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QUESNELLE.

As announced by circulars and notices in the JOURNAL the ball which came off on the 30th and 31st was a complete success both socially and financially. The committee in charge deserve the greatest credit for the way in which they carried out the programme. The capacious hall of the Occidental hotel was cleared by Messrs. Hofercamp and Johnson, proprietors, and a fine floor was made ready. The walls were profusely decorated with bunting and evergreens, lending a gay and cheerful aspect to the well lighted hall. During the day quite a number of sleigh loads of the youth and beauty of the south as far as Lac La Hache, arrived to take part in the event of the season. At an early hour the hall began to be filled with cheerful and happy faces. Messrs. J. Hamilton and H. Ogden of Lac La Hache furnished the music. The second night Mr. Barrat, one of the gentlemen present, was particularly excellent in his performance on the violin and was well accompanied by Mrs. Armstrong on the guitar. Mr. Owen acted as floor manager and two much cannot be said of his efficiency in that capacity. His cheerful face and pleasant voice lent a pleasing chord to the lively music. Mr. Owen is an excellent "caller" and gave out "figures" both graceful and novel. Supper both nights was given at the Occidental dining hall and everyone spoke in the highest terms of the splendid table set with every luxury in profusion. Everyone was highly pleased with the entertainment and expressed the hope to meet again on a similar happy occasion.

Mr. John Murphy and Miss Murphy, 141; Mr. Patinaud and Miss Patinaud, Williams Lake; a good old timer, Mr. James Cumming, 150; and Mr. McInnes and three daughters of Alexandria are spending a few days in Quesnelle and attended the ball.

Mr. Shields and Mr. James Leighton, manager of the B. C. Express Company, arrived today from the south and will return in two days. It is hoped that the visit of these gentlemen will result in arranging to have the mails arrive at Quesnelle somewhat earlier than they have lately.

The holiday season is delightful. It is quite moderate, at times inclined to a thaw. The roads are in splendid condition.

The ranchers are bringing in large loads of wheat to be ground at the mill here. The grain of this vicinity is of the primest quality.

Mr. Betts, C. E., has left for Vancouver on his way to England in the interest of mining.

John Paul, an old resident of Quesnelle and Mr. George Fry, are down from Barkerville. Ice has not yet formed here on the Fraser, although there is crossing at Alexandria. The Quesnelle river is unusually low, probably owing to the gate at the dam at the Forks being closed.

Durrant and the Gallows.

San Quentin Prison, Cal., Jan. 4.—Theodore Durrant rehearsed the scene of his own death at his own request, made absolutely without emotion. He has been told every incident that will mark the minutes of his last hours of life. A book and several papers on religious subjects were received at the prison yesterday for Durrant, the offerings of a woman who now resides in Toronto, Ont. She was a resident of San Francisco three years ago and has displayed much interest in Durrant's affairs since the arrest of the murderer of Blanche Lamont. Durrant may invite five of the 150 people who will be present, but as Warden Hale revises the list it is unlikely that any of his attorneys will be seen beside the gallows. The condemned man made the following requests concerning the execution: 1. That the rope used to hang him be destroyed immediately after his death so that no person can say he holds a piece of of it as a memento. 2. None of the spectators to be allowed to gaze upon his features after he is executed. 3. No autopsy to be held after death, and no physicians to be allowed to examine the body. 4. After he is pronounced dead the remains to be delivered to his parents as soon as possible.

New Cariboo Company.

The latest company to seek capital in England is the Incorporated Exploration Company of British Columbia, which issued its prospectus in London on Dec. 16th. The capital is fixed at £200,000 in 200,000 shares at £1 each, all of which were offered for subscription. The company was promoted by the British Columbia Improvement Association to buy its mining properties. For these and for the properties of the Slough Creek Mining Company, also acquired, £145,000 is to be paid, partly in cash, partly in shares. This leaves £55,000 for working capital. The directors are Lieut.-General Sir J. Bevan Edwards, St. Clair K. M. Stobart, C. Goddard Clarke, Lieut.-Col. Duncan Campbell and R. Byron Johnson. The latter is chairman of the British Columbia Development Association and was to join the board after the allotment. The following extracts from the prospectus show the objects of the company fully:

This company has been formed and promoted by the British Columbia Development Association (Limited), to acquire the mining properties of that association, as well as those of the Slough Creek Mining Company, together with all tools, plant, buildings, machinery, and mining developments; to consolidate, develop, and work these properties, and also to undertake and carry on the work of a mining exploration and development company.

The properties referred to are situated in the Cariboo district of British Columbia, the nearest railway station being Ashcroft, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, from which point to the mines, a distance of about 272 miles, there is an admirably constructed and well-maintained government road, rendering communication easy at any season of the year.

The combined properties consist of fifteen contiguous leases on Slough creek and Willow river, having an aggregate length of about eleven miles of auriferous gravels; and of two contiguous leases on Williams creek, having an aggregate length of about one mile and three-quarters of auriferous gravels; the average width of all these leases is half a mile.

The purchase price of the property has been fixed by the vendor association, at £145,000, payable as to £5,000 in cash and as to the balance in fully paid shares, or partly in shares, at the option of the directors, thus leaving 55,000 shares available for working capital. The vendors are willing to show their faith in the company's prospects by taking almost their entire purchase consideration in shares.

Passes Are Too Narrow.

J. P. Light, manager of the Seattle-Yukon Steamship Company, of Chicago, is on his way to Dawson. In discussing the problem of transportation to the Yukon, he says:

"Packing ones stuff over Chilcoot Pass is a big job for the stoutest man. If one wishes to know something about it let him pack 100 pounds on his back and take a walk of a mile out in the country. Then if he wants to experience a fraction of the toil of getting over the summit let him put fifty pounds on his back and climb the stairs to the top of some of our fine office buildings here. It wouldn't be like climbing a slippery hillside, but it would give the experimenter a lively appreciation of the difficulties of getting over the passes unassisted. There were eighteen in our party and we cabled our goods over the worst of it, but the greater part of the way we got up early in the morning and carried a pack of 100 pounds a mile. Then we carried 75 pounds next trip and fifty pounds on succeeding journeys over the mile distance. We usually made three trips, sometimes four. It was slow work and most difficult. Such are the hardships that will confront the man without means who attempts to reach Dawson City via Chilcoot or Skaguay."

"What about the tramways?"

"Let us figure a little on the tramway proposition. If all the cables are put in that are promised and each company can do all that it hopes to do, the total amount of supplies that can be carried over the passes will not exceed 120 tons daily. Let us make an outside estimate that eighty tons per day can be packed over by Indians and others; that makes 200 tons per day, and that is only supplies for 200 men. Again, making a liberal estimate that there will be a six months' season, the total number that can get in over Chilcoot and White passes and the Dalton trail will not be more than 36,000 men. Now let us suppose that every company that contemplates placing boats on the Yukon to run up from St. Michael is successful. There might be fifty boats with a carrying capacity of 200 apiece or less. If they could make three trips, which most of them cannot do, the result would be that 30,000 men might get in that way. That makes a total of 66,000 by all the coast routes, and I tell you if you want accurate figures you can make it nearer 40,000, for I have made this estimate much larger than I really think is right, but I am taking every transportation company at its word and basing these figures on what they say they can do."

"What is the result? There will be 200,000 citizens of this republic start for Klondike in the spring. They are coming from almost every city, village and hamlet in this country. Western people can have no conception of the intense interest taken in the Klondike all over the East. I can wire my office in Chicago and in three days have a list of over 25,000 men with their addresses who are going and who have written us for information or to contract for transportation. It will be the biggest rush the world has ever seen. And they cannot get one-third of them over the coast passes."—Times.

