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LILLOOET.

The thundering boom of the rock and snow slides is now to be heard on all sides and the creeks and streams are increasing rapidly in size owing to the melting snow. It looks as though there was to be a repetition of last year's flood again, as the Fraser is rising rapidly, but the surplus water may be carried off before the snow melts to any extent in the districts higher up the river.

Mr. Patterson, of the Golden Cache road, is pushing it through as rapidly as possible and has a large gang at work.

Mr. W. Shannon, of Vancouver, has commenced development work on a group of claims down the Fraser. It is a copper proposition and has shown up well so far.

Mr. A. McDonald, road superintendent, is suffering from an accident that happened to him while riding over the Little Slide. A rock came hurtling down and struck him on the leg, giving a very painful wound.

A literary feast was given to the Lillocetites by the talent of our town on Friday night. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The hills are getting clothed in green and spring is at last here.

A very successful concert was held at the school house, Lillooet, on the evening of the 18th inst. Eighty-six people were present, and I am sure all enjoyed themselves immensely. It was the most successful concert ever held at Lillooet. Following is the programme that was rendered:

1. Organ.....Advance march.....
2. Song..."The Harp that once"....J. W. Collins
3. Song..."In the Evening".....G. Woods
4. Song..."I Cannot sing the" etc.. Mrs. Miller
5. Recitation.....J. S. Bell
6. Song..."He never came back"....J. Woods
7. Duet....."Home, sweet home"....Mr. and .....Mrs. Cumming
8. Song....."Far, far away".....F. H. Kinder
9. Song....."Annie Laurie".....Mrs. Reed
10. Reading.....Llewellyn Jones
11. Song..."Off to Philadelphia.. L. Lovegrove
12. Song..."The vacant chair"..Mrs. Marshall
13. Song....."Just tell them".....J. Woods
14. Song "Some day I'll wander" Mrs. Miller
15. Song....."The old sexton".....J. W. Collis
16. Song....."Slide Kelly, slide".....J. Woods
17. Song.....Sailor Boy".....G. Woods
18. Song..."Savannah home"....J. N. Sensen
19. Recitation.....Lasca".....J. S. Bell
20. Song....."Beautiful star".....Mrs. Reed
21. Song....."Oblige a lady".....L. Lovegrove
22. Chorus....."Good night ladies".....

All the songs throughout were sung in good style. The clear voices of Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Cumming were very pleasant to hear, and these ladies were loudly applauded.

Mr. L. Lovegrove, a talented musician, played the accompanyments on the organ and also sang several songs in good style. He is a great acquisition to the place.

Mr. J. W. Collis also deserves special mention. The songs he rendered were very good and showed his splendid voice to be thoroughly trained.

The recitations of Messrs. J. S. Bell and L. Jones met the full expectations of the people, and were deservedly applauded.

A collection was taken up for the purpose of purchasing books, as prizes, for the school children, which amounted to nearly $24.

Major Burnet, P.L.S., made a capital chairman. He and the managers of the entertainment are to be congratulated for the way in which the evening passed off.—COM.

Superintendent's Report of the Cinnabar Mine.

April 3rd, 1897.—The furnace is now fairly in operation. It is working in a very satisfactory manner, but it is not yet possible to say what its full capacity will be until it is more thoroughly heated. It has been increasing from day to day, and is now perfectly reducing about twenty tons. This amount will probably be materially increased in another week or two.

The condensing plant is working perfectly. The water from the first spray is heated to 130 degrees Fah.' and the fourth to only 66 degrees, which is only 26 degrees warmer than the water admitted. This temperature is far below that attained by the old method, and will certainly condense every atom of Mercury. Many furnaces are now operated by natural draft, ours is greatly facilitated by the sprays, but is still very light. I may conclude to arrange for a blower later. There will be no other expense entailed than a few days work and an operating expense of 30 cents or 40 cents per day.

COST OF MINING.

The cost of mining, sorting and transporting ore from the Big Dyke will probably not exceed $1.25 per ton, or at least not for some time to come, and that figure should not be greatly exceeded at the "Yellow Jacket" for the ore above the tunnel level.

The cars are giving very good satisfaction, and every feature of the arrangements is working satisfactorily.

REPORT DATED APRIL 10TH, 1897.

During the week work has progressed as satisfactorily as could be expected. The furnace is working splendidly, and to my surprise is already yielding some Quicksilver We are reducing about twenty-five tons, and will probably increase that amount soon. I have not yet found a trace of Mercury escaping either in the vapors or in the cinders.

Five hundred shares of Le Roi stock were sold in Spokane last Thursday at $7.10 per share.

Lower Nicola Notes.

The people of Lower Nicola and Granite are greatly annoyed at the action of some parties at Nicola lake in trying to have the present mail service between here and Granite creek and Princeton make their headquarters and start from Nicola lake. Why this change should be made is not quite clear to the many residents along the route, as the service has been efficient and the present mail contractor is kind and courteous to all and has made his regular trips in all kinds of weather, only having missed one trip since taking the contract, and that on account of stormy weather and drifted roads. It seems rather a hardship to have his mail contract canceled so soon, as in the first place it was taken low and he has been to considerable expense and has only carried the mail about one year and a half, so he can hardly be even yet. But on the other hand it will perhaps teach cheap contractors that there is a limit to all mail contracts and that limit is determined by the powers that be and is liable to terminate in three months, no matter in what condition it leaves the contractor. But this was not my object in writing. It was merely to show that the removal of the forwarding of the mails from Lower Nicola to Nicola lake is more of an accommodation to the individual than to the public at large. The distance from Lower Nicola to Nicola lake is 12 miles, from Lower Nicola to Princeton 75, from Nicola lake to Princeton 70 miles. Now to gain five miles why should the mail and travelers be compelled to travel twelve miles. Besides this the road from Nicola lake across the mountains to connect with the Granite and Princeton road was blocked up this winter for nearly four months, compelling all travel to return to within about a mile of Coutier, where the Granite and Princeton road proper branches off from the Spence's Bridge and Kamloops road. So any person who is at all familiar with the route traveled will readily see that the distance from Nicola lake to Princeton by the last mentioned route is farther by nearly two miles than it is from Lower Nicola. More than this all the settlers living between Contler and Granite creek have their mail addressed to Contler P.O., on Lower Nicola, where most of them do their trading, their mail being forwarded to them every Friday. But if the forwarding of the mail is changed to Nicola lake all these settlers will, in all probability, be obliged to travel from ten to thirty miles for their mail or have it left for a week at the office before it can possibly be forwarded to them. Thus, to accommodate one or two individuals a whole community must be discommoded, as will be seen by a numerously signed petition sent to Ottawa from settlors along the route. The impression is here that things and the route have been misrepresented to the authorities at Ottawa, as tenders are now being called for, the trip to be made in four days. Now both the present mail carrier and our former carrier will inform you that it is simply impossible to do this during the winter months. In November of last year the mail left Lower Nicola on Friday morning at 6.30 and did not arrive at Princeton until Monday night, owing to the heavy snow, causing slides and drifts which had to be shoveled out before the mail could pass. The mail is still carried over the mountains on sleighs, the snow in places being from four to five feet deep.

