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REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF MINES.

The annual report of the Minister of Mines which was presented to the legislature on Monday last by the Hon. Col. Baker, is far more interesting and complete than any previously issued. Besides a vast amount of statistical information and reports from the various mining recorders the bulletins on different districts issued by Mr. W. A. Cargyle, the provincial mineralogist, are incorporated in the report, which moreover contains several illustrations of British Columbia and mines, and some of the Kootenay mining towns.

The first portion of the report consists of several tables giving the mineral production of the mines of British Columbia. The total production of all minerals for all years is given at $100,931,601, while for last year the output is estimated at $7,146,925 as against $5,655,302 in 1896.

Mr. Carlyle mentions that the bureau of mines was organized in January, 1896, by authority of the legislature, the staff consisting of Mr. W. A. Carlyle, M.E., provincial mineralogist and Mr. Herbert Carmichael, assayer and chemist.

Special mention is made by Mr. Carlyle of the work done by Mr. Carmichael in the assay office, the revenue from assay fees for 1896 having shown a large increase.

The returns and reports from the various gold commissioners and mining recorders are then given and make very interesting reading, increased activity in mining being reported from almost every section of the province.

A considerable amount of space is devoted to Cariboo. Mr. John Bowron, the gold commissioner, in submitting his 22nd annual report states that both quartz and placer mining have received more than usual attention during the past season. The principle sources of the gold supply at the present time are the hydraulic claims, the profitable working of which depends on the amount of water supply obtainable under pressure. This season being the driest ever known, those claims that secured a few weeks' run only were deemed fortunate, while many of the regular producers were unable to clean up at all, hence the comparatively light increase in the product, considering the number of men engaged, as compared with other years. A large majority of those employed were engaged in development work on both placer and quartz claims.

Detailed reference is made to the various companies operating in the district and also those in progress of development. Special mention is made of the quartz mining and in referring to the treatment of ores by the cyanide process by Mr. Marsh, the lessee of the government reduction works, Mr. Bowron says: "Very much interest has been engendered in our quartz mines during the season, presumably in consequence of the proof that our ores are adapted to the cyanide process of treatment which Mr. Marsh claims that he has demonstrated beyond question. Be this as it may, never before has so much confidence been manifested in our ledge as is evidenced in the unusual large number of locations made."

Reports made by the superintendents of various companies are also included, so that the report on Cariboo this year is one of the most complete ever published.

The Keithley division is reported on by Mr. W. Stephenson, mining recorder, who says that while the yield of gold for 1896 did not come up to the expectations, it showed a large increase over that of the previous year. It states that the California Consolidated, holding three leases on Rose's gulch, is the only new company that has done any development work. The Horsefly Gold mining company (the old Harper leasehold) he mentions as ready to start operations in the spring, while he explains that scarcity of water compelled the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining company to shut down early last season. The successful operation of the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining company is mentioned, the result of the season's work, $127,000, being deemed satisfactory by the recorder.

Mr. F. Soues, gold commissioner at Lillooet, treats of his district at considerable length, paying special attention to Cayoosh creek and the recent discoveries there. He says speaking of quartz mining: Much excitement in this class of mining has prevailed since the location of the rich gold-bearing claim on Cayoosh creek, in April last, followed by the location of several claims on Pool creek, Pemberton Portage, in June last, alleged to carry gold, silver and copper. I append sketch plans of the locations on both creeks, courteously furnished me by Mr. P. Burnet, provincial land surveyor, who has been on the ground the greater part of the season, and may be taken as correct, and will serve to illustrate and locate my remarks with reference to the claims on both creeks. Dealing first with Cayoosh creek:

The whole of the claims recorded on this creek during the past year may, with the exception of the Ample, Whale and Gold Eagle, be dismissed with brief reference, as there has been no development work, except of the most superficial kind, done on any of them. I regret to say that several of the latter class have been sold and re-sold. Speculation of this nature is not to be desired. We have world-wide proof, if proof were wanted, that it can only result in disaster to an infant industry in this district, not only to claims utterly worthless but also to those that have proved their title to merit by development.

The present "Mineral Act" requires every one recording a mineral claim to make oath before the mining recorder that he has found "mineral in place."

Let us have value in place also proved by development, then sale or speculation.

A description of the various claims and an interesting history of the discovery of Cayoosh creek follow. Particulars of the dredging operations at Bridge river and other points in this district are also given. During the year 220 mineral and 9 placer claims were recorded, and 16 certificates of work issued.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The following letters have been received by the secretary of the public meeting held at Ashcroft on February 22nd, also courteous letters from Messrs. Semlin, Rogers and Adams. Mr. Smith was sick at the time, but Messrs. Stoddart and Rogers visited the department with Mr. Semlin when the petitions were presented. The outcome is not yet known but there seems to be reason to expect a favorable consideration of our claims, when it is remembered that all we asked was appropriations to the amount of $3,500 to $4,000, and that Ashcroft has heretofore asked for nothing, and that $3,000 per year has been the regular grant to Kamloops for hospital alone, and usually a similar amount to Barkerville. It seems to us very modest to ask such a sum for jail and jailor's residence, a new school house, and hospital assistance. Certainly our claims will not be rejected.

JAS. HADDOCK ESQ., SIR,—Re Cottage Hospital at Ashcroft. I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th inst., with the enclosures mentioned therein, and to state that the application to be made for grants in aid of the construction and maintenance of the said institution will receive consideration. I am, sir, your obedient servant

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy provincial secretary.

JAS. HADDOCK ESQ., SIR.—I am directed by the honorable minister of education to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 6th inst., with report of meeting of citizens held on the 22nd day of February, 1897.

I am further directed to state that the several matters referred to will at the proper time receive the consideration of the government.

