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Another Suggested Amendment To The Placer Mining Act.

I have been requested to make suggestions for a proposed revision of the Placer Mining Act. I have made it a point to confer with many practical mining men of the district and the suggestions here given practically embody their views and my own.

I find that there is a universal dissatisfaction in Cariboo with the Act as it stands. People consider that Placer and quartz miners should be on an equality. To discriminate so markedly against the placer miner is unfair.

Comparing the two Acts we find that by the Mineral Act a miner is allowed to locate and hold a mineral claim of about fifty acres for a term of five years by doing annual assessment work amounting to $100, or the equivalent in cash. Any excess of work over the $100 goes to the credit of the next year. He can complete this $500 of assessment work in one year or in five years, or he may pay in the sum of $500. This with various fees, recording etc., entitles him to a Crown Grant. The property therefore becomes his own by an actual outlay either in work or in cash, of $500.

The placer miner on the other hand receives a Leasehold for a term of twenty years. At the end of that time if not worked out he may receive an extention of the lease. There are various kinds of leases. The one that costs the least is the ordinary hydraulic lease of 80 acres. The conditions of this lease enforces an annual rental of $50 and an annual expenditure of $1000 or he may pay instead 25 per cent. or $250 in cash.

Now a prospector is the backbone of the country and he should be encouraged. If such excessive charges as above are put on a property it is impossible for him to comply with them, On the other hand, if reasonable requirements are called on he will prosper and the benefit to the country at large will be great. Similar remarks apply to crpitalists and investors coming into the country.

Radical changes in the Act for the better are absolutely necessary in my opinion, and this is the general opinion too. If satisfactory changes are made the country will prosper but it is extremely doubtful whether it would ever do so under the existing placer mining Laws.

I understand that a Commission is to be appointed to inquire into this matter. This is a good move and if the proper men are appointed it should be conductive of good results. I would suggest that one or two practical mining men from each mining centre of the district be appointed, and that the Gold Commissioner of the district be one of them. The people would be able to give their views and these being adopted practical and just laws I am satisfied would be the result.

As regards the mining claims themselves I would suggest the following.—

Placer mines shall be divided into the following: [1] Shallow placer mines; [2] Precious stone diggings; [3] Deep placer claims; [4] Creek placer claims; [5] Dredging claims.

Shallow placers shall mean all the smaller claims now known as the ordinary placer claim. They shall include the following: Creek claims, bar diggings, dry diggings, hill diggings, and they shall be of the sizes a specified in the Placer Mining Act of 1898-9 and they shall follow the general laws of that Act.

Precious stone diggings, ten acres. They shall not include the right to mine for gold or other precious metals.

Deep placer mines, shall mean all claims situated on deep alluvial deposits of earth, gravel, cement or conglomerate.

Where a creek or stream not in itself auriferous traverses a valley marking an ancient channel system then the claims may be laid out to cross and take in thil valley of the creek or stream so far as the size of the claims as specified below will allow.

A deep placer claim shall contain 80 acres. It shall not have a greater width along the stream or ancient channel than 1500 feet. It shall be rectangular as near as possible and it shall be plainly marked by four corner posts and lines joining them. It shall include drifting claims and such claims at may be worked by the various hydraulic processes. or by mining and milling processes in the case of conglomerate and cement.

Creek placer mining claims shall be on abandoned or unworked creeks or streams. They shall be one-half mile in length and shall include the bed and low lying valley of the stream to an elevation of 15 feet above low water mark.

Dredging claims shall be five miles in length. On rivers of 100 feet in width and more, they shall take in and include the whole bed of the stream below low water mark. In the case of streams narrower than 100 feet it shall include all adjacent land not more than ten feet below low water mark.

The present boundaries including all below the level of two feet below the low water mark is absurd. In many places at low water on the Quesnel river the depth is not greater than two feet and in the cass of the smaller streams it would leave little or no ground to mine.

Placer mines shall include the right to mine for all alluvial gold, platinum, silver and other precious metals but it shall not include rights to mine quartz ledges discovered in so mining, unless the rights for this have also been applied for and granted. It shall also include surface rights.

Consolidation of adjoining placer claims of classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be allowed. It shall not exceed 640 acres. For each such application a fee of $20 shall be charged. This consolidation shall allow the whole of the work to be done on one claim and it will also consolidate the water rights of the various claims.

Work on claims shall mean the purchase of plant and its carriage to the ground. The building of ditches, flumes, pipelines, dams, reservoirs, roads, mills, buildings and all work which has a direct bearing upon the development of the mine. The Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder to judge that this is being faithfully done.

I would reccomend that the Leasehold system be done away with and the Crown Grant system adopted.

Deep placer mines, of 80 acres. Let the annual expenditure of work or cash amounting to $100 for five years entitle the holder to a Crown Grant after paying the usual record and fees. If the work is all expended in one year it shall also give the same privileges, and $500 cash shall purchase the claim outright. The claim shall be surveyed before the Crown Grant is allowed and the Crown Grant shall hold till the claim is worked out or abandoned. After the Crown Grant is issued charge an annual tax of $20 when the claim is being worked and $120 when it is not being worked and let the necessary annual expenditure in work be $100.

Creek placer mining claims shall be acquired and Crown Granted under the same conditions as to work etc. as in the last case.

Dredging claims shall be Crown Granted in the same way. Annual expenditure $300 as before for five years, the other conditions being the same. This class of mining should be especially guarded and encouraged.

Water Rights. Charge an annual tax of $20. Let it carry with it the right to build dams, reservoirs, ditches, flumes and pipelines. It shall also include the right of way for the ditch or flume through mining or unoccupied land. In water grants specify where the water is to be used and let all the rights and privileges last till this ground is worked out. Provided, nevertheless that the ditch or flume shall be the property of the Crown Grant holder.

Give the Gold Commissioner power to settle water and other simple disputes.

There shall be no taxes on wood for lumber. timber, firewood etc. except when it is being cut for sale.

During the development stage especially, encourage the mines in every possible way and give the Gold Commissioner discressionary powers to grant necessary concessions pro. tem. when good reasons are shown to him for doing so.

The mining industry in this country is in its infancy and it is especially so in the case of placer mining. The counry is pre-eminently a mining one, it is therefore to the general interest to encourage the industry. All excessive charges and taxes directly effect mining and prevent capitalists investing in and developing the country and they should be avoited as far as possible. The Crown grant system has succeeded well in the case of mineral claims and I am satisfied it will work equally as well with the placer mines.

GALLIHER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. W. A. Galliher, the Liberal candidate, held a meeting in the town hall last night. He had spent the day about town and must have been pretty well interviewed by the citizens as in his address he promised support to certain important undertakings that would be of great benefit to Ashcroft and Cariboo.

Stuart Henderson introduced Mr. Galliher to the audience and that gentleman, with a few preliminary remarks proceeded to talk politics from the Liberal point of view.

He claimed for his party that they had in an able and honorable manner legislated for the best welfare of the country and that the elections just held proved conclusively that the country was satisfied.

Owing to lack of space we are unable to give a full report of the meeting.

WHERE YOU CAN VOTE.

We have been requested to state that at the coming election on December 6th a voter can poll his vote at any place in the riding in which he is registered. For instance a person registered in Barkerville can vote at any polling booth in the Cariboo where he may happen to be at the time.

PROPOSED PLACER MINING AMMENDMENTS

The following is from a well known resident of Barkerville and gives his views regarding the issuing of crown grants for placer ground. It is only by getting the views of many that the JOURNAL hopes to have sufficient data to lay before the mining commissioners or the mining committee and be able to say, "these are the views of men of experience, who are interested in the country. They have given their views and from them should be taken the proposed amendments." All can not be satisfied but all should be and no doubt will be willing to abide by the majority interested. We hope to hear from many more on the subject before the next session, which will likely be some time in February:

EDITOR JOURNAL, SIR:—I saw some suggestions in your valuable paper some time ago regarding the issuing of crown grants in place of leases, and as all the suggestions come from individuals who are holding half the country in leases, it is plain to be seen who will be benefited by the change.

