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The Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Ltd., of Bullion, Cariboo district, B. C., completed the cleanup for the second run on the 1st instant and have shipped the result thereof in one large ingot of solid gold, weighing 9,040 troy ounces (753 lbs 4 ounces) valued at $154,765.00. This, we are informed, is the product of a run of 68 days washing with 2750 miners inches of water, and is probably the largest ingot of gold ever shipped east across the continent from an hydraulic mine.

The product is large when it is considered that the company was compelled to suspend washing operations for about 21 days, awaiting the arrival of explosives, which were delayed in delivery on account of the heavy and impassable condition of the roads between Ashcroft and Bullion. Were it not for this delay and serious loss of washing time the product of the second run would no doubt have reached about $210,000.00. This serious loss in product to the Consolidated Cariboo makes apparent the necessity for *immediately placing the main Cariboo* road in proper condition for the transportation of the large quantities of heavy freight and mining supplies required at Horsefly, Bullion, Quesnel Forks, and Barkerville. It appears strange, however, that large mining companies do not take advantage of good winter roads and get their season's supplies on sleighs, when freighting can be done at less cost to the mine owner as well as the freighter, and by doing so avoid delays caused by heavy roads, that must be expected during the summer months.

It is understood that the Consolidated *Cariboo Hydraulic Mining* Co. has stored in its extensive system of reservoirs, sufficient water to run the mine full time for over sixty days, so we may look for another large shipment of bullion before the end of the season, and we are safe in saying that the product of the season of 1900 will greatly exceed $300,000.

WORK ON THE CARIBOO ROAD

"It is interesting to observe," said a passenger on the last down stage, "how the various road gangs, scattered along the length of the Cariboo road go about their work, and how they succeed in making permanent whatever work they do. Of course, road-making is something like running an hotel, for everybody thinks he can do it better than the fellows who are giving it close attention and perhaps have made it a careful study for years. Nevertheless we cannot look at the manner of work adopted and the *successive work gangs without forming* some opinion as to which is likely to prove the best and most permanent.

"Coming down the road I saw some first class work being done, and done, too, as if some intelligent interest were taken in the work, while in other cases it seemed to be that the workmen were simply putting in their time without regard for permanency, and with a desire only to cover up the bad spots for the present and let the future take care of itself. For instance, it seemed to me palpably absurd for a road gang to throw a lot of dirt on top of a mud hole and expect the mud to disappear *instanter. And yet this is being done in* dozens of places on the Cariboo road this fall. I realize the difficulty of reforming the muddy parts when there is no gravel to be had for probably miles around. And yet some gangs were getting over this difficulty and making a good job, while others were merely heaping on more dirt, which in the end would mean making more mud. I saw stretches of soft, muddy parts covered to a depth of two feet with soft dirt which only required a rainfall or two to make the whole highway one soft and sticky mass. We desire to cover up the original mud and let the future take care of itself, was evidentally uppermost in the minds of the workmen.

"While this was true in some cases, it was not the case in all. I saw plenty of good intelligent work being done, and where gravel was plentiful the question of making better roads was not a serious one, and the men were doing good work, Where no gravel was to be had I also saw good work done.

"The manner of work was this: In case of deep holes they were filled in with small boulders, which were broken into reasonably small hard-heads with a sledge hammer. Long, muddy stretches were corduroyed first and then covered with earth. The corduroy formed a solid bottom through which the heavy-laden wagons could not break. In corduroying, progress is necessarily slower, but the work will last for a number of years, and it is far more economical to have a good, hard-bottomed road that will stand wear and tear for some years, even if it costs more at first, than to pile dirt on *top of dirt and expect a road to be* the outcome.

"But as I said before, road-making is something like running an hotel, and maybe I don't know so much about it as I think I do. Nevertheless, 'them's my sentiments,' and the JOURNAL can have them without any extra charge if it wants 'em."

CORNISH CREEK

Mr. H. W. Laird, accompanied by his little son, arrived from Barkerville on Wednesday, having made the trip in seven days in probably the worst roads Mr. Laird has seen since he has been in the country. Above the 150-Mile House, despite the frantic efforts of the road men, there is practically no road at all, and to get along one has to undertake a go-as-you-please scramble through the mud and make it somehow. Mr. Laird reports having had a *satisfactory season on Cornish Creek*, where he has installed a substantial water power plant for the purpose of exploiting the alluvial deposits of the deep ground. A two-compartment shaft was sunk to bedrock and drives were run therefrom in both directions for the purpose of cross-cutting the channel. The development work determined that the shaft had come down upon a bench where heavy, coarse gold was found, and with this showing on a bench or. Laird naturally looks for good pay in the deeper ground, which will be exploited next season. Owing to the cold nights and winter about to set in in the Cariboo country, Mr. Laird closed down the mine for the season and will spend the winter in the east. When Mr. Laird left the upper country about a week ago the compressed air was about to be turned on at his brother's mine on Willow River. The work of putting in the air locks, so far away from the base of supplies, has been a long, tedious and expensive one but they are now completed and exports declare that a first class job has been made. In all probability the air has already been turned on and work at the face commenced. General interest throughout the upper country, in fact all the way down the line seems to be concentrated upon this large undertaking, and the universal opinion seems to be that Mr. Laird's plucky fight with adverse conditions in Willow river will in the end result in great results for all his trouble and anxiety.

QUESNEL.

Gold dredging on the Quesnel and Fraser rivers seems to be the mining talk just now. Business and trade in this neighborhood has been more than usually quiet this summer and unless something turns up soon to relieve the situation, mining in the district will fall into "inocuous desuetude" entirely. We people naturally turn to the subject of dredging the river for gold as one of the great opportunities of the country. The upper country has been prospected from end to end and vast amounts of gold have been reclaimed from its snug retreat in *old channels or hydrauliced banks;* but the golden bars of the Quesnel and Fraser remain untouched for want of capital to properly handle the ground.

Knowing this to be the state of facts, and feeling sure that the time will come when river dredging will bring this country into world-wide prominence again, the people naturally feel impatient that the progress is seemingly so slow. But the good time is coming, nevertheless, and the men who have made fortunes out of the river beds of California, New Zealand and Australia have heard of the rich bars of the Quesnel and Fraser, and there are now a dozen dredges projected in these parts.

The conditions are different there than in these countries, but this only means the altering of machinery to meet the changed conditions. The gravel per cubic yard is richer far in Fraser and Quesnel rivers than in far away countries where vast sums of money have been made, and with this fact determined, it is only a question of dollars and cents, and the proper machinery to make dredging boom in this upper country as it has boomed nowhere else.

Several dredging experts in this district, studying the conditions, and the boom may be upon us quicker than we expect.

CANADA'S OLDEST MAN.