Yours truly,
S. D. POPE,
Superintendant of education.
Victoria, 11th March, 1896.

Freight Shipments.

Below will be found the date of departure, teamster and destination of all freight shipped north by Ashcroft forwarding agents.

Mch 20,	A. Heffren, Lillooet	2,313
" 20,	D. McLeod, Clinton	5,045
" 20,	J. Gannon, Clinton	10,528
" 22,	J. H. McLennan, Clinton	9,997
" 23,	T. Smye, 150-Mile House	9,000
" 23,	J. Linnehan, 150-Mile Hse	9,236
" 23,	J. Dickey, Lillooet	1,500
Mch 22,	Thos. Smye, 150	8,000
" 22,	H. McGinley, Quesnelle	8,000
" 22,	J. Dickey, Lillooet	2,400
" 23,	H. C. Rayson & Co., Horsefly	11,000
" 25,	A. McDonald, Clinton	4,000
" 25,	J. R. Hamilton, Wm. Lake	8,500
" 26,	B. X., Hat Creek	14,000
	Total	145,928

Mr. George Ferguson an old Cariboo miner of years of practical experience, came down from Barkerville last Saturday and on Monday night gave a lecture in the town hall on "Prospecting for gold in Cariboo." The attendance was not very large but those who attended seemed satisfied. Mr. Ferguson spoke principally on placer, and hydraulic banks, and described the work which was done in early days. He advocated organized capital for the prospectors. Mr. Ferguson left Tuesday for Kamloops where he will give a lecture. It is his intention to take in the Kootenay district and go around by Spokane to Victoria and Vancouver, and will deliver lectures through the country.

John A. Matthews who died at Quesnelle last week while on his way to Omenica, and whose burial took place Sunday, March 14th, at Quesnelle, being conducted by the Masonic order. The deceased was a member of Whitby lodge, A.F. & A.M., and has long been identified with mining on the coast, having begun his career in this business with J. C. Anderson in Alabama years ago. In recent years the deceased, after inventing and constructing a dredger to take gold out of the bed of the Fraser interested himself with Mr. Anderson in some west coast mining properties, finding his invention requiring more capital than was at his disposal. He was 43 years of age and a native of Whitby, Ont. Captain Black and his party, save those he was obliged to leave behind, continued their journey from Quesnelle on Thursday last.

QUESNELLE.

The death of John Arthur Matthews of Whitby, Ontario, had been announced in the last letter. The funeral took place on Sunday the 14th. Although a total stranger in the place the most careful attention was given him during his sickness, and his remains were followed to their last resting place in the cemetery by a large procession of the residents of Quesnelle. Mr. Smith read the impressive burial service of the Anglican church, and Mr Anderson, on behalf of the Free Masons, read the last verses of that ancient order at the grave. The deceased made a will bequeathing $25,000 to each of his brothers and sister, $5,000 to Mr. Barlow who remained at Quesnelle attending him during his sickness; $10,000 towards putting up a building in Quesnelle, and $1,000 to the doctor.

The snow continues deep. There is as yet little thaw. The nights continue cold, and the roads are in excellent condition. Advantage is being taken of the good roads to hurry along freight before a thaw sets in, and today three large loads arrived driven by Messrs. Sprat, Robertson and Maxwell; the two former on their way to Barkerville.

Mr. Hall, manager of the Hudson's Bay company is in town.

Mr. Stevenson, S. M., of Barkerville, was in town on business and leaves by stage for the coast. He will be absent for a few weeks.

Mr. W. H. Boyd, late of the Occidental, left today for his home at Cottonwood.

Andrew Olsen of the Australian ranch was in town during the week.

There is nothing new in mining circles this week.

The next debate at the Quesnelle club will be on the question, "Is a Limited Monarchy Like That of Great Britain, the Local Form of Government?" Three gentlemen undertake to answer the question in the affirmative, and three will support opposite views. Besides these, it is hoped that all the members will speak on one side or the other. At the close, a vote will be taken. It is confidently expected that this debate will prove the death-blow to tyranny, whether in autocratic or republican form.

LILLOOET.

Little has been done lately of importance here; the late spring has delayed a good deal the opening of several claims. Mr. Monckton of the school of mines, Vancouver, is expected soon to report, and do development work, on the "Townsite" group of claims just above the west of Lillooet. A good many claims have had assessment work done on then some of them showing up exceptionally well.

The la grippe has had a jovial ocasion in town during the past week, smiting down the weak and the strong alike; even the warlike major was fain to acknowledge its awful power and stopped operations, when the whole squad, lieutenant-major and all with the "Photen," fled before the enemy.

A concert was to be held on Saturday, but the majority of the actors were "hors de combat," and the festal occasion was postponed. It is understood, however, that the manager of our "Monte Carlo" will delight the hearts of the Lilloootites soon by a conversazione, or something equally as good, as he was heard to remark that "these common affairs are not to my aesthetic taste."

Mr. A. McDonald returned this week from a trip to Victoria on mining business.

Mr. T. Brett has returned from a visit to the coast of two months. He made some sales while there on Cayoosh creek property. It is understood that he is to take charge of the development work on the Marguerite group above the Gray Eagle on the same side of creek. CASSIUS.

Who Will Answer?

To the Editor of B. C. MINING JOURNAL.

Dear Sir:—Can you or any of the numerous readers of your valuable paper explain the theory expressed by some experts, that a "lode" dipping into a mountain to the south is invariably far richer in mineral matter than one dipping to the north.

In one case—in this section—there is a high mountain on north slope, at face of which several mineral claims have been located; in these the "lodes" dip to the north. On the south slope of the same mountain are also several mineral claims, the "lodes" on which dip to the south.

A theory has been advanced, that in the center of this mountain exists what is termed a "mother lode," and that the lodes appearing on either side are simply veins thrown out of the "mother."