I claim for one that if crown grants were issued it would benefit only the very few companies that are now here, as, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, pretty much all the available ground that is likely to prove good is held by people already here, and if they had an unassailable title why of course they could pay the small fee suggested and let it lay indefinitely to the detriment of the country and people.

I think that the majority of the miners are in favor of retaining the lease system. The only kick you hear up here is that the law is not enforced in regard to assessment work, it being boldly asserted that if the poor prospector does not live up to the letter of the law, his claim is declared forfeited while the favored few have some way of doing assessment work which is invisible to the optics of the ordinary miner, but if you enquire at the proper quarters you will be told that their title is as solid as the rock of ages and apparently more lasting.

The laws as we have them at present constitute a fricacee from which anyone hungering or thirsting for a diet bearing no relation to Blackstone may partake. When a miner has become so befuddled with its rich boquet that he "does not know where he is at" he may have an antidote administered by his own kind; i. e. the fossiliferous remains of crown colony days. Some of the medicine prescribed is a great deal worse than the disease. If it was not for the fact that the drainage of this upper country passes through the beautiful valley of the Fraser, with its rich fields and happy homes I would suggest that the laws and the bulk of the lawmakers and administrators be sunk in some abandoned shaft up here, any old one on some of the real estate ground will do, as it will never be needed again. Why not adopt the boy after he has grown up and has sense and has shown his usefulness.

There have been several mining countries in existance besides Cariboo where very fair workable laws have been promulgated by men capable of comparing favorably with even our modest and retiring Solons.

Since we, after 35 years, have lost ourselves in chaos and parliamentary aspirations, and are getting tired anyway, let us adopt in toto the laws, or best of them, proved by other mining countries. This will give our administrators time to study Blackstone, and our legislators the leisure they need in their annual trips to Victoria. The noble domes, fretted vaults and gothic arches of our classic legislative halls should inspire socratic philosophy and the law-making faculty in our representative, but they don't.

Thanking you in advance for your valuable space should you accord it to these suggestions to the suggested amendments.

I am yours truly
INNOCENCE AND PURITY.

EDITOR JOURNAL, DEAR SIR:—In following up the suggestions which I made in my letters of recent date, re taxation of placer claims, I would point out that during the prospecting period the expenditure of money on machinery, the installing of the same, ing of the same, the sinking of shaft, etc., would all in an indirect way contribute to the revenue of the province, so it would be only a simple act of justice to have the prospectors releived of increased taxation until his profits warrants an increase.

It will no doubt be said by some that it will be a difficult matter for an assessor to place a fair valuation on a mine, a difficulty which I do not anticipate, as the company's books would surely show the profits, if any, and of course this method would have to be adopted in order that a fair valuation be arrived at, the plant being there to show for itself.

If any of your readers would go to the trouble of comparing this system of taxation on mines with the general real estate tax on any other property I think they will come to the conclusion that the mines are still paying more. W. A.

Soda Creek, Nov. 10, 1900.

C. FOLEY'S LETTER.

EDITOR JOURNAL.

In attempting to outline the position assumed by the Independent Labor party in this campaign I would state that the impression that we are out for the purpose of splitting the vote of any particular party is an erroneous one. The questions involved are of too serious a nature to permit such narrow considerations.

The, I might say, almost criminal indifference shown by the old parties to the fact that Canadian labor is being rapidly driven from every field of industry on the Pacific coast; the fact that 3000 of our countrymen have been robbed of their birthright by what appears to be a collation between government officials and cannery men on the Fraser River; the fact that the C, P. R. is today discriminating against our people in favor of an alian race; the fact that Canadian labor is being displaced in our saw mills, factories and mines, our women driven from domestic service, the law of supply and demand in this connection being nearly equal, and by the employment of these people in this capacity an artificial over supply is being created with the result that for every alien so employed someone's sister or daughter may be driven into prostitution to earn a livelihood.

The position assumed by both of the old parties during the last session have caused us to dispair of relief in that direction by the methods heretofore employed, and we believe that it is absolutely necessary we should send a man there thoroughly acquainted with the situation who, with the assistance of others similarly situated, will be enabled to convince the people in the east that our cause is a just one. We believe that a small body of representatives working now in the House will be able to bring a pressure to bear upon the government in this connection more effectively than a sincere body of professional men who will be looked upon as having an axe to grind.

The different interests involved in present commerce conditions are represented at the seat of government by representatives of their own class constitutes as it does a majority of the people. We hold we are entitled to a similar representation and hope by such methods to be able to safeguard our interests as the interests of others are being safeguarded by similar menthods.

My time will not permit me to go more minuetly into the details involved n this question. I would say to my fellow countrymen, bear this in mind it is your duty to concede that every other man is as sincere as yourself until you have proven to the contrary, regardless of unsubstantiated statements made by parties interested in crying me down.

C. FOLEY.

The following is taken from the Colonial Gold Fields Gazette, Nov. 3, of London, Eng. It is only quoted to show the character of many of the press notices and letters we are receiving regarding the proposed amendments of the Placer Mining Act:

"A movement has been set on foot by those engaged in placer mining in Cariboo to secure several alterations in the Placer Mines Act. Mr. F. S. Reynolds, editor and proprietor of the ASHCROFT JOURNAL, has taken an active part in assisting this project, and has published in his paper and issued in phamplet form, a very lengthy schedule of the proposed amendments to the acts, which amendments have been drawn up by two of the best informed mining men in Cariboo. The subject is of much importance to the Cariboo, Omenica and Atlin districts, and the promoters of the movement have taken up the matter because they believe that capital can be more readily secured for the opening up of deep channels and other large properties in the districts named, and especially the first, if the Placer Acts are amended on the lines suggested. It is well known that the small area of the claims as allowed by the British Columbia mining laws has considerably handicapped placer mining at Atlin, and has compelled an amalgamation of all but rich claims if they are to be succesfully worked. Hydraulic treatment of a single claim is virtually impossible unless the area can be increased beyond that which the law now allows, and it is one of the objects of these amendments to alter the laws so as to enlarge the size of the claims. Now that the cream, so to speak, has been taken off so many of the claims in the placer mining districts of British Columbia, it is most important that every facility should be given for economical mining, and if such is possible, there seems reason to believe that a successful future may await the industry. It is, of course, largely by hydraulicing that this desirable end can be acheived. We hope these suggested amendments will receive careful consideration by members of the British Columbia Legislature."

THE GRAND PRIZE

Following is a copy of a letter lately received that is sufficient evidence of what Mr. Earl is doing for B. C. in general and this section in particular. It makes interesting reading for fruit growers, showing what well directed efforts can do to force recognition for the splendid fruits of this section:

Paris, 1st September, 1900

DEAR SIR:—

I have much pleasure, by order of the Canadian Commission, to advise you that the International Jury at the Paris Universal Exhibition has awarded the Dominion of Canada for a collective exhibit of Horticulture, of which your exhibit of apples formed an important part, a Grand Prize Diploma, and you will be entitled to receive a copy of the award.

I beg to remain yours truly
AUG. DUPUIS, Secy.

Thos. G. Earle, Lytton, B. C.

SIMILKMEEN MINING DIVISION.

SPECIAL REPORT OF W. M. BREWER.

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distributed very evenly through the diorite gangue. Between the Sun Set and Sun Rise shafts there is a distance of about 400 feet and on the surface at intervals outcroppings occur, which indicate the occurrence of ore below them of the same character as that exposed in the workings. As the incline shaft on the Sun Set was sunk at an angle of 57° toward the northeast and the cross-cut run towards the southwest, it will be seen that eventually if the cross-cuts on the Sun Set and Sun Rise are continued, the ground between the two locations will be proven and the thickness of the mineralized zone determined.