Fresh Honors For Newspaper Men.

Hon. S. H. Blake, the leading speaker of a deputation from the Prisoner's Aid Association that waited on the Ontario government last week, blamed the newspapers for the increase of crime, and said the editors of newspapers that printed reports of criminal trials should be hanged. He urged that such trials take place in camera

CLINTON.

The great coming event now is the annual ball which will take place ere the lapse of many days. The committee in charge are men competent to make it a success.

The old school house which has been in use for many years will now be idle awhile, and the well finished brick school house opens to the eyes of the children. Miss Powell is a young lady highly esteemed by all her pupils and the progress the children are making is very satisfactory.

A well represented dance took place at the 70-Mile House and all enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. At the Mountain House a jolly gathering took place and dancing was indulged till the "wee sma" hours of morn. The swell of dancing commenced at Big Bar some weeks ago and the wave has rolled on to Crow's Bar, where a surprise party visited Mr. A. Burnett.

Mrs. J. C. Brown of Chilcotin, who has been visiting at Cache Creek returned home this week.

Mr. I. Gaspard of Dog Creek is very ill. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The snow at Risky Creek, Chilcoten, is fully twenty-one inches deep. So far stock are doing well.

Masquerade Ice Carnival

The fancy dress masquerade ice carnival held New Years night was a grand success. The short notice, only one day, did not seem to hinder most of the skaters from appearing in costume. The rink was well lighted with lanterns and across the center of the rink a string of Chinese lanterns were stretched, setting the rink off very nicely, and the ice being in good condition, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The masqueraders commenced to arrive about eight o'clock and it only took a short time until there were about fifty on the ice. Only masqueraders were allowed on the rink for the first hour. After the judges, Major Moore, Rev. G. Howard Osborne and W. H. Griffin, had decided who were the prize winners, a halt was called and all gathered in front of the judges to hear who were the winners of the prizes, the following being the lucky ones: Mrs. J. C. Smith, best ladies costume; Milton Clements, best gentleman's costume; George Ogle, comic costume; Alice Shaw, best girl's costume, and Rod Mackay, best boy's costume.

A number of the costumes were good and a great many deserve considerable credit for their costumes and the sustaining of the characters they represented. Below will be found a list as far as it was possible to obtain of the masqueraders on the rink:

Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mother Goose.
Mrs. A. L. Clements, white nun.
Mrs. H. P. Lewis, stars and stripes.
Miss M. Wright, nurse.
Miss A. Tingley, Miss E. Reynolds, Miss B. Hall, } three old maids of Lee
Miss A. Ward, Miss L. Wardell, } sailor girls.
Miss Katie Newland, Miss Pauline Tingley, } two little maids from school.
Miss A. Higginbottom, queen of hearts.
Miss M. Higginbottom, princess.
Miss Grace Hall, sailor girl.
Miss Gertrude Hall, drill girl.
Miss Alice Shaw, Bopeep.
Miss Minnie Burr,
Miss Gladys Bailey, Little Boy Blue.
Miss Irene Shaw, Miss Hazel Shaw, } Good-night.
Ernie Lyne, Miss May Lyne, } Jack and Jill.
James Haddock, grandfather's clock.
John Hawthorne, grandfather.
C. B. Deans, volunteer.
M. Clements, mounted police.
Walter Shaw, fat man.
George Ward, fat coon.
J. Scott,
S. Creelman, coon,
F. C. Tingley, Vancouver.
Arthur Haddock, chinaman.
George Hurley, chinaman.
Clarence Tingley,
George Ogle, rolled oats.
Frank Reynolds, clown.
J. C. Smith, George Washington.
Roy McDonald.
W. S. Jamieson, Morpheus.
J. Lightner, cook.
T. Higginbottom, king of hearts.
Rod Mackay, drummer boy.
Alec Hall, plumber.
Harry Hall, mounted policeman.

Old Timers' Opinions.

A representative of the Spokesman-Review writing to his paper from Kamloops says:

"Among the inmates of the provincial home for the aged which is located here are men who went into the Cariboo district 40 years ago, traversing the country from Quesnelle to Peace river and penetrating far to the north and east of Telegraph creek and Teslin lake.

Robert Bruce, who spent in Cariboo and Cassiar all the years between 1862 and 1888 without returning to civilization, relates the following: There are many streams lying between Quesnelle and Teslin lake which have not as yet been prospected, with every indication of their carrying good pay dirt. At the time of the former excitement diggings which would not yield from one to three ounces per day were left untouched, as mining in those days was an expensive undertaking. Supplies cost from five to ten times as much as they would now, and it took half an ounce of good clean dirt to pay the daily expenses of each man. Such ground as I refer to has lain idle ever since, and can now be worked by hand at a good profit.

"The country has an abundant supply of the best kind of feed, which is available from May 1 until October. We had no difficulty in keeping up an average of 15 miles per day with pack trains, following the old Indian trails and the trails used in driving in cattle from Peace river.

We found good ground on Grouse, Antler, Cunningham and Keithly creeks, but at that time all the interest was centered in and about Williams creek, and good paying ground was left untouched in the search for Bonanza diggings."

Sam Robinson, another inmate of the home, states that good feed is abundant for five months after the 1st of May, and that their pack horses covered an average of fifteen miles a day when not prospecting.

David Coote, who went in with the first rush, says:

"There may be some trouble experienced in the matter of feed, owing to the large number of pack animals which will be taken in by the overland route. They will naturally use up the feed closest to the trail, and this will occasion some delay in taking the animals away from the traveled road in order to secure a good supply of feed. The country abounds in blue stem grass of heavy growth, and wild pea vines grow luxuriantly to a length of eight or ten feet, furnishing the best kind of feed. If pack horses are to be kept through the winter, a supply of hay must be kept on hand. In our time the animals were all sent out as soon as we finished packing in our supplies.

"The most promising country, in my opinion, can be found by going 75 miles north and east from Telegraph creek, crossing both of the north branches of the Stickine, which brings you to Dease lake. This is within easy reach of the Deleur river, Tibbitts creek, McDame's creek, and other streams which have yielded good returns for many years. The Liard river, which has lately excited so much interest, lies further to the north east, and I know many old timers who think there are just as good opportunities on the Liard as can be found in the Klondike country. I do not think any gold country ever existed where the conditions are so favorable for the prospector. All of the streams are safely navigable for small boats, and if the ground first selected does not yield satisfactory returns, it is a simple matter to load up the outfits and float down stream, continuing from day to day until a good location is reached. I suppose there will be a great rush of tenderfeet to this country next season. They should remember that placer gold is found only along the streams and that the use of a boat is absolutely indispensible, if they wish to travel quickly and comfortably from place to place.

"There are many rivers in Cassiar and Alaska of such length that a man could not prospect them thoroughly in the course of a dozen ordinary lives, as each tributary should be carefully examined, as well as the main stream. I would advise all newcomers to spend most of their time in active work and prospecting, devoting just as little time as possible to traveling from place to place.

"No party should start out without the necessary tools for boat building. There is no danger in navigating these rivers during the day time. It is not safe to depend on any large supply of game. Outside of grouse, we saw very little of any desirable game, and thought ourselves fortunate to secure enough grouse for a square meal once a week."

Little London Mourns.

London, Ont., Jan. 3.—A third terrible tragedy was added to the city's record of disasters tonight, by the collapse of the city hall, causing death to the number of 29 or 30, with probably many more to die from injuries received.

