the representatives of so important an area. It is true that much of this northwest country is as yet scarcely known to the outside world, and that we ourselves are but meagerly informed of its high merit. There is no doubt that we have the greatest deposits of silver-lead ore in the world, that the greatest copper camp known is found in our field of operation, that the past present and future of our gold fields have had and will continue to have an important influence on the world's production, that our coal mines will furnish power and fuel to the constantly increasing maritime commerce and the growing industries at home, that our iron will soon play an important part in the iron production of the Pacific coast, that our building stone, slates and clays will soon supply all local demand for all the products manufactured therefrom.

And again:

"The name of British Columbia has become the synonym of mineral wealth, and the treasure chests which a divine providence has endowed our fair neighbor with is alluring many a stalwart American across the border to partake of the liberal heritage. Not content with the rich gold fields of the Cariboo and Cassiar, nor yet with the coal measures of Nanaimo district, there have been added the wonderful mineral belts of Lardo-Duncar, Slocan, Salmon, Trail, Boundary, Rock, and others; some of them so near the border line of Washington that Washingtonians would be agreeable to a slight change to the northward of the international line. The development of the Slocan and and Trail Creek districts has been rapid and the mineral exposed is marvelous. All these districts deserve more consideration and encouragement from the dominion and local governments than has yet been shown. It does not require the judgement of a prophet to discern that British Columbia will very soon rank first among the provinces of Canada in the production of wealth.

### *Alaska.*

Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Co.—This company reports the clean-up for the month of August as follows: Period since last return, 31 days; bullion shipment $19,279; ore milled 6,988; sulphurets treated, 134 tons. Of the bullion there came from sulphurets, $6,698. The working expenses for period were $11,480, leaving a balance of $7,799 as profits for the month.

Sheep Creek.—Mining on Sheep Creek never looked better than at present. The Silver Queen 10-stamp mill is pounding away steadily, five stamps running on Silver Queen ore and five on Gould & Curry ore. Superintendent Hammond has succeeded by concentration of Silver Queen ores in saving at least 95 per cent of the metal. Very coarse screens are used, the object being to pass the metals out of the batteries to the vanners before it is crushed into slimes. Heretofore, under the old management at least 50 per cent of the metals were lost through using screens that were of too fine mesh. Of course the slimes of ores of such character cannot wholly be averted, but nearly all of this very rich substance, which floats upon the surface of the water like grease, is saved by letting the water underneath the vanners pass through sacks.

On the Silver Queen the crosscut has tapped the vein at about 120 feet deep, which is now the lowest point in the workings. Even at this depth the vein is considerably shattered through some break that has occurred in the whole formation and although the ore is fairly well mineralized, it is not as rich as at points above where the formation was solid. At this depth, too, the foot wall vein and center vein come together. The Queen now has 12 miners at work in three levels, and a fair grade of ore is now being run through the mill. Superintendent Hammond expects an air compressor and a gasoline engine, which will be put up at the mine to be used in putting in the lower crosscut tunnel on the prospect.

The Glacier.—The best showing of rich ore on Sheep Creek is now in the Glacier Mine, which is being worked by Al. Noyes and Andy Anderson, says the Record. In the upper workings are two tunnels of nearly 100 feet each, which run along the hanging wall and center veins. The ore has been left standing. Another tunnel now in about 90 feet has been run in further down hill and taps the center vein 70 feet deeper than the upper tunnel, the vein at this lower point being about four feet wide and well mineralized. One or two of these tunnels will be driven through during the winter to the Emma, the upper extension of the Glacier, and the tramway extended up the mountain to the present surface workings, and next summer this location will be added to the list of producing mines on Sheep Creek, as will also the Ascension, which is a parallel claim carrying the foot wall vein. These workings will also bring the gold ores of the Golconda mine within easy reach.


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