The locations along the trend of the mountain on which the most development has been done are the Helen H. Gardner, adjoining the Sun Set on the southeast; the Oriole, in the same direction, and the Copper Farm, Vancouver and Triangle Fraction to the northwest. The last named is apparently at the contact between the felsite and diorite, but sufficient work has not been performed on it to determine any material facts as to its future possibilities.

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One of the most attractive features to both the prospector and mining operator is the fact that horses can be used anywhere in this district. Ample feed grows on all the mountains, chiefly of the bunch grass variety. The summits of the mountains are usually plateaus of considerable extent. The only drawback to the district is the fact that the deposite of moraine from the glacial period is enormous and consequently outcroppings and country rock exposed by nature are not as plentiful as in other mining districts of the province, but, on the other hand, the natural resources of the district, which include besides copper-gold ores and galena, coal iron ore, limestone, agricultural lands, ranges and a very desirable climate, commend this district especially to attention.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Plans have arrived and bids are being asked for the erection of the government offices and lock-up, to be built on lots 8, 9 and 10 Brink street. The plans can be seen at Government Agent Burr's office, and tenders will be received up to November 26th.

The court house, which is now being moved by contractor Stoddard, will be placed on the rear of lots 8 and 9 and the government office will be placed directly in front of it. They will consist of three rooms and a wide hall, through which entrance is gained to the court house. The main room will be a commodious and, to judge from the plans, convenient place. The other rooms are much smaller and one of them will be for the use of barristers and their clients.

The lock-up will have six cells and, like its kind, will be more noticable for its solid than its ornamental appearance.

When the building operations are completed and the grounds nicely arranged, with grass plots and shade trees the whole property will look very nice and be a credit to the town.

COBELDICK DREDGE

John Cobeldick, manager of the Cobeldick dredge, No. 1 Co., was in Ashcroft this week attending to the clearance of some machinery at the custom house and, quite naturally, was asked how his dredge was doing. Mr. Cobeldick says that with the exception of three or four weeks nearly all the time since starting the dredge has been spent prospecting the bed of the river and experimenting with the dredge so as to gain a thorough knowledge of the conditions under which they will have to work.

They are now aware that in order to benefit by this experience they will have to make some slight changes in parts of the machinery.

During the three or four weeks that the dredge was actually worked a good deal of gold was taken out, to the value at least of over three or four times the cost of saving it.

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PACK TRAIN WINS

An interesting fact in connection with the legal fight over the Pack Train claim is the issuing of the crown grant for the property, which, it is stated, has now been done.

This closes up a long fight for the claim between Alex. Dunlop and T. B. Garrison and Edmund Haney, the latter claiming the ground under the name of the Legal Tender.

Tom Dunlop originally located the Pack Train, in August, 1890, but died within the next six months, the time then allowed to do the work in, and subsequently the ground was staked by the Legal Tender and still later by the Legal Tender Fraction.

Alexander Dunlop, a brother of the original locator, came up from the east and, while working in Victoria at his daily vocation obtained administration of his brother's estate, and a long legal battle ensued over the respective rights of the claimants.

The lawsuit finally terminated in Dunlop's favor and it was stated quite recently that the crown grant for the claim would be signed by the Lieut-Governor upon his return from the north. Before this could be obtained however, the Great Northern railway obtained an injunction. The application coming before Mr. Justice Irving subsequently his lordship dismissed the injunction and the crown grant was at once issued.

The Great Northern has appealed from this last decision, but in the meantime the crown grant has been issued and registered. Speaking generally, the courts will not go behind a crown grant unless in a case of fraud.

ELECTION ETHICS

(From Punch)

I. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONTEST.

* * * 'And now one word concerning my opponent. While my views and those of Mr. Slumper do not quite coincide, I am delighted to pay my tribute of admiration to his great ability, to his irreproachable moral character. On this, at least, I am resolved, that this contest shall be absolutely free from that personal animosity and bitter ill-feeling which, unfortunately, is so often conspicuous in an electoral campaign.'

II. THREE DAYS LATER.

'Personalities, as I have already told you, are to be sternly discouraged by every conscientious politician. But Mr. Slumper's reference last night to my supposed change of opinions compels me just to say in passing that the accusation is absolutely false. No doubt it was supplied to him by some utterly unscrupulous person, but his readiness to accept it betrays, I confess, a want of good taste of which I should hardly have suspected him.'

III.—FOUR DAYS LATER

'Mr. Slumper's extraordinary tactics must be brought to the light. Painful as the task is, his own behavior has made it absolutely necessary. While professing so much anxiety for the trade of this town which he aspires to represent, he has the duplicity—I use the mildest possible word—to order down his groceries from the Stores. Again, he has referred to me as a money grabber. But what of his own antecedents? Nothing less than a stern sense of duty would have driven me to the course I am about to take, namely, to give you the full history of the Slumper family, which has accumulated wealth by lending money at 50 per cent. * * This slight digression, I see, has occupied half an hour. But enough of personalities. Let Mr. Slumper descend to them if he will—for myself I regard them with contempt. Rather would I ask you to consider the imperial problem which,' etc., etc.

IV.—ON THE DAY BEFORE THE POLL.

Tonight I will not trouble you with any remarks about our home or foreign policy. No, I will simply ask you to concentrate your scathing gaze upon that pitiable, that ludicrous object—the man Slumper—the man whose pockets are filled with money wrung from widows and children, the man who lacks all regard for truth, decency and honor—the fawning sycophant who endeavors to atone for the weakness of his intelect by the strength of his language—who has the colossal impudence to ask for your votes! * * Well, I have done. We have subjected the man Slumper to an impartial but searching scrutiny. Dismissing all other considerations from your mind, I would urge each elector to put this question to himself tomorrow—remembering the story about his uncle, and the beetle-powder incident, and the other details I have given you of his career—is this man Slumper worthy to represent you in parliament?'

V—AFTER THE DECLARATION OF THE POLL.

* * * 'to accept my most heartfelt thanks for the honor you have conferred on me. Lastly, I should be ungrateful indeed did I fail to recognize the upright, courteous and gentlemanly manner in which this contest has been conducted on both sides. Fortunate, indeed, have I been in finding an opponent against whom the most venomous scandal-monger could not dare to breath a syllable, and I can assure Mr. Slumper that my profound respect for him has, if possible, been increased by our friendly struggle of the last few weeks.' A. C. D.

IDLE MINING CLAIMS.

Round about Rossland and other mining centres in the Kootenay lie many hundred duly staked out, practically idle, mining claims. Some of these have been stocked and crown granted in past years, but have remained unworked ever since and the shares have been scattered all over the continent, the holders patiently waiting for something to turn up. Assessment work is done annually in a perfunctory way upon others, but in a vast majority of cases the claims are restaked by their owners when they run out.

During the time he was provincial mineralogist Mr. Carlyle pointed out the effect of the law in the three cases mentioned and suggested a change. He advocated practically a continuous working of claims within a reasonable limit, and, in default, forfeiture to the government. The claims so reverting to be sold by public auction annually. The provincial house recently passed an act by which defaulting partners in mining claims, who do not pay their share of current expenses may be advertised out, *but this only touches on the edge of the* question. Under the law relating to placer claims provision is made to open unworked ground for location by any other than the oriniginal locator. If some means could be devised which would not act too harshly upon discoveries of real merit where the owner is without means to develop his find, which would either induce the owners to work their properties or, in default, bring them into the open market and allow others to go on with the work, Rossland camp and the whole district would be immensely the gainer.

GREATEST IN THE WORLD.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 8.—Although the reported sale of the Portland mine is denied at the offices of the company in Colorado Springs, it is generally believed in mining circles that this big Cripple Creek property will pass into the hands of an English syndicate, consisting of the Venture Corporation, the Exploration Company and Wehrner, Beit & Co., the South African diamond miners and investors in Mexico mines and railways. It is said that the price to be paid is about $15,000,000.

It is known that experts for the concerns in the deal have made thorough examination of the property, and from London the report comes that the deal is practically closed. The plan reported from London is to consolidate the Postland with Stratton's Independence, and to form a new company to control both of the great gold properties. Such a consolidation would create not only the greatest gold mining property in Colorado, but probably the greatest in the world.