It was a gathering to listen to successful and unsuccessful municipal candidates. The hall was old but supposed to be sound, though it has not been used for dancing lately. It is supposed the stamping for the candidates had loosened the beams, and at 9 o'clock part of the floor over the city engineer's office gave way, and a couple of hundred people were precipitated into the room below, while on them fell large beams, and, worse than all, the massive iron safe and steam coil, which crushed and pinned down scores of unfortunates.

At the time of writing the number reported dead is 29, and it is estimated that the number of injured is at least 150, many of them fatally.

The scene in the hall was indescribable. People went half mad trying to get out. The cry of fire started and the police and firemen were quickly on the spot, and as soon as the horrible situation was realized the services of both were used in carrying the dead and wounded to hospitals. Large crowds gathered in the streets, where the confusion and excitement were terrible, nobody knowing who might not be among the dead or injured, who were not all secured for two hours.

Instructions have been issued from Ottawa not to send to the dead letter office any letters for points within the Empire, which may be mailed short of postage under Mr. Mullock's 3-cent per ounce proposal of a few week's ago, since possibly some people may not have heard of the cancellation of the post-master-general's widely announced proposal. For the present short paid letters will be sent forward to their destination, postmasters affixing the stamps necessary to make up the deficiency in postage.

DURRANT HANGED.

Special to THE MINING JOURNAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 7.—Theodore Durrant was hanged at San Quentin at 10:35 this morning.

The crime thus expiated was the murder of Blanche Lamont on April 3rd 1895.

Durrant displayed more courage in the face of death than anyone ever executed at the San Quentin penitentiary. Father Lagan attended him on the scaffold. Durrant picked out the middle of the trap and calmly surveyed the audience with a look of stolid indifference. He declared his innocence and said he was hounded to his death by the police and the newspapers. He forgave them all, he said, as he wished to go to his Maker with his heart purged of all enmity toward mankind. His speech lasted fully five minutes. There was a slight tremor in his voice, but his words came from his mouth just as if he were delivering an oration to an audience. Mrs. Durrant remained with her son in the death chamber until within a few minutes of the time when he mounted the scaffold. The parting was extremely pathetic. In going down the long flight of stairs to the prison yard she said to the guard who escorted her: "Well, it will all be over soon, and the poor boy will be out of his misery. I can't understand why people can be so cruel and heartless as to deliberately stand by and see a man executed. Be sure if you hear any knocking at the gate, for God's sake run quickly for it will be a reprieve."

San Quentin, Jan. 7.—Durrant's speech from the gallows was as follows: "To those who wish me to speak I would like to say that I have no animosity against anyone but those who have persecuted me, and who have hounded me to my grave. Innocent as I am, I forgive them all, but they will receive their just dues from the Holy God to whom I now go to receive my justice, which will be the justice given to an innocent boy who has not stained his hands with the crimes that have been put upon him by the newspapers of San Francisco. But I forgive them all for I do not hold anything against them for it. I do not look upon them now as enemies and forgive them as I expect to be forgiven for anything that I have done. But the fair name of California will forever be blackened with the crime of taking this innocent blood, and whether or or no they ever discover the committers of these crimes matters little to me now, for I appear before the whole world an innocent boy to proclaim my innocence for the last time, and to those who have insinuated that I was going to spring a sensation of any kind I can say there is no sensation other than that of which I have spoken. They must consider for themselves who wished to start up a sensation. That I am innocent I now say this day before God to whom I now go to meet my dues. I am innocent."

Durrant's neck was broken by the fall. The execution was in every way successful.

A "Sun" Cable.

New York, Jan. 2.—The London correspondent of the Sun cables: In the event of trouble in the far east, the Canadian militia will have an opportunity of covering themselves with glory. The war department and the admiralty have between them drawn up a scheme whereby a battalion of this militia will be hurried to Hong Kong, from Vancouver, the moment that war seems imminent. They would reach China long before any force from England could get there, and it is thought that their co-operation would boom the imperial unity idea. Presumably, the views of the dominion government had been ascertained before, and some steps had been taken to find out whether the gallant militiamen would be willing to follow glory to the cannons' mouth.

Mrs. Adam Ferguson Dead.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Adam Ferguson, who died at her home at Savonas early Sunday morning, was received with deep regret at Ashcroft on that day. The deceased was taken suddenly ill last Friday, and Dr. Munroe, of Kamloops, was hastily summoned. On Saturday Mrs. Ferguson's condition was so critical that Dr. Wade was telegraphed for, and after a consultation, it was decided that the only hope of saving Mrs. Ferguson's life was by performing an operation. This was done, but the patient only survived a short time, while the operation proved that the case was hopeless, death being due to rupture of the bowels.

Mrs. Ferguson was the wife of Adam Ferguson, proprietor of the Lake View Hotel, and was in her 45th year. She leaves a family of six children to mourn her loss, the youngest child being about four years old. Mrs. Ferguson was a relative of the Ogdons and McKinlays, at Lac La Hache.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon, and was largely attended, Rev. M. D. McKee, of Ashcroft, officiating. Mr. Adam Ferguson and family have the sympathy of their large number of friends in their bereavement.

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FINLAY AND OMENICA RIVERS.

R. G. McConnell, of the Geological survey, speaking of the Finlay and Omenica rivers said: "The Finlay river from its mouth to its junction with the Omenica, winds through a wide flat, skirting the western base of the Rocky mountains. It has a width in places of 300 yards or more, but is usually divided into several channels by islands and gravel bars. The current is easy, averaging about three miles an hour at a medium stage of water. The bars along this stretch of the river are all auriferous, and one of them, called Pete Toy's bar after the discoverer, yielded a large amount of gold in the early days of mining in the country. The gold in this reach is probably mostly derived from the Omenica.

"Above the Ospica, the Finlay runs with the exception of one bend, in a nearly straight direction for 12 miles. It has a width here of about 200 yards and a current of scarcely two miles an hour, the slowest in the whole course of the river. It occupies a depression of about four miles in width, bounded on the west by a gneissic ridge which commences at the Black canyon on the Omenica and runs northward with gradually increasing height, and on the east by the rounded ridge which separates the Ospica from the Finlay.

The main terrace has a height of 175 feet above the river and is thickly wooded with black pine. Near the mountain the pine is replaced by white spruce. The lower slopes of the mountains are well forested up to a height of 2,000 feet above the river, but above that elevation the trees gradually thin out, and a thousand feet higher up they cease altogether. From the point ascended, the valley of the Finlay could be followed southward to the mouth of the Omenica and northward could be seen stretching out in a nearly straight direction for over 60 miles, or as far as the eye could pierce the haze. In all this distance it preserves a nearly uniform width of from four to six miles.

From Fort Grahame to the Ingenica, a distance of sixteen miles in a straight line, and about 20 miles following the curves of the river, the Finlay is characterized by the same features which prevail below.

The Ingencia is the first large stream which enters the Finlay from the west above the Omenica. It is a clear, rapid river 50 to 60 yards wide, and is reported to be navigable up to the forks, a distance of about 30 miles, above which it is filled with rapids.

An Indian trail to Bear lake runs along its bank. The Ingencia is well worthy of being prospected, as it must cut through the same band of dark and green schists from which the gold in the Omenica country is derived. Fine gold was found in the wash at the mouth of the river.

"Above the Ingencia the Finlay bears slightly to the west, and at the canyon it approaches the base of the range bordering the valley on the east. On the west the space between the river and the mountains is occupied by a plain five to six miles in width wooded with poplar, spruce and black pine.

"Above the mouth of the Akie, the Finlay pursues a very tortous course as far as Paul's Branch, a distance measured in a straight line of about 21 miles, but following the course of the river thirty-five miles. In several points of this reach, the river is bordered by high gravel and boulder-clay banks, in some cases exceeding 250 feet in height. The valley maintains a width of from five to six miles for part of the distance, but six miles below Paul's branch, a range rises up west of the river which narrows it into about three miles. The ranges bordering the valley on both sides have a height in this latitude of about 3,000 feet above the valley.

