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In the County Court of Cariboo Holden at Ashcroft

Ewen Butler V Cobeldick Dredge Co No 1, Limited

Mr. Murphy for plaintiff; Mr. Hammersley for defendant Co.

This is a claim on the part of plaintiff against defendant Company for damages stated as "30 weeks wages, from 19th October, 1900 to 19th May, 1901, at $28.80 per week, $864. To amount passage from Lytton, B. C. to New Zealand, $125. $989."

The claim of the plaintiff is founded on a certain agreement between himself and the defendant Company represented by one John Morrish styling himself Director and Secretary of the Company, made on the 19th of May, 1900 in New Zealand. On this agreement being produced Mr. Hammersly objected to its being admitted. This objection I overruled and subsequently on the completion of the plaintiffs evidence he applied for a non-suit on the grounds that it was incumbent on the plaintiffs to prove that the directors had power to delegate to one of their members authority to make contracts for the Company, and he especially drew the attention of the Court to the following case, alleging it to be pertinent. There was no question as to whether or no Mr. Morrish was Director and Secretary. That was shown as a fact by evidence subsequently offered. The case cited was Totterdell v Fareham Blue Brick & Tile Co. 35 L. J. C. Pleas. 278. On referring to it I am at a loss to discover on what grounds Mr. Hammersley relies upon it unless he does so on the argument of counsel engaged in it. The judges seem to be unanimously against his contention. Willes, T. says, "This is an action for work done against a Company.....The work was within the scope of the objects of the Company and done on land which the Company had taken. Bruce and Ponsonby engaged the plaintiff as foreman and signed the agreement, one describing himself as director, the other as chairman of the Company. The agreement on the face of it was made on behalf of the Company; the work was done under the agreement;.....and the form of the transaction was that the plaintiff was dealing with the two persons as acting for the Company. The question is whether the plaintiff has made out a case against the Company whereby the Company is bound; and insomuch as the defendants called no evidence, if there be evidence for the plaintiff it will be enough."

These remarks exactly correspond with the facts of the case now before me. The plaintiff swore he signed the agreement and that he saw John Morrish sign it as Director and Secretary of the Company, and it is upon that agreement he founds his case, and under the agreement he worked for months on the property of the defendant Company to their full knowledge. Willes, T. after some quotation as to the powers of the Directors of the defendant Company in the case above cited goes on to say "It therefore appears that the agreement made by Bruce and Ponsonby was a document which they might have had authority to make and which might have been properly made by them for the Company. The result of the authorities is that persons (in the situation of directors) who might have had authority and who do an act purporting that they have it must be taken to have had authority especially in the presence of the fact of the action of the parties on the assumption that this was so. And here Bruce and Ponsonby had ostensible authority to bind the Company.....The evidence adduced for the plaintiff was not rebutted and till then it is to be assumed that these directors had power to bind the Company,"

Byles, T. in the same case said, "I am of the same opinion. If a person gives an appearance of authority he will be bound by an act within such apparent authority. Here ostensible authority was given and there was therefore evidence to go to the jury." Montague Smith, T. said: "I am of the same opinion. The agreement was made by the Directors professing to act for the Company; it was one which these two directors might have had authority to make, either as a quorum or as a committee, why, therefore, is the Company not to be bound. The Company appoint directors, who make a contract apparently within their powers, and the onus is therefore on the Company to shew that there was no authority. Why are we not here to assume that what was apparently well done was really so done? The plaintiff also here did work on land which was substantially the land of the Company which must have had knowledge of his so acting."

In the case before us now the plaintiff worked under his agreement for the defendant Co in the presence of the bulk or all of the directors of the Company who visited the dredge during the past summer and with the acting manager discussed the plaintiff and the agreement. So the acting Manager, Mr. Cobeldick, swore. The other cases referred to by Mr. Hammersley all treat on the same points and to the same effect.

In Varrelmann V Phoenix Brewery Co. B. C. Reports 111 135, McCreight, T. said "There was some suggestion that a corporation could not be fixed with a breach of contract unless it was the result of some act of the corporation in solemn form as by resolution of the corporation or its directors and that the best and indeed only evidence was the proof of such a resolution. There is no foundation for such a contention. Furthermore there are the great principles of ratification on the one hand or repudiation on the other in regard to acts done by ostensible agents where the intention of the party subject to be charged is that the acts were unauthorized by him.