SIMILKMEEN MINING DIVISION.

SPECIAL REPORT OF W. M. BREWER.

(continued from last issue)

On the opposite side of Otter Valley another low chain of mountains extends, which are traversed by the Tulameen river and its tributaries above the mouth of Otter Creek, and from 35 to 40 miles southwesterly from the head of Otter Valley. In this chain of mountains several camps, each one comprising a number of mineral locations, have been prospected during the past two years and especially during the last season. These are Boulder Creek, Tulameen Summit, Kelly Creek and Otter Flat. The last mentioned has been principally prospected for coal, a seam of which is reported to have been discovered. The measures in which this seam occurs lie westerly from the Tulameen river; the full extent of the field is not yet known, but *one syndicate has during the past* summer located claims six miles in length and reports a seam of coal 10 ft. in thickness, analyses of which show volatile matter 37.22; fixed carbon and ash combined, 62.81; ash, 4.81. This coal is reported as possessing good steam qualities and adaptable for coke. In the vicinity of this coal field extensive deposits of non-titaniferous magnetic iron ore have been discovered; the analysis of a specimen made by the Geological Survey of Canada yielded 54 per cent metallic iron.

The writer visited the Boulder Creek Camp, which is situated about 6 miles from Otter Flat and at an altitude of 1,700 ft. above the Flat. Prospecting had only been carried on during the past summer, and, of course, the work performed was of quite limited extent. Bodies of sulphide ores have been opened on several claims. Most of these bodies gave indications of considerable extent, so far as the outcrops being continuous along the line of strike were concerned. These ore bodies occur between walls of schistose rock, in the vicinity of granite dikes.

From the Tulameen Summit specimens of galena ore, carrying fair values, have been brought in by prospectors, who had, at the time of the writer's visit, just commenced making exploitations in that section. In fact, the district directly tributary to Otter Flat has not yet even been scratched over by prospectors although quite a large number have been working during the past season. Proceeding southwesterly from Otter Flat toward Princeton, the traveler passes the old placer camp at the mouth of Granite Creek, where today there stands the remains of what must have been a very prosperous placer mining camp. Two hydraulic companies installed plants for working the creek, after the placer miners had worked out their claims. Both of these plants are idle today, mismanagement being assigned as the reason.

Near Granite Creek the traveler enters the range of mountains which extend from Otter Valley to the Similkameen river. The predominant country rock is a felsite, with numerous dikes of other igneous rocks, often having schistose structure occurring as intrusions. Brown rust stains, produced from the oxidizing of the iron in these igneous rocks, a marked feature, especially in the vicinity of the mouth of Granite creek and from there down the Tulameen river, for twoor three miles. From the surface indications this would appear to be a good field to prospect for low-grade gold-bearing ores of a free-milling character.

The principal town or camp in the Similkameen District is Princeton, located at the junction of the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers. The topography of the immediate surrounding country is rolling rather than mountainous, but within a few miles southwest mountains ascend to an altitude of from 800 to 2,000 ft. above the river valleys. The rocks in the immediate vicinity of Princeton are sandstones, slates and shales in which occur coal measures with seams of lignite of varying thickness. In the bank of the Similkameen river, opposite Princeton, a coal seam of about six feet in thickness has been opened with a tunnel of about 100 ft. in length. This seam has a good slate roof and sandstone floor; the dip is quite flat toward the south, but as the seam occurs at the top of a local anticlinal fold, it dips also at about 30° toward both the east and west. At the outcrop this lignite was of a poor quality, but as the tunnel was run in the quality became much better.

Copper Mountain has been the most thoroughly prospected section of the district, and is located about 12 miles southwesterly from Princeton. The Similka*meen river flows around the northern* and western base of the mountain and seperates it from Kennedy Mountain. On the eastern side flows Wolf Creek, a tributary of the Similkameen. During the past two years this mountain has been very thoroughly prospected with the result that for a distance of about 2½ miles along its summit mineral claims have been staked, and, in fact, the entire area from the Similkameen on one side to and across Wolf Creek on the other side, has been located as mineral claims. Recently Kennedy Mountain on the opposite side of the Similkameen, as well as Friday Creek and Roach River, tributaries emptying in some considerable distance above Copper Mountain proper, have also been prospected to a considerable extent.

Adjoining the Sun Set claim on the west is the Sun Rise. On this a vertical shaft has been sunk about 35 feet, and a cross-cut started from the bottom toward the Sun Set workings. This location is about 100 feet lower than the Sun Set. The ore has the same characteristics, except that much less bornite occurs, and the chalcopyrite in

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His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

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John Lawrence, of Hope, Esquire, J. P., to be a Judge of the court of Revisions and Appeal under the provisions of the "Assessment Act" for that portion of the Yale Electoral District known as the Hope, Yale, Lytton and Cache Creek Polling Divisions, vice William Teague, Esquire.

James McKen, of Barkerville, Esquire, Registrar for the county court, to be Mining Recorder for the Cariboo Mining Division.

COURT OF REVISION

A Court of Revision and appeal under the "Assessment Act, 1888," and Amendments will be held at the Court House, Clinton, on the 8th day of November, 1900, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

F. SOUES,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

Clinton, 8th October, 1900. 25-4

NOTICE.

All accounts owing me must be settled on or before January 1st, 1901, either by cash or promissory note. 10 per cent. interest will be charged on all accounts remaining unsettled after the above date.

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Notice is hereby given that I shall, on behalf of the Soda Creek band of Indians, apply to the Commissioner of the Cariboo district for permission to record three hundred inches of water from Deep Creek, which crosses the Cariboo wagon road near the 164-Mile post, for domestic and agricultural purposes.

E. BELL,
Indian Agent.

Clinton, October 23rd, 1900. 26-4

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DENIS MURPHY,
Ashcroft, B. C.

Solicitor for the Executors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all placer claims, legally held in the Kamloops, Ashcroft, Yale and Similkameen Mining Divisions of Yale will be laid over from the 1st day of November ensueing, to the 1st day of May, 1901.

G. E. TUNSTALL,
Gold Commissioner.

Kamloops, October 28th, 1900. 27-4

CARIBOO DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned tracts of land situated in Cariboo district, have been surveyed and that the plans of the same can be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of J. Bowron, Esquire, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, Barkerville:—

Group One

Lot 381.—Jacob M. Collins, pre-emption record No. 213, dated 20th September, 1895.

Lots 387 and 388—John Boyd, transfer of pre-emption record No. 276, dated 20th August, 1895.

Lot 431—F. M. Becher, application to purchase dated 15th Sept. 1900.

Lot 435—C. P. Cunliffe, application to purchase dated 1st September, 1900.

Lot 441—C. M. Ross, hay lease

Persons having adverse claims to the above mentioned pre-emption 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. 25th October, 1900. 27-2

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That all their loveliness has made
My load of woe distinctly lighter!
In fact, since she said "No" I've met
A lovely girl whom I like better,
And now, whene'er I meet Marie,
I think, "Thank heaven I didn't get her!"
—Somerville Journal.

LITTLE JIM.

His Peculiar Pleading For His Father's Life.

There were five men of us and a boy in the far western stagecoach as it rolled over the rough roads of Dakota. We had been together for four days. We called the boy Jim because his father did. We knew his father to be Colonel Weston, banker, cattleman and mine owner. The colonel wasn't a man to whom a stranger would take at first glance, and even after four days of his company none of us could say we liked him. When you came to study him closely, you saw that he was revengeful and relentless. The boy was frank, chipper and good natured, and you took a liking to him as soon as you looked into his big blue eyes. His age was about 10, and he had wit and knowledge beyond his years. We had yet 20 miles to go to reach the terminus, and the hour was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the coach came to a sudden halt as it toiled up hill. Next moment the driver called to us:

"All you folks what don't want your heads blown off had better get down and line up. We've been stopped by a road agent."