"The great Inter-mountain valley referred to above, and of which mention is so frequently made in this report, forms the most important topographical features of British Columbia. It crosses the international boundary line about longitude 115 degrees 10 minutes W and runs in a direction north 33 degrees W. along the western base of the Rocky mountains, separating the latter from the Selkirk and other ranges on the west, for a distance of over 800 miles. It is entirely independent of the present drainage systems of the country, as it is occupied successively, beginning at the boundary, by a number of rivers belonging to distinct systems, among which are Kootenay, the Columbia, Canoe river, the Fraser, Bad river, the Parsnip, the Finlay and the Tochieca. The line between the Bad river and the Fraser has not yet been surveyed, and its extention, if any, beyond the Tochieca is still unknown. Its width varies from two to fifteen miles, and it is everywhere enclosed, except for some distance along the west bank of the Parsnip, by mountain ranges varying in height from 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the valley.

"The width of the valley does not depend on the size of the stream which occupies it at any particular place. It is fully as wide along the smaller streams and at the watersheds which separate the different streams, as along the great rivers like the Columbia and the Finlay. The average height of the bottom of the valley above the sea is about 2,300 feet, and the variation in height is about 1,000 feet. The heights of the watersheds in the valley are approximately as follows:: Kootenay-Columbia, 2,740 feet; Columbia-Fraser, 2,000 feet; Peace-Liard, 3,100 feet. The increase in height of the watersheds towards the north does not hold good in regard to depressions. The Columbia leaves the valley at a height of 2,050 feet, and the Fraser at a height of 2,100 (?), and the Peace at a height of 2,020.

From the point ascended, a view of the great valley which holds the Finlay and Tochieta was obtainable for 50 miles or more in each direction. Northward, as far as visible, it maintains a straight wide course, and is characterized by the same features which prevail below. The range bordering it on the east is regular and well defined, and has an elevation of 2,500 feet above the level of the valley.

We followed up the right (east) bank, and two miles further on reached the junction of the Finlay and Thudaca, a rapid mountain stream, heading in the Peak range. Above the Thudaca the Finlay has a rapid flow, and is interrupted by several small falls and rapids for a distance of six miles. Above this reach, which appears to be an old lake basin, begins the rocky banks and beds which characterize it below suddenly disappear, and are replaced by clay, silt and gravel. The current diminishes to about a mile and a half an hour, and the stream expands to about twice its former size. The flat bordering the river is intersected by sloughs, and holds a couple of small sheets of water, known to the indians as the Fishing lake. The valley here has a width of about a mile and a half, and is bordered by mountains 4,000 to 5,000 feet above the river, belonging to the Peak range. The expanded lake-like portion of the Finlay has a length of about 18 miles. Near its head, the river is divided into several branches, none of which were explored by us. The western branch (called Thucatalo by Finlay) was ascended by Mr. Finlay, and is stated by him in the journal referred to before, to be 35 miles in length and to head in a narrow lake, 16 to 20 miles long, called Lake Thutade by the indians.

The first discovery of gold in the Peace river country was made in the Parsnip, about 20 miles from its mouth by Bill Cust in 1861. In the following year Pete Toy's bar, on the Finlay, a few miles below the Omenica, was found, and for some time proved wonderfully productive, the yield amounting to about $20 per day to the man.

The auriferous gravels underlying the boulder-clay on Germansen, Manson and other creeks in the district have a wide distribution and promise favorable results if worked on a sufficiently large scale. A short tunnel was driven into a bank of this description on Germansen creek by Mr. Clinton in 1892, and sufficient gold taken out to pay small wages. Water can be obtained almost anywhere from lakes and mountain streams, within a reasonable distance, and the only drawback to successful hydraulic mining is the great expense attendant upon the carriage of material and supplies from the coast. The absence of easily navigable waterways, and the mountainous and swampy character of the surrounding country, present obstacles to transportation which can only be overcome at great expense. At the present time the greater part of the supplies are brought in by pack animals from Hazleton at the Forks of the Skeena, the rate to Manson creek amounting to 17 cents per pound.

Some prospecting has been done in the Omenica region every season since its auriferous character became known, but the district has by no means been thoroughly explored. The discovery of pay gravel on Tom creek, close to Vital creek, 20 years after the latter was found, shows how loose the examination has been, nor need this be wondered at when the short seasons, difficult traveling and high prices of supplies are taken into account. That further discoveries of auriferous creeks will be made admits of little doubt. Fine gold occurs in the Finlay throughout most of its course. Very little prospecting has, however, been done on this stream, and with the exception of the Ospica none of the tributaries, so far as I could learn, have ever been prospected.

No ore mining has so far been attempted in the Omenica region owing to the want of transportation facilities, although the existence of large veins of highly argentiferous galena has been known for many years. Arquerite or silver-amalgam is also of common occurrence in the placer diggings on Silver creek, and on Vital and Tom's creeks, two of its tributaries.

The gold in the Omenica district occurs in a coarse condition, nuggets often being found with quartz still attached to them, and is evidently derived from the band of green schists and argillites previously described which outcrops along the Omenica and its tributaries from Germansen landing west nearly to Tacla lake. All the auriferous creeks worked up to the present are situated within this zone, which has a width of 48 miles. The schists, of which it is formed, are everywhere much disturbed. They are broken up by intrusions of granitic and other eruptive rocks, and present in this and other ways promising indications that they are metalliferous in character.

Four more Yukon railway applications were filed at Ottawa this week. They include Stickine and Teslin lake; Yukon and Pacific, starting from Dyea; Ashcroft and Stickine river, and Northern and Yukon, projected from Edmonton to Teslin lake.

David Oppenheimer Dead.

At Hotel Vancouver about 3.20 o'clock Friday afternoon Mr. David Oppenheimer, of the firm of Oppenheimer Brothers, and ex-mayor of Vancouver passed away, after a lingering illness, due to heart trouble, with complications.

In the passing away of David Oppenheimer Vancouver loses one of her staunchest friends and one who has done more to advance her prosperity than any other individual. The little band of ex mayors is thinning out, first M. A. McLean, then Fred, Cope and now David Oppenheimer. The subject of the present sketch was born in Bleiskatel, Bavaria, on the 1st of January, 1832. He was the son of Sol Oppenheimer, a prominent vintner in that place. His early education was received in the collegiate institute of that city. When 16 years of age he emigrated to the United States, where under competent masters he took a course in book-keeping the commercial branches. Later he engaged in the general store business in that city, and remained in it for three years, when, in consequence of better offers, he moved west to California, settling in Sacramento. This was in the latter part of 1850, and at that time he entered into a business partnership with his brother Meyer and was very successful. He then caught the prevailing mining fever and moved into Placer County, California, where he remained with varying success for nine years. His brother Isaac having some time previously moved into British Columbia he moved north also to Yale, where business was opened up under the now well known name of Oppenheimer Brothers. By dint of steady perseverance, business integrity tact and liberality the business grew till it covered the whole districts of Cariboo, Kootenay, Yale and Lillooet, to the United States boundary line and westward as far as Victoria. During this time deceased, who did most of the outside business, traveled by every means of transport then known, the whole of the immense area referred to and where his name was known it was accepted as a guarantee of fair business methods. Whilst the gold fever in Cariboo lasted the business of Oppenheimer Bros., continued to grow and prosper, but in 1874 they closed out in Cariboo and decided to concentrate their business in Yale. In 1881 a fire broke out in the town and finally reached their buildings, and though they were constructed as fireproof as was possible, and according to the best plans then known, they were burned, with a heavy loss. With the energy which had always characterized the subject of this sketch, it was decided to leave Yale and make Victoria the headquarters, and from 1881 to 1886 the business was conducted in that city.