Dog Creek

The farmers are all to the front busily seeding.

Mr. James Jamieson, of the Falls Chilcotin, has gone to Granite Creek on a visit to his brother and mother.

Mr. Dester, also of Chilcotin, passed here en route to Pavilion, on business, it is said, of a very pleasant nature. If so good luck and a pleasant life to him.

Mr. G. Place and J. N. J. Brown have been busily engaged painting and renovating the Lee Poe Hotel, which when complete will rank second to none.

The Chilcotinites will hold their meeting on the first of May, when a committee will be formed and sports arranged to take place later on. As usual the Dogites will be there to represent themselves on the athletic field,

Quartz Mining.

During the week past prospecting has been vigorously prosecuted by the Ashcroftites, and in fact by all living in the vicinity, and up the Cariboo road. Good reports are the rule; some rock being found near the 51, that is said to show gold. More good rock from the Hat Creek Country, and rock giving returns of $27 in gold and copper, at Cache Creek, the latter claim being owned by Mr. Paterson and partners, and is near the big deposit of Kaolin, so well known near Mr. Phillip Park's home on the right bank of the Bonaparte. Many claims have been located, and some work started. It is too soon to give any idea of the value of these claims. It is generally believed however, that some of them posess merit, and will, we hope, make mines.

Horsefly.

Some snow is yet on the ground but going fast and water is raising in the river and creeks. It has rained a good deal of late here.

On the Horsefly Gold Mining Company's ground only a few men are as yet at work but more will soon be employed and work pushed.

At Horsefly Hydraulic mine all of the machinery for the ten stamp mill is on the ground and a crew of carpenters at work. The mill will be completed and started in about six weeks and one of the best mines in Cariboo will be opened up. The main tunnel will by that time be pushed in sufficiently far to keep a supply of ore for milling. Look out for good reports.

On the ground of the Miocene Gravel Company, which has extensive interests here, the machinery for sinking is installed and the shaft is now down 50 feet. The machinery is working perfectly and Senator Campbell, the manager, expects to be on rock in 30 days. If all goes well there will be more results from the work at Horsefly this year than any one anticipated at this time a year ago and one of the best camps and greatest gold producers in British Columbia will be here. Don't think this is puttting the case too strongly but watch results.

April 9th, 1897.

Dredging.

During the season of 1896 there were in operation, for at least a few days, not less than seven dredges in this section, viz.: two between Lytton and Lillooet, one a short distance above Lillooet, one on Rich Bar ten miles below Quesnelle, one a few miles above Quesnelle on the Fraser, and one on the Quesnelle just above its junction with the Fraser, and one 20 miles up the Quesnelle river. There has been, of late years, four others built and abandoned. None of the dredges in use last season achieved more than a partial success, and most of them were total failures. A fair estimate of the cost of these dredges would be about $170,000, and so far as is now known none of these dredges will be at work this year, except those in which a radical change of machinery is to be introduced

We think the attempts made on the Fraser to work suction pumps for clearing the beds of streams, has been given a fair trial, and in each case it has not been a success. It seems evident that the natural obstructions to work on this system are such, viz.: swift current and heavy boulders, that a success cannot be expected. There has been enough done however, to prove that the beds of the streams are rich in many places. The small dredges working Norman bar last year raised as high as $70 per day. The Alexandria dredge, while it cleaned up in all only about 24 ounces during the time it was at work, raised in one hour about $40. The trouble was that only spots of this kind could be found and time was lost in looking for more shallow bed rock where boulders would not interfere with the working of the pumps. The system on which these dredges have been worked is thus shown to be wrong. The Underwood dredge at Quesnelle is now being refitted for a complete set of hoisting machinery, and it will be tried as is an ordinary river dredge; that is, with a bucket or dipper that it is claimed will hoist two yards of gravel at each dip, and can easily raise 1,000 yards per 24 hours.

The new dredge on Boston bar is also so outfitted. The Pittsburg, or Young, it is reported, will be so outfitted, and we are informed by Mr. R. A. Anderson of Vancouver, that a company of which he is a member takes over the Fader leases and will build two or more dredges with a dipper attachment.

The Alexandria company that operated on Rich bar will not do anything at present owing to the death of one of the principle owners.

The Dominion company, so called, near Lillooet, have so far done nothing, and likely will not; and the big dredger that cost more than $50,000, near Lytton, seems to be a white elephant. The advent of spring always brings a new crop of dredger men, and it is now time that some of them benefitted by the experience so well paid for and made up their mind if they can hoist with a bucket or dipper a yard of dirt at a cost of two or three cents that contains 40 or 50 cents of gold. There is money in it, for there are many miles where this can be done on the Fraser and Quesnelle, but the idea that each particular kind of a suction pump will do what no other has, or can do, is a mistaken idea. You can't raise boulders nor overcome the swift current that will fill up any place you may operate on as fast as you can take the gravel out. A bar where gold has lodged for centuries can easily be found where a bucket dredge can be operated as is done in harbors or other places; and in this way it is now believed by practical men that have watched operations in this section for years, a success can be made.

Alaska's yield of gold this year is estimated at $10,000,000, which is considerably more than the big territory cost the United States. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Wide Tire Act.

Mr. Kellie's bill to amend the wide tire act, read a second time on Monday, provides:

2. Section 1 of the "Wide Tire Act, 1893," is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

1. "It shall be unlawful for any wagon or vehicle carrying a load of more than two thousand pounds weight avoirdupois to be drawn or driven on any of the public highways of the province of British Columbia unless the tire of such wagon or vehicle shall be at least four inches in width."

3. Section 3 of the said act is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

3. "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drag logs or timber over or along any of the public highways of the province of British Columbia."

4. The provisions for the said act shall only apply to all of that portion of the province situate west of the Cascade range of mountains, and after the first day of January, 1898, to that portion of the province situate east of the Cascade range of mountains, known as the district of West Kootenay.

Slang of the Restaurants.

The time when restaurant slang was considered the proper thing has almost passed and now there are few restaurants in the world where one can have his appetite tested by the mere act of the repetition of his order to the cook. Ten years ago, a man on entering such restaurants on the Bowery as Boss Tweed's, Tom Fish's or "Beefsteak John's" and having any respect for his future appetite or "grub thirst," as it was called then, generally wore his ear muffs.

"This slang runs from 'three links of the Atlantic cable' meaning sausage, 'to San Francisco bay, one small boat, half sunk' (cocktail), and back again," said a "traveling hash," who had been in the business about 12 years.