We had arms in plenty, but no one moved to resist. Every bullet fired by the robber would bore its way through the coach and find a target, while the robber had the cover of the horses and was safe from our fire. It seems cowardly when you read it, but to get down and submit to be robbed was the wisest thing to do under the circumstances.

Little Jim was not a bit frightened. On the contrary, he rather enjoyed the situation. It was not so with the colonel. I saw him turn pale and heard him cursing under his breath, and he was the last man to get down.

The robber had a double barreled shotgun in his hands. He cautioned the driver to hold the coach where it was and then advanced upon us. He glanced carelessly into each face until his eyes rested on the colonel. Then he gave a sudden start, drew in his breath with a gasp, and we realized that there was a recognition. The colonel grew white under his look and began to tremble. The boy had no sooner looked into the road agent's face than he cried out:

"Why, it's Mr. Pelton—Mr. Pelton! Say, Mr. Pelton, I'm awfully glad to see you. Where've you been this long time?"

"So it's you, Jimmy," laughed the robber as he held out his hand for a shake. "Well, you have been growing since I saw you last. It's a wonder you knew me at first sight."

"Oh, I used to like you so well I couldn't forget your face," replied the boy. "Are there robbers around, Mr. Pelton?"

With gentle hand the man pushed the boy back in line and then stepped back a pace or two. As he did so his face grew very sober, and I saw a flash in his black eyes I did not like. His voice was low and steady as he finally said:

"I'm much obliged for your promptness in climbing down and lining up, and I think I'll let you off this time. The four of you may go back into the coach and go on. I'm leaving your guns with you, but don't attempt to play me any trick."

The colonel took his son by the hand and attempted to enter the stage with us, but the robber motioned him back.

"W-what do you want of me?" asked the colonel in a voice which quavered.

"I'll tell you later," was the reply.

As the coach started on we looked out to see the three standing in the road. Little Jim still had hold of his father's hand, but had reached out the other and caught the robber's sleeve.

When we had gone 200 feet, the road turned and shut them from our view.

At the disappearance of the stage the man turned on Colonel Weston and pointed to the hillside on the right and said:

"Move on that way. Jimmy, give me your hand, and I'll help you along."

The white faced colonel entered the pines and held a straight course up the hill. Behind him came the robber and his son. The boy had been full of curiosity at first, but presently he was awed and frightened by the looks cast upon his father.

Two or three years before he and Mr. Pelton had been great friends. Mr. Pelton had been manager for his father. One day there had been a bitter quarrel, pistols had been drawn, the sheriff had rushed in, and Mr. Pelton had fled to escape arrest. He remembered his father calling the fugitive a thief and of men being sent out to hunt him down. All this came back to him as they followed the father up the rough way, and though he knew nothing of man's vengeance there was a feeling of dread in his soul. Now and then the robber ordered the colonel to the right or left, but these were the only words spoken until they finally reached a rude camp high up among the bowlders. By and by the robber half turned to look the colonel in the face and said:

"I've waited for this for two years. I could neither die nor go away until I had killed you."

"It will be murder—cold blooded murder," replied the colonel as he folded his arms.

"If it was murder a hundred times over, I'd do it. Do you suppose I can forget Rose Harper? Who separated us? Who maligned me? Who wrecked my life and sent her to a suicide's grave? Who drove me to be a fugitive from justice on a false charge? I'd kill you if 1,000 men surrounded me."

The colonel was silent for a time. He did not look at his boy, but past him. The boy's eyes were fastened on his face, however, and a chill crept over him as he noted the look of a man standing in the shadow of death. It was the first time he had ever seen it. He turned from his father awhile to look at the robber.

There was another look strange to him. It was a set determination to kill—the look of a man who had hated and thirsted and waited.

"Take the boy away first," said the colonel with a touch of entreaty in his voice.

"Yes; that will be proper," answered Pelton. "Come, Jimmy, let's take a walk."

"What—what you going to do with father?" whispered the boy as he walked slowly over and put his hand in that of the would be murderer.

"Never mind. Do you see that big rock up there? Well, go up there and see what is hidden behind it. Shake hands with your father before you go."

The boy crossed over to his father in a puzzled way, and the father lifted him up and kissed him. When he put him down, he said to him:

"Run along, Jimmy. If you don't find me when you come back, Mr. Pelton will take care of you."

"Oh, yes, Mr. Pelton will take care of me and see that I get home," replied the lad. "I'm awfully glad to see him. Wasn't it queer to meet him 'way off here? I was saying only a week ago that I wish'd he was back with us so that he could mend my wagon and help me make kites. Mr. Pelton was always good to me. I won't be gone long, and you and Mr. Pelton must be good friends. Don't you remember that mother said she was sorry for him? We want him back, don't we?"

Little Jim started off for the rock, but he hadn't taken ten steps before he was back again to say to the robber:

"And I want you to make me a new water wheel, and the handle has come out of the hammer, and nobody will sharpen my knife for me. If you don't come back, I don't know what I shall do."

"Perhaps I'll come back," whispered Pelton as he turned his head away.

"Oh, but you surely must. I've heard lots of people say you were a good man and shouldn't have gone away. Mother told me if I ever met you I might speak to you just as I used to. I'm going now, but remember that you are coming back."

The boy went away almost gleefully, and the two men heard his footsteps and his voice as he made his way toward the rock. The father looked after him until he was hidden by the trees and then turned to the robber and quietly said:

"Before he comes back. And you'll help him to get home?"

"Yes; before he comes back," replied Pelton as he drew his revolver. "It won't be murder, Colonel Weston. It'll simply be retribution. Do you want a minute or two to ask God to forgive you?"

The colonel sat erect with folded arms. He closed his eyes, and his lips moved. By and by he heard the click of the pistol. He did not open his eyes, but he felt that it was leveled at his heart and that his life was measured by seconds. Of a sudden came a call from little Jim. Half way to the rock he had turned about to shout:

"Oh, Mr. Pelton, don't forget to think up some new Indian and bear stories to tell me. Nobody has told me a story since you went away."

The colonel's eyes opened. The revolver was lying on the ground, and Pelton had his hands over his face. When he dropped them, there were tears in his eyes. He rose up, put the pistol in his pocket and said to the man waiting for death:

"I can't do it. Little Jim would know it some day. When he comes back, take him and go down to the road. It's only three miles to Cedarville."

With that he walked off into the brush and was out of sight in a moment. When little Jim returned, he found his father sitting as he had left him and gazing into the woods.

"What is it, father?" he asked. "What's the matter with you and where is Mr. Pelton?"

The man rose up slowly, took his boy's hand in his, and without a word in answer he led the way down to the stage trail and safety.

The Dry Battery.

The dry battery, so called, has almost completely supplanted the older wet battery for electric bell work, etc., on account of its greater convenience and lack of the disagreeable, sloppy qualities possessed by its predecessor. Somebody has defined a dry battery as one that is always wet inside and a wet battery as one that often dries up. It is precisely so; the dry battery is permanently wet inside. It is generally made up of a zinc cylinder or cup, in which is supported a carbon stick or rod, surrounded by some porous substance, such as "excelsior" or other fiber, mineral wool or plaster of paris. This is saturated with the active chemical, sal ammoniac generally, in a solution made stiff with gelatin. The whole is then sealed with pitch or some similar compound and is ready for use. These batteries are made in vast quantities and so cheap that when one becomes exhausted it is simply thrown away and replaced with a new one.

The Belief In Charms.

A belief in charms has existed in all ages and has been shared by all peoples. It is a natural result of superstition. The phylacteries worn by Mohammedan and Jewish women on the forehead form but one phase of this universal belief. Faith, however, is deemed essential and is true of all talismans that are copied from old patterns and not constructed according to the rules of the cabalistic art.

Talismans to be efficacious must be constructed when the planets are in benefic configuration. It is then that the magic geometrical words and figures inscribed thereon are more potent in their results for good. The date of birth of the person for whom the talisman is made must also be considered, so that his particular lucky star is taken into consideration.