In the meantime the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway was progressing westward and the firm was not slow to see that Burrard inlet was destined to have on its shores the site of a great city. In view of this David Oppenheimer purchased a large area of land on the site now occupied by the city, as well as securing large joint interests with other owners. In 1886 it was deemed advisable to remove the head office to this city as the landed investments demanded fuller attention than could be given from Victoria, consequently the business block on Powell street was constructed, where the business has since been conducted. In 1893 the firm was incorporated as Oppenheimer Bros., limited liability, with Isaac Oppenheimer, president; David Oppenheimer, vice-president, and Solomon Oppenheimer, secretary. During the business career of the firm David Oppenheimer was effectually assisted by his brother Isaac, whose geniality, business ability and honorable dealings have contributed largely to the high position now held by the house. In 1886 the city of Vancouver was incorporated and the citizens recognizing the sterling qualities of the two brothers elected them by acclamation to represent Ward V. in the city council, and their influence was manifest in every direction. Two years only Isaac remained in the council as the business required more time than he could devote and retain the position of alderman, but David was re elected and in 1888 was made mayor, which honorable seat he retained for four years, retiring in 1893. In this necessarily brief sketch it is not possible to enumerate all the benefits accruing to the city through the loyal service rendered by him, but the purchase of the waterworks, the sewerage system, the paving of the streets and other matters initiated and prosecuted by him have all conduced to make the Vancouver of today the pride of the citizens and the admiration of all visitors. In all local industries he has been the foremost to invest his money and give his time and labor to help them onward and there are few concerns in which he is not interested. Few men have lived a busier or more useful life, and in years to come he will be remembered as one of the "Fathers of Vancouver." Deceased's wife, whose tragic death we recorded a short time ago, while en route for New York with her husband, was Miss Julian Walters, a native of New York. The issue of that marriage was one daughter, Miss Florence Oppenheimer, who is at present being educated in Toronto. The young lady will be sincerely sympathized with in her hour of sorrow. Of the Oppenheimer brothers, so well and so favorably known throughout the entire west, but Mr. Isaac survives. He and his family, Sol Oppenheimer, his mother, Mrs. Godfrey Oppenheimer, and daughter, were present when the end of a busy life came. We are but expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community when we deplore his loss. Vancouver has lost its best and sincerest friend, and a great man, in many respects, has passed from amongst us.—World.

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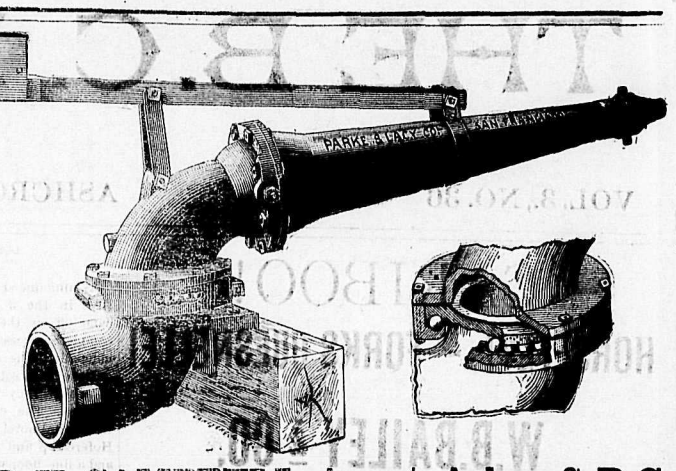

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(FORM F.)

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BETWEEN

F. W. Foster, of Ashcroft Station, Merchant, Plaintiff,

—AND—

Edward L. Hart, formerly of Chilcotin, Merchant

TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above county court by F. W. Foster, of Ashcroft Station, for the sum of $33.08 for goods sold and delivered, and an order has been made that publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the British Columbia Mining Journal shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

The summons will be heard at Ashcroft Station on the 10th day of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear either in person or by your solicitor at the time and place above mentioned such order will be made and proceedings taken as the judge may think just and expedient.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1897.

JOSEPH WM. BURR,
33-43 Deputy Registrar.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B.C., on Monday, the 10th day of January, A.D. 1898, at the hour of 11 a.m.

By Order,
JOSEPH WM. BURR,
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Ashcroft, B.C., Dec. 9, 1897. 3215

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Moffat's	189
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LOWER NICOLA.

G. B. Armstrong left for the east last week on a visit to his old home having received news of the serious illness of his mother. He will be absent for two or three months.

The Christmas tree held here proved a grand success. The building was crowded to the doors and all present seemed to enjoy themselves. The Lower Nicola people have enjoyed the reputation of always giving a good entertainment, and we are glad to note that the reputation is still upheld.

A jolly load has just left for the Bachelors' Ball at Nicola Lake. We expect to hear great things from there soon.

We have had a spell of very nice sleighing, but the thaw of the last few days has left the ground bare in places and a sheet of ice in others.

Cattle so far this winter have done well, and all are feeding.

The roads between here and Spences Bridge are in a bad shape since the thaw. Several teams have had to return home on account of slides on the road.

Wm. N. Pooley is recovering from his recent illness. For several weeks he was dangerously ill, the doctor being in almost constant attendance.

Work on the Nicola river bridge goes steadily on, and if we are to judge of the work by the time it takes to finish the job a fine bridge should be expected. However it will be a great accommodation to those on the south side of the river who are almost entirely cut off from the rest of the valley for about six weeks in summer and for some time in winter.

Reminiscences Of An Old Miner.

The experiences of an old miner are always interesting and usually instructive when well told. If the history of men who have explored the wild regions for precious metals, since the days of '49, were written, it certainly would silence fiction and sensational story; the men who venture into wild mountain regions, fighting their way against the painted savage and wild animals, often enduring cold and hunger that words cannot express, and probing the earth for her hidden treasures, that nations may have money and the people jewelry. When the old prospector opens the way, and new mines are found by himself or some green tenderfoot, a most peculiar crowd settles in the vicinity. About the first business to hang out a sign is the saloon. But a saloon without gamblers and games is worse than a grub claim. Then comes the dance hall. A mining town without a hurdy-gurdy is a dead place. This is the place where the miners spend their money and their evenings.

Says S. H. McKernan: "Often have I seen the old miner with hair as white as the snow on the mountain tops, and whose attire consisted of an old slouch hat, grey shirt, starched with clay, and flour sack pants with the brand on, dancing with the prettiest girl in the hall. An old miner with plenty of dust is the drawing figure among women. Deportment and dress without dust don't draw in a first class mining camp. The old man, above all other men, is the most liberal to a fault; drunk he lets the proprietors help themselves out of his sack. I remember seeing a bartender in a camp in Idaho, called Hogem, take five ounces of gold dust for five drinks of "sure shot" whisky. I asked him why he took so much dust. Said he: "Just to save Bill's life; you see he has been on a three days' drunk and has spent $1,000; he has $1,000 more to spend but we must take it quick or he'll die before he gets sober.' That very saloon keeper is a millionaire today, and old Bill has gone to the happy hunting grounds.