Information on these points through your valuable JOURNAL will oblige

ENQUIRER.

Lillooet, B. C., March 20th, 1897.

Edward Gibbons and a man named Perry (amateurs), sparred last week at the Banner club, Philadelphia. Perry tried Fitzsimmon's blow, and landed over Gibbon's heart. The latter collapsed and died in half an hour.

County Court.

County court was held in the court house, Ashcroft, Monday, March 22nd, before Judge Cornwall.

The first case called was I. Lehman vs. H. McGinlay. A jury was empanelled for this case, and the following were chosen: J. Knight (foreman), A. Armstrong, W. Fearn, H. E. Leslie and H. L. Roberts. Both conducted their own cases. The whole trouble arose out of the defendant refusing to pay for work done at the plaintiff's shop; claiming that it was not a mechanical job. Lehman repaired and fixed McGinlay's wagon last August, and it had made two trips to the 150-Mile House and one to Barkerville since. The wagon being out of plum, McGinlay took it to another shop to have it repaired, and then wanted Lehman to deduct from his account the amount he would have to pay for having his wagon fixed. The jury was out about ten minutes and brought in a verdict allowing Lehman for the full account.

Johnson vs. Gibson.—Johnson took a contract from Gibson to move his shop and sued for $10 more than the contract called for. Several witnesses were called, and the judge allowed plaintiff the original amount of the contract and to pay his own costs.

Several other cases were disposed of. The judge spoke of the loose manner of business which was transacted among certain people, and which often caused great trouble, and if more care was taken with verbal contracts and agreements, less trouble would be had.

Frank La Rochelle's Body Found.

A dead body found floating in the harbor Wednesday evening solved the mystery as to what had become of Frank La Rochelle, who disappeared more than a month ago. At 5 o'clock Wednesday, a Greek fisherman named Frank, and a young companion, saw a body floating in the water opposite Turret rock and towing the corpse ashore, they informed the police. Though the features were unrecognizable owing to decomposition, the clothing and other particulars tallied with the description of La Rochelle, who had been missing since February 10, and when the police had the body taken to the morgue they were able still further to identify the body by means of papers found in the pockets.

It will be remembered that Frank La Rochelle and two companions, George Lasher and James McKnight, came from Lillooet early in February, having completed the sale of a mining property there in which they were interested. On the night of February 9, La Rochelle, who with his companions, was staying at the Oriental, was a little short of funds, though he had some $600 in the bank at Vancouver, and borrowed some $30 from one of his friends. He then left the hotel for the purpose of seeing the town. Later in the evening he was seen at the Delmonica and about ten o'clock he started down Yates street towards his hotel.

Since then nothing was seen of him, though a little after that time a cry was heard by some one in that direction of the harbor; that was all that was known until Wednesday evening, when the body was found in the harbor.

A reward of $50 was offered by his friends for news of his whereabouts, the police had the harbor dragged carefully and all that could be done was done to find him, but without avail. It is likely that the body lodged against a pile or under one of the warves till some passing vessel disturbed the water and it floated out to where it was found.—Colonist.

Condition of the Cattle.

F. S. Roper, V. S., government stock inspector spent a couple of days at the Ashcroft hotel this week. Mr. Roper is on his way home from Alkali lake where he was sent by the minister of agriculture to investigate the report that hoof and mouth disease was making its appearance and also to investigate and report on the condition of imported blooded stock that it was reported were diseased. We were informed by Mr. Roper that both reports were found by him to be untrue. There is no disease of any kind among the cattle visited. In the case of some imported stock less care than they had been accustomed to, together with a hard trip on the cars and in being driven to Alkali lake is solely responsible for the reported disease. Mr. Roper says that many stockmen in that section will loose heavily on account of lack of feed and the extremely late season. Mr. John Moore is fortunate in having an accummulation of feed, having hay cut as long as seven years ago on hand. He is feeding about six hundred head of cattle for others in addition to his own 450 head. He receives $2 per month for straw fed and $2.50 for hay fed stock. The Pigeons are fortunate in having plenty of feed. Drummond is reported as losing a large percentage and there will be a severe loss on the Gang ranch. McEwen's stock is doing well. Bishart and Higginbottom have lost very heavily, Burnett's cattle are doing fairly but with some loss. In the country surrounding Ashcroft stock has so far fared very well, but feed is now short and some stockmen are shipping in feed in large quantities.

BONAPARTE MINES.

The mines on the Bonaparte river 16 miles north of Ashcroft are being thoroughly and systematically developed. A force of 14 men are at present working and Mr. Mitchell who last week visited and inspected the work is well pleased with the showing made. A personal visit last week by the writer shows that about 1,330 feet of tunnels have been run or shafts sunk, the deepest shaft is about 75 feet, and several tunnels run on the different ledges. A new working tunnel is being driven straight for the shaft and an engineer is shortly expected to make the surveys of the underground. The company have expended in the neighborhood of $15,000 in development work and while they have not got as much pay ore in sight as might be wished, the showing is good. Mr. Mitchell's company are prepared to spend all the money required to thoroughly prospect the ground. They have now on the left bank of the Bonaparte about 1000 acres of ground and have recently located ledges crossing Scotty's creek, nearly opposite their workings.

Quite a number of prospectors are looking over the hills and mountains near Mundorf's, 20 miles from Ashcroft. Messrs. Mundorf and Gilfoil have two locations about three-quarters of a mile from Mundorf's up the Cariboo road. A large phophyry dyke runs through that section and their ledge shows up well, being apparently from 10 to 20 feet in width. They have as yet had no assays but are able to pan gold out of some of the rock, and if the average of the ledge shows enough gold and copper as may seem probable to pay for opening up, it is likely to be a valuable property.