But I will not occupy further time in disposing of this contention. There was no attempt to prove on the part of the defendant Company that John Morrish was not acting on their behalf in making the agreement with the plaintiff or was not authorized to do so. If defendant Company could shew that the Company did not delegate any powers to Morrish it would, perhaps, be otherwise. On them lies the onus of doing so. It came out in evidence that the agreement was the subject of discussion between and was recognized by the directors when they were on the ground this summer. In the absence of proof to the contrary the agreement must be held to have been properly made by John Morrish as Director and Secretary of the Defendant Company on their behalf and to further the objects of their association, and I therefore overruled Mr. Hammersley's objection to the production of the agreement and his motion of non-suit. These points disposed of I come to practical business and have to decide upon the evidence before me, 1st, whether, as the particulars of plaintiff's claim allege, he was wrongfully dismissed by the defendant Company, and 2nd, if it should be shewn that he was, what the measure of damages should be. The terms of the agreement speak for themselves. It was made on the 19th of May, 1900, between the defendant Company (having offices in both England and at Lytton this Province) and the plaintiff, Ewen Butler of Alexandria, South Otago, New Zealand. (Butler was resident in New Zealand and working on a dredge there and had been in correspondence with Mr. John Cobeldick, Managing Director of the Company at Lytton before he signed the agreement made between himself and the Company acting through John Morrish, Director and Secretary of the Company.) Plaintiff agreed forthwith to proceed to Lytton to serve the Defendant Company in the capacity of chief winchman, and to faithfully fulfill all the duties customary and incidental to the positionon on the defendant Company's dredge at Lytton. In consideration of the above the defendant Company agreed to pay the plaintiff wages at the rate of $28.80 (equal to £6 sterling) per week payable monthly with passage money from and back to New Zealand providing that the plaintiff should faithfully fulfill the agreement to the satisfaction of the defendant Company, and the engagement was to be for a year from date. Under this agreement plaintiff came from New Zealand. He was met at Vancouver by John Cobeldick and together they came to Lytton. The plaintiff swears "Cobeldick represented himself as Managing Director of the company. I asked him my duties and he said he did not know, but I was to take charge of everything at present. I went on getting everything to work. I was in full charge for about a month. In a month dredge was in working order. I have been employed in New Zealand seven years. When I was engaged by Morrish I was dredge master on Eureka dredge. Got here end of June, began dredging in August. I worked till 19th October. I was dredge master till W. Cobeldick was put in my place; then I was winch-man.....I had years experience before. There was a lot more trouble here than in New Zealand. The management was different The two Cobeldicks did not know how to manage the dredge. I was in charge for a time as dredgemaster, perhaps a month. The dredge then worked well. After W. Cobeldick took charge I should say he knew nothing about it. He gave such orders as I would not give. I obeyed them. On October 19th J Cobeldick discharged me. I asked his reason. He said "many." I was discharged in middle of month. I was not paid for that part of month. Dredge was running well October 19th when I was sent away. Dredge now in bad shape, won't work at all."

The witness was cross-examined at considerable length, chiefly with reference to the method of working the dredge and about the accident (the breaking of one of the cables on a night shortly preceding the 19th of October) which occurred while the plaintiff was on his working shift as winch-man, and he was again re-examined. John Cobeldick, Managing Director of defendant Company, then told his story. He declared that "never from the first was plaintiff satisfactory. He initiated a policy of silence. Things were always occurring and he would give no explanation. Demoralized the whole crew.....On the 7th and 8th September the directors here at Lytton met the plaintiff on the dredge and they requested me to dismiss him regardless of the contract. I was compelled in the interest of the Company to dismiss the man. I dismissed him for breaking up the plant and working against the interests of the Company." Cross-examined, John Cobeldick's first assertion was. "I did not know what Mr. Morrish went to New Zealand for." A letter of his own dated Lytton, 8, 2 1900, to the plaintiff was immediately placed before him (Exhibit A) which he was obliged to acknowledge as his own. The first sentence in it is, "My colleagues have decided to send Mr. John Morrish, whose name is printed at the head of this letter, to New Zealand to complete the business of engaging the dredge master and winchman in order to facilitate matters," and he goes on to say "I hope you and he will come to terms." A letter of an earlier date also from T. Cobeldick to the plaintiff was also put in (Exhibit B.) strongly urging the plaintiff to come to Lytton "to take charge under myself and to organize the personel of the crew and the general mode of working the plant." On further cross-examination the defendant said, "I have had no experience in dredging. This dredge is a New Zealand dredge. I know nothing about it myself. I thought plant at Lytton would never break down. I expected to dredge without breaking buckets The cable was cut right through. Board told me to discharge plaintiff regardless of contract." And on re-examination he declared. "We think it was a planned break."

Such was some of the more important evidence of the parties themselves. Then Mr. Symmes was called and examined by Mr. Hammersley. He has personally operated a dredge at North Bend on Fraser River for two years. He had seen the end of cable which broke and said "the ends of the cable were flattened as though the cable had been sheared off." He said, "it looked as if the man, (the plaintiff) had made some mistakes, the right hand cable must have been taut. I think there must have been something the matter with the cables which he did not know at the time." He added, "I have had break downs with my machines. It may be expected buckets would break, especially those buckets," and to the Judge he said, "all dredges in B. C. hitherto have more or less broken down."

On such evidence I have to decide as both Judge and jury

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LETTER FROM ED. HUNTER

The following is a letter received on Thursday by Wm. Crozier from Edwin Hunter, of the Strathcona Horse:

Fredrickstidt, Nov. 7, 1900.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I take great pleasure in writing you a few lines to let you know I am still in the land of the living and enjoying good health. We thought a month ago that we would be on our way home by this time but we are still here sticking Boers. It may be a rough way to kill them but if you had been here the day we arrived you would have been able to see the effect of the bayonet. We came here to relieve Gen. Barton, who was completely surrounded. Our column managed to join him without the main body of the Boers knowing it. They had just started to rush his camp, knowing that he was weak, which he was, his ammunition being nearly exhausted, but on our arrival we strengthened him both with men and ammunition. The Boers still continued to make the attack but to their great surprise we were too strong for them. They made several attempts to retreat but our shell fire was so hot that they could not leave their trenches and the infantry advanced on them and bayoneted them right and left. The cold steel is the stuff for them in close quarters. The Boers causualties numbered about 300 while we lost about 50.

This commando of De Wits that we fought with here is considered to be the last of the Boers in any large body. Gen. Kuex got a crack at the same lot a couple of days after and broke up their ranks completely.

We all think we will be on our way home soon, as they are sending colonials home as fast as they can.

Our regiment won a great name with Buller and he is well spoken of by all who fought under him. He is a pure soldier.