Mining the working miners is the occupation of many who settle in the mining camps, and the bigger the miner's sack the better it pans out for this class. Joaquin Miller uses this to illustrate the fabulous riches of the Klondike, when he tells the story of the Portuguese who pays a woman $100 a day on condition that she does not speak nor dance with a certain miner. This reminds me of the woman who came to Placerville, Cal., in 1850, and opened the Hotel-de-Rustle. The following Sunday the miners turned out by the hundred to dine at the new hotel. But they all wanted the very distinguished honor of dining at the proprietor's private table. Finally it was decided that the man who would pay the most should have the honor. Then the bidding went by leaps and bounds and reached 50 ounces. Finally Long Tom, the tallest and most shabbily dressed and richest of them all, bid 100 ounces and won the distinguished honor. Talk about generosity and big pay! I remember when Florence (one of the first mining camps in Idaho) was at its best, a fine looking woman came into the camp and started a first-class restaurant. One day the establishment burned down and left the woman penniless. John Kelly, the great violinist and singer, was then playing at Little Boston's big gambling house. He heard of the woman's misfortune and went to see what he could do for her. She told Kelly she was the daughter of a wealthy French merchant in Paris and had run away from home because her father had wanted her to marry a young nobleman. She had been teaching music and singing in San Francisco and had saved up $1,000. She had come to Florence to make a fortune and now she was penniless. Well, Kelly made arrangements for her to appear at the big gambling hall and sing a few popular songs and trust to luck. At the appointed evening she appeared and the hall was crowded. She sang "I Have No Mother Now." Ere she had finished the first verse every game was stopped, every ear was charmed and every eye allured by the sweet, sad voice and beautiful form of the singer. She finished. Then the gamblers abandoned their tables and pressed forward with the miners to the stage. They called for a repetition. Then John Kelly stood up and told the woman's story, her flight to America, her loss of every dollar. That was enough. The hardy miners were generous. The stern, cold gamblers stepped forward and weighed their dust or threw down their twenties; $5,000 was the amount handed to the fair singer. Then they requested the woman to sing "Sweet Anna of the Vale," as a receipt in full for their money. She sang the song and I am sure the crowd did not regret paying their money. Five years subsequent I was introduced to this same woman in Helena, Montana. She had made a fortune on Eldorado Bar.

Do you think the old, rusty looking miner has no appreciation of music or song? Why, I have often seen men who had lived for days in the solitude of the mountains come to town and walk into some big gambling hall and toss a yellow twenty to John Kelly to sing some particular song or play a favorite tune. Kelly often told me that in the early fifties he received as $500 for one night's playing in some big gambling hall in Sacramento or some other of the big mining camps. Kelly was a reckless gambler and generally lost all his money at faro. He won $30,000 one night in Sacramento and lost it all the next day.

From the day that Pat Donigan and Jack McGrower discovered gold on Fraser river, prospectors have been trying their luck on the headwaters of the Yukon and Mackenzie rivers. There was more gold taken out of Cariboo and Omenica than was given credit. Several years ago Ed. Schieffelin, the discoverer of Tombstone, A. T., visited the Yukon. He said that prospectors would knock around in that frozen region until some fellow would find a nest of gold frozen to the bed rock that would set men gold crazy.

"The richness of the Klondike supports the story as told by Dancing Bill of Cariboo. In 1865 Bill came to Walla Walla and said he had been in Russian America, and had found a place where gold was so plentiful that nature didn't have gravel enough to cover up the chunks so the dust took muck and moss to do it. We all pronounced Bill a better liar than he was a dancer. But it is just possible that we were too skeptical. Bill loved drink and dance better than he did gold or glory. But the Klondike gold fever is no different in its effects on the minds and movements of men than was the California, Arizona, Pike's Peak, Idaho and Montana gold fevers. This is not the first great gold fever of the frozen north. Fraser river broke hundreds of Californians. Cariboo was rich, and yet many a man lost his health and his wealth in trying to find a big fortune.

But the men who venture into wild mountain regions and pioneer the way to nature's hidden treasures are worth a thousand times to society and the state than those who loiter in cities and wait for something to turn up. But the men who are hatching schemes to mine the miners of the frozen north will succeed in mining many a tenderfoot's pocket.

How Chalk is Made.

One of the few exclusively important imported British products used in our country is chalk. It comes from the river Thames, being obtainable no where else in large quantities. In its crude form, remarkable flint fossils are sometimes found, usually the remains of fish. The process of manufacture from the natural state to that of a form when it can be utilized is simple. When received at the mill the chalk is put into great machines and ground in water, then floated off into vats of water, where all the impurities and foreign substances are precipitated, the water being afterward drawn off by a series of filtering operations, and the soft residum dried by steam heat and exposure to the air; the substance is then reduced to a powder of different degrees of fineness by grinding in burr mills and bolting, when it is ready to be packed into barrels and shipped for use, among the largest consumers being the rubber goods manufacturers; rubber in its crude state being sticky, unmanagable and available only for very simple purposes, becomes vulcanized and hard by adding to it chalk while it is hot, thus rendering it suitable for the various uses to which it is put. As is also well known, a large quantity of chalk is employed in the preparation of paint and putty, being termed whiting when in this form.

Boats for the Canadian Pacific.

A Montreal despatch to the New York Evening Post says: The Canadian Pacific Railway has completed arrangements for the construction of six light draught stern wheel steamers to ply on Alaskan waters in conjunction with the two ocean steamers which they have purchased in Scotland. These vessels will be constructed in Toronto, the contracts having been let to the Bertram & Polson works. Work will begin at once, as it is intended to have them ready for the opening of navigation. The boats are to be of wood plated with steel and will have a length of 150 feet with a beam of 30 feet. They will be put together in the Toronto yards and will then be taken apart and the parts shipped to Vancouver where the boats will be rebuilt.

The Corona arrived on Sunday at Victoria from Dawson bringing 48 miners. They state that there is absolutely no fear of starvation in the spring, and that two of the stores have re-opened after having been temporarily closed. They estimate the washup next spring at from fifteen to twenty million dollars.

Anyone wishing reliable information regarding the overland route from Ashcroft to Lake Teslin can secure the same by remitting 25 cents to J. H. Clements, druggist and stationer, at Ashcroft, for a copy of "Overland to Klondike," through "Cariboo, Omenica and Cassiar." Ten full page illustrations and a correct map of the roads and trails, issued by the B.C. Mining Journal, and contains its special correspondent's report of the actual present condition of the trail. Surveyor J. D. Devereux having been sent over the route by the Journal to examine and report on the same. The book contains in all 70 pages.

Value of Fine Gold per Ounce.

The following simple and practical rule to find the exact value of fine gold per ounce may be useful to many of our readers:

Twenty dollars in gold weighs 516 grains; $100 in gold therefore weighs 2,580 grains. Reduce that number of grains to Troy ounces (480 grains equals one Troy ounce) which gives 5.375 Troy ounces. Coin is 900 fine, therefore .900 times 5.375 equals 4.8375 ounces of 1000 fine; $100 divided by 4.8375 equals $20.6718, which is the value of gold 1,000 fine.

A Peculiar Fabric.

A peculiar fabric, which may find a use for many purposes, is made in Brussels. It is flexible, transparent and impervious to water. This textile material can be washed off with cold water, like a glass pane, by means of a sponge, and is mainly used for portieres, window shades, umbrellas, etc. The patented process for the production of this tissue consists in filling the meshes of a wide-meshed fabric, such as muslin, with chrome gelatine or with a similar material and then rendering the chrome gelatine insoluble by exposure to light. The fabric is then coated on both sides with linseed oil or fat varnish; the treatment with chrome gelatine and linseed oil is repeated several times and the fabric is ornamented by printing.

A Ferry on Mud River.