Work was done about 20 years ago on a ledge in that section that assays showed averaged $10 to $20 in free gold, but poor judgment was shown in the way the money for development was expended and no permanent ledge was shown up.

There seems reason to believe that some good quartz mines will be found between Ashcroft and Clinton, and to the right of the Bonaparte towards Loon lake, a large tract of country has been as yet entirely unexplored for quartz. Cinnibar is also likely to be found, as enough has been found in that section to justify such expectations. All in all, the outlook for quartz mines in this section is most encouraging.

BARKERVILLE.

In August, 1896, the shaft on the B.C. ledge was bonded and examined by a Mr. Martin, a well known mining man who pronounced his assays satisfactory and the property good; but for some reason no sale of the property took place. The ledge is 26 feet wide, traceable a long distance, and is situated between Williams and Lowhee creeks. The one on the surface, while refractory is rich in gold, a shaft 100 feet deep and some other work has been done. It is understood that this property will soon change hands, going to French capitalists, at a price understood to be $70,000.

The reduction works are running at full capacity by Messrs. Thompson and Marsh, at present on ore from the Consolidated Empire mine, at the head of a branch of Conklin's gulch, about three miles from Barkerville. The ore is being hauled by teams. The result of the mill run is not known. The ledge is from three to six feet wide. In 1878 good results were obtained from a three ton sample treated, yielding free gold about $30 per ton. The ore treated in 1878 was taken from the surface, and the gold had been freed in part by oxidation.

Work on the Island Mountain quartz mine is practically suspended. They have a twenty-six foot ledge, the gold value of which is not made known.

At Big Valley creek work is being continued. Mr. E. A. Dow in charge is working six or eight men.

Slough creek company have not yet got into the rock but are very near it, at the mouth of the Willow river.

Gus. Lange, on Dragon creek, has large quantities of hydraulic ground which will average 7½ ounces to set of four feet which equals about 14 square feet of bed-rock. Lange has sunk about eight feet and drifted about thirty-five feet over soft bedrock He then struck a harder bed-rock and found coarse gold. He expects to have his working flume up to where he got the gold by July. Dragon creek is about fifteen miles from Barkerville and about nine miles from Stanley it heads near Timmon Creek. He took down with him last week about 45 ounces of gold, mostly nuggets running from $5 to $40, some being beautiful specimens.

Fry and Johnson are doing considerable work drifting on Hardscrabble creek. This property has been bonded from Mr. Shaw.

Work is still going on at the claims bonded from Kirkpatrick's and Shuler in the Highland Valley, about thirty miles from town. Two shifts are working night and day, and this week the vein widened out considerably and a fine body of solid ore uncovered.

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CARIBOO RAILWAY.

Report on an Exploratory Survey for a Line of Railway to Connect the Canadian Pacific Railway with Barkerville, Cariboo District, by H. P. Bell, M.I.C.E.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.)

The farming and grazing interests between Cache Creek and Quesnellemouth are considerable even now, and under the stimulus that would be afforded those districts by any increase of activity in mining operations (such as would result from the building of a line of railway into the Cariboo mines), it is reasonable to suppose that a very considerable market for produce of all kinds would be the result. A large proportion of the present consumption in the mining districts is supplied from points not very remote from the Bonaparte route as laid down; and, as before stated, this route passes through a region capable of considerable agricultural and grazing development. I would direct attention to the fact that a road of about 8 miles in length would join the line as laid down with the navigable waters of Quesnelle lake, which would open up to grazing, mining and agricultural development a share tract of about 200 miles in length in the very heart of a district in which very encouraging prospects have been found; known also as possessing in some places very nutritious natural grasses.

It is not difficult for anyone who has seen the massive quartz ledges, and who knows the almost inexhaustible wealth of the Cariboo gold-field, to foresee, beyond doubt, that the result of the building of a railroad into that section of country could be no other than the creation of a large business within a very limited time after the operating of the road commenced. It may be said that this is only an assertion, but it is an assertion capable of analogical proof, the only kind of proof available in the early stages of such an enterprise.

The State Mineralogist of California says in his report for the year ending June, 1886:—

"Mines can now be worked in California at a much less cost than during the delirium of the first gold excitement, for the reason that transportation, provisions, labor, and fuel are cheaper, and every ounce of gold obtained is practically of double value.

"These facts are well known to intelligent miners in the State, and our mines are being better worked than ever before.

"New quartz veins are being taken up wherever they can be found, and there are indications of a new era in mining which it is hoped will cause renewed prosperity in the State, even if we cannot utilize our vast deposits of placer gold.

"MINING ECONOMIES.

"... in a few years railroad lines have been extended and settlements advanced. Ores that could only be worked if they would yield from $5 to 50 dollars per ton, are now found to be rich, as they can be mined and milled at a very reduced expense. Dump piles formerly considered worthless are now valued at many thousands of dollars. Tailings allowed to go to waste in former years are now being prospected and assayed. The concentration of these ... will furnish employment for many men in the near future."

In this connection it is worthy of notice that a large percentage of the fifty million dollars worth of gold hitherto taken out of British Columbia came out of Williams Creek, and yet it is a habitual assertion by all British Columbia miners, that there is as much gold in the bottom of Williams Creek today as the amount that has been taken out.

The same authority above quoted says:

"The value of gold in the tailings not only of the quartz, but the hydraulic mines, is something enormous. It is considered by the most practical miners in California that at least one-half of the gold in placer mining is lost—or rather not saved."

There are already open to inspection in the Cariboo region quartz ledges varying in width from seven to seventy feet, and ranging in depth from 20 to 180 feet, from each of which the average assay of last year, recorded in one assay office in Barkerville, was very satisfactory.

If then these ledges were in a further state of development (as they very soon will be, owing to the aid afforded by your government), who could doubt the proportions that business upon the only road, serving this district, would be likely to assume.