Many great men were believers in talismans and wore them constantly. Napoleon especially was very superstitious and carried on his person a charm given to him by an Egyptian priest, which he regarded as being responsible for his great success in battle. The Rothschild family, it is said, also has a talisman, which is an heirloom. It is in the shape of a snuffbox and is said to have brought the family the great wealth for which it is celebrated.

A Misnamed Train.

He had driven from a backwoods hamlet to the station and after making an inquiry of the conductor boarded the train for Philadelphia.

When well on the way, he stopped the blue coated official and asked in all seriousness:

"I'm sorter hungry. Will ye just tell me where the eatin car is?"

"There is none on this train," was the answer. "Its short run does not require it."

"Huh!" grunted the questioner. "W'ich of yer keers is the one that ye jest loll around in an turn an twist yer cheer any way ye please? Don't imagine that because I've never went railroadin afore I don't know all about these things."

"You probably mean the Pullman. We haven't any attached."

"Well, bu'stin squashes, w'ere's yer cigar stand, so's I kin be buyin a weed an lightin up?"

"We don't have such a thing, man."

"An ye've no place fer me ter git my shoes shined, ter be sure?"

"No, sir."

"Course I'd be crazy ter think ye might have a barber lad aboard?"

"We haven't any."

The rural gentleman subjected the conductor to a menacing scrutiny from head to foot and back again; then he drawled out in an angry, disappointed tone of voice:

"Well, sufferin cornmeal! I thought ye said this wuz an accommodation train!"

The Rush of a Shell.

As a shell rushes through the air at the rate of 1,000 miles an hour it gets heavily charged with electricity by friction, says London Answers. It parts with it to any good conductor it meets on the way, doing terrible execution. Passing in front of a British soldier, a big shell gave him such a shock that he instantly fell dead.

In one of our wars two officers, standing side by side, saw a shell coming. They stood apart, and it passed between them without touching either. But one officer lost the sight of both eyes, and the other instantly became blind in one and soon lost the other also.

In another battle a soldier had just stooped to help a fallen comrade when a shell passed over his back. He fell forward quite disabled, and for months after he could not stand erect.

A curious accident of a similar kind happened to an American officer in the Cuban war. He was galloping across the field when a shell whirled past in front of him. His horse rolled over, and he himself became unconscious. On recovery he found that neither self nor steed had been wounded, and he knew that they had simply sustained a severe electric shock.

"Her Touch."

A sailor who met with a serious accident was carried to the London hospital. The poor mother hurried to the building to see her son. She was met by a kind but firm refusal from the house physician, but nothing daunted she pleaded for admission to the poor fellow's bedside. Who could resist a mother's entreaties? The safety of the patient lay in his being kept absolutely quiet, but the physician consented to her admission on condition that she did not speak a word. She stole softly to his bedside and gazed as only a mother can at her unconscious boy. She dare not speak, but a mother's love was not to be denied all expression, and gently laying her hand on his fevered brow she let it rest there a moment and then noiselessly crept from the room.

The watchful nurse heard the comatose sleeper murmur the words, "Her touch," and, rousing himself, he added, "Surely my mother has been here. I know her touch!"

Ah, there was an electric thrill of sympathy in that touch which told its own tale to the dying man!—Weekly Bouquet.

A Match Trick.

A feat which any one can perform with little or no practice is that of placing 14 matches upon a table and lifting them all up upon one of the matches. This is how it is done: Pick out one match—the one that has the flattest surface—and then place six of the other matches about one-fourth each across the first one, each of the six being parallel to each other and the thickness of a match distant from each other. Next place six other matches one-fourth each across the first match, but from the other side, all parallel and in the spaces left by the arrangement of the first six matches. Now take the fourteenth match, lay it over the 12 matches where they intersect, and by carefully lifting match No. 1 and holding match No. 14 in place you will accomplish without difficulty the feat.—Adelaide Herrmann in Woman's Home Companion.

The Jefferson Bible.

"The Jefferson Bible in the Smithsonian institution," says the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, "has never been printed. The manuscript remains as it left Jefferson's hands, and, although several persons have proposed from time to time to print it, no one has ever done so. The Bible consists only of the teachings of Christ, extracts from the gospel arranged in chronological order from his birth to his ascension, and nothing else. All controversial passages are left out."

Crazy to Expect It.

Harduppe—Say, old fellow, lend me a hundred, will you?

Riggs—A hundred what?

Harduppe—A hundred dollars. I—

Riggs—Oh, stop your joking.

Harduppe (earnestly)—Joking? I was never more serious in my life. I'm broke.

Riggs—My dear man, you're not broke. You're cracked!—Catholic Standard and Times.

Mme. Chiffon's Turn.

"Is your collector honest?" asked Mrs. Downtown of her milliner merely as a matter of curiosity.

"I don't know," responded Mme. Chiffon. "I have sent her to you with my bills a dozen times, and she has never yet given me the money."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Running at right angles with the Orange river, South Africa, are mighty downs of red sand, which extend for miles into the vast desert of the Kalahari. There are few wells, and some produce home sickness.

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NOTICE

LILLOOET DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that all placer mining claims legally held in the District of Lillooet, may be laid over from the 15th day of November, 1900, to the 1st day of May, 1901, subject to the provisions of the "Placer Mining Act, 1891," and amendments.

F. SOUES
Gold Commissioner.

Clinton Oct, 6, 1900. 25-4

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NOTICE.

A sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at the court house, Ashcroft, on the 12th December, 1900, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. W. BURR
Registrar

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THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICTNEWS.

Mr. F. Calder has rented Mr. Sewell's house on Bancroft street.

Fire wood sells from $5 to $6 per cord in Ashcroft.

A. H. Walters is in town. He came from the Wenatche neighborhood.

Quesnel will be in it for Christmas festivities. See their large bills for particulars.

Ed. Curnow, of Spences Bridge, spent a day in town this week, as did also B. F. English, of Bonaparte.

J. H. Clements, Ashcroft's popular druggist, returned this week from a few days visit at the coast,

Mrs. T. Sewell was a passenger on the *delayed train Thursday to Mission Junc*tion where she will join Mr. Sewell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bohanan left this week for their home in Quesnel. They went by their own conveyance.

In the neighborhood of 70 cars of potatoes were shipped from Ashcroft this season at prices from $10.50 to $13.00 per ton.

Mr. Kingswell, the well known New Zealand dredging man, has lately located several miles of the Thompson river below town for dredging purposes.

Mr. F. Satchell Clark has the contract for the new dredge on Jamieson Creek. It will be a very complete and up to date dredge. The contract was let at $52,000

The cold wave of the past day or two indicates that the skating, curling and hockey season is approaching. Arrangements will be made so that no hockey games will interfere with the skating on the rink.

The Cariboo mine is having a good season but is, we understand, now shut down for the season. Another good shipment will yet be made. Some of Mr. Hobson's employes will be down next week.

Barkerville looks forward to a prosperous season next year. It now looks as though more work would be done in that section than has been done in any season for some time past.

Work has been resumed on Lightning Creek and Harry Jones expects with confidence to give a good account *of the property within a few weeks.* The pump easily handles the water so far encountered.

Work on the new C. P. R. water tank is being rapidly pushed along by the carpenter's gang. There will be a stand pipe at the south end of the depot so that a train can pull up and take water at the engine without delay and be unloading express at the same time.

The Clarion Limited, of 536 Hasting Street, Vancover, has just issued "The Coming Land," an illustrated book of the mining interests of British Columbia. The price is $1.00. Several pages are given to Cariboo and some good photographs shown of the different mines. Ashcroft comes in for a short notice.

A congratulatory telegram, signed by a large number of Mr. D. Murphy's friends was sent him on the 14th, it being the day set for his marriage to Miss C. Maud Cameron, of Cornwall, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are expected home about the 24th inst.