"I've been all over the country, and I knew Steve Brodie when he was a baby. This business ain't what it used to be though. People are more particular nowadays. The old slang is passing away, and few even remember what it is."

Just then a customer entered, sat down at the table and gave his order, which was repeated to the cook by this brawney Bowery lad.

"Wake up," he cried, "one brown stone front, side of a funeral; two Irish lemons with all clothes on: plate of punk; an easy smear of axle grease and draw one in the dark, cap it all off with a farmer's alliance."

This was all said in one breath. After delivering himself of it, the waiter resumed his conversation:

"Do you know what he wanted?" he asked. "Well, I'll tell you. He wanted a piece of beefsteak, a small order of pork chops, a plate o' bread and butter, a cup o' coffee, and a piece of pumpkin pie."

This slang, he explained, was once very popular among a certain class of restaurants throughout the country, but since the Parkhurst society's work in the Bowery it has gone completely out of vogue, save in one or two cities in the mining regions in the west. Most of the slang phrases are appropriate to the dishes, yet many have little or no connection. A list of staple orders may prove of value in case one should want to know what one is getting:

"Red, white and blue"—corn beef hash.

"Summer time"—oat meal.

"Brass band with leader"—pork and beans.

"Sinkers"—Doughnuts.

"A stack of browns"—hot cakes.

"Mid-ocean"—boiled eggs.

"A mystery"—hash.

"White wings, sunny side up"—fried eggs.

"Packing house quail"—spare ribs.

"Graveyard poultice"—milk toast.

"Three links Atlantic cable"—link-sausage.

"Shipwreck"—scrambled eggs.

To Choose a Puppy.

A man well up in dog lore counsels intending purchasers of a puppy to let the mother of the puppy choose for them. In carrying them back to their bed, the first the mother picks up will always be the best.

His Own Funeral Sermon.

Sydney Smith of Argo, Ga., insisted upon hearing his own funeral sermon, which was preached just a few days before he died, aged 118 years.

A California publisher has established a newspaper callad "The Man." Before the first edition was out eleven hundred old maids had paid a year's subscription in advance.

The Coxey Shaft.

The Coxey has a magnificent showing of ore in the bottom of the shaft. The shaft is now down 80 feet and has been in ore for the last seven or eight feet. The ore runs only about $9, all values, but will concentrate and is therefore all right. It carries about three per cent. copper. — Rossland Miner.

QUESNELLE.

The long winter is about coming to a timely close. The last three days have been almost continuous rain. On the level nearly all the snow has disappeared. The late breaking up of the winter will cause a great loss among the cattle men, but even now grass is growing up and it is hoped that a few weeks will see the hills clothed in verdure and plenty of feed for the cattle that have been so fortunate as to survive the long and severe winter. The supply of beef will be limited the coming season but as the traffic under the present regime will be revised the importation of cattle free of duty will overcome the dearth that might otherwise occur and the consumer will suffer no unnecessary inconvenience.

The roads are not in a favorable condition for traveling. The stage came in this week, the first of the season on wheels. Part of the way the sleigh had been used. The stage arrived on Thurs. day night over a day late. This was the first occasion during the winter that we had not the mail on scheduled time. In future no doubt the arrival will be as punctual as before. The road above Quesnelle is in a bad condition and traveling will be difficult until the roads are clear of snow.

Mr. Dan McCaskill has charge of the work on Pioneer No. 1 dredge, which has been laid up during the winter. The engines and machinery were removed last fall. This spring the work of replacing the boilers and engines is commenced. The plan that is to be adopted this year is the dipper dredge and the pumping process is discarded as not suitable for the character of the channel of the Quesnelle. Mr. McCaskill is building a large scow for the purpose of carrying off the tailings. A good deal of work will be done to put the plans in full operation. This no doubt will prove the most successful means of lifting the gold from the river and the enterprise of the company will deserve success. As Mr. McCaskill has had long experience in all sorts of dredging work, the present undertaking is in safe hands. There is no question of the richness of the river bed. All that is wanted is skilll, ingenuity and capital and the first to make a success of any plan or scheme will be hailed as the benefactor of the country.

Mr. Norton arrived by last stage, having spent the winter on the sound. His sojourn on the coast seems to have renewed his youth, like the eagle's. Mr. Norton goes on Tuesday next to the San Juan, with three partners. The prospect of a good season is before him. Last season the claim, which was situated on a tributary of the Cottonwood, was closed early on account of the want of water. This season there is a prospect of an abundant supply and no doubt every available means will be utilized to develop this valuable location.

Mr. Sydney Williams, D. L. S., will leave by stage on a surveying tour below Soda Creek. He will be absent for some time.

Col. De Loynes is expected up tomorrow and will begin work early on the claim situated twenty-five miles up the Quesnelle known as the "French" claim. The scarcity of water also last season caused considerable difficulty in fully testing the value of this claim.

Mr. Seymour Baker is expected shortly from England and it is reported has interested capitalists in London to open up a location a few miles up on the Fraser.

Our correspondent no doubt refers to the quarentene instead of duty being taken off cattle imported.

Stuart's Lake.

Stuart's lake is about 200 miles north of Quesnelle. Fort St. James is located at the foot of the lake, where the surrounding landscape is most enchanting. This noted Fort was established years ago by Donald Fraser, who came overland via Peace river. The Fort is simply a trading post for Indians. Here hardy plants, such as turnips, and cabbage can be successfully grown, although agricultural land is very limited. Horses have been wintered at the Fort, but of course feed had been provided in sufficient quantity for their sustenance. The country is chiefly timbered and at Burkly, which is 60 degrees north latitude, are found specimens of the Douglas pine. Game of all kinds in goodly numbers abound, such as Caribou, Elk, Moose, fur bearing animals and waterfowl. Fish have been caught measuring three and four feet in length. The Indians here chiefly devote their time to trapping, hunting and fishing.

In 1872, during the Peace river excitement G. Wright took his steamer "Victoria" from Soda Creek to Stuart's lake. The boat was used as far as Burkley station and there abandoned, there being a trail make to transport goods to the Peace river mines.

Goods are brought to Fort St. James from Quesnelle up the Fraser by means of batteau. The salmon make their way up Stuart's lake, where the Indians dry large quantities of them.

Fort George is west of Fort St. James and is a branch station. Cattle have been wintered here successfully, being of course fed.

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Millions in Developed Gold Mines.