Many newspapers in Canada are accrediting Adam Misener, of Troy, who is 103 years of age, with being the oldest man in Canada. Such is not the case. There is a man living in Galt, Ont. *named John Franklin, who was born* on the Irish Channel on November 1st, 1794, and who will consequently be 106 years of age on the 1st of November next. If he lives till January 1st next he will have lived in three centuries. Mr. Franklin claims to be a relative of Benjamin Franklin. He is still enjoying good health although a little feeble, and is seen on down town streets every fine day.

Three of Col. Wright's employes from Omenica arrived down on Tuesday and report that the balance of the party will arrive in a few days, Col. Wright himself being at Quesnel, where he is settling with a portion of his men. News only in a general way has been given us that the various parties have had a good season and no serious accidents have occured. The season has been very wet in Omenica. The Captain Black party will also be out in a few days.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR:—May I be permitted to ask for a little space of your valuable paper, a thing which I believe I have never asked of you before.

Last evening while on the principal street of our romantic little town, I was accosted by a gentleman, a fellow citizen of mine, who asked me for one dollar. I looked with a little surprise at the gentleman, but he insisted on making the demand, saying that he was broke. I took out my pocket book and on opening it found that the one single bank note which I had in it was not a one dollar bill, or I should have given it to him without further ceremony. I then told him he must be joking and he told me he was making up a purse to send a man—I will not use here the same words which he used in his discription of the man—back to the old country. Now I think if those *who have for so many months associated* with, and to some extent been boon companions of the man in question, would quietly put their hand in their own pockets and assist this man, who, although apparently well able to do so, has made no effort while here to earn a dollar for himself, it would be better and far more charitable than to be begging money for him and at the same time be speaking of the man in a disparaging way.

For my own part I think the matter of sending the man to the old country might be a mistake, because it being a much older country than this, there *may be many more of his class there,* in need of help, whereas here he is more of a novelty. I have no money to expend on able bodied men who could but would not work. If the man in question will go down to my wood pile and split wood for about four hours, long enough to earn $1, I will give him $2 for it, for he has been here so long now without employment that it would do me good to see him lay down his pipe once, bare his arms and work and thereby honor God with the splendid looking physique with which he has been endowed.

We had also in this vicinity a short *time ago, a character who was also* from England, but quite different; a man who was, as his record goes to show, possessed of a good deal of self-reliance, energy, pluck and industrious habits, all requisits for a successful pioneer, but he had one failing, poor fellow, which doubtless was the cause of his untimely death as well as a great hindrance to his success in life, viz., the appetite for strong drink. But notwithstanding this, it seems to me that there ought to have been more systematic and united efforts made by this community to find this man's body. I refer to George Finney, who was lost on his way home from Ashcroft with his horse, some time ago. I am well aware that a reward of $25.00 was offered by one gentlemen here in Ashcroft, which was very generous, but there should have been a party of six or a dozen competent men sent out to search for the body and the horse, which has likely starved to death, securely tied to a tree. I for my own part would gladly, even at this late date, volunteer to be one of six or more to go for a two days search to ascertain if possible what has been the fate of George Finney.

Fearing that I have written far to lengthy an article to find space in the columns of your valuable JOURNAL I remain yours respectfully,

I. LEHMAN.

Ashcroft, B. C., Oct. 16, 1900.

TO BUILD AT ONCE.

KEREMEOS-PRINCETON ROAD TO RECEIVE ATTENTION.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works has issued instructions to Arthur Stevenson, Road Superintendent for West Yale, to begin work on the Princeton-Keremeos wagon road at once.

It is the intention of the government to push the work to immediate completion. Owing to the lateness of the season it is thought advisable to build *the road under government supervision* instead of calling for tenders as originally intended. As many as possible will be employed, as the work will be arranged in sections, each section being under a competent foreman. The wages paid will be $2.50 per day.

The government building at Princeton will be built at once. Plans are now ready and tenders for the work will be asked for shortly.—Similkameen Star.

A PROFLIGATE GOVERNMENT.

Since the close of the Franco-German war Germany has been at peace; she has none of the extraordinary expenses that war brings. The result of that contest brought her, in addition to the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, the enormous sum of $1,000,000,000 in cash. She should be, therefor, in fairly prosperous condition; yet according to the Freinsinnige Zeitung, the debt of the empire has been trebled since the death of Emperor William, which occured shortly after the war.

LETTER FROM C. F. CORNWALL

Editor Ashcroft JOURNAL,

SIR:—*I have just returned after driv*ing over the whole length of road from Ashcroft to Barkerville and during the journey thus made was gratified in seeing what excellent crops of grain were being harvested and thrashed out on the different farms which border the highway. We in this neighborhood have equal grounds for thankfulness and content with the return for our labors as have our farming friends to whose crops I have referred above, and on this estate I find that the yield of grains this year is quite worthy of report to those interested in such matters. The acreage we cultivate is but small for the local market will hardly warrant extensive agricultural operations. Our land has been under cultivation for 37 years now and its annual yield seems to be as good as ever. We may ascribe that fact to the character of the soil, the wonderful climate, the practice of irrigation and, maybe, to the skill of the farmer, but still it is wiser to remember that, as has been said, "Paul may plant and Appolos may water but *it is the* LORD that giveth the increase."

This year our barley land has yielded exactly 42 bushels per acre, wheat 41⅔ bushels to the acre and the *oats, putting their weight at 40 lbs to* the bushel, just 100 bushels per acre. In another way of putting it the land has yielded 2,470 lbs. of grain per acre all round. These weights are taken as the grain came from the threshing machine and about them no doubt can arise.

Again, as to the special Ashcroft product—the potato. As you know, Ashcroft station is now thronged with teams delivering to the railway their magnificently grown tubers, and if all the crops grown are as good as ours there must be thousands of tons weight to be shipped away. As near as I can make out (and the calculation is nearly exact) our yield here has just been 500 bushels per acre of marketable potatoes. Such yields speak for themselves and require no explanatory paragraphs. These *yields* and the quality of the fruits, roots and grains that we grow hereabouts should certainly open the eyes of those living in less favored regions. I am

yours faithfully,

C. F. CORNWALL.

We are sending out a large number of pamphlets this week containing the *proposed amendments to the Placer* Mining Act. A copy has been sent to each member of the Legislative Assembly, one to each mining man living in a placer district that we would naturally expect to be interested, and one to each newspaper in the province and to many outside. Many to whom none has yet been sent will be remembered later, and anyone interested that has not received a copy, we will send one on application. We have asked that each one receiving one of these copies write us endorsing amendments or criticising them, and offering suggestions, the object being as will be readily seen, to get the views of the placer mining men throughout the province so that they can be laid before the mining Commission or the committee on mines, and say to them "here are the opinions of the mining men of the province and we ask for such amendments as will make it easier than it now is to secure money for investments in British Columbia mines, as we believe can be done, and in the general interest of *the province, as well as mining men.*" We shall be glad to hear from any one that is interested, and will gladly publish any communications bearing on this subject of so much importance to our section of the province.