Although our regiment is not as old in the field as some regiments we have had a wonderful experience. We have been on the steady march since the 24th of May until we came here.

We all felt sorry to see Buller leave but the old fellow has had a hard time of it since he came out and is entitled to a trip home. The men who have been with him all through the campaign say he looks twenty years older since he came out. He has been wounded twice.

Well "Bill" I think I'll have to close now. Radwell, Olden and Fisher are well; we are all in the same troop.

Give my kindest regards to all the brothers and the folks around Ashcroft. Hoping to see you all soon I remain yours faithfully,

EDWIN HUNTER.

CARIBOO GOLD FIELDS WILL BE A PAYING MINE.

In a late issue we intimated that the Cariboo Gold Fields Company was about to be re-organized and that immediate arrangements would be made for the working of the property next year. It will be an acceptable New Year's gift to Cariboo district and more particularly to Barkerville to know that the Company, at a meeting in London, on Dec. 6th, when 107,710 shares out of a total issue to date of 125,356 agreed with the re-construction proposal of the Chairman and that $5,000 is available for the necessities of the mine. It would be hard to find in Cariboo a miner of any experience who has not the utmost faith in the Cariboo Gold Fields property, and now that Mr. W. Thompson will direct its working and will have with him Mr. M. Bailey there is every reason to believe that before another season passes it will be producing the precious metal in quantities to please the shareholders. It will be news to some to know that over $6,000 was taken out last season. Mr. Thompson was present and addressed the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman. He said:

"In the late spring of this year Mr. Collins asked me if I would be willing to act as consulting engineer to your Company, and would undertake the management for this season, and, after making a thorough examination of the property and the works, would submit to the Board of Directors my report on these, and a statement as to what I considered would be the best method of handling the ground.

I know this district well. I have been many times up to Cariboo, and have made careful examinations of most of the properties there, and as a result of my investigations I have always firmly held the opinion that you possess in this ground an extremely valuable property if properly handled. Owing to the fact that your pit had been put down at a point where the drain tunnel had not yet reached bedrock, it has always been difficult to get down to bed-rock on account of the water flowing in from the old workings.

One of the points Mr. Collins impressed on me was that we should get down, if possible, to the bed-rock this year. I am sorry to say that it has been found impossible to do this this summer on account of the wet season we have had, about the wettest season which has been known in Cariboo. The continuous rainfall has had the effect of causing the tailings and upper gravels to continually fall into the pit, with the result that it made the working of the material too costly for me to advise the Board to completely carry out the work intended. We have, however, been able to remove from the pit this season a very large quantity of boulders which had been stacked into heaps to get them out of the way of the workings previously carried on, a large quantity of the timbers put in by the old miners in the sixties have also been removed and the depth of the pit so considerably increased that at the present time we have laid bare a portion of the bed-rock on the left hand side of the pit looking up stream.

At this point, I may remark, that I consider that the old miners have done their work in an extremely able manner; I have been surprised at the class of timbering and the careful manner in which this work of drifting was done in early days, and I must say the old miners had every reason to be satisfied with the way their work was done. The boulders which we removed have been formed into a dam for the purpose of regulating the water in the winter channel, and the timbers which were removed from the old workings have been made use of for the bulk-head at the upper end of the creek for regulating the flow of the water of the Williams Creek ditch, which supplies the water for the sluicing purposes.

The amount of gold which we got out this season was about £1,250. It is not a large sum, but I believe it is more than has been got out hitherto in one season with the plant at command. But as I have also stated, the bed-rock, owing to the bad weather, has not yet been reached, and I expect that we shall find a considerable quantity of the gold, which it was not possible to save by means of the old plant, in this bottom gravel as soon as we are in a position to raise and treat it. Of course it is an easy matter to be wise after the event, and the plant which has been put in has been found to be unsatisfactory, mainly on account of the fact that it needs a very large water supply to work it to the greatest advantage.

This was rather a misfortune in a country where the water supply is somewhat intermittent. The plant could not be kept continually at work, on account of the supply of water sometimes falling below the level of the head needed to keep it going, and as a consequence the amount of gravel shifted was not large, and, owing to the nature of water supply in the district, it could not be made more capable. The plant which it is now proposed to put in is of a different construction, viz., buckett elevators, which will be worked by means of the water power already at disposal, or, if desired, by steam. The output of the mine, under these circumstances, will not depend, as hitherto, upon the amount of gravel which can be raised, but upon the amount of gravel which can be washed, as there should be no difficulty whatever in arranging the plant so as to treat the amount of gravel capable of utilising the whole of the available water supply.

It is proposed to put in a first plant capable of raising 2,000 cubic yards a day, and working this next season, and on it being found to be perfectly satisfactory, and experience showing what improvements, if any, it may be advisable to add to it, a plant capable of raising 6,000 to 8,000 cubic yards a day will be put in in the year following.

Now, gentlemen, as to the possibilities of the property working on this basis: We have this season been working gravels which have yielded 95 cents to the cubic yard (nearly 4s.) and we have found gravel having a value of from 6 dollars a yard. Assuming, however, that we can raise 2,000 yards a day for 150 days, this would give us 300,000 yards. Should this gravel only go 50 cents a yard, and the cost of raising be 6d a yard (which is considerably more than it ought to cost) you can see for yourselves that we have a property here capable of yielding very good returns, and every additional unit capable of dealing with 2,000 yards a day, up to the limits which we shall be able to wash and treat, should yield us a very handsome additional income.