In one of our letters this week written from Clinton we find the following pertinent statement: –

If changes are made, from my standpoint none are more required than regarding mining and dredging leases. Applicants should have a year at a nominal rent to prospect the ground and have it surveyed by a government surveyor and the survey accepted, and afterwards by proper regulations, he should have the right to a crown grant, same as the owner of a mineral claim.

About $1200 was sent over to the bank of B. N. A., Ashcroft, on Saturday from the Anderson Lake mines. This was the product of about 240 tons of rock, which goes to indicate that the mill saved on average about $5 per ton. With the immense amount of rock in sight, the ledge being from 9 to 20 feet wide, and the practical fact being proven that rock can be mined and milled for $1.50 per ton with a large mill, the property is a valuable one and will be heard of one of these days as a great producer.

It is reported that there will be some changes in the British Columbia cabinet soon and that Mr. Turner will retire, going to London as Agent-General, Mr. Wells taking the port-folio of Finance and Mr. R. G. Tatlow, of Vancouver, that of Commissioner of Lands and Works. Mr. Tatlow has many friends in this section who would be much pleased to see him in the cabinet. We believe the country in general would like to see the terminal city represented in the council of the province, and in Mr. Tatlow would be a progressive and capable representative.

Mr. Wm. McDonald, manager of the Perry Ranch, shipped several carloads of cattle to the coast this week.

With the new government buildings which are to be completed by Feb. 1st, according to the call for tenders, Brink street will be much improved.

The bridge across the Thompson is being replanked this week and there has necessarily been some interference with traffic. The work will soon be completed.

Jas. Haddock is sole agent in Ashcroft and vicinity for the celebrated Doherty organs and will be pleased to quote terms and prices to anyone wishing this first class instrument.

The "Pow Wow," a copy of which we have just received, is a magazine for children and is printed at Kamloops by the Kamloops Printing & Publishing Co. It is 20 pages consisting of short stories and articles mainly about animals. The price is 10 cents a copy or $1 a year. Any family wishing a bright, useful magazine for the children should send to the publishers for a sample copy.

We are in receipt of many letters acknowledging the receipt of the pamphlet on Suggested Amendments to the Placer Mining Act and suggesting many interesting points for discussion. From time to time we will publish some of these letters and are much pleased to see the interest that is being taken in the matter which our best posted mining men believe *is of the utmost importa*nce to the country. Capital is hard to enlist. To be able to secure it for development of our mines we must have the best possible laws and these can only be made by a thorough knowledge of the subject such as will be arrived at by a thorough discussion of the mining laws as they should be made when amended. Let us hear from all interested on the subject.

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the list of passengers arriving and departing by Ashcroft stage lines:

B. C. EXPRESS CO.

DEPARTURES.

James Trodden, T J Trodden, H K Mansfield and J Campbell to Quesnel; Mr House Lillooet; E Reinberger, Bridge Creek; G Mitchell, Clinton; Mr Leonard, Lillooet; Mr Hume, Lillooet; J Peterson, Quesnel.

ARRIVALS.

Wong Fee, Lillooet; Jap Amo, Bridge Creek; J S Baker, Quesnel; Dr Curry, 150-Mile House; Ah Sing, 150-Mile House; Jos Goodrow, Clinton.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

Nov 8	H Currie, Barkerville....	10,000
" 9	G H Tingley, 108-M H....	2,200
" 12	P Garrigan, Pavilion....	3,000
" 13	H Smith, 150-M H.....	8,500
" 13	J Bishop, Clinton.....	2,500
" 13	D Spratt, 150-M H.....	5,000
" 13	Roy McDonald, 158-M H..	5,000
" 14	A McDonald, Soda Creek	7,700
" 15	W Parker, Bullion.....	9,000
" 15	Sing Kee, Clinton.....	3,000
" 15	W Cummings, Lillooet..	1,850
" 15	R Cummings, Pavilion...	800
" 16	R Felker, Clinton.....	5,200
" 16	J Malcolm, Clinton.....	1,100

NOTICE.

All accounts owing to the Isadore Gaspard estate must be paid on or before the 15th day of February, 1901. After that date all accounts not settled will be placed in the hands of our solicitor for collection.

P. GASPARD & BROS.

Dog Creek, November 10, 1900.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date we, John Collum, David Caughlin and Mitchel Jarvice, intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of pastoral land, commencing at a post situated about two miles north east of a property known as the Forty Thieves; and on the north west bank of Sucker Creek, thence south Forty chains, thence east forty chains, thence north forty chains, thence west forty chains to point of commencement.

J. COLLUM
D. COUGHLIN
M. JARVICE

Sucker Creek, Oct, 6th, 1900. 27-4

Notice to Contractors

GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND LOCK-UP, ASHCROFT

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and superscribed "tender for government offices, etc., Ashcroft," will be received up to and including

Monday, 26th November

1900, for the erection and completion of government offices and lock up at Ashcroft.

Drawings, general conditions of tendering and contract, and specifications can be seen on application to the government agent, Ashcroft, and at this office.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, in the sum of fifty ($50.00) dollars, which will be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so.

The agreement to enter into a bond in the sum of $600 each for the due fulfilment of the contract attached to the form of tender must be signed by the tenderer and two responsible parties resident in the province.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Com. of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, 12th November, 1900.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

We have just been appointed agents for "Butterick Patterns," and can fill orders at New York prices. Ladies desiring the "Fashion Sheets" can have same mailed each month for one year by sending 12 cents for postage.

F. W. FOSTER.

Trout fishing and hunting.—Do you want to spend a few days hunting and fishing on lakes hitherto never visited by sportsmen? If you do, communicate with the undersigned who will at reasonable rates carry you to the place *which is 20 miles travel on the Cariboo* road and 12 miles by trail.

STEWART & CROZIER, Ashcroft, B. C.

W. B. Dwight has lately added to his stock a line of Gent's Furnishings, which he is selling cheap. A fine piece of jewelry given to every customer purchasing one dollar's worth or more of his goods, for the next thirty days. Call on Dwight.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

Notice is hereby given that Henry Barton Beecher, of Barkerville, in the Province of British Columbia, miner, by deed dated the ninth day of November, A. D. 1900, made in pursuance of the "creditors Trust Deeds Act," assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects to William Douglas Jardine, of Ashcroft, in trust for the benefit of his creditors, which said Deed was executed by the said Henry Barton Beecher on the ninth day of November, and by the said William Douglas Jardine, on the thirteenth day of November, aforesaid.

All creditors of the said Henry Barton Beech*er claiming to be entitled to rank on his said* estate, shall furnish to the trustee at Railway avenue, Ashcroft, aforesaid, or to the undersigned, his Solicitor, at the address below mentioned, particulars of his claim, proved by affidavit or declaration, and such vouchers as the nature of th case admits of, stating what security, if any is held for the claim, on or before the fifth day of December, next, after which date the trustee for the time being shall be at liberty to distribute the assets without liability to creditors having claims of which no notice has been received.

All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount forthwith to the trustee.

A meeting of the creditors for the giving of directions with reference to the dispossal of the estate, and for the consideration of other matter, will be held in the office of the undersigned on Wednesday, the fifth day of December, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this thirteenth day of November, A. D., 1900.

STUART HENDERSON,
Railway Ave, Ashcroft
Solicitor for the Trustee.

NOTICE.

Examination for Assayers for Licence to practice in British Columbia.

In accordance with section 12 of the Bureau of Mines Act, examinations for efficiency in the practice of assaying will be held in the Laboratory of the Bureau of Mines, Victoria, on Nov. 12th 1900, and on such following days as may be found necessary.

An examination will be held in Kootenay during the month of December, of which notice will be given.

Additional examinations may be ordered by the Minister of Mines at other places and at other times, should a sufficient number of candidates be entered from any district at the same time.

Examinations will cover the following subjects and candidates must be prepared to be examined in all these subjects:

(a) SAMPLING:

Sampling of ores or furnace products and the reduction and preparation of sample for assay, including also the melting of gold dust and sampling of bar for assay.