Mr. J. K. Barker, so long a resident of Cariboo, and one of the original holders of the old South Fork (now the Cariboo Hydraulic) and who has been connected with the mine ever since Mr. Hobson assumed management, came down this week and left for the coast next day. He says he shall not work any more in or around the mine and will take it easy, but will visit the mine next year for a few weeks to see how the bedrock gravel, which has never been disturbed as yet, will wash up. He thinks it very rich and *says quite a large section will come in*to the returns next year which should very materially increase the output. The cone of gold, a description of which is given in another column of this issue, arrived at Ashcroft on Wednesday, in charge of James Bain and Messrs. Barker and Breeze. The chunk will make some of the melting men sweat when it reaches New York.

In another column of this issue will be found a notice of the proposed race meeting at Clinton next year. Within a few weeks it is expected Ashcroft will make some arrangements for a *track and annual meet*, at least the matter is being discussed favorably by some of the citizens and the project is under consideration.

Dr. W. J. Curry, dentist, will be at the 150-Mile House about one week, beginning October 21.

AN ABSCONDER CAPTURED.

Everett, Monday, Oct. 15.—Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock a wire reached the sheriff's office here that W. L. Dunn, the absconder, had been captured at Ashcroft, B. C. Dunn was connected with the business office of The Daily Independent of this city and was an able newspaper man and well received socially. Last August when he had established himself in the confidence of his employer and many friends he overdrew his own bank account and *drew checks to the amount of $200 on* the Daily Independent and skipped out. His conduct was a great shock to all who knew him, many still believing that the young man must be mentally deranged.

The arrest was the result of an unrelenting search on the part of Sheriff Zimmerman. It is said that Dunn has waived extradition papers and gave himself up to come on the warrant alone. He is expected here tonight.—Seattle Times.

The above party while in Ashcroft called himself W. J. Byrne and was here for over two months. He at first claimed to be a member of the Kentucky Legislature in retirement owing to political troubles there, but afterwards aknowledged that he was drawon his immagination. He was well behaved while here and had he not told so many conflicting stories would have been well liked. He had very little, if any, money on his arrival in Ashcroft, but had a good supply of clothes. Sheriff Simmerman arrived last Saturday and found officer Burr had his man in charge. The sheriff left with his prisoner on Monday. Dunn went without extradition papers. He will very likely, if convicted, get from three to seven years in the pennitentary.

An application will be made within the next few days before Judge Cornwall by Stuart Henderson on behalf of Col. Beecher, of Barkerville, to set aside a capias issued by S. A. Rogers, merchant, of Barkerville. Col Beecher has been engaged in a mining enterprise for upwards of a year on *Wolf Creek, in the Cariboo district,* and at the end of the season was unable to meet his financial obligations. Upon his projected departure for New York he was apprehended at the instance of Mr. Rogers, who has an unpaid grocery bill amounting to about $2,500, since which time he has been under police surveillance in his own residence. Six weeks have now elapsed and Col. Beecher has not succeeded in raising the wind. He has now instructed his solicitor to secure his release upon legal grounds and also because he claims to have property in the country of more value than the amount sued for. *Mr. Rogers is re*sisting the application.

PASSENGER LIST.

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

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ARRIVALS.

Chief Justice McColl
Mrs McColl and son
W J Kirby
J MacKenzie
G Powell
J Burr
Mr Kehoe
Mr Roumage
Mrs Carson and son
Mr Casey
A McKinley
M Judge
A J McLeod
D McMillan
H Roy
John McRae
Sister Frances
Sister Lenore
Marcus Bailey
Coustable Murry and prisoner
Mrs Bose and child
Mr Taylor
Ah Sing

DEPARTURES.

Lieut. Harte	Lillooet
E Billinghurst	111-M H
A Purves	"
C H Smith	Soda Creek
A McKinley	"
J Bain	Bullion
W G Breeze	"
M Oppenheimer	Lillooet
Miss Fraser	"
Mr Cran	"
Mrs Cran	"

In the days when Children understood the language of Everything a Boy was telling his Troubles to the Eggs.

"They always Beat me," he Complained, "unless I am Good."

"They will not beat us," observed the Eggs, "unless we are Good."

Moral.—There must be some Mistake in those Jokes about Omelets.—Baltimore American.

Where He Didn't Study.

"My gracious!" cried the sympathetic girl. "Your dog seems half starved. He looks as if he hadn't had anything to eat for a week."

"Neither he has, poor fellow!" replied the college student. "I forgot all about him."

"Why, where was he?"

"Locked up in my study room!"

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MANAGER'S REPORT FOR 1900.

Harper Camp, B. C., Oct. 1, 1900.
To the President and Directors of the Miocene Gravel Mining Co., of Cariboo, Ltd., New Westminster, B. C.

GENTLEMEN:—As manager of the Miocene Gravel Mining Company, of Cariboo, Ltd., I submit my annual report for the season ending September 30, 1900.

This report relates to the work of getting in the wood, timber and other supplies preparatory for unwatering the shaft and sinking in 65 feet deeper which would make the shaft a total depth of 550 feet, and driving off with tunnel where it was supposed the bottom of the channel would be reached.

The winter was unusually mild; snow was late coming, which delayed the wood and timber hauling, however, we were able to haul in about 800 cords of wood on snow, besides timber for underground work necessary for the season. During the month of March, the new steam heater, additional pumping machinery and new water column arrived at the mine. The heater was placed in position; the boilers and other machinery were overhauled and on April 1st, we began pumping. As the water was lowered in the shaft, the defective water column was removed. When the 250 foot station was reached, it became necessary to enlarge the same in order to make room for the compound cylinders which were to be added to the large Worthington station pump located there. While this work was being done the new water column was put in, after which the pumping out of the lower section of the shaft was begun. The two large sinking pumps were placed one in each of the end compartments of the shaft, and were lowered alternately. The work progressed satisfactorily and without accident until we were within ten or fifteen feet of the bottom, when we discovered a break in the plunger barrel of one of the large sinkers. This, after some delay, we temporarily repaired, but before we got the shaft entirely dry we discovered a bad break in the same casting of the other sinking pump, which proved too difficult for us to repair. I at once ordered two new castings from the factory, which were three weeks on the way. In the meantime, with some difficulty, we held the water down until the new castings arrived. By the disabling of these pumps we lost nearly a month's time wherein no headway was made in the shaft.

After the broken castings had been replaced by the new ones, the bottom of the shaft was soon made dry, but before sinking could be resumed, it was necessary to excavate a station at the bottom and put in a tank for catching the water, this done, both the large sinkers were lowered to this point and used to pump this water to the 250 foot station where the station pumps pumped it to the surface. This left the bottom of the shaft perfectly dry. The shaft was then sunk 65 feet in the bed rock, which, owing to its nature, worked well with the use of very little powder.