The pit is now opened sufficiently to enable us to save a considerable amount of heavy gold in the pit itself, and our chief difficulty will be in saving the fine gold. It is to meet this difficulty that the new plant has been specially designed, and I think that all the conditions are favorable to this property being highly remunerative as soon as the new arrangements have been got into working order.

Mr. John W. Bonner, a share-holder, How do you propose to deal with the water on bed-rock?

In reply to Mr. Bonner's query as to the water on the bed-rock, I may say that arrangements have been made this summer to deal with this and that difficulty is now at an end. As already stated the drain tunnel reached the pit at a point considerably above bed-rock, but this summer I have extended this drain tunnel up the creek, and by utilising two lines of the 24-inch pipes which you had in stock, and by cross-cutting right across the creek in bed-rock at a point which enabled us to cut off all the water flowing on the bed itself, we have been able to control the water and divert the whole of it by means of these pipes into the drain tunnel.

Measurements have been taken of the amount of water flowing on bed-rock from your drain tunnel at various points of your ditches and elsewhere on the property so that we are in possession of excellent data as to the amount of water likely to be met with. As this season has been particularly wet we are not likely to meet more water on bed-rock than we have this year and an ample allowance having been made when putting in these pipes for any extra water which might be met with, I think, therefore, I am justified in saying that this difficulty may now be considered as at an end."

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree and entertainment given in the Methodist church on Monday evening was acknowledged by all to be a success. Every available seat in the church was occupied and the audience attentive and appreciative, applauding heartily at regular intervals. The children were seated on elevated seats at the back of the chancel, or choir gallery, and did great credit to themselves and those in charge of them in rendering the program of the evening.

The tree was beautifully decorated with wax candles and chinese lanterns, and well laden with oranges, candies, books, dolls and many other gifts too numerous to mention. The program was well arranged and successfully carried through. Special mention should be made of the last two pieces, the "Good Night" drill given by eight little girls, each carrying a doll on the left arm and a lighted candle in the right hand, which was a most beautiful sight, and each little girl performed her part well. The closing piece, the "Reindeer on the Roof," given as old Santa Claus was about to make his appearance, fairly brought the house down. Among the gifts worthy of mention were a cash present to Mrs. Laidley, and a gold bracelet to the organist of the church, Miss Alice Lehman.

The Picture and the Frame.

A well known artist used to tell a good story concerning his first academy picture. He was favored by many visitors to see it, his frame maker among the number. This good fellow took his stand before the work and seemed buried in profound admiration.

"Well," said the painter, "what do you think of it, John?"

"Think of it, sir? Why, it's perfect. You won't see one better, I know. Mr. —— has got one just like it."

"What!" said the amazed artist. "A picture just like that?"

"Oh," replied the frame maker, "I wasn't talking about pictures. I was speaking of the frame. You may believe me, sir, it's the frames as gets 'em in, and that is just a beauty!"

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whether the plaintiff was wrongfully dismissed from his employment and I have come to the conclusion that the dismissal was wrongful insomuch that the reasons given for it were altogether of too general and inconclusive a character. There was no particularity about them; there was no special occurrance which was urged by Mr. Cobeldick to warrant the dismissal. The plaintiff was accused of "instituting a general policy of silence. Things were always occurring and he would give no information." Now, as far as the information before me goes everything went well with the dredge as long as the plaintiff was in general charge of it, and it was only later in the season when one William Cobeldick was given chief control that the operations became less successful. The plaintiff, dispossessed of his former position and under the orders of one who, apparently, was incompetent would naturally, as he had to obey orders, institute a policy of silence and be generally reticent and is not, in my opinion, to be blamed for such a line of conduct. And if, as Mr. Cobeldick says, his directors on the 7th and 8th of September requested him to dismiss the plaintiff regardless of the contract. Why did he not do so then if things were going so badly owing to the conduct of the plaintiff as he would lead me to suppose? The fact seems to me to be that he felt that although he was trying to make a scapegoat of the plaintiff for the difficulties which were occuring, yet at the same time he did not feel that he could dispense with his services. Really I could not, hearing Mr. Cobeldick's evidence, place much reliance upon it.

Again, Mr. Cobeldick complained of the several breakages that occurred and placed them all to the account of the plaintiff, although W. Cobeldick was managing matters and the plaintiff was only one of three men all doing the same work. He said the wire cables parted, the buckets chipped, the timber broke. What does the expert, Mr. Symmes say: "It was to be expected buckets would break, especially those buckets (meaning the buckets of the Cobeldick dredge Co.) I don't know how the timber broke; all dredges in B. C. have more or less broken down." The plaintiff swears: "It is common to have lines broken, I have often seen them. It is a heavy dredge, this breakage is a common occurrance. It is common for rocks to cut a cable through. In this case (when moving the dredge across) I noticed there was something not right. It was hard to pull across. This often happens and we stop to look what is the cause."

Now, what Mr. Symmes thus says, and what the plaintiff thus says commend such views to my common sense, and I compare what they say, and the knowledge common to all in this province, who have attended to such matters, as to the difficulty experienced in working these dredges hitherto in the terrible Fraser River with John Cobeldick's evidence and expressed views, "I thought plant at Lytton would never break down. I expected to dredge without breaking buckets" and then I can perhaps see how, owing to Cobeldicks inexperience and the character of his sanguine hopes, his annoyance arose and whence his distrust of the plaintiff. But breaks on the dredge occurred when the workin of it was in other hands than those of the plaintiff and it seems too much that the whole penalty for these different misfortunes, altogether inseperable from such work, should be visited on the head of the plaintiff.