A. M. Moore, an old timer in the west, who came across the plains from Kentucky to Colorado in 1864, and who has managed to spend most of the years since on the confines of civilization in the western frontier is in Spokane for the purpose of investigating the overland route to the Klondike. He appreciates the fact that there will be a rush that way, and while he has no desire to go to Dawson City himself, he knows enough about a mining stampede to understand that there is money to be made along the trail. He interviewed W. T. Wren, the guide, yesterday, as to what stream on the trail most needs a ferry. Mr. Wren promptly told him that the Mud river is the meanest stream to cross, and a place where a ferry is needed, and must prove profitable. Mr. Moore has about concluded to purchase a cable and the necessary supplies and set out as early as possible with a six-horse team and wagon for the river, so that he may have the ferry established before the rush starts in.

Rev. Mr. Shipprell, of Woodstock, Ontario, has been appointed principal of the Columbian Methodist College, New Westminster. He will begin his new duties at once.

In the case of Mrs. Lulu Jenns vs. Col. Henry Landes, of Port Townsend, Judge Hanford, last week in Seattle sustained the demurrer to plaintiff's amended complaint and held that the plaintiff had not conclusively shown that she is a citizen of British Columbia. The court held that she had shown that she was domiciled in British Columbia, but not that she was a citizen of that country.

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To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. Smith, *Deputy Attorney-General.* WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you that on Thursday, the 10th day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this thirtieth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

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Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

URAL MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that we, Robert B. Skinner and John R. Williams, free miner's certificates No. 9370A and 75404, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1897.

R. B. SKINNER.
JOHN R. WILLIAMS.

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NOTICE.

MINERAL POINT MINERAL CLAIM, situate in Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located,—Cayoosh Creek.

Take notice that we, R. H. Verity and Wm. Wilkinson, free miner's certificate No. 40,046 ank 40,047, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a *Certificate of Improvements*, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

R. H. VERITY.
WM. WILKINSON.

Dated this 11th day of October A. D. 1897.
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G. F. MUNDORF.

Bonaparte, B. C., Dec 28, 1897.

NOTICE.

OWNERS of Placer Claims are invited to send a few ounces of the black or grey sand, obtained in washing the gravel for gold, to the "The Provincial Mineralogist, Bureau of Mines, Victoria," stating the name of the creek from which the sand is taken, and its locality.

It is believed that PLATINUM, and perhaps IRIDIUM, are frequently passed over and lost by the prospector, as they have much the appearance of iron in the sand. These minerals are as valuable as gold, the latter more so, and if the placer claim owners will send the black or gray sand as aforesaid it will be assayed and the results given to the owner.

JAMES BAKER,
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all accounts owing to the late A. McAllinden, of Grouse creek, must be paid to me on or before the 25th of January, 1898. All parties having accounts against the said estate will kindly send them in to me duly certified on or before said date.

JOHN A. FRASER,
Official Administrator.
Quesnelle, Dec. 18th, 1897. 3444

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all accounts owing to the estate of the late George Samuel Barley, of Quesnelle, must be paid to me on or before the 25th of January, 1898. All parties having accounts against the said estate will kindly send them in to me duly certified on or before said date.

JOHN A. FRASER.
Official Administrator.
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Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

BERTA MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that I, C. A. Phair, free miner's certificate No. 55595, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Chinese New Year opens this year on Sunday, January 23rd.

J. Mooney, formerly of Ashcroft, is now operator at Bear creek near Donald.

Mrs. James and Miss Maud Campbell of Cache Creek went to the coast Wednesday night.

In another column will be found the ad of the Bank of British North America at Vancouver.

Gilbert Munroe has been off duty for the past couple of weeks on account of a bad attack of rheumatism.

H. McDonald's bridge crew were on the side track as Ashcroft for the past week doing work in this vicinity.

Work on the claims a few miles east of Lytton is progressing and favorable reports come from these properties.

Professor G. W. Payne, phrenologist, physiognomist and physiologist, gave a lecture in the town hall Thursday evening.

Ed. Glencross has started in the water business and has a sleigh and horse delivering water at his customers' houses.

Quite a number left for Clinton Thursday morning to attend the annual ball held there Thursday and Friday evenings.

The C.P.R. traffic receipts for the week ending December 31st were $797,000; for the same period last year they were $691,000.

Miss Carrie Ogle returned last Saturday from a weeks visit to her parents at Sardis, and left Sunday for Hat creek to reopen the public school.

In another column will be found the proclamation issued by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes calling the legislature to meet on February 10th, 1898.

Miss Florence Hall returned from the 150-Mile House Tuesday evening, where she has spent the last few months, and will visit her relatives here.

Mrs. James and Miss Katie Newland went up to Savonas Sunday night to attend the funeral of Mrs. Adam Ferguson, which was held there Monday.

Municipal nominations on Monday next and polling on Thursday at Kamloops. Mayor M. P. Gordon and Sibree Clark and R. H. Lee are the candidates for mayoralty.

H. Bostock, M. P., spent New Years day in Ashcroft and in the evening held a meeting in the parlor of the Ashcroft hotel with a number of his constituents.

The Vancouver World issued last Friday with its regular edition a Klondike number of 24 pages with lots of valuable reading matter to interest the gold seekers.

R. B. Skinner passed through Ashcroft Wednesday from Lillooet on his way to Vancouver. Mr. Skinner is interested in some good mining property on Bridge river.

Rev. A. G. Hutton, of Kamloops, is in Ashcroft on a visit to M. D. McKee, Presbyterian missionary, and will hold services in the Presbyterian church tomorrow (Sunday, the 9th).

Mrs. Foote, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Veasey, on the Bonaparte, for several weeks, left for Seattle Thursday evening to join her husband, who has just returned from the north.

Mr. G. Barclay and Mrs. Barclay, who have been spending Christmas week with the Hon. C. F. Cornwall's family, left for Penticton Tuesday night, where they own a large ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay have just returned from a trip to the old country.

A party of three men from Boston arrived in Ashcroft last Monday morning on their way to Klondike. They are the advance guard of a few hundred men who intend putting in next season in the north. They will investigate the several routes advertised and decide later on which one they will take. They left for Vancouver Wednesday evening.

Colonel Weatherly, the South African miner, who has been prospecting for quartz in Omenica during the past season, stated in an interview at Vancouver last Tuesday that he had located what he believes to be the "mother lode," from which the streams in Omenica derive their gold. He tells of eight immense veins of quartz cropping out side by side for 1,300 feet up a hillside. His find, he says, is located fifty miles east of Parsnip river.

The Methodist church was formally opened last Sunday morning by the Rev. J. A. Wood, of Revelstoke, chairman of the Methodist conference. In the afternoon Rev. M. D. McKee and Rev. G. H. Osborne held praise services and in the evening the usual services were held with a large attendance. On Monday afternoon an old fashioned tea meeting was held from 5 to 7 o'clock at which a large number participated. After the tea meeting a very nice programe was delivered by the members of the church. The church building is a very neat and comfortable structure and great credit is due the members for their active work in its construction. The receipts of the tea meeting amounted to about $57.

M. D. McKee will hold divine services at Savonas on Sunday.

County court will be held at the court house, Ashcroft, on Monday.

Mrs. F. Webb, who has been ill for several weeks is now able to be about again.

James Haddock, manager of F. W. Foster's store at Ashcroft, is visiting Clinton.

George Roach who has spent the past season in the upper country, is back at Ashcroft.

Messrs. Woodrow & Williams shipped a car of cattle to Vancouver Wednesday evening.

H. P. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis are now occupying the house recently vacated by W. H. Griffin on Fifth avenue.

James B. Leighton, superintendent of the B. X. and John Shields returned Thursday evening from a trip over the Cariboo road.

We are pleased to notice that our esteemed journalistic neighbors up the road have not said anything against the "Overland to Klondike" publication gotten out by the JOURNAL.