The value of developed gold mines in British Columbia and Ontario is going up by leaps and bounds. Le Roi, which, until the past few days, had been rated as a five million dollar property, is now talked of as worth ten millions. W. J. Harris, talking to the Spokane Spokesman, described the five new drifts lately opened up and said: "With the new plant now in successful operation, and hoisting from 150 to 175 tons of ore daily, and the recent explorations of the mine showing up large bodies of ore, why is not the Le Roi mine worth $10,000,000 to-day, instead of $5,000,000?" Mr. Harris and other Le Roi men are interested in the Lily May. The Toronto Globe, speaking of the last named, describes it as the pioneer mine of the region. Judge Turner, of the Le Roi, is president: W. J. Harris, vice-president; Frank Kiser, secretary-treasurer and Frank Watson, general manager.

The New York papers are not usually willing to point to anything that would have the effect of advertising Canada, but are being forced to notice the gold discoveries in Ontario. It gives the story of the find of the Sir Bill Lake gold veins by an old Indian, and says: "In the new gold fields of the great Canadian Northwest a discovery has been made which promises to be the richest strike made in many years. If this find continues to pan out as well as at present indicated, its present owners will be rich beyond the dreams of avarice, their bonanza strike will be heralded the world over, and a rush, which will eclipse the California gold fever of '49, will begin with the coming of spring. The lucky finders and prospective bonanza kings are Harry Folger, the private secretary of R. P. Flower, of Flower & Co., bankers, formerly governor of the State of New York, and many times millionaire, and James Hammond, who is known throughout Canada and particularly in the great Northwest, as an intrepid explorer, and one of the most skillful mine prospectors of that region." After describing the veins, the World concludes, "then came the find that promises to make its owners bonanza kings. In a latter examination of the claim Prospector Hammond struck a dyke so rich in ore that he doubted even his own experienced eyes. The men were set to work and the dyke was found to extend a mile and a half, and to be the most wonderfully prolific that Hammond had ever seen."

The rapidity with which gold mining is being developed on the Canadian Pacific coast is shown by conservative estimates which place the output of the Kootenay before the present year is out equal in value to a million dollars a month, i. e., $12,000,000 a year. This much is assured by present development under existing conditions, but it hard to say how much the output will advance when the recently discovered fact that much of Rossland's low grade ore is practically free milling, capable of profitable treatment in a stamp mill, is generally taken advantage of.

The subject of the treatment of Canadian ores by Canadian smelters instead of the stuff being sent to the United States side of the frontier, is brought up by the Nelson Tribune which says: There is no reason why Canadian smelters should not treat British Columbia ores and export the product to Europe. The Dominion government should not allow the present condition to remain by which the government of the United States collects an import duty from British Columbia ores, and secures the additional advantage of having the ores treated American smelters. If Hewitt Bostock is alive in the interests of Kootenay, he will urge upon the Federal government the necessity for securing some other market than the United States for the mineral product of British Columbia. There is no necessity for the smelters of the United States acting the part of middleman in the marketing of the ores of British Columbia. There is a chance in this matter for Hewitt Bostock to show the stuff he is made of.

Picking Up Gold Nuggets.

The tales told by Ed Thorp since his return from the Klondike have set Juneau wild. He says: "The stories in circulation concerning the extraordinary richness of the recent discoveries in the Klondike district have not been exaggerated in the least. Gold in paying quantities has been found on a number of creeks above Bonanza, but interest centers almost entirely in that stream and Eldorado, its first and principal tributary. The amount of gold contained in many of the claims, which can be computed with a reasonable degree of accuracy by sinking a dozen or fifteen prospect holes in various portions of the pay streak and taking an average of a number of pans from each one, is almost incredible. When it is remembered that dirt that averages 10 cents to the pan is considered very rich, what must it be when it runs $4 and $5 to the pan? On Clarence Berry's claim, No. 6, Eldorado, all the men that could be had were given employment this winter at $1.25 an hour. He has sunk some fifteen or twenty prospect holes to bedrock, and has located the pay streak for a width of 150 feet and averaging three feet in thickness the full length of his claim. Pay dirt is encountered immediately under the muck, which in that locality is about nine feet thick, that goes from 8 to 25 cents to the pan, but the pay streak is not considered to have been struck until 75 cent dirt is reached. Pans taken from the bedrock on this claim almost stagger one's belief, they not infrequently running as high as $150 and $200. The heaviest pan washed out so far in the entire district came from No. 6 and weighed $338, one nugget alone in the pan weighing $338. Berry's expenses this winter have been from $100 to $150 per day, and he settles with his employees every evening after working hours, using only a pan and some water secured by melting ice to wash out the amount necessary to pay his labor. The amount of gravel already lying on the dump ready to be washed out as soon as the water runs, contains a fortune close on to six figures.

"I was standing near Berry's dump one evening when Mrs. Berry came down from the cabin to call her husband to supper. While waiting for him to come up the shaft she picked up over $50 in coarse gold and nuggets that was lying loose in the gravel just as it came from bedrock, not five minutes time being occupied in doing it."

Dominion Mining Lands.

The following is a summary of the regulations with respect to the manner of recording claims for mineral lands other than coal lands, and the conditions governing the purchase of the same.

Any person may explore vacant Dominion lands not appropriated or reserved by government for other purposes, and may search therein, either by surfacing or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining a mining location for the same, but no mining location will be granted until actual discovery has been made of the vein, lode or deposit of mineral or metal within the limits of the location or claim.

On discovering a mineral deposit any person may obtain a mining location, upon marking out his location on the ground in accordance with the regulations in that behalf, and filing with the agent of Dominion lands for the district, within sixty days from discovery, an affidavit in form prescribed by mining regulations, and paying at the same time an office fee of five dollars, which will entitle the person so recording his claim to enter into possession of the location applied for during the period of one year. The entry will be renewed from year to year provided the sum of one hundred dollars at least has been expended in actual mining operations on the claim within each and every year.

Simple Tests for the Prospector.

The Mining and Electric News gives some tests for lead, silver, gold, copper and iron ores.

Lead and silver.—Take a piece of the ore to be examined, powder it and pass it through a fine sieve. Take 25 grains, or thereabouts of the powdered ore, place it on an iron spoon, and roast until no smell of sulphur arises. Place the samples in an evaporating dish and add twice the quantity of nitric acid, diluted with a little more boiled rain, snow, ice or distilled water, and allow it to settle. If cloudy, the solution must be filtered. If clear, carefully pour of the solution from the sediment into three portions in three different glasses. Add to one portion a few drops of common salt solution of muriatic acid. This will precipitate lead and silver, if any, as a white chloride: add the salt solution until the precipitation ceases. Pour off the solution and wash the precipitate with boiling water: This will dissolve if lead, leaving the silver in the residue; pour off the solution from the precipitate, and add ammonia to the precipitate, which will dissolve it if silver. The chloride of silver, if exposed to the sunlight, turns to a darker shade of color than the chloride of lead, and in that case will not dissolve in ammonia. It should, therefor, be done quickly and under cover.