A suspicious circumstance was that W. Cobeldick, who they have had during the past two or three months to manage the dredge as dredgemaster, was not called by the defence as witness. Counsel remarked that he was detained at Lytton to look after the dredge. But the dredge is not working—is inanimate—and I should think might safely have been left for a day under some other persons care. On the whole, therefore, I do not think the defendant Co. established a rightful or any cause for dismissal. Of course any employer can at any time dismiss his servant but he does it at his own risk and in but the clearest cases of necessity for discharge he has in some way or other to satisfy the other party to the original contract of service.

In this case the plaintiff has, apparently, been left to seek his remedy in the courts, and he adopted this course as soon as he could. Now as to damages occuring from wrongful dismissal. On reference to the authorities and reports within my reach and giving the matter the fullest consideration I do not think the plaintiff can recover, as he claims, payment of his wages under the agreement for the full duration of time, but I come to an ultimate resolve as follows: He is a dredger by occupation and under the agreement with the defendent Co. was precluded from engaging himself to work with any other dredge or gold mining company in this province. He could hardly be expected to leave this province till his claim was brought to a hearing and a decision. He, therefore, could not have left the province before now and has necessarily been idle since October 19th. I think he is entitled to recover his wages from the defendent company for the ten weeks which has elapsed between the 19th of October and the 28th of December 1900 and further for five weeks which must be allowed to enable him to get back to New Zealand and for four weeks during which he may seek employment there of a character to which he has been accustomed. That will be nineteen weeks altogether representing at $28.80 per week the sum of $547.20. I think he is hardly entitled to his claim for passage money from Lytton to New Zealand at $125.

I therefore give judgement for the plaintiff for the sum of $547.20 together with the costs of the case. All to be paid forthwith.

CLEMENT F. CORNWALL, C. C. J.
Ashcroft, Dec. 24th 1900.

NOT THE ONLY ASSET.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh in an interview with a representative of the London Financial Times says:

"What is known as the Cariboo and Omenica districts are producing large amounts of gold through hydraulic process. Added to this, large companies are being formed to dredge the Fraser River, and I look forward to some noticible developments in that department of mining, for the bed of the northern sections of the Fraser River is known to be extremely rich.

"It is a mistake, however, to imagine that gold is the only asset of the province. Capital could be employed in other industries besides mining in British Columbia. There are fine agricultural line, magnificient bodies of water for power, great areas of timber, especially adapted to the manufacture of pulp; in short, I know of no country offering greater fieilities for diverse industries, always providing that the best man is selected to do the work, and trustworthy representatives commissioned to decide upon the particular enterprise and its surroundings."

ANOTHER NORTHERN LINE

The Vancouver, Westminster, Northern & Yukon Railway Company will apply to Parliament next session for an act declaring the works which the company is by its act of incorporation authorized to construct, to be works for the general advantage of Canada, extending the period within which the company may complete the same, and authorizing an extension from its northern terminus in a northerly direction to Dawson City in the Yukon territory, thence onward along the Yukon river to the boundry of Alaska; and giving power to the company to construct and operate such branch lines as the governor-in-council may authorize; and to own and operate the telegraph and telephone lines, steam boats, wharves, etc.

At a village schools not many miles from Canterbury a precocious boy being asked to parse the sentence, "Mary milk the cow," went on accurately till he came to the last word, when he said: "Cow is a pronoun, feminine gender, singular and stands for Mary."

"Stands for Mary?" asked the master in astonishment.

"Yes sir," responded the urchin with a grin, "for if the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could Mary milk the cow?"

The extention of gold dredging work has been an especial feature of the past year in California. Dredging has been carried on for seme years in a limited way; but the report recently presented to the Miners' Association, at the annual meeting in San Francisco, showed that operations of this class are now actively carried on in Siskiyou, Trinity, Yuba, Butte, Nevada, Shasta and Placer counties. There are 20 dredges at work in all, and their product will form an appreciable addition to the gold production of the state. The total is estimated at not less than $1,000,000 for the year.

Several married ladies in a neighboring town were comparing the smart traits of their respective off-spring the other day. One said her little girl talked when she was a year old, another that her boy could say "papa and mamma" when he was ten months old. An old bachelor who in the next room was trying to read then "chipped in" and said that wasn't wonderful. He had read in the bible that Job cursed the day he was born. That settled it and the ladies adjourned.

Cariboo railway is being talked quite vigorously and it begins to look as though business was meant. The people of Ashcroft, the Lillooet's and Cariboo want a railway but they want something to say about terms, route, etc. before they will fall over each other trying to get the legislature to restore the bonus of $4,000 per mile voted with the old Cariboo charter, and taken away by legislation during the adminstration of the Semlin government.

At a meeting of the Yale and Lillooet pioneer society held a few days ago it was decided to have the annual dinner on the 14th of January 1901. It is intended that the meeting shall be solely of pioneers and the custom of allowing the members to invite whom they wish will not be followed but any invitations issued will come direct from the society. The society is composed of some of the best men we have in this district and it is to be hoped that every member who can do so will be present.

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And toiled upon the road all day.

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And bent to heavy loads the back.

Though meager fed and sorely taxed,
Only one wage Love ever asked—

A child's white face to kiss at night,
A woman's smile by candlelight.

—Margaret Sangster in Lippincott's.

THE LITTLE MADEMOISELLE.

A SAD END TO AN AFFAIR OF LOVE.