At this dept, 550 feet from the surface, a tunnel was driven in the direction of the channel 400 feet, being still in bed rock, an upraise of about 20 feet was made where gravel was encountered, also a small amount of water. This gravel gave excellent prospects in gold, 10 to 20 cents to the pan, but indications were that we were not yet in the main pay-channel. Fearing that we might encounter more water than we could handle by opening this upraise more extensively, not having any pumping facilities for handling this bottom water, we decided to stop work in this uprise and extend the main tunnel another 100 feet, which was done and another upraise made and when about 15 feet above the floor of the main tunnel, we suddenly broke through into what appeared to be, and doubtless was, the bottom of the main channel. Water and gravel came in with a great rush, driving the men from the upraise. It was necessary to bulkhead this to make it safe. Very little gravel was secured from this upraise, but enough to show that it was very rich. We had placed a small sinking pump in the bottom of the shaft to pump what little water escaped from above to the pumping station in the shaft, and while its capacity was only 80 gallons per minute, we managed to keep the main tunnel dry with this small pump for nearly three days, hoping to make another drive from the main tunel of about 100 feet, where we intended to make another upraise, tapping the gravel at another point. This tunnel had been driven a distance of 30 feet when the water in No. 2 upraise increased, covering the floor of the tunnel and making further work in 550 level out of the question.

I then made arrangements for closing down, taking out one of the large sinking pumps, but leaving all the pumps in the pump shaft intact. I also put guides in No. 2 hoisting shaft, which leaves the two hoisting compartments clear, ready for using skips and water tanks so that when the shaft is again unwatered it can be done with much less time and expense, as we will then have the tanks and pumps both to use for that purpose. The shaft is now in perfect condition.

It may now be considered that all doubt heretofore existing as to the value of the bottom gravel in this enormous dead river channel has been dispelled, and that there doubtless exists an extensive body of high grade gravel. It having been found to be enormously rich on its rims near the surface, but a few hundred feet distant from our shaft in the Ward-Horsefly mine, no other conclusion can be consistently arrived at.

It will now be necessary to provide a suitable hoist, with cages and water tanks complete for the hoisting of water and gravel. It will also be necessary to provide a pumping plant for handling the bedrock water. This should be made independent of the pumping plant now in the shaft, and to be fully prepared with ample power for this work, additional boiler capacity should be provided. I therefore recommend the appropriation of sufficient money for further equipping the mine and placing it on a paying basis.

R. H. CAMPBELL,
Manager.

TRANSVAAL MINES.

The English papers are beginning to receive accounts from the Witwatersrand in relation to the condition of the mines there. In almost every case the reports corroborate the statements made by our special correspondent during the period when the Boer forces occupied Johannesburg and the mines were entirely under their control. As a rule there has been no destruction of property. In a few cases tools and machinery which could be used in the arsenal were removed from the repair shops or engine rooms, but the number is comparatively small. In the mines operated by the Transvaal Government the ore blocked out has been taken out and no new development work done. A number of mines are full of water and the mills show the deterioration which might be expected after nearly a year's idleness. There are a few mines which could not be put in producing condition within a month after work is fairly resumed. When the new start will be made is still uncertain, for the military necessities still prevent any general return of mine employes or civilians to Johannesburg, and may continue to do so for some time to come. Present indications, however, are that it will be possible to make a beginning by the end of the current year.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

GOLD IN NORWAY

According to a dispatch to the Christiana Press, valuable discoveries of gold have been made at Karasjok, in Finmarken. The gold is alluvial and one expedition is said to be washing gold at the rate of $220 a day. In other rivers, too, washing is carried on successfully. The expedition has been organized by miners returned from Klondike, where most of them have been unfortunate, but they are of opinion that the prospects in the Lapland rivers are very promising. As, however, is well known, small quantities of gold are constantly found in the rivers of Lapland and Finland, but hardly sufficient to pay the cost of extraction on a large scale. But perhaps men with more experience and better apparatus may be more successful.

HALL MINES

Mr. Gifford, who has been appointed mine manager of the reorganized Hall Mining and Smelting Company, proposes to justify the faith which he has had in the Silver King as one of the great mines of British Columbia. He has an extensive program of development mapped out, and in conversation with a Nelson Tribune reporter, said, within a short time he expected to have a force of 500 men at work in the company's property. The management of the Hall mines are considering the use of electric power from Bonnington Falls instead of steam power, as heretofore, for their plant and machinery at the mines, and possibly at the smelter.

The returning officers in Yale-Cariboo and Burrard constituencies will undoubtedly use their discretion in naming the day on which polling will take place in their constituencies. Nomination day is set for the last day of the month, and it would be difficult for the returning officer, located as he is at Kamloops, for Yale-Cariboo, to deliver ballot papers and ballot boxes to all the outlying polling places in his immense constituency within a week, and the party in power will see to it that all the advantages that will accrue from the result of the elections in other portions of the Dominion will inure to the benefit of the standard bearer of the party in this constituency, and the one advantage is: Many people like to be on the winning side. If the east goes Liberal, Yale-Kootenay will do likewise. So in Burrard. The returning officer lives in Vancouver. It would be impossible for him to deliver ballot papers and boxes at the outlying polling places in Cassiar within a week after nomination day. All is fair in politics, as long as the game is played on the square.—Tribune

The Colonial Gold Fields, of London, Eng., has some very pleasant things to say about Hon. James Turner, now Finance Minister. In a late issue it says: "We also heartily congratulate Mr. Turner on his reinstatement to the position of Minister of Finance. Mr. Turner is well known in London as a member of the firm of colonial merchants, Beeton, Turner & Co., and his name has always been associated with a sound progressive policy in the administration of affairs of the Province. This appointment will be some guarantee to British investors that an effort will be made to promote legislation beneficial to the mining industry. It may be taken for granted that one of the first reforms to which Mr. Turner will direct attention will be the reorganization of the British Columbia Agency in London."

THE DREDGER IN GOLD MINING

The dredger is growing in popularity as a useful and economical agent in river mining. Its chief value lies, of course, in its ability to handle at trifling cost, auriferous gravel deposits inaccessable to all other methods of mining. It is enlarging the field of its operations on the Pacific coast. Almost every stream in the gold bearing belt capable of floating a dredger has one or more of these machines at work or preparations are being made to introduce them. For years dredging for gold has been a fixed industry on Klamath river. There are half a dozen of these mammoth machines at work on the Geather river, each one handling from 2,000 to 3,000 cubic yards of material per day. A scoop dredger has been in successful operation for years on the Sacramento river near Redding. At Poker Flat, on the Trinity river, a dredger has been at work for a long time past, and one which was formerly used in gold mining on Rogue river, Oregon, is about to be installed at Weaver basin, in the same county.