Seeing that your government, after considering well the responsibility that attaches to aiding by loan, upon certain conditions, the development of quartz mining, has seen fit to take that step, it would naturally appear that no better proof or greater confidence as to what the future of quartz mining in British Columbia is likely to become could well be displayed, nor any stronger argument used in forwarding the building of a road into that district which has commanded confidence enough to gain so valuable a concession.

But the quartz ledges now open in British Columbia are not a large percentage of those known amongst practical miners to exist in the Cariboo district, and if cheap transportation to these mines were only available, then, by a party of reasoning, no long time would elapse before the same activity in mining in British Columbia would take place that followed upon the construction of railways in California.

There is at present a resident population of 250 or 300 Chinese at the Forks of Quesnelle river; one of the oldest mining camps in British Columbia. These miners make a living by the following expedients which are only some amongst many of a kindred nature:—By standing on a raft and lifting gold-bearing gravel out of the bed of the river with a long handled shovel; by carrying water up hill on their backs from the river to wash auriferous gravel taken from the river benches; by building wing dams (good only for one season) to lower the water inside and below the dam, and by using the time-honoured rocker.

If they can and do make money by the use of such expedients, how much of the total pay there can they have taken out, and what a harvest remains to more intelligent methods of mining upon a river with a fall of over 40 feet per mile.

In concluding this report, I would say that I received every assistance from the Agents of the local government at the Forks of Quesnelle and at Barkerville that it was in their power to render. I arrived at the Forks of Quesnelle with a delapidated following and camp outfit, and found Mr. Stephenson's assistance and knowledge of the country timely, and very valuable in preparing to start for Barkerville.

I have, &c.,
H. P. BELL, M. I. C. E., Mem. Am. Soc. C. E.

Too Superficial.

The average prospector is altogether too superficial in his work; finding a vein of certain mineral bearing formation he is content to pick prospect it in one or two of the longest outcrops. If at this point the blossom rock is barren, or spoon, pan or other simple test gives no satisfactory return, however promising and "lively," the country formation, or closing rocks or vein may be, it is considered no good, and the field is abandoned. The apex of a shoot or chamber, when outcropping, may often be covered with less than a saddle blanket, wedge shaped, with the point upward, and blind on either side. A week at the longest of desultory pick work with no good returns, in an extensive virgin territory convince the novice that the El Dorado "is just over the devide." There will be more finds recorded when the prospector, having discovered a fruitful territory, if it is in human possibility, camps right there for the season, and if necessary, when the lode is blind, trenches to find the source of the float and cross-cuts every 20 or 30 feet along the line of the lode chain. Stay with it: persistency will win. The prevalent fault of the old timer is apt to be that he is too positive, too bigoted, and is generally married to certain (to him) favorite formations, and will have no good in others. To illustrate: The Montana miner insist on granite as a necessity in the country formation: the Californian, in contact, or in close proximity slate is a prime fact in a gold belt, etc. They do not appear to consider that nearly all kinds of rock are combinations of two or more minerals, and many kinds of rock favorite formation, a few "fruitful," many "hungry." Nor do they realize generally, how the deposition of mineral is affected by proximity of other rocks. Everyday discoveries verify the true saying that "silver is in veins, and gold is where you find it."—Scientific Press.

"It On It."

The appellate court at Victoria has decided the celebrated Monitor mining case in favor of Wells, the appellant, and against Petty, the respondent. The case is a particularly interesting one, as it involves a question of ownership. It seems that in May, 1895, Petty determined to prospect the hills near Three Forks. He met Wells who told him that he had found some float and informed him where he thought he would find the ledge. It is said that before Petty started out he told Wells: "If I find the ledge, you are in on it."

The ledge was found and the Monitor mine located, which could not now be bought for $75,000. As the mine was becoming valuable, Wells brought suit for one-half interest. The facts as to the conversation were not disputed. The supreme court judge declared his inability to decide what "in on it" meant, stating that it was too indefinite, conceding, however, that there was some sort of contract in which the plaintiff was entitled to something. The case was dismissed with the cost against the plaintiff. Wells appeared to the full court, which has just decided that the words "in on it," mean that Wells was entitled to one-half the claim.

A Comical Business Letter.

It is supposed (says Mr James Payne), that business letters are deficient in humour, and it is certain that the phrase "We beg to acknowledge your favor of the such-and-such an inst." is not generally the herald of amusement. Still, there have been some notable exceptions; and the very latest, kindly sent me by a member of the well known wholesale soap making firm (let us say) of Cake & Son, is one of the most brilliant. A retail dealer in a small way had sent for a consignment of their goods:—

"Gentlemen," he writes, "wherefor have you not sent me the sope? His it bekawse you think my money is not so good as nobody elses? Dam you, Cake & Son! wherefor have you not sent that sope? Please send sope at once, and oblige your respectful servant, RICHARD JONES. P. S.—Since writing the above my wife has found the sope under the counter."

This is an absolutely genuine letter, and I should think, unparalleled for fun among business transaction. One hardly knows whether to admire most Mr. Jone's emotional disposition, which seems to be quite feminine in its variableness; the elasticity of his language, which flies from stormy to serene and back again in a sentence; or the economy which forbids him to waste his literary effort, even though he has found his "sope." His epistle should be made a model for correspondence in all commercial schools

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I shall at the expiration of sixty days apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease 160 acres of meadow land in Cariboo district: Commencing at a stake planted in meadow about seven miles east of Mud lake, near the Alexandria, Mud Lake and Beaver Lake wagon road, thence south twenty chains, thence east eighty chains, thence north twenty chains and thence west eighty chains to place of commencement.