Thus it is that Mme. de Gouville, the wife of Captain Roger de Gouville, told me what she knew of little Lieutenant Yves Barnabe de Pelven, whose chum I had been at St. Cyr and whom I had never seen after we left the college.

It was in 1871. Our regiment was then at the village of F——, a few miles from the provisional frontier. The town lay in the midst of a forest and had been partly destroyed during the war. We lived in wooden barracks that had been built by the Germans. Not far away was the line of black and white posts that marked the provisional frontier, and it was one of our pastimes to ride out to them. The young officers dreamed of nothing but the chance of provoking a frontier conflict. Some made targets of the pointed helmets found and brought in by the peasants, arranging matters so as to be seen by the German sentinels; others galloped wildly across the line and back again.

One of them, however, Yves de Pelven de Kerdec, took no share in these pleasantries. When he was asked to join in, he would shrug his shoulders softly and murmur, "Childishness!" He was left to do as he pleased. No one cared. Only after awhile we discovered that he was accustomed to take long solitary rides at night and in a direction that did not lead to France! We began to watch him more from curiosity than from suspicion. I myself, I confess, was drawn toward him by this original and mysterious mode of existence.

He was then a slight, blond, pale youth, feminine of features, all nerve and muscle, tireless, fearless, silent. He was liked by the men, although they were a trifle jealous of that indefinable superiority which marked his breeding. Some of the old veterans of swarthy skin and voice loved him in spite of his refinement. They called him "Mlle. de Pelven," or "the little mademoiselle."

With five years of service to his credit he had still the air of a young conscript. His voice was gentle. I never heard him yell or curse the men or horses. At 19 he had received a decoration for distinguished bravery at Resonville.

He had his lodgings outside of town in a solitary cottage, surrounded by rosebushes and cedars—he and his dogs Finaud and Tigresse, a great Dane and a little striped bulldog. His horses were two long, slender Anglo-Arabs.

We gossiped not a little about the lieutenant, his mode of life and his character; we discussed his fortune and the employment of his time outside of the service, for, besides his regular appearance twice a day at mess, he took part in none of our entertainments. He was often seen alone, galloping his horses over the green meadows of the Saone. He rode in some of the impromptu races, winning often, but without pride, without exultation, taking the things as part of the trade. He never touched cards. His horses, his dogs, seemed his sole distraction. At times he disappeared for a week or so and on returning would say, "My father was down to see me." It was known that he had a father, an old man living in Bretagne. Yves spoke of him only on those days.

The self isolation of the boy was somewhat of a mystery to us. Each one explained in his own way the singular comrade, "the little mademoiselle." For some Pelven was the son of a Galician princess and a Knight of Malta, which was not impossible, it being the usage since the days of Louis XIV to accord that title to French gentlemen having contracted a marital alliance in Austria. In fact, Austrian decorations had been seen in his room. That, at least, was affirmed by some of the indiscreet ones who had penetrated the great chamber where he was wont to "dig" on his strategy during the warm hours of day. A singular room it was—at once salon, library and saddlery, the refuge of a thinker and the handy shop of a soldier, but its interior, in spite of the weapons, was rather feminine, and this struck the inferior officers who were accustomed to visit it with their reports. There were always fresh flowers in his room, and one day, when some inquisitive spirit explored the pockets of his "dolman," which he had cast off during a fencing bout, they discovered a golden locket on which sparkled a strange little diamond wing. They did not succeed in opening it.

"He is a sentimentalist," Commandant St. Perle would say, "and the proof is that when one passes his cottage in the evening one hears him playing the adagio of Beethoven's sonata in A flat, the sonata of monks and priests."

One morning my husband, the captain, came in very much worried. I questioned him. No answer. He drove away in his phaeton as soon as breakfast was over with several other officers. He returned at 8 o'clock alone, having left the others at the club. After dinner he held a conference with the fencing master and the chief armorer; then St. Perle, his friend, came and whistled him below his window. I heard him order the landeau with the big van—horses for 3 o'clock in the morning. "Ah," said I to myself, "a duel! and I suppose that they will fight at Delle." This spot lay on the other side of the frontier, and experience had taught me that such affairs usually took place there.

Toward 10 o'clock the party returned. Another conference took place in my husband's study. I heard the grotesque voice of St. Perle, the gentle voice of De Pelven; a bell rang; I heard my husband call for grog, port wine and ice; then the hours passed, and silence reigned.

I remained awake, very curious. At 2 Roger came into my room in full uniform and cloak. I did not question him, for I know that he would not answer. When it was like that was about to fight, he would always tell me brusquely. This had happened three times in our ten months of married life. Like a curious child, I peered from behind the blinds and saw them start off. There were St. Perle, Roger, Pelven and the surgeon. "Who is to fight?" I thought. "It must be Pelven, for St. Perle would not take an inferior in rank for second."

Finally I went to bed, nervous and worried. Morning broke. I rose late, feeling bereft of all my friends. I wandered through the house. I entered the study, hung with skins, oriental rugs, panoplied with weapons. On the blackboard I saw some half erased sentences. I opened the curtain, and there, in the bitter atmosphere of cold tobacco smoke, in this almost sinister disorder of a room where people have watched overnight, I tried to decipher the half obliterated marks. The phrases seemed rhythmed. At length I finished by making out these scraps of verse:

Qu'on m'enterre
En satin blanc
Comme un seigneur
Et qu'on capitonne ma bière
Toute de roses;
C'est ma fleur—

Bury me
In white satin
As a lord
And cover my bier
With roses;
It is my flower.

I wandered about all day, oppressed, feverish.