The latter illustrates in a marked degree the great value of the dredger in mining ground which is difficult or impossible to drain. It is represented that two years before the demise of the late Thomas Blythe surveys of Weaver basin were made for him with the view of mining it through a bedrock tunnel. The latter would have been two miles in length, and it is estimated that it would cost $600,000 to drain and open the ground. The dredger which is about to be transferred to the basin represents possibly less than one-twentieth the capital involved in Blythe's plans, and it is expected that the gold-bearing deposit lying there can be handled at a cost of not more than 4 cents per cubic yard.

One of the largest dredgers ever constructed is afloat in Yreka creek, in Siskiyou county. It has been at work for several weeks but so far as reported its success has been only moderate, because of mishaps to the machinery. A large dredging enterprise is about to be started at the potholes on the California side of the Colorado river, and Arkansas capitalists have become interested in a similar enterprize on the banks of the same stream in the Laguna district. Machines of this kind are also to be used on Butte Creek in the vicinity of Chico: on the American river and also on the Stanislaus.

Outside of this State dredgers are employed in gold mining in Montana, where these machines were first introduced in mining on the Pacific Coast, in Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. Several dredgers are working regularly in the bed of the Fraser river and are reputed to be lifting lots of gold from the bottom of the stream; others are to be installed on the Saskatchewan river, on the eastern side of the rockies. Off Cape Nome dredging was a failure, as the Chronicle predicted it would be. Dredgers can be operated only in still water and the swell of the ocean was disastrous to those put in use at the Cape.—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE BRITANNIA MINE.

J. E. Kendall, the expert mining engineer, returned Sunday evening from the Britannia mine, which he has been examing for the Scot-Valentine Syndicate. Until his report is made public, Mr. Kendall does not feel at liberty to make an official statement.

In conversation, though, he admitted that he was very favorably impressed with what he had seen, and that the Britannia was a great property.

Mr. Kendall brought down numerous samples of ore, about ten tons in all, which will be assayed by different methods of treatment, and the results included in his report. A very extensive examination was made of the mine, and during his stay there every hour of daylight was utilized. He is accompanied by his son, C. Kendall, who also takes a great interest in the now famous Britannia.

Mr. Scott, one of the representatives of the purchasing syndicate, said this morning that Mr. Kendall was one of the foremost authorities of England on mining matters, and whatever his report is, it will be very valuable.—World.

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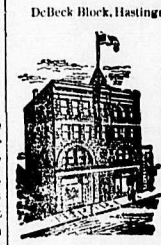

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It bows when south winds wander past,
But breasts unharmed the fiercest blast.

'Tis nature's miracle to me,
Her fairest work—a noble tree.
—Ninette M. Lowater in New York Sun.

IN THE LITTLE HOSPITAL.

A Touching Sketch of Two Patients Who Sailed Together.

BY P. Y. BLACK.

In the little country hospital the young nurses were very good and attentive to everybody, not having been in the business long enough to have grown callous. They were nice girls, mostly in their first year's course, and their lips would twitch and their faces whiten very often in the operating room or when they held a patient's hand while he died in the night. But they were brave and went about the pretty hospital singing softly in the cool corridors, carrying little white clothed trays to the sickrooms and being the best of medicines themselves by reason of their neatness, their bright eyes and their kind voices.

Now, one beautiful bright spring afternoon at the railroad junction in the town two trains filled with pleasure seekers smashed together, and the doctors and the matron and the nurses were plunged into a world of work, for ambulance after ambulance came driving up from the scene of the accident and left to the care of the girls many people sorely hurt. And among them was a very little boy about 6 years old whom nobody knew anything about because his father and mother were both killed in the collision, and there was nothing on them to show who or what they were except that they were very poor. It is comprehensible that a very great deal of attention was paid to this little fellow, and he would have been placed in the women's ward, as the hospital was too small for a children's ward, but the women's ward was full. So the boy, quite insensible, was laid on a cot in the men's ward, and next to him was laid a big brown bearded man, also insensible, from whose clothes had been gathered quite a sum of money and whose few papers went to show he had been a sailor. He was a very rough looking man indeed.

The man came to his senses first, and it was night. The nurse on watch was quite frightened at the man. He was in pain, and great allowance must be made for that, but never in all her life had the little nurse to listen to such words as came from the big brown bearded man's lips. He wanted to get up and go right away, but he found he could not move his great massive legs. So he began to abuse his fate and the railway and the hospital and the nurse and mankind in general. He was a very bitter mouthed man indeed. The little nurse by the light of the night lamp did her best to soothe him because he roused other patients, and there was a terrible groaning and wailing in the small ward. And all at once the little boy came to his senses, too, just for a minute, and his face was turned to the sailor's face, and his eyes fell upon the sailor's eyes. He was not quite sensible yet, for it seemed he mistook the sailor for his dead papa, and he said very prettily:

"Good morning, dad. How are you this morning?"

The sailor, looking into the little fellow's eyes, was abashed and stopped his swearing and was silent for a moment and then muttered clumsily:

"I'm all right."

"That's nice," said the boy and became unconscious again.

The sailor did not abuse anything any more just then, but lay groaning, and every now and again when the little nurse slipped by in the shadows he called to her softly, and the first time he said:

"Pretty little chap."

The nurse nodded and smiled, and the sailor smiled back, and until morning came at last he only groaned and watched the child and did not curse at all, but every time the nurse came to wipe his brow or give him a drink he whispered to her to look at the boy.

"Pretty boy! He thought I was his dad," he said and would have laughed only his pain made him groan instead. Again he caught the nurse's hand.

"Said it was nice, he did. Cute, ain't he?" And then his face twisted in pain.

But neither could the sailor rise from his back, and neither could the sailor hope to sail the sea again, for he was in the same case with the child, and both were slowly dying. At first sometimes the big brown man would forget himself in his pain, and the nurses would shut their ears, terrified, and the matron would threaten to move him to a room by himself, and that frightened him to silence, for ever since the accident he had a great love for the child. The child would look at his huge friend in surprise when he fell into one of his rages and say:

"Oh, John, that's not nice!"

And John would bite his lips at once and be patient. Then the child would say:

"How do you feel, John?"

And the sailor would answer:

"First rate, Joe."

"That's nice," little Joe would say. And they would lie quiet and look out of the window at the river and beyond where the big hills purpled to the skies and were always looking up.

So it was in the mornings, when Joe seemed always first awake and ready to have his hands and face washed by the nurse. He could not turn about to see the other patients, but he learned all their names, and as soon as he heard them moving he always asked very politely:

"And how do you feel, Mr. Smith?"

And Mr. Smith would always answer because it pleased the child:

"First rate, Joe."

"That's nice," said Joe. And so he would ask each in turn, and to each answer, always the same, he would reply cheerfully, "That's nice."

And when they asked him how it went with him he always said, though sometimes with an effort, "I'm pretty well, thank you." Then everybody would say with real pleasure, "That's nice, Joe."

So the summer went on, and very few patients came to the hospital, and John and Joe were all alone, save for the nurses who grew to dread the time that was soon to part the friends.