The public school will re-open on Monday, January 10th in charge of Mr. R. G. Gordon, of Vancouver, who holds a first class grade A certificate, and who comes well recommended as a successful teacher.

Several new buildings have been erected in Ashcroft this winter and a number are intending to erect residences. Two months from now sleeping accommodations will be at a premium in Ashcroft.

Mrs. W. J. Glencross came over from Lillooet Tuesday evening to attend her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Haddock, who has been seriously ill for some weeks and who is very low at present but good hopes are had of her recovery.

S. P. Fachutur, Felix Seghezza, Dr. R. De Simone and a cook, who left Ashcroft last Monday morning on an exploration trip into the Peace river country arrived at Quesnelle all right and will start shortly over the trail.

W. H. Griffin, who has been employed at F. W. Foster's store at Ashcroft for the past several months severed his connection this week and with Mrs. Griffin left for Vancouver Wednesday evening, where they will reside in future.

The B. X. company have decided to discontinue the extra stage running to the 150-Mile House and leaving Ashcroft Friday mornings. The extra stage was run principally to get rid of the large amount of mail that piled up for Monday morning's stage.

Mr. McGillivray, of the Golden River Quesnelle, who has been exporting the bed of the river during the three days that the water was shut off by closing the gates in the dam, came down from Quesnelle Forks this week and went on down to the coast the same evening.

Denis Murphy, barrister, received the sad intelligence by wire from Victoria Wednesday, of the death of his wife, who has been ailing for some months. Mr. Murphy had just returned from spending Christmas at Victoria, and when he left Victoria his wife was as well as could be expected. He left Thursday evening for Victoria.

David Oppenheimer's death will be noted with sadness by his hundreds of old time friends in Cariboo. No better friend of the upper country has lived than he has been, and his high standing and extensive acquaintance has enabled him to say many words of his personal knowledge of the richness of its mines, and had he been permitted to spend a few more years of life and and activity he would have accomplished much for Cariboo.

The provincial police have decided upon the immediate establishment of a station at Bennet lake, with the experienced headquarter officer, Mr. McKenna, in charge of affairs. It is at this point that Captain Rant, the new gold commissioner and magistrate, will have his headquarters, and the administration of justice, both civil and criminal, may be expected to proceed with becoming smoothness when directed by two so capable and efficient officers.

A correspondent signing himself "Bonaparte" enquires if the man who ate the dog, as was so thrillingly described in the Sentinel of last Tuesday, was trying to find the Kamloops route to Klondike. We do not so understand it. He may have been prospecting for the excellent trail that it is alleged was found a few weeks ago leading from the North Thompson to Bridge creek, 85 miles from Ashcroft. It would not be so very much farther to go that way than it would by the wagon road via Savonas and Cache Creek from Kamloops.

Letters are being sent out by the citizens' committee from Ashcroft asking each member of parliament, who will leave for Victoria from Ashcrost, if they will not favor the citizens by attending a mass meeting to be held at such a time as will be convenient for all, probably about Tuesday night, February 8th, to discuss and advance the work on the trail from Quesnelle to Telegraph creek, and to have it, if possible, begin in March. In thirty days a few gangs of men can cut out the fallen trees and have a first-class trail for any and all, by April, to travel over.

Forty Thieves Mine Sold.

We have direct authority for stating that Mr. R. B. Skinner, of Vancouver, has sold to the B.C Agency, represented by Bairdsey Bouthrone, managing director, the well known property on Bridge river known as the Forty Thieves group consisting of four full claims, the Berta, Ural, Forty Thieves and four fractions. Mr. Skinner purchased half interests of his partners, Messrs. Marshall, Phair and Williams, for $25,000 and sold at a considerable advance still retaining a one-tenth interest in each of two companies that now control the properties. It is intended to develop the properties and to float the entire properties when developed. Mr. Skinner has shown faith in Bridge river by investing in properties there before it was known to the world to be the rich section in quartz that it is, and we are glad to see that he is now being repaid for his enterprise. A large amount of cash was paid down by Mr. Skinner to his partners at Lillooet last Tuesday.

Returns From The Bonaparte Ore.

The result of the shipment of ore from the Rivers mines on the Bonaparte to the smeltor at Nelson, a few pounds over 15 tons of ore, was some 26 ounces silver, $2 gold and 10 per cent. copper, which in itself can be taken as a satisfactory return. This statement is absolutely reliable and goes to prove thoroughly the well founded faith of the company operating these mines. There has been probably $20,000 spent in developing these prospects, situated 16 miles north of Ashcroft. More than 1600 feet of shaft has been sunk or tunnels driven. There has been no noise made about high grade properties nor has stock been sold. Every month has seen a pay day and good fair wages paid. The community are more than pleased to think that the B. C. Development Company, of London, Eng., have proved through their work that there are good mines on the Bonaparte. No more reliable mining men have visited this section of British Columbia than the company's agents and experts, Captain J. R. Mitchell and Mr. P. C. Stoess. What they undertake they will do well.

Freight Shipmnts.

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

Dec.	31,	H C Rayson & Co, Dog ck	3,000
Jan.	3,	D W Smith, Quesnelle	8,000
"	3,	R Cumming, Lillooet	1,405
"	3,	R Rutherford, 150	8,000
"	4,	J Gannon, Clinton	5,087
"	4,	J Dickey, Lillooet	2,200
"	5,	A H Martley, Lillooet	4,040
"	6,	C Ismardy, Chimney creek	1,750
"	7,	A McIntosh, Soda creek	21,000
		Total	43,892

The wickedest man has been found. He lives in Mississippi, and the local parer bewails the fact in this way: "Some fiend incarnate, with the roaring furnaces of hell staring him in the face, entered the residence of John Jones, Saturday night, and stole the Presbyterian Sunday school collection."

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, by desire of the Queen, expresses Her Majesty's deep regret at the sad accident at London, and her sincere condolence with the sufferers and families there who have been bereaved. The colonial secretary of state also asks Lord Aberdeen to convey his own deep sympathy with the sufferers.

A serious fire occurred at Ottawa University Wednesday morning, as a result of which the eastern wing was badly gutted and the beautiful chapel greatly damaged; the total loss is in the vicinity of $10,000, covered by insurance. Rev. Father Tallon, the rector, says the fire will not affect the re-opening of the college, which takes place on Friday.

Mine Superintendent Killed.

Rossland, Jan. 5.—Captain William Hall, the superintendent of the Le Roi mine was killed at 5:20 o'clock this evening by falling down the main shaft, from the surface to the 600-foot level. The body was terribly injured by the fall, and the remains were hardly recognizable. An inquest will be held at 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning, in the city hall, and the body will be sent on the noon train to Spokane, where his family resides, and where the funeral will take place.

Captain Hall was born in Ireland, and was 63 years old. He had extensive experience as a mining man.

U.S. Yukon Relief Expedition.

Portland, Or., Jan. 5.—United States Paymaster James Macfarlane, and 21 pack mules, have just arrived from Fort Washikie, Wyoming, and left immediately for Vancouver (Wash.) Barracks, where preparations will be made to proceed to Alaska for the purpose of assisting in taking rations in to the Yukon miners. One hundred and two pack mules will be shipped to Vancouver by the government to be used in this expedition, and as soon as the contracts for supplies are let the pack animals will be shipped to Skaguay. Captain B. Eldridge, 2nd Lieutenant E. W. Clark, and fifty enlisted men of the 14th Infantry, have been detailed for duty in Alaska, by General Merry, Deputy Commander.

NOTICE.

Two steers branded IW will be sold on my ranch on the 8th January, 1898, to defray expenses of same.

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