(b) QUALITATIVE DETERMINATION:

In ores or furnace products of the following; Copper, iron, nickel, antimony, arsenic, and sulphur.

(c) QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION—ASSAYING:

Bullion—Gold Bullion, for gold and silver;
Copper " for copper, gold and Silver;
Lead copper bullion, for lead, copper, gold and silver.

Coal:
Determination of moisture, volatile combustible matter, fixed carbon, ash and sulphur.

Ores and furnace products:
Fire assays—
Gold, silver and lead, by crucible method;
Gold and silver by scorification method.
Wet Assays—
Copper, by electrolitic, gravimetric, colormetric and volumetric (cyanide or other approved) methods.
Iron, by volumetric and gravimetric methods.
Nickel, by electrolitic meteods.
Lead, lime, zinc, sulphur and silica, by any approved wet methods.
The mineralogical determination of a number of simple mineral substances.

ENTRANCE FOR EXAMINATION.

Entrance for any examination must be made in writing to the secretary of the Board of Examiners, at least ten days before the date set for beginning of examination, and must be accompanied by the subscribed fee.

CERTIFICATE.

A certificate of efficiency in assaying will, upon payment of the prescribed fee, be issued to each successful candidate which certificate shall be considered as a licence to practice assaying in British Columbia; and notice is hereby given that after the 1st day of March, 1901, only those holding such certificate of proficiency or licence will be allowed to act as assayers in this province, under penalty as provided by the Act.

EXEMPTION FROM EXAMINATION.

In accordance with sub-section 2 of section 12 of the Act, graduates of certain Schools of Mines and colleges may be exempt from examinations, and may, upon satisfying the examiners, as provided in the Act, receive such certificate of competency or licence, upon payment of the fee therefor ($15.00).

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to approve of the following:

FEES.

The fee to be paid by a candidate upon entering his name for any examination shall be $10.

Upon issuance of a certificate, a fee of $15 shall be paid by candidate, successful either by examination or exemption on account of college diploma.

EXAMINERS.

The examiners shall be:

The Provincial Mineralogist, who shall act as chairman of the Board of Examiners;

The Provincial Assayer, who shall act as Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Examiners:

Thomas Kiddie, of Van Anda, who shall act as special examiner for such examinations as may be held on or near the coast.

Should the Minister of Mines deem it advisable to hold examinations in other localities, he is authorized to appoint another special examiner from each such locality, who shall act in conjunction with the Provincial Mineralogist and Provincial Assayer for the conducting of such examination

Examiners shall be appointed without salary but shall be allowed hotel and travelling expenses, when called upon to act as examiners and shall be entitled to receive without fee a certificate, as provided in the Act.

While the Department of Mines will provide all the apparatus and chemicals usually necessary, it will not undertake to provide any special or unusual appliances or chemicals which might be called for, and if a candidate should require such he will have to provide them at his own expense.

Candidates must provide themselves with such platinum ware and sets of weights as they may require.

The Department of Mines will make no charge for the use of chemicals or apparatus, but a candidate will be charged for all breakages or unnecessary loss caused by him.

RICHARD McBRIDE.
Minister of Mines

Department of Mines, Victoria, Oct. 13, 1900

NOTICE.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 16th October 1900.

His Honor the Lieut-Governor in Council has been pleased to direct the publication of the the under-mentioned Amended Scale of Fees, payable under the provisions of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and Amendment Acts.

By Command,

J. D. PRENTICE,
Provincial Secretary.

SCHEDULE ONE

Records of Water for Domestic, Industrial Agricultbral and Mining Purposes.

For every record or interim record of 100 inches of water or less.....$10.00
For every additional 100 inches up to 300 inches.....$20.00
For every additional 100 inches above 300 inches up to 2,000 inches.....$30.00
For every additional 1,000 inches above the *first 2,000 inches up to 12,000 inches* $45.00
For every additional 1,000 inches up to 100,000 inches.....$20.00
For apportioning the water authorized to be used under any record.....$5.00
In respect of every record or interim record, (except in respect of water recorded and actually used for agricultural purposes) an annual fee, up to the first 300 inches of..$5.00
For every additional 100 inches up to 2,000 inches, an annual fee of.....$3.00
For every additional 1,000 inches up to 12,000 12,000 inches, an annual fee of.....$25.00
Inspection or search of any record in any record of water rights.....0 25
Filing any notice or document with a Commissioner or Gold Commissioner.....0 50
For a certified copies of any record or document per folio of 100 words.....0 25
Publication in the Gazette according to the *scale of charges as defined* in Lehedule A of the "Statutes and Journals Act."

Annual fees to be paid to the Commissioner for the district on or before the 30th day of June in each year.

SCHEDULE TWO

The supplying of Water by Waterworks Systems to Cities, Towns and Incorporated Localities.

Every municipality or specially incorporated company shall pay in respect of each of the several matters in Schedule one of this scale the fees in respect of such matter by the said Schedule one prescribed.—

For the presenting by a specially incorporated company of a petition under section 53 of the Act and the filing of the documents by section 52 prescribed, a fee of..... $25.00
For every certificate issued under section 55 of the Act, a fee (to be paid to and for the use of the Judge of the Supreme Court granting such petition) of.....$100.00

SCHEDULE THREE

The Acquistion of Water and Water Power for Industrial or Manufacturing purposes by Power Companies

Every power company shall pay in respect of each of the several matters in Schedule One of this scale the fees in respect of such matter by the said Schedule one prescribed:

For the filing of the documents mentioned in Section 85 of the Act, a fee of..... $25.00
For every certificate under section 88 or section 90 of the Act, a fee of..... $100.00
For the examination and approval of every schedule or proceeding fixing tolls, rates, fares, rents or charges, a fee of..... $10.00

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To encourage the breeding of thoroughbred race horses the committee have decided to give a $100 purse and entrance money of $20 each added, to be divided into first, second and third money for 2 year olds, under the following conditions:

The Clinton Derby, ⅝ mile dash—All nominations with $10 nomination fee enclosed, to be sent Secretary Clinton Jockey Club, on or before January 1st, 1901, with name and description of horse, also names of sire and dam, and breeder and owners name. $20 to be paid Secretary on or before 15th July, 1901, and $20 to be paid before 10 p. m. night before race. For foal of 1899, bred in the districts of Yale, Lillooet and Cariboo. Weights: fillies, 112 lbs; colts, 115 lbs. To be run at the October meeting 1901.

Cash must be sent with the nomination *papers or entry will not be entertained.*

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Clinton, October 12, 1900.

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Notice

Teamsters and others

Having leased the Ashcroft Hotel stables I am prepared to furnish hay for horses at 30c per night or hay per ton delivered at $12.00.

O. H. EVANS
Ashcroft.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of pastural and meadow land in Lillooet district, commencing at a stake marked A, opposite the old 130-Mile post; thence east one-half mile; thence south one-half mile; thence west one-half mile; thence north one half mile to point of commencement.

A. S. ULRICH
132-Mile House, October 29th, 1900 28-4

NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of John Lanyon, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against John Lanyon, late of Barkerville, Cariboo, miner, who died on the 18th day of June, 1900, are required to send full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and *of the nature of the securities (if any) held by* them, to John A. Fraser, of Quesnel, on or before the 27th day of December, 1900. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amounts due by them to the said John A. Fraser forthwith. After the said 27th day of December, 1900, the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

JOHN A. FRASER,
Official Administrator.
Quesnel, B. C., Oct. 29, 1900. 28-6

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as H. C. Rayson and Company, freighters, contractors, loggers, etc., on the Cariboo Road, British Columbia, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Claude R. Doxat at Ashcroft, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Claude R. Doxat by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Ashcroft this 9th day of November, 1900.

CLAUDE R. DOXAT
H. C. RAYSON
Witness: W. G. McQuarrie 28-4

When you do drink, drink Blue Ribbon Tea, sold at Foster's.