At last they told the sailor that there was no hope at all for him. A clergyman came to prepare him. He took the news very calmly, but instantly whispered:

"And the little fellow, Joe?"

"Don't tell him," said the minister. "He is so innocent he needs no preparation. But you?"

For days the poor sailor was in much trouble, and one night he whispered to his little companion:

"Joe, say you was rich as Vanderbilt and he was going a long sail, would you leave me behind?"

"No, John," said the child very earnestly; "I would want you to come too."

"Would you feel sorry, Joe, to sail away and leave me on the wharf, or—or if you was safe in a fine big ship, see me busted to pieces on the rocks?"

"John," said the child, "I would jump out and pull you to my ship, I would."

"Good old Joe," said the sailor, and said nothing more until prayer time, when he squeezed Joe's hand and whispered:

"Pray hard, Joe. Pray hard for me to come along. Pray for two, Joe."

And little Joe prayed for two.

The two used to watch for the searchlight of the big night boat which ran between two great cities on the river. When the steamer turned a point, its light flashed for an instant full on the front of the little hospital. Joe and John, hand in hand, very, very weak now, would lie and watch for it. Joe had made a story that it knew they were there and smiled in on purpose to say "Good night." Always he piped "good night" in return and John also. Then Joe, squeezing the once powerful hairy hand, would feebly ask:

"How do you feel, John, tonight?"

"First rate, Joe" poor John would answer, with a smothered groan.

"That's nice."

And they would lie very still or gradually go to sleep.

And so one night the steamboat came up the river and turned the point and cast its light upon the little hospital.

"Good night," said the sailor in a very low, husky whisper, while Joe's little hand rested on his. But the boy's eyes were wide with a strange light.

"It didn't say 'good night,' John," he whispered and tried to squeeze his friend's hand. "It said 'goodby.'"

The sailor tried to rise in bed, but was unable even to call out. He saw the river, but he could not see the other side. It was dark. He was afraid. His fingers closed round the child's feebly.

"How—do—you—feel tonight, dear John?" said little Joe's voice very softly and tenderly.

There was a moment's pause. The sailor's voice rang out with a glad cry:

"First rate, Joe."

"That's nice," said the child.

And the little nurses, running in, found the friends had gone together.—Los Angeles Times.

Chinese Dressmakers.

The sewing as well as dressmaking is all done by men tailors in China. There are many amusing stories told of them as copyists of the American's way of making up garments. A friend had need of a dozen undergarments. As she came over on shipboard a button was lost, and an exceedingly clumsy and ugly one replaced the lost one, which was of pearl. On reaching Shanghai she desired a tailor to copy from this garment, which was placed in his hands as a model. He brought back the garments, exquisite creations in lace and tucked muslin and each of the dozen adorned with a button exactly like the one on the sample garment.

Upon having his attention called to the ugly button his reply was, "Likee missy," and he was greatly disappointed that his efforts to please were not appreciated. He had spent many hours in search for "likee" buttons and no doubt was greatly disgusted with the unreasonableness of the foreign lady.—Alice Hamilton Rich in Woman's Home Companion.

Appropriate.

People who have the mistaken idea that poets prefer to be addressed in what is commonly called "high flown language" sometimes say strange things.

One such misguided individual spoke to Colonel John Hay in a hotel parlor soon after the great fire in Chicago.

"Well, Colonel Hay," she said, advancing with outstretched hand and her sweetest smile, "I suppose we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing the great fire embalmed in your liquid verse, shall we not?"

More Fit.

"Jaysmith is a sharp man," said Bloobumper.

"I should use the comparative degree instead of the positive," said Spatts.

"How's that?"

"I should call him a sharper."—Detroit Free Press.

Napoleon's "Dog Teeth."

"In the world's history," said a Buffalo man, "there are three characters who in the popular mind stand pre-eminent—Alexander the Great, Cæsar and Napoleon. Napoleon lived so near our own time as to be almost within the memory of living men, and there are plenty of men today in France who heard of Napoleon from their fathers, who lived in the stirring times connected with his name.

"There is a curious fact in connection with Napoleon's personal appearance that I have never been able to find mention of in any of the biographies, and that is that two upper front teeth were very long and lapped over the lower ones to an unusual extent, giving him a most peculiar appearance when smiling. These teeth—the two upper incisors, on either side of the mesial plane—ordinarily form a line that meets with the corresponding teeth in the lower jaw, but in Napoleon's case they overlapped. This information came to my father directly from the son of Napoleon's dentist, who made a memorandum of the fact."

A Saucy Duchess.

When the "Beggars' Opera," by Gay, was produced in 1728, it took the town positively by storm. The king still clung to Handel, but the nobility, with the Duchess of Queensberry among them, flocked rapturously to the "Newgate pastoral." The "Beggars' Opera" had a run of 62 nights, unprecedented in those days, and as one result of its success Handel became bankrupt. Suddenly there came an order from the lord chancellor to stop the new piece. Why, is not exactly known unless it was because the prime minister considered himself to be too faithfully represented therein. However that may have been, the theater had to be closed, whereupon the Duchess of Queensberry took up Gay's cause and vehemently championed it.

Very busy was she in those days, driving about in her coach asking for guinea subscriptions for printing copies of the forbidden play. And so heedless was Kitty that she carried her list to the queen's drawing room itself and had the audacity to ask the king for a subscription. This was a little too much, and her grace was requested to withdraw from the court, Kitty announcing, with characteristic composure, that the command was very agreeable to her, as she had never gone there for her own diversion, but to bestow civility upon the king and queen.—Good Words.

English Cabinet Secrets.

Secrets of state are probably the best kept of all secrets. When cabinet ministers in England first are admitted to the privy council, they have to take a solemn oath not to make known the conversation or proceedings of cabinet councils or any communications they may have with the queen or with another minister. They cannot give a hint of such things even to the highest members of the government who are not cabinet ministers. No clerk or secretary is allowed to be present at cabinet councils, no written record is kept, and it is the custom not to take any notes; hence no one but the crown and the ministers ever knows what has really been said and decided at cabinet meetings. The oath of secrecy lasts to the end of life. An ex-cabinet minister is as much bound by it as an actual cabinet minister.

Any conversation a minister or a peer may have with the crown on state matters must also be kept secret. So must letters to and from the sovereign. And even communications that have passed between sovereigns and ministers of former reigns must not be divulged. But in cases of extreme urgency the crown could and would allow a breach of the oath of secrecy.

Cooling Water In Nicaragua.

"They have," said a railroad man, "a primitive method of cooling water in Mexico and Central America. The principal is perfectly simple, but there is a certain knack about the thing that I have never known a white man to fully acquire.

"When a native in one of the broiling hot little villages of interior Nicaragua wants to cool some water, she fills a half gallon earthenware jar about two-thirds full. Parenthetically I say 'she,' because this is a task that requires more energy than any male Nicaraguan was ever known to possess. The jar is made of baked clay, and, not being glazed, is partially porous and soon becomes moist on the outside. Two leather straps are firmly attached to the neck, and, seizing these in her hands, she begins to rotate the jar swiftly in the air. The mouth is wide open, but centrifugal action keeps the liquid from flying out.