Gold. To the original and undissolved ore add (aqua regia) one part nitric to two parts hydrochloric (muriatic) acid to cover the ore. Digest for half an hour gently over a lamp, add water until cool, and place it in a glass or test club. Now add a few drops of chloride of tin solution; if gold, a purple color will be shown.—"The Purple of Cassius." This, on shaking, if too much of the chloride has not been added, will disappear. Add a little sulphate of iron solution, and it will form a brown precipitate, which will not disappear on shaking.

Copper. Add amonia to a portion of the first solution, and if copper is present it will give a blue color.

Iron. Add to another portion of the first solution a little of the ferror cyanide of potassium solution (yellow prussiate of potash). If iron is present a deep blue color will be shown (Prussian blue).

Rossland's Ultimate Size.

The merry sounds of the hammer and saw continue to be heard, as they have been since Rossland was first founded. The number of structures erected each month is large, but it is not equal to the demand, which keeps far ahead of the supply. This is substantial evidence of the rapidity with which this city is growing. A well-informed mining man in speaking of the probable ultimate size of Rossland yesterday said that he thought it would within the next three or four years have a population of 25,000. When asked what he based his estimates on he replied that there were a dozen of ore producing mines at present, and that this number would be more than doubled during the present year. That the number would be added to until perhaps fifty mines would be giving out such a tide of golden wealth that it will make Rossland the largest and wealthiest mining city on the continent. This is a sort of a rosy view, but it is easily within the range of possibilities in this, the new El Dorado. Rosslander.

Harrison River District.

Prospectors and others arriving down from Harrison at New Westminster last week, report that they met many going in, while, at various points along the lake, parties may be seen staking out claims or starting in to develop properties already located.

Deep Cave mine near Silver Creek, was sold, on Saturday last, to a Seattle syndicate, for $8,000 cash. Little development had been done on this claim, but all parties are satisfied with the deal.

The latest report from the Providence mine is that the vein is widening out as greater depth is reached, and it now measures seven feet. Assays from this depth show increased value, running in some place as high as $700 to the ton.

The Golden Eleven group is looming up, and, though no great depth has been reached, the ore, which is free-milling, yields $27.

At Silver Lake one King has located twelve claims, which are expected to turn out well. It is reported that these have been bonded to Sir W. C. Van Horne and Warner, but the figure is not given. This is also a free milling proposition, and surface assays give from $7 to $31 in gold.

Mr. Purcell purposes opening up the old Douglas townsite, and placing the lots on the market. Mr. Brown's townsite is on the opposite side of the bay from this. The latter circulates making a new trail into his claim, by which about twenty miles of travel will be saved.—Columbian.

P. A. O'Farrell, in the Daily Post Intelligencer has this to say in concluding a letter on the mines of British Columbia:

All things considered, I know no part of this continent, nor, indeed, of any other, where the outlook, from an industrial standpoint, is as bright as it is here today. War and rumors of war are far from here, and enterprises and labor and capital are protected and fostered better, perhaps, than in any other country I know of. Moreover, the British Columbian is animated by no narrow spirit. He is neither a Boer nor a Yankee. He does not devise alien laws to exclude the foreigner from sharing the riches hidden in the mountains of this country, nor when such riches are acquired, does he seek to rob the stranger under the guise of law. Hence British Columbia is fast winning for herself the friendship and admiration of Americans who have crossed the line to share in the great and prosperous days in store for this wonderful land.

Obituary.

It is a painful duty to chronicle the death of John A. McRae, son of Donald McRae of Maxville, Ont. Mr. McRae came from Chilliwack, B. C., to this place about six months ago, and afterwards engaged in the harness-making business.

About two months ago he was taken down with an attack of la grippe, which developed into heart failure, and in spite of all care and medical skill he passed away on March 29th, at the early age of 26 years. Although he had only been here but a short time he had won the esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

The funeral service was held at the Masonic hall, on Wednesday, the 31st, by the Rev. Mr. Dodds, pastor of the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of Rossland Lodge, No. 56, I.O.G.T. Then the procession, which was the largest in the history of the camp, was headed by the Rossland cornet band, proceeded to Laurel Hill cemetery, where the impressive funeral service of the order was conducted by the officers of the lodge. Rosslander.

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50-5 R. P. RITHET.
Canoe Creek, April 9th, 1897.

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Is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of sixty days make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of pasture land in Lillooet district, commencing at a post set on the south of the land applied for by R. P. Rithet, thence east 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.
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Cold Storage.

Some idea of the useful part cold storage may be expected to play in Canada's trade with Great Britain was given concisely and clearly in Professor Robertson's address to the recent meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association, a full report of which has been received by the Flag.

Will cold storage raise the price of anything in Manitoba? was the question the Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner proceeded to consider. In so far as it will, he said, the people will produce more; the farmers will get more profit, and also those who handle products. This applies to butter, bacon, beef, cheese, eggs and poultry. The British are good customers for all kinds of food. There is not a country that does not send its surplus food to England. Whatever surplus goes East fixes the price for all that goes West. Butter in British Columbia, for example, will bring just a quarter of a cent more than the price it would fetch if sent to Great Britain. Our products, which are the best, should go to the markets at their best, and not be spoiled on the road. He pointed out the advantage of exporting flour and oatmeal rather than wheat and oats.

To ship steers to Britain costs $30 a head, and they don't get there at their best. There is a shrinkage of 50 to 70 lbs; they run the tallow off their kidneys. To ship by the carcase, tongue, heart, etc., costs $12 to $15 instead of $30; there is a shrinkage of only 5 pounds instead of 50. An efficient system of cold storage as arranged for should add $10 to $15 to the value of every steer exported. He held that it does not pay to make more cheese in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories than is wanted for the home market.

In the exports of butter from Canada 81,750,000 has been gained in two years by cold storage. He advised to go slow with reference to the establishment of a condensed milk factory in Manitoba; the milk must be put into the factory within an hour or an hour and a half after the cows give it. Manitoba should raise poultry enough for its own market and a surplus for British Columbia. He gave some practical suggestions as to turkey raising. He described the construction of a box for young turkeys so that they can run on the warm, dry grass until they are eight or ten days old. In these days people pay for condition, for dainty quality in the things called perishable.

Cold storage is not for the purpose of improving things, but to preserve them against being spoiled by natural changes. There are four ways of preserving things; one is by keeping the air out; another is by raising the temperature, as by boiling; another, by adding things, and the last, by the application of cold storage. The low forms of life which cause changes do not act in cream above 158 degrees, or in butter one degree below 32 degrees. The professor in this connection explained the various methods of cold storage. Taking up the question of cold storage for cheese, he said it was important now to make cheese as soft as possible; to keep it from spoiling it must not be above 65 degrees. Cold storage for beef and butter had already done important work for getting the best customers.