You know yourself that Pelven was killed. Roger came back that night alone and grieved.

Who was the adversary of De Pelven? An officer? Yes. Who? I will not tell you. Only a few knew, and the secret has been well kept. The reason of the duel? Nothing, they said—a trifle—but I have always suspected that somebody had accused him of passing too easily across the frontier alone at night.

The next day Pelven's aged father came and took away the body. It seems that all the affairs of the lieutenant were in perfect order. He must have had a presentiment that he was going to be killed, for the words on the blackboard were in the nature of directions for his own burial. And that was the end of the poor "little mademoiselle."

Two months passed. Spring came. One day we all started on a drag party in the woods on the road to Delle. A little before luncheon I went strolling in the forest with two or three friends. Suddenly we saw a landeau, drawn by two beautiful horses, coming toward us along a deserted road. In the landeau was an old, pale woman and a young girl, pretty, clad in black. We were turning out for them when a dog jumped from the carriage. We recognized it at once. It was Tigresse, the little bulldog—De Pelven's dog. While he was springing at us, licking our hands for joy, the landeau stopped, and a great, gold braided valet stepped out and solemnly picked up the dog. The little beast struggled, but in spite of yelps, howls and tugs the man proved the stronger, and the landeau passed on.

Naturally we talked of the incident. "What a singular thing—Tigresse with those strangers—strangers from over the frontier too! The liveries are blue and black—Prussian nobility."

Talking thus, we came back to the rendezvous. There we found Louis de Rolk, one of my friends, whose castle, although in France, yet touches the frontier. We questioned him about the landeau.

"What, don't you know?" he answered. "That is the Princess of Burgfeld, with her 'dame de compagnie.' She is doing penance in her 'schloss' instead of dancing in Paris, as she generally does in the spring. It is said that during the war she had a romance, a delicious romance, with a French lieutenant whose name I could never learn. They had sworn eternal fidelity. I don't know what has happened since, but she now lives in solitude and will enter a convent at Mannheim on her twenty-fifth birthday unless she gets out of her sentimentalisms, which is not patriotic from the German point of view, for she is the daughter of one of the first generals of the empire."

He said no more, but we understood. Poor Pelven! That was the explanation of those long nocturnal rides, taken at the risk of the sentinels' bullets; that was the meaning of that sequestrated life, of the golden locket, with its wing—symbol of his ethereal love, fitful and fragile; that was the reason for that life of mystery, poetry and silence, the roses in the cottage, the adagio of Beethoven and the duet, which finished it all. He was dreaming, "the little mademoiselle." And in that dream he died.—From the French of Adolphe Chenevieyre For Chicago Times-Herald.

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The Gold Brick Swindle.

"The gold brick swindle," said a business man quoted in the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "is one of the most plausible propositions ever advanced and has landed some of the cleverest business men in the country. A number of years ago it used to be a common thing for banks in the west to buy gold bricks—I mean real ones—and frequently there were the best of reasons for keeping the transaction quiet.

"It often happened that the owner of some partly developed mine would make an unexpected strike and wish to buy the adjacent property. Naturally he would want to hold back the news of his discovery until he secured the land and if he had any bullion to dispose of would make the sale as quietly as possible. The banks became accustomed to deals of that kind and were consequently pretty easy prey for the gold brick swindler who turned up with a precisely similar story.

"I don't believe I exaggerate when I say that fully one-third of all the banking houses in the western mineral belt were at some time victimized by this game."

Beds and Sleeping.

A German doctor has been investigating the question of beds, and the result of his labors has been lately given to the world in the pages of a German journal. In the first place, to convince mankind of the importance of his subject, the doctor reminds all mankind that we spend from one-fourth to one-third of our lives in bed, after which he proceeds to advise the world on the healthiest kind of couch and the most sensible manner of reposing thereon.

A hard bed appears to be the best, and it is laid down that children from the earliest years should be trained to sleep on these hard beds. Soft beds are too warm and do not admit sufficient air. Even in the case of the hard bed the sleeper is warned to see that his covering, whether woolen or cotton, is not so heavy that the body is kept overwarm and fresh air is excluded. This ventilation, according to our authority, is all important. But what will middle aged people say when the man of science bids them dispense with their pillows? Pillows, he declares, are evils, and it is right that we should sleep with limbs uncramped on a perfectly horizontal plane. Knowing the weakness of human flesh, however, the doctor declares that if pillows are retained they should be neither too soft nor too thick.

A point on which most people will agree with this authority is the necessity for constant (the doctor asks for daily) airing and sunning of the bedding. Much ill health may be attributed to carelessness in this matter.

A Story of Whistler.

The Boston Transcript says: "A diverting anecdote is told of the boyhood of Mr. Whistler, the greatest modern impressionist. He was apprenticed to some engineers who were etching elaborate maps on copper. One day his employer asked him if he also could etch maps on copper. 'Oh, yes. I can etch,' promptly answered young Whistler.

"As a matter of fact he had never used an etching needle in his life. However, they gave him the copper, and he set to work, making a very fine and beautiful map. But round the edges of the plate, which when bitten in with acid are always stopped out, he etched some characteristic little sketches of the different members of the firm, including a very humorous one of the chief himself.

"Shortly after he happened to go away for a week or two for his holiday. Meantime the plate had been bitten in and printed with all of the dreadful little caricatures that he had forgotten to stop out appearing in startling prominence, the sketch of the chief being especially remarkable because of its great resemblance to that gentleman, who was so enraged at the indignity of the thing that immediately on Whistler's return he dismissed him."