ROBERT McLEESE.
Soda Creek, March 2nd, 1897. 45-53

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend making application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land in Lillooet district, situated about one mile south of Dog Creek: Commencing at a post marked N. Pigeon, thence west 40 chains, south 40 chains, east 40 chains, north 40 chains to point of commencement.

NAPOLEON PIGEON.
Dog Creek, March 2nd, 1897. 45-52

VICTORIA, NEW WESTMINSTER AND OMENICA MINING RECORDING DISTRICTS.

All placer claims in the above districts which are legally held may be laid over to 1st June, 1898.

W. S. GORE,
Gold Commissioner.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C. 12th December, 1896.

CARIBOO DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned tracts of land, situated in Cariboo district, have been surveyed, and that plans of the same can be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of John Bowron, Esq., assistant commissioner of lands and works, Richfield:

GROUP ONE.

Lot 266.—Gerald Dester, pre-emption record No. 192, dated 8th October, 1894.
" 290.—Sidney Williams, pre-emption record No. 237, dated 12th August, 1895.
" 291.—Richard H. Parkinson, pre-emption record No. 236, dated 12th August 1895.

Persons having adverse claims to any of the above-mentioned pre-emptions must furnish a statement of the same to the commissioner within sixty days from the date of this notice.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 4th March, 1897. 43-52

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Barkerville, Lightning Creek and Quesnelle Division of Cariboo District.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the "Assessment Act" are now due for the year 1897.

All of the above-mentioned taxes collectible within the Barkerville, Lightning Creek and Quesnelle divisions of the district of Cariboo are payable at my office, at Barkerville.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz.:—

If paid on or before June 30th, 1897
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One half of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1897.
Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent., when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent. when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-fourth of one per cent

Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

41- JOHN STEVENSON,
Assessor and Collector.
Barkerville, B.C., January 2nd. 1897.

LILLOOET DISTRICT.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND REVENUE TAX ACT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within the East and West Ridings of Lillooet District, assessed by me, are payable at my office, Lillooet. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand collars, one and one-fourth of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-fourths of one per cent.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

It paid on or before the 30th day of June 1897:—
Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.
One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property.
Upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-fourth of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.
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Kootenay Items.

By declaring a dividend of $24,000 last week the Goodenough has added another dividend payer to the list of Kaslo properties.

The ore body recently cut while prospecting with a diamond drill in the Silver King property on Toad mountain was uncovered last week in the lower level. It shows a width of eight feet at the face. The mine never looked better.

Slocan City is having a building boom, there is no doubt about that. At this time there are some 10 buildings in the course of construction. Including in the number is a hotel, store, sawmill, blacksmith shop and a building for the Slocan News. The towns as well as the mines of Slocan are having a boom.

The Paris Belle mineral claim case, which occupied the attention of of the supreme court at Victoria last week is being considered by the justices. A decision is not to be handed down for at least two weeks and may be longer.

Messrs. MacPherson and Snowden, who last fall bonded the Big Five on Lardeau river, for $100,000, will begin work in a few weeks. The lead is a contact of slate and lime. The ledge is from 12 to 20 feet wide. *Assays have gone from 80 ounces* to 800 ounces in silver, besides considerable gold, copper and lead.

The Hall Exploration company of Nelson has 10 men doing development on the Skylark and Ranger claims recently secured upon a bond from W. A. Copelin The claims are located on the divide between Dayton and Lemon creeks, and are about seven miles from Slocan City The company is meeting with encouraging results in the work.

Rents are very high in Rossland and business places hard to obtain. A funny story is told of a house owner and a newcomer who could find no place to do business in, so temporarily stored his stock with the aforesaid householder. The storage bill crawled up and up and one day the owner of the goods called and said: "Well, what about those goods?" "I have been thinking about it," was the reply, "and have concluded that if you would let me have them we would call it square." The owner studied over the matter a few minutes and said: "No, I won't do that but I'll tell you what I will do; if you will keep the goods two weeks more you can have them."

Jenn vs. Russel.

The case of L. H. Jenns vs. J. H. Russel, an hotel keeper of Kamloops, was brought up for trial last Friday morning at Vancouver before Mr. Justice Walkem. The following jury was chosen: Messrs. J. J. Owens, George A. Miller, A. M. Edwards, J. B. McGarrigle, S. Keith, foreman, Wm. H. Greenway, T. Hunter and Arthur Sykes

Mr. D. G. Macdonnell, in opening the case for the plaintiff, said that the action was for slander alleged to have taken place in December last. Jenns was an insurance agent, and while living in Kamloops had stayed at Russell's hotel. Jenn's came to reside at Vancouver and after leaving Kamloops the alleged slander had been made, on the defendant going to Percy Jenns, brother of the plaintiff, and saying, "Did you hear that your brother Louis was in trouble? He forged a check for $50 in Vancouver and is now in jail I saw it in one of the coast papers. Some of the railroad boys told me about it." Mr. Macdonell continued that Jenns had consulted him about the case and that he had written a letter enclosing an apology to be signed by Russell. Russell did not sign this apology and the present case was to clear the character of the plaintiff.

The taking of evidence in the case occupied most of the day. After the addresses by the counsel and the learned judge, the jury retired for about three-quarters of an hour. Their finding was that the defendant did not say what the plaintiff alleged. His lordship accordingly gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

Messrs. Chas. Wilson, Q. C., and J. H. Senkler appeared for the defendant.

Lillooet Gold Reefs.

The Lillooet Gold Reefs Mining and Milling company, which is capitalised at $200,000 in shares of 25 cents par, is about to work a promising group of claims on Cayoosh creek, Lillooet district, near the Golden Cache mines, consisting of the Aurious, Nanaimo and Marguerite. The ore is free milling and the company possesses a good mill site and all necessary water privileges. It is stated that there are three well defined ledges on the claims, the main one varying from four to nine feet in width, and surface assays average $15 per ton.