With reference to the new creameries for which arrangements were made as the result of the Agricultural Commissioner's western trip, a summary is given in an interview with a Winnipeg Free Press representative, from which we glean the following:—

Along the main line of the C. P. R. arrangements have been made to start new creameries at Moosomin, Whitewood, Grenfell, Wolseley and Qu'Appelle Station. In addition to these and contributary to them will be a number of cream separating and cream gathering stations—one at Fort Qu'Appelle, tributary to Qu'Appelle Station; one at Le Bret, tributary to Indian Head, and one at Moffat, tributary to Wolseley. The government dairy station at Moose Jaw which has given satisfactory results in the past, will be continued with a prospect of 50 per cent. larger output this year than last. The growth of the business at Moose Jaw, since it was taken over by the government in 1894, has been at the rate of over 50 per cent. increase annually.

In Alberta the old creameries of the Calgary and Edmonton district had in most cases come to grief financially. Extensive buildings had been erected and plants purchased before the people were quite ready to supply a large quantity of milk or cream. Then the farmers became afraid lest the proceeds from the sale of their butter might be absorbed to meet the debts of the companies which provided these extensive and expensive plants, and the want of confidence prevented the creameries from getting supplies of milk sufficient to make possible the manufacture of butter at the usual charges, without getting behind every year. Matters had arrived at a point where the companies were unable to carry on business and the farmers who had milk could find no outlet for it through the creameries. The Commissioner visited the different points along the Calgary and Edmonton road and made arrangements at each place in accordance with the circumstances of the district. In most cases new butter and cheese manufacturing associations were formed, composed of the farmers, to take over the buildings and plants of the old companies at a valuation. Arrangements were made by the new associations by which the government will manage the business for them for three years, manufacturing and marketing the butter for 4 cents per pound. In addition to this, a rate of 1 cent per pound will go to form a loan fund. This fund will be used to pay for the buildings and plant. Every farmer will become an owner in the creamery to the extent of the amount contributed to this loan fund.

At every point visited there were large meetings of farmers, and at each meeting resolutions were passed expressing satisfaction with the plan proposed by the government for assisting the dairy business in the territories. It is expected that some of the creameries taken charge of by the government, will begin making butter on the 1st of April; others will be opened as soon after the 1st of May as possible. Two experts of the Commissioner's staff were left to give information and directions for the erection of ice houses at each place where a creamery is to be operated. The government will take charge of fourteen or fifteen fully equipped creameries, and fourteen or fifteen tributary stations, at each of which either milk or cream will be received.

The farmers everywhere expressed satisfaction at the completion of arrangements for cold storage on railway cars and steamships. It is expected that this will add $10 to $15 to the value of each steer by reduction in transportation costs, and avoidance in shrinkage in weight, without making any allowance for the improved condition of the beef when landed.

A cold storage building is being erected in connection with the creamery at Calgary, and will accommodate some of the produce coming down the line from Edmonton; and negotiations are in progress looking to the establishment of a cold storage warehouse at some point in British Columbia, to which car loads of butter, eggs, poultry and fresh meats can be sent to be distributed among the mining camps in small lots to suit the purchasers. This will enable Canadian farmers to get the benefit of the market which otherwise would be controlled by producers in the United States who can ship by way of Spohane Falls, and distribute twenty-four hours after the order is given. Without a cold storage building at Revelstoke, Nakusp, or Arrow River, it would be impossible to send less than car load lots of poultry, butter, eggs and beef from Alberta. With cold storage at one of these points, produce can be delivered in from twelve to twenty-four hours, and that in excellent condition.

Among the 34 gold-producing countries in the world, Canada is eighth. Last year the United States led the procession with a gold product of $57,000,000. The seven next in order were: Australia, $43,709,322; Transvaal, $43,184,819; Russia $31,500,037; Mexico, $6,989,000; India, $6,000,008; China, $5,167,500; Canada, $3,700,000. In another year Canada will probably take a higher standing.

The longest tunnel in the world is the St. Gothard, which 48,840 feet. The next longest are Mount Cenis, 39,850 feet; Hoosac, 26,080 feet; Severn, 22,902 feet; Nochistongs, 21,659 feet; Suits, 21,120 feet.

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JEPTHA S. ROSS,
Chilcoten, B. C. 47-50

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership in the farming and ranching business lately carried on near Ashcroft under the name of Lehman and Peterson has been dissolved this day by mutual consent. Isaac Lehman taking over all the assets of the said partnership.

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JOHN H. ROSS.
108-Mile House, Feb. 24, 1897. 44-51

NOTICE.

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H. O. BOWE.
Alkali Lake, March 4th, 1897. 46

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Witness: TOMMY BATES, Indian
A. W. Hardie. his X mark.
150-Mile House, March 28th, 1897. 47-50

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A. E. CAMERON.
Canoe Creek, B.C., March 30th, 1897.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 160 acres, more or less, of pastoral land, situated in Lillooet district, commencing at the north-east corner of lot 351, G. 1, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence westerly, following lake to starting point.

W. ALLAN
Bridge Creek, B.C., 20th March 1897. 47-3

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 160 acres of meadow land, situated in Cariboo district, five miles up the Horsefly river, near Mollit creek, commencing at a post marked A.M., thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, to point of commencement.

ALEX. MEISS.
Horsefly, B.C., March 25th, 1897. 48-3

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that Charles Haddock has sold to Thomas M. Hamilton all his interest rights and claims in the stock, book debts and good, will of the furniture and upholstering business, recently started by himself and Mr. J. E. Glencross at Ashcroft, B. C. Thos. M. Hamilton has taken over the same with Mr. Glenhross and hasassumed the responsibilities and liabilities of the business carried by Charles Haddock.

Both parties hereby confirm the above.

CHAS. HADDOCK.
THOS. W. HAMILTON.
C. H. GIBSON (witness.)
Ashcroft, March, 1897.

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

TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned, on or before April 21st, for drilling a number of test holes to bedrock, aggregating 2,000ft. through clay and gravel soil. The work to be done on certain mining property, situate on the westerly bank of the south fork of the Quesnelle river, Cariboo, and owned by Thos. Mills Esq. The contractor to supply his own tools and all gear necessary for the work. The contractor to state the price per lineal foot for which he will do the work. Specifications may be seen at our office. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GARDEN, HERMON & BURWELL.
Vancouver March 30th, 1897. 48-51

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.

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,
46 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 200.—Gerald Dester, pre-emption record No. 192, dated 8th October, 1894.
" 200.—Sidney Williams, pre-emption record No. 237, dated 12th August, 1895.
" 201.—Richard H. Parkinson, pre-emption record No. 200, 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, one 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 dollars, 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.

If 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,
Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

C. PHAIR,
Assessor and Collector.
Lillooet, 2nd January, 1897.

Lumber! Lumber!

We have a first-class portable saw mill on the Cariboo road and are prepared to contract with parties for lumber for mills, fluming, dredges, buildings. Correspondence solicited,

Prices right, and we guarantee satisfaction. All work turned out promptly.