"The average native woman is frail and listless in appearance, but the endurance which they exhibit at this sort of calisthenics is marvelous. It is about the same as swinging Indian clubs, and I am afraid to say how long I have seen them keep it up, lest you might set me down as a prize liar. Generally the lord and master lies in one corner of their 'jacal,' or hut, smoking a cigarette and watching the operation languidly. When the woman thinks the water is sufficiently cool, she stops with a dexterous twist of the wrist and hands him the jar.

"Usually he takes a gulp, growls out, 'Moocha calora!' which is native patois for 'blamed hot,' and she begins again, patiently describing pinwheels. I have never made a test with a thermometer, but I assure you they can reduce tepid water to the temperature of a very cool mountain spring."

Among the inmates of a certain insane asylum were two who were considered perfectly harmless and not without a certain modicum of common sense. These two were generally employed in the garden and were frequently left without supervision.

An opportunity offering, they planned between themselves at attempt to escape.

"Now, bend down, Tom," said Jack as the two conspirators came to the wall surrounding the grounds; "then I'll climb up your shoulder to the top, and when I'm up I'll be able to give you a hand."

Tom accordingly bent down, and Jack, with a little difficulty, managed to gain the top of the wall, where, instead of assisting his friend, he disappeared on the other side and, as he was making off, shouted:

"Well, I think, Jack, you'll be better to stay on another fortnight yet. You're not nearly cured!"

Rebuking the Doctor.

Doctor (weary with unsuccessful efforts to cure patient)—Well, I've just one more remedy to try in your case, and if this doesn't help you nothing will.

Patient—Why didn't you frankly tell me that in the first place, doctor? If nothing will help me, I could have taken that at the start and saved the expense of your attentions.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 21st inst at the office of the Miocene Gravel Mining company, of Cariboo, Ltd, Harper Camp, for the delivery of seventy-five (75) thousands pounds of No. 1 oats, to be put into bins without sacks, at their works, 5,000 pounds thirty days after contract is let, 10,000 pounds in December and the balance during the months of January and February. The company reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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EAST RIDING OF LILLOOET ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that I shall, on Monday, the fifth day of November next, hold a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing and determining any or all objections against the retention of any names on the register of voters for the above-named Electoral District. Such Court will be opened at the Court House, Clinton, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, (61 Vic., c. 67, sub-s. (f), s. 11.) F. SOUES, Collector.

Clinton, September 1st, 1900.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

J. McMillan, police officer at Clinton, was in Ashcroft this week.

F. E. Greenfield, of the Kelley Douglas Co., was in town this week.

F. J. Deane, editor of the Inland Sentinel, was in town this week.

Thomas McMillan was in Ashcroft Tuesday. His friends will be glad to know that his son Ellis is improving nicely.

Notice the advertisement of the Clinton Race Committee. Later we will give a detailed account of the scheme.

The actual output from Klondike this year is over $25,000,000. This means about 125 tons weight, figuring gold as bought there at $15 per ounce.

F. S. Clarke the New Zealand dredging man, left Ashcroft for Quesnel river on Tuesday, to examine and report on dredging properties there.

Mr. Griffith, interested in mining in that section has been appointed receiver in the Summit Creek mines case. The company is known as the Colonial Mines and Development Co.

A Cleveland, O., couple have seperated because they were unable to agree on the name of their first baby. The remedy for this kind of martial infelicity is twins.

The Anderson Lake Mining Co. will have a meeting on Monday, the 21st inst. At last reports the mine was looking well and the mill running very successfully.

Charles Stewart, an Indian of Lytton, writes the JOURNAL that the Lytton Indians have finished making the road from Loring's ranch to Brittanie Lake and that it is a good job. They have been working about a month.

Marcus Bailey was remembered by quite a number of Ashcroft families this week when they were dining off of the ducks sent down from the 70-Mile House. Judging from the number of ducks arriving on each stage down he must have had good sport.

James Gannon, who has spent the past seven weeks in the Kamloops hospital, arrived home this week. He is slowly recovering from his accidental injury and is now able to move around on crutches.

F. Ricketts, who has been a resident of Barkerville and vicinity for some years, spent a few days in Ashcroft this week, leaving for Los Angeles on Wednesday. He expects to return in the spring.

The Lytton dredge is, so far as can be ascertained by the public, a success and a money making proposition. Mr Cobledick stated to a party this week that his company would put on another dredge of the same pattern in that section.

Tom Allice, representing Turner, Beeton & Co., made a trip through this section this week, visiting Ashcroft for the first time in six months. Mr. Allice has been spending considerable time in Dawson of late and speaks very highly of that section, business having settled down to a good basis.

And now the curlers are arranging for the winter's sports. The record of the lacrosse club for the season, considering the fact that they had very little practice, was good, but our curling team with its Highlanders and Lowlanders and its various other contingents ought to sweep the Interior off the ice this winter.

Veith & Borland, of Quesnel Forks and Keithly Creek, are among the successful business men of the upper country. Their mercantile success is due to the fact that long experience enables them to buy and carry lines that meet the wants of the prospectors and others in the vicinity in which they do business.

We understand that at the Clinton races a just retribution overtook the Lillooet party who came over to Ashcroft a few weeks ago and enticed some of our young men into a game of chance, and not only carried away all the money in town the next day but laughed at the loosers. The moral is: A man cannot always keep on holding invincibles. There comes a time, etc.

Messrs. Smith & Bryson have lately purchased the well known Martley ranch, situated about 40 miles from Ashcroft on the Lillooet road. The price paid, we are informed, was $6,000. It is generally regarded as one of the best ranches in this part of the country, and in the hands of its present energetic owners it will soon be put in such shape that it will be a pleasure to see it. For many years it has been neglected and is sadly in need of fencing and cleaning up. We prophesy that in five years from this date the ranch will be worth and will sell for three or four times the price lately paid for it.

J. C. Jolliff, of Muncie, Indiana, spent a day or two in town on business this week.

In spite of the many warnings against carrying large amounts of money about the person, some people will not give up the habit.

Mr. Campbell, a returned Klondiker had two ten-dollar gold pieces stolen from a sack that contained many more of the same kind, which he left in his room at the Ashcroft hotel. A Chinaman working about the hotel helped himself to the amount of $20 but very considerately left the balance. Campbell recovered his money and the Chinaman will be a guest at Kamloops jail for three months at the expense of the government.

The letter of Mr. I. Lehman appearing in another column will be read and, we believe, indorsed by a large majority if not all in the town. The kindness in undertaking so hard a task as raising money for the party under discussion is appreciated by all, and with almost any other object in view the same gentleman could raise any reasonable amount in town on short notice, but raising money for the object avowed is generally believed to be carrying chariety beyond a charitable point. The most of us in Ashcroft work for a living and none are too good to do so in a case of neccessity. Why then, should an able bodied man live without it for more than a year had a half and then have his passage paid back to England by charity?