Mr. J. A. Macfarlane, F. G. S., is now visiting the district and will report on the most favorable point to continue the work.

The officers of the company are: president, Chas. Coulson; vice-president, Chas. Nelson; directors, A. B. Gilmour; A. A. Bonk and R. P. Ritchie; secretary, E. Bourney; consulting engineer, J. A. Macfarlane, F.C.S.

J. Smith who arrived last week at Victoria from Cloudyke, in the Yukon, reports that one miner is averaging $75 to $125, to the pan. He has already taken out $10,000. *The diggings are the richest* that have been discovered in the far north.

Replying to a long speech of charges as to the dangers in the use of Canadian canned salmon, Sir Joseph Colmer, secretary of the Canadian high commissioner publishes a telegram from Minister Davies, giving unqualified contradiction of the reports and saying the allegations are at a direct variance with the truth.

W. C. MacDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Montreal, who had already given $1,500,000 to McGill, has added $475,000 for the erection of a building for chemestry, mining and metallurgy and the endowment of chairs in these subject; also $150,000 for the maintenance of the engineering and physics building, and $1,186 for the purchase of apparatus for the engineering department.

A Georgia evangelist named Culpeper, is down on bachelors. "I want to see our men marry," he says. "Let them marry young. I'd rather have them marry at fifteen than at thirty. Young men who arrive at the age of twenty-two and are still bachelors, I am for taxing $100. If they are still unmarried at twenty-three I would tax them at $20, at twenty-four, $500. and so I would go on up to thirty. Any man who wasn't married at thirty I would be for sending to the penitentiary. God meant that men should marry. A bachelor is only half a man."

INFORMATION.

Post Office at Ashcroft.—Mails ex changed daily with train mail clerks east and west. These mails close week days at 7.45 p. m. Money order and registration branches close at 7.30 p. m.

Cariboo and Intermediate points—Registration closes at 7.30 Saturdays. Other matter for these points may be mailed at the office up to 2 a. m. Fridays.

Clinton and Intermediate—Registration closes Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7.30 p m. Other matter mailed up to 5 a. m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 2 p. m *on Mondays* will go forward.

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Alkali Lake, March 4th, 1897. 46

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend making application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres more or less of pasture land, commencing at the south east corner of lot 343, Group 1, Lillooet district and running south twenty chains, thence east forty chains more or less to lake thence following lake in a northerly direction to line of lot 343, thence following said line to starting point. JOHN H. ROSS.
108-Mile House, Feb. 24, 1897. 44-51

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NOTICE.

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Dated this 23rd day of February, 1897. 44-47

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that all debts owing to the estate of the late D. W. McDonald of Alexandria, must be paid on or before May 6th, 1897. All persons having accounts against the said estate are requested to send them in at once to JOHN A. FRASER,
45-52 Dated at Quesnelle this 4th day of March, 1897.

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all who are indebted to the estate of the late William H. Keatley, of 15 Mile House, Lillooet, that all accounts must be paid within sixty days. All those having accounts against said estate are requested to send them in at once. MRS. WM. H. KEATLEY
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Clinton, Jan. 20, 1897. 38-40

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Since 1859 over $60,000,000 in Gold Have Been Taken Out of Cariboo.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PROSPECTORS.

In the interest of all parties about to visit any section of the CARIBOO, OMINECA or PEACE RIVER country it is well to bear in mind that their supplies can be purchased to much better advantage in this section than to buy at other points and bring in with them First-class goods and as cheap as can be bought anywhere, can be had in any quantity at the following places:

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LOCAL NEWS.

M. R. Eagleson of the Dominion hotel, Clinton was in Ashcroft Monday.

A. Boyce moved into his new residence on Brink street last Wednesday.

J. A. Macdonald of the C.P.R. offices, Kamloops, spent last Sunday in Ashcroft.

A gentle zephyr cleaned up the back yards and streets Thursday night, and blew over several shacks.

Arthur Noel, foreman on the Golden Cache mine near Lillooet, returned from the coast Thursday night.

Cecil W. Ward of Kamloops, and W. E. Fisher of Clinton, were in town the first of the week attending court.

The freight shipments at the C.P.R. station, Ashcroft, for the week ending Friday, March 26, 1897, were 000,000 pounds.

We would be greatly obliged if some o' our subscribers would send us a copy of the MINING JOURNAL of Feb. 6th, No. 40.

Charles B. Deans, manager of McArthur & Harper's store at Ashcroft, went up to Kamloops Thursday night on a business trip.

The McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co. Ltd., wholesale and retail druggists, Vancouver, has consolidated the business of R. G. McPherson at Kamloops.

D. H. Bever returned last Saturday from East Sound, Wash., where he has been spending the winter. He will will put in the season in this country prospecting.

In another column will be found the ad of the Ampleton townsite, the property of Mr. J. Marshall of Lillooet. About thirty lots are already sold. The title indisputable.

A gold watch (hunting case) was lost on Saturday, March 13th, between Clinton and Ashcroft. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to Rev. James Turner.

A. H. Walters of the Cariboo Exchange hotel and Mrs. Walters were at the coast this week for a few days. Mr. Walters is now having his house improved for the coming season's business.

J. Murphy has rented the rooms next the furniture store, and is having them fixed up for a barber shop with a bath room in connection. This is a much needed establishment in Ashcroft, and will be well patronized.

J. Hawthorne, wife and child, and Milton Clements, all relatives of J. H. Clements the druggist, arrived in Ashcroft Thursday evening from Manitoba and will make their home in Ashcroft. They have taken up their residence in the Oddfellows' building.