Lyne Bros., 150-Mile House.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

QUESNELLE, B. C.

New management. Hotel headquarters for B. X. stages. Headquarters for mining men, well furnished rooms. Table supplied with everything in season. Most complete bar in Cariboo.

Stables in connection, Hay and Oats in quantity.

F. HOFERCAMP & A. JOHNSON, - - Proprietors.

83 MILE HOUSE.

Stages Each Way Stop Over Night.

First Class Accommodation for Guests. Good Bar in Connection. Good Stabling and Feed for Horses.

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SODA CREEK, B. C.

R. McLEESE, Proprietor.

A full assortment of Dry Goods, Boots, and Shoes, Liquors, Cigars, Hardware, Hay, Grain, and Miners Supplies, at reasonable rates.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

A. & J. McRAE,

HOTEL & GENERAL STORE.

QUESNELLE FORK, B. C.

A full assortment of Drygoods, Boots and Shoes, Liquors, Cigars, Hardware, Miners Supplies. Hay, Grain and Stabling. Prices right.

THE STRONG HOTEL

Newly furnished and refitted. A quiet boarding and lodging house. Rates reasonable. Home cooking. Table supplied with the best in the market, and properly served.

CHARLES ARMSTRONG, QUESNELLE, B.C.

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Manufacturers of Fine Havana Cigars. Our Specialties:

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Cheapest house on earth, write for prices.

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Good Stabling in connection.

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ASHCROFT, - - - - - - B. C.

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JAMES McKNIGHT, Proprietor.

MOST CONVENIENT HOUSE TO THE RAIWAYSTAION

LYTTON, - - - B.C.

CARIBOO.

BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS Company, Ltd

For Barkerville and all intermediate points and connections north of Clinton every Monday and Friday morning at 5:30 o'clock, returning, arrive Ashcroft every Tuesday and Saturday.

For Clinton and intermediate points stage leave Ashcroft on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning following day.

LILLOOET

Stages for Lillooet and intermediate points leave Ashcroft on Mondays and Wednesdays, Monday's stage leaving Ashcroft at 5:30 a.m., going through to Lillooet via Marble Canyon same day, and returning to Ashcroft the following day.

Fare between Ashcroft and Clinton, $5. Return limited tickets, good 8 days $8
Extra stages, or special rigs (buggies or light stages) furnished at short notice.
Feed Stables and Corral at Ashcroft, with water on the premises, and best attention given. Rates moderate.

S. TINGLEY, Manager and Superintendent. Head Office, Ashcroft, B. C.
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suitable for freighting and farm purposes.
Buggies, Carts, Spring Wagons
all at prices to suit the times.
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WINES LIQUORS AND CIGARS

VICTORIA, B. C.

LOCAL NEWS.

See notice of C. S. Robins of Ducks, horses for sale.

The bridge across the *Bonaparte* at Cache Creek is being repaired.

See A. G. MacIntosh's notice of ranch, stock, etc., *in another column.*

Mr. A. Stevenson, of *Lytton*, was in town this week on public road business

Several bands of horses from the *Okanogan county will shortly* be driven in.

In the future time will be reconed, from the hard winter of '96-'97 when so much stock was lost.

See notice of sale of the stock and farm implements on the Hawke's estate, Soda Creek, B. C.

Thirteen people left on *Monday's* stage for Cariboo and way and a full load again on *Wednesday.*

Kamloops is making arrangements for $6.00 coal delivered from McNeal's mines at Antracite. Why not Ashcroft?

S. Gibbs, of Vancouver, spent a day in Ashcroft this week and then went on to Lillooet on mining business intent.

The dog trot of a chinaman packing water on a balancing pole comes very near being the inventor's idea of perpetual motion.

J. Wilson has an imported race horse, Australian stock, that is a source of pleasure to stock men to look upon. It *is a splendid animal.*

Henry Harvey is neatly domiciled in his bachelor quarters on Bancroft *street.* There is some talk among the young folks of charivarding him.

How about that custom's house which it has been promised by our members should be established at Ashcroft long since? It does not materialize.

Miss Abernethy, now in Honolulu, will, it is reported, soon return to her home in Vancouver, not being particularly pleased with life in that far away island.

A. H. Sroufe, of *Sidney, Washington,* is in Ashcroft again on his way to the *Cariboo mines.* Ashcroft friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Sroufe's health is much improved in the past year.

M. G. Drummond and wife, of *Chilcotin,* are on a visit to the coast. Mr. *Drummond had hard luck* with his cattle during the winter but it was not so bad for Chilcotin as it was feared a month ago it would be.

We don't want to boast of our football team but don't really think there is another club that can hold a candle to them in play between Savonas and Thompson's Siding and when they make a goal, my, how they can yell.

R. A. Fraser, of the JOURNAL, has again been called to the coast, this time by the death of his father, who died on Wednesday, after being for some days unconscious. Mr. Fraser was an old citizen of the province and much respected.

The professional card of Hugh Watt, M. D. appears in the Fort Steel Prospector. Dr. Watt was a few years ago *located in Barkerville,* and afterwards at the 150-Mile House, and represented the district in the local parliament. The doctor's old friends wish him success.

The JOURNAL is in receipt of a courteous *letter from Hewitt Bostock,* M. P., regarding public documents and *public affairs of this section.* Mr. Bostock's efforts to secure a custom's office at Ashcroft are commendable and should be successful. It is needed and there is positively no reason why it should not be done.

If specimens continue to come into the JOURNAL office the way they have for the past week we shall need a stamp attachment for the press and if the ore is as rich as its elated owners think it is we could have plenty of money just milling specimens, but to be honest, the most of it seems to be, from *assays, largely filled with "traces."*

Mr. W. A. Dier, of Dier, Davis & Russell, of Victoria, was on yesterday's *train on his way home from Toronto,* where he has made several sales of valuable mining properties located in the Fairview camp. The same gentlemen are owners of the Tinhorn, Big Horn and Fortune group, and will shortly erect a 20-stamp mill on the same. Fairview camp is looking up.

The JOURNAL is requested by some of the owners of neighboring ranches, to say, that while they do not wish to put anything in the way of prospecting on any part of their ground, several instances have occurred where gates have been left open and fences thrown down, stock escaping and inconvenience and annoyance caused thereby, it is only fair to ask that any persons entering an enclosure should be very careful to leave gates and fences in as good condition as found. For the sake of fair play all around we hope this complaint will not have to be made again. A man who will deliberately use a gate or take down a fence and leave the field open is too lazy and lawless to prosper.

Snow is going fast in the Lillooet country.

John Mitchell of the 51 is in town for a few days.

The Duke of York left for up country on Thursday.

Wm. Dodd, Government Agent of Yale is in town.