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

Oct 13	Hudson Bay Co, Soda C..	8,100
13	G Moore, Alkali Lake.....	3,800
15	W Parker, Bullion.....	9,200
15	R McDonald, Lac La H....	7,000
15	J Walker, Soda Creek....	16,000
15	A Switzer, Soda Creek....	10,000
15	P Garrigan, Pavilion.....	2,100
16	A McDonald, Hat Creek..	2,000
18	R Cummings, Pavilion....	1,350
18	W Cummings, Lillooet....	740
18	McEwen Bros. Empire V..	2,80_

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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

COURT OF REVISION

A Court of Revision and appeal under the "Assessment Act, 1898," 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.

YALE DISTRICT. WEST RIDING.

Notice is hereby given that I shall, on Monday, the 5th day of November next, at 11 a. m., in the Court House at Ashcroft, B. C., hold a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing and determining the objections to the retention of any names on the Register of Voters for the West Riding of Yale Electoral District.

JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Collector of Votes.

Ashcroft, B. C., 4th September, 1900. 25-4

NOTICE.

CARIBOO DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that all placer mining claims legally held in the Cariboo District may be laid over from the 1st November, 1900, to the 1st June, 1901, subject to the provisions of the "Placer Mining Act."

JNO. BOWRON,
Gold Commissioner.

Barkerville, B. C. September 24th, 1900. 25-4

BUSINESS LOCALS.

W. B. Dwight has lately added to his stock a line of Gent's furnishings, which he is selling cheap. A handsome souvenir given to every customer purchasing one dollars worth of his goods the first week of October. Call on Dwight

Do you want to enjoy a pleasant fishing and hunting trip in Cariboo? Think it over and if you do drop us a line. Our regular stages make two trips a week each way, but we can send you out on a special if you wish.

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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.

NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Gus Emil Johnson, late of Ashcroft, B. C., Hotel Keeper. Notice of insolvency.

Notice is hereby given that W. B. V. Bailey and H. L. Roberts, the Executors of the last will and testament of Gus Emil Johnson, late of Ashcroft, British Columbia, have this day filed a declaration under the provisions of the "Trustees and Executors Act" that the estate of the said Gus Emil Johnson is insolvent and will be administered by them under the provisions of the "Creditors Trust Deeds Act." All creditors of the said estate claiming to rank against it and who have not already furnished verified accounts of their claims to the said Executors are required to do so on or before the 25th day of October, 1900, at the address below mentioned, by furnishings particulars of their said claims, verified by affidavit or declaration, and such vouchers as the nature of the case admits of stating what security, if any, held for such claims.

After the said 25th day of October, A. D., 1900, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate, having regard only to such claims as shall then have been rendered them, properly verified. All persons endebted to the said estate are required to pay the amounts thereof forthwith to the Executors.

A meeting of the creditors for the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate and for the consideration of other matters will be held at the office of the undersigned at Ashcroft, B. C., on Thursday, the 25th day of October at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

DENIS MURPHY
Solicitor for the Executors, W. B. V. Bailey and H. L. Roberts.

Dated at Ashcroft this 12th day of October, A. D., 1900 24-5in

Notice of Assignment.

Notice is hereby given that the Cariboo Lumber Company, Limited Liability, a company incorporated under the "Company's Act, 1890," amending acts, lately carrying on business at Clinton, Lac La Hache, Little Lake and the 150-Mile House, in the Province of British Columbia, of Lumber and Sawmill by deed dated the second day of October, A. D. 1900, made in pursuance of the "Creditors Trust Deeds Act," assigned all its personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all its real estate to Arthur C. Foster, of the said 150-Mile House, harness maker, in trust for the benefit of its creditors, which said deed was executed by the said company, and by the said Arthur C. Foster on the said second day of October.

All creditors of said company claiming to be entitled to rank on the said estate shall furnish to the trustee, at the 150-Mile House, 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 the case admits of, stating what security, if any, is held for the claim, on or before the seventeenth day of October, 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 thereof forthwith to the Trustee.

A meeting of the creditors for the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate, and for the consideration of other matters, will be held at the Court House at the 150-Mile House, aforesaid, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of October, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Ashcroft this Second day of October, A. D. 1900.

STUART HENDERSON,
Ashcroft, Solicitor for the Trustee.

NOTICE.

WEST YALE LICENCE DISTRICT.

All that portion of the West Riding of the Yale Electoral District not in any Municipality, south of Keefer Station, and draining into the Fraser River below that point, to be known as the West Yale Licence District.

Licence Commissioners—
Thomas Seward, of Lytton.
John Lyons, of North Bend.
John Lawrence, of Hope.

Chief Licence Inspector—
Constable J. F. Sayre, of Lytton.

NICOLA LICENCE DISTRICT.

All that portion of the West Riding of the Yale Electoral district not in any Municipality, draining into the Nicola River, except that portion thereof for a distance of thirty miles from its mouth and all that portion draining into the Similkameen River, to be known as the Nicola Licence District.

Licence Commissioners—
Thomas Murphy, of Granite Creek.
Alexander Bell, of Princeton.
C. E. Thomas, of Princeton.

Chief Licence Inspector—
Constable H. Hunter, of Princeton.

ASHCROFT LICENCE DISTRICT.

All that portion of the West Riding of the Yale Electoral District not in any Municipality, and not included in the West Yale and Nicola Licence District, to be known as the Ashcroft Licence District.

Licence Commissioners—
James A. Teit, of Spence's Bridge.
John Jane, of Savona.
Isaac Lehman, of Ashcroft.

Chief Licence Inspector—
J. W. Burr, of Ashcroft.

EAST LILLOOET LICENCE DISTRICT.

All that portion of the East Riding of the Lillooet Electoral District not in any municipality, to be known as the East Lillooet Licence District

Licence Commissioner—
William Saul, of The Mound.
William Walker, of Bonaparte.
William Boyd, of 70-Mile House.

Chief Licence Inspector—
Constable John McMillan, of Clinton.

Notice

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F. Rowbottom, baker, Nanaimo, B. C.
Mr. Bushell, tailor, Nanaimo, B. C.
Mr. Case, carpenter, Nanaimo, B. C.
Mr. Pargeter, engineer, Nanaimo, B. C.
Mr. Scobell, Vancouver, B. C.
Mason & Co., jewellers etc., Arcade, Vancouver, B. C.
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H. P. WRIGHT, M. D.

Ottawa, December 8th, 1899.

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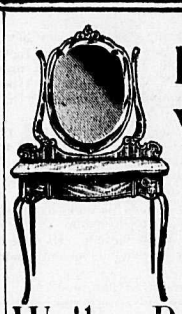

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