In the course of his remarks on the Jenns vs. Russel case last Friday, at Vancouver Mr. Justice Walkem took occasion to say that the witnesses brought down by the defendant were of unimpeachable character, and he further stated that had he had the ruling he would have unhesitatingly allowed the trial to have taken place at Kamloops, where in his opinion, as fair juries could be found as anywhere in the empire.

We are sending out this week bills to a large number of delinquent subscribers and shall be obliged by prompt remittances in response. No paper can be published without support in the way of paying patrons. Any one now delinquent that has regularly received the JOURNAL, that does not consider it to have been worth the subscription price, if they will drop us a line to that effect we will stop their paper and call it square. If it is worth the subscription price, remember that we have just put in a new and expensive plant and it must be paid for.

Messrs. Haddock, Burr and Fleishman have some locations about seven miles from Ashcroft, up the Thompson that at present look very promising. A ledge has been located showing nearly solid mineral 6 to 10 feet in width. It is principally iron pyrites, and Mr. Fleishman pronounces it precisely like the mineral found in the "Little Joe," a mine of value in Trail creek, that he is one of the owners in. No assays of the mineral have as yet been had, but a force of men will be at work sinking a shaft in a few days. If returns show this ore to be gold bearing in sufficient quantities, the large deposit and convenient location for cheap exportation, would make the property enormously valuable.

Another old timer passed away Wednesday morning by the death at the City hospital, Vancouver, at 9 o'clock, of Peter Avattent, better known as "French Pete." The deceased came to this province during the Cariboo excitement of '58, and for many years worked as a miner. While following that employment he lost his eyesight, and for the last few years has in addition suffered greatly from rheumatism. A few months ago Mr. J. H. Messier obtained his admission into the City hospital and he is now raising a subscription in order to provide deceased with a decent burial. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Messrs. Center and Hanna's parlors. Deceased was a native of France and was 71 years of age.

The Dominion parliament met for business Thursday.

County court will be held at Clinton on Thursday, April 29th at 10 o'clock.

C. G. Skene will open an office in Ashcroft in a few weeks, and will do all kinds of writing, book-keeping, etc.

George Nurse, who was connected with the butcher shop here about a year ago, returned to town wednesday from Revelstoke.

A. Clemes, proprietor of the Spences Bridge hotel at Spences Bridge came up Sunday night to Ashcroft and remained over Monday.

There is some talk among the young men of town to have the road between Evans' ranch and Ashcroft put in shape for a bicycle run. The bicycle fever like lagrippe catches them in time.

T. A. Brett of Lillooet, returned from Vancouver last Sunday where he had been selling some mining claims. The properties will be worked as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

George Blair, who intends taking over the Basque ranch, the property of W. Langley, arrived from the coast Thursday night with his bride, being married on Wednesday, March 24th. We extend our congratulations to the newly married couple.

A club called the O. K. has been formed by the young ladies of Ashcroft and regular meetings are held. We have not seen a copy of their by-laws as yet but presume it is for the purpose of recreation and higher education of the patronesses of single blessedness.

James McCauley, who was for so many years a pioneer of the west, British Columbia, the western states, Alaska and Mexico, and for the past few years a resident of Cariboo, died at Westminster a few days since. Mr. McCauley had been gradually failing in health for some years, and his formerly robust frame was sadly emaciated before his death. He had several times during his adventurous life been well fixed financially, but money would not stay with him, and he died destitute. Many an old Cariboo, Cassiar or Alaska miner, and at one time a fellow comrade will read of his death with regret.

The mining excitement still continues and claims are being staked off on all sides of the town. Every day this week, parties have been going out. Samples of all kinds of rock have been sent away for assay, and the returns have not been received yet, but everyone is anxiously waiting. From all appearances Ashcroft will have its own mining boom, as well as its neighboring towns. With the large amount of business transacted every year with the Cariboo and Lillooet districts, Ashcroft being the distributing point for this vast country, along with its own trade and resources, promises in the very near future to become one of the cities of the interior.

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NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton on Thursday the twenty-ninth day of April, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order F. SOUES,
47-51 Registrar.
Clinton, March 18th, 1897.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for a lease of forty acres of meadow land more or less, situated in the Cariboo district, about six miles north of the 150 Mile House and half a mile east of the Horsefly road. Commencing at a post at the west corner, thence running north, thence east, thence south, thence to initial post.
Witness: TOMMY BATES, Indian
A. W. Hardie. his X mark.
150-Mile House, March 28th, 1897. 47-50

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease 40 acres of meadow land on the north fork of Risky creek, adjoining the Damises meadow. Commencing at a stake marced N. E. corner and thence 20 chains west, thence 20 chains south, thence 20 chains east, thence 20 chains north to the place of commencement.
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AMPLETON townsite the property of Mr. J. Marshall, of Lillooet, is now on the market. Ampleton is situated about 2½ miles from the village of Lillooet, and lies between Cayoosh creek on the south and Lake or Seaton Creek on the north, and is about one mile from Seaton Lake, on the old Cariboo trail.

ALL TRAVEL to and from the mining camps of Cayoosh creek, Bridge river and Blackwater districts, as also from the rich agricultural lands of Pemberton Meadows, must of necessity pass through Ampleton.

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COUNTY COURT NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:
150 Mile House, Wednesday 16th June, 1897.
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Quesnelle, Monday 21st June 1897.
Richfield, Thursday 24th June, 1897.
Court opens each day at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order JAMES McKEN,
40 Registrar County Court Cariboo.

CARIBOO DISTRICT.

On and after the first of November, proximo all placer claims or leaseholds in the Cariboo district, granted under authority conferred by the Placer Mining Acts, are hereby "laid over" till the first of June, 1897, subject to the provisions of the said Acts.
38- JOHN BOWRON,
Gold Commissioner.
Richfield, Cariboo, 12th October, 1896.

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