Gust Lange and party for Dragon creek, came in this morning.

Read the wide tire act as passed and get your wagons ready for Jan. 1st, 1898.

And now what country can show better weather than the Thompson river valley?

Senator James Reid, of Quesnelle, left Ottawa for home Thursday morning of this week.

Officer Anderson, of Quesnelle, returned home this week from the coast, where he had been with a prisoner.

Mr. Munson, for some years of Quesnelle, *is in town on his way home after* a pleasant winter spent in the east.

Misses. Katie Newland, Belle McLaren, Ethel Fergusen and Mary Pringle are in town for the Easter holidays.

Mr. Lehman has repaired the machinery for the village water works and water is again flowing through the pipes.

All three of the blacksmith and wagon shops in Ashcroft are well supplied with work and a busy season is promised.

Mr. Woods, Indian agent of Kamloops, was in town the fore part of the week on business connected with his numerous wards.

The new furniture and Murphy's barber shop fronts make quite an im*provement to the north end of railroad* avenue. A. Walter's place also presents a good appearance.

Walter Langley leaves tomorrow for Victoria, where he has a new residence erected and will make his headquarters, visiting his ranch near Ashcroft occasionally. Mr. Langly will be missed in the country.

We are unable to get any news of the mail contracts, as the Post-master General has not yet taken up the subject of tenders for British Columbia. Is is reported that they will be examined the fore part of next week.

A small party left Ashcroft this week for Omineca by pack train. They had not much knowledge of packing, but one of their cayooses had, and insisted on mixing their salt, sugar, gum boots, *flour, etc., and then piled them up in* the road.

F. C. Lawrence and J. G. Collins left this week for a few weeks absence. They went first to Seattle and from there intend taking a steamer for Cook's Inlet, Alaska, where Mr. Lawrence has mining interests. They intend returning in the course of a few weeks.

John Hardy and Mr. Welch, the latter a Kootenay prospector, have been prospecting the past few days across the river and down from Ashcroft. They found what they consider to be good rock and are much pleased with the outlook.

Monday Night

The McCleary Comedy Co.

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Dutch and Irish Specialties, Guitar *and Banjo Solos. Duet Singing.* Two Hours of Solid Fun. A Free Dance after the Performance. Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money refunded.

Freight Shipments.

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

April 13,	J. Gannon, Clinton	5,075
"	12, R. Cummings, Lillooet	4,260
"	12, George Wolf, Lillooet	652
"	16, R. A. Walker, Clinton	13,797
"	Henry Martin	3,300
"	13, A. H. Marley, Lillooet	3,700
"	15, H. C. Rayson & Co., 150	10,000
"	13, J. Dickey, Lillooet	4,300
"	H. McGinley, *Quesnelle*	8,000
Total		50,184

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, *Registrar.*

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Clinton, March 18th, 1897.

FOR SALE.

The stopping house on the Horsefly trail *known as the Half Way House, with meadows* capable of cutting 200 tons of hay. Also 320 acres of agricultural land, and the best dairy ranch in Cariboo. 80 head of cattle, 5 horses, 2 sets harness, 1 mowing machine, 2 rakes, 1 plough, 1 harrow, &c. For further particulars apply to A. G. McINTOSH, 103 Horsefly Trail.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I shall, at the expiration of thirty days, apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease forty (40) acres of meadow land, more or less, in Cariboo district. Commencing at a stake planted in south-west corner of meadow about two and one-half miles north of Freddy's (Indian) *place on the Alexandia and Beaver* Lake road, thence north 20 chains thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence to point of commencement

JACOB M. COLLINS.

Soda Creek, B. C., April 8, 1897. 50-53

75 MEN WANTED

Seventy-five men wanted for the Omenica country. Employment given for the season. Wages $3 per day without board. Apply to 43RD MINING & MILLING CO.

46. North Bend, B. C.

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GEO. P. MURPHY, having opened a Barber Shop, Bath Room, and Midnight Lunch Counter, in the new building, next to the Cargile House, will be pleased to have the public in general give him a call. Every attention given.

Springfield Farm, Soda Creek

All Horses, Cattle, Pigs, Grain, and Farm Implements and Effects of the Estate of : : :

J. F. HAWKS

WILL BE SOLD by PRIVATE SALE.....

For the next thirty days at the

Springfield Farm, Soda Creek

On application to

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Who is authorised to sell and receive payment.

Terms Strictly Cash.

A. E. BECK,

Trustee Hawk's Estate.

New Spring Goods

A Large Assortment of New and Up-To-Date Styles Just Opened Up. Call and see them, at

McArthur & Harper's

N.B.—Ladies, our New Blouses are lovely! Gents, if you want a Nice Hat, we have it.

Ampleton.

AMPLETON townsite the property of Mr. J. Marshall, of Lillooet, is now on the market. Ampleton is situated about 2¼ 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.

AMPLETON is located on a dry gravelly flat and is a most desirable position for both business and residence. The lots vary in size from 60 x 120 feet to 80 x 300 feet. About 30 lots are already sold. TITLE INDISPUTABLE

ALL INFORMATION regarding prices, &c., can be obtained from Mr. J. MARSHALL or MAJOR BURNET, D. & P. L. S., LILLOOET, or MR. J. P. FORDE, 536 Hastings Street, VANCOUVER, B. C.

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RATES: $2 per day. *G. THOMAS, Proprietor.*

GLOBE HOTEL. LYTTON, B. C.

In consequence of the late fire, the **GLOBE HOTEL** *has been removed opposite the Post Office, and has the same accommodation as usual.*

Comercial travelers' trunks hauled to and from on free of charge. **A. F. HAUTIER, Prop.**

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We beg to announce to the public that we have opened up a furniture store in Ashcroft, and carry a complete line of

Matrasses, Sofas, Tables, Stands, Chairs and Upholstered Goods.

Repairing to all kinds of Furniture well and economically done. We solicit a share of the patronage of this vicinity. Special attention will be given to orders from Cariboo and Lillooet.

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TOILET SOAPS in Great Variety.
NEW GOODS arriving all the time.
SEND YOUR ORDERS.
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For sale F. W. Foster
Barber shop and bath room, G. P. Murphy
Money to loan Chas. Stevens
Wanted National Star, Chicago
Ampleton townsite J. Marshall

COUNTY COURT NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:

150 Mile House, Wednesday 10th June, 1897.

Soda Creek, Friday 18th June, 1897.

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.

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft on Monday, the 10th day of *May*, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. JOS. WM. BURR,

Deputy Registrar.

Ashcroft, B.C., April 10th, 1897.

NOTICE.

As we have no Ashcroft agency at present, we advise you to

SEND YOUR WATCHES DIRECT TO

W. H. STEPHENSON,

The Watch Specialist

KAMLOOPS. B.C.

Official Watch Inspector for the C. P. R.