The "King of Rome."

What became of Napoleon's son is a question often asked, as little mention is made in history of the young prince, the desire of his father's life, who was born March 20, 1811, amid great rejoicing in Paris and hailed as the "king of Rome." In January, 1814, Napoleon embraced his wife and child for the last time, and this really ended the reign of the little king "who never saw his kingdom." He was reared in the Austrian court under the name of Duke of Reichstadt and grew to be a handsome young fellow and quite a brilliant scholar. He had one short year of military life and then contracted pulmonary disease, from which he died in his twenty-second year. He worshiped the memory of his father and always spent the anniversary of his death, July 22, in his own rooms. He is buried in the Carthusian monastery of Vienna, which is the Austrian Westminster abbey.

How Masks Are Made.

Paper masks are made by doubling one sheet of a specially prepared paper, wetting it and molding it by hand over a face form. It is then dried by artificial heat. Openings are cut for eyes, nose and mouth, and it is painted and decorated by hand as desired.

Wire masks are made by stamping a piece of wire netting about a foot square over a face mold in a large machine, inclosing the rough wire edges in a narrow strip of lead. Then it is painted. The painting is done by hand in oil colors.

Must Discriminate.

"For mercy's sake, Mildred," exclaimed Mrs. Highmore, shocked at the negligee attire of her youngest daughter, who had gone to the front door to look at a fire on the other side of the street, "don't you know you never ought to appear in public with your collar unbuttoned and your sleeves rolled up except when you are playing golf?"

Table Talk.

"They say the—er—late departed," said the first cannibal, indicating the dish before them, "was a very learned man."

"Indeed," replied the other, helping himself for the third time. "Then this is truly what the white men call an 'intellectual feast.'"

Where Changes Are Rapid.

The South American stretched himself, yawned and sat up.

"Well, how goes the government?" asked the visitor who had just entered.

"How do I know?" was the answering question. "I've been asleep for over an hour."

Very fine razors are made at the present day, but of no finer steel than that contained in the Damascus swords and knives which the ancients used several thousand years ago.

You can expect a shower at Panama about 3 o'clock every afternoon during the rainy season.

Mrs. Askins—What makes Mr. Moddlin so sick?

Mrs. Moddlin—Oh, he was out last night drinking somebody's health.

"In de case ob de ob er good many men," remarked Uncle Eptic, "de lung power am no indication ob de brain power."—Colorado Springs Gazette.

The only proper place for the practical joker is the "dangerous" ward of an insane asylum.—Philadelphia Call.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

A Happy New Year to all.

J. Campbell, of Spatsum, was in town during the holidays.

J. McMillian, constable at Clinton was in Ashcroft yesterday.

A. S. Van Alstyne is reported to be doing nicely in the hospital at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had for their guests on Christmas a number of young men.

Rev. R. Boyle and family were the guests of Mrs. Charles Pennie on Christmas.

John G. Shields, chairman of the A. W. E. & I. Co. has left for Toronto for a short visit.

G. A. Veith is reported as quite sick at Keithley Creek, but at last reports was improving somewhat.

J. G. Collins, A. Minty, Fred Collins, H. Cargile and D. Nevin spent Christmas at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Lehman spent Christmas at Kamloops, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson.

The Cache Creek friends were not forgetful of the Methodist parsonage in the distribution of Christmas gifts.

It is reported that the Clawson building, now occupied by the athletic club, has been sold to the Orangemen.

James Murphy, Government Agent at Quesnel Forks, spent Christmas day with his brothers at the old farm near the 150.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. H L. Roberts, manager of F. W. Foster's store, the entire staff had their Christmas dinner with them.

Seven hundred head of beef cattle from the Gang ranch are now at the Perry ranch, from where they will be shipped to the coast as required.

F. A. Richardson, who travels for a Vancouver wholesale shoe house returned Thursday by B. C. Express special from a business trip through Cariboo.

We publish in full the decision of Judge Cornwall in the Burton vs. Cobeldick Dredge Co. No. 1 as it is a matter of considerable interest to mining men.

The Ashcroft Athletic Association will give its second dance on Monday night, New Year's Eve. It is sure to be as successful as the first and will be a very enjoyable time

We are enabled this week, through the courtesy of Judge J. C. Cornwall, to publish His Honor's decision in the case of Butler vs the Cobeldick Dredge No. 1 Company. The case has excited much interest locally.

E. B. Knight is now at the power house of the waterworks company superintending the removal of the big pump that was damaged last summer. Mrs. Knight is visiting relatives at Chilliwack, their old home.

A number of bids, ranging from $20 to $31 were made for the old bridge planking but none of them will be accepted, pending the arrangement proposed to the government to use these for sidewalks.

Drivers of fast horses should take extra care when passing pedestrians. What might have been an accident a day or two ago was only prevented by the agility of the pedestrian. Drivers can't be too careful.

The curling club proposes to take the stones to the lake on New Year's day and exercise the in and out turns. The new secretary is not a success in making ice on the rink, but it may not be his fault.

W. L. Dunn, known in Ashcroft as W. J. Byrne, was sentenced last week by Judge Reid to six months in the county jail, this being the minimum punishment. The charge under which he was convicted was obtaining money under false pretenses.

Canada, says John Dryden, must have two hundred awards for agriculture and horticulture alone, at the Paris Exposition, beating all foreign countries, including the United States while in other groups, including manufactures, Canada has more than held her own.

A. W. Campbell, Ontario road instructor, reports that over 50 townships in the province will vote at the municipal elections on by-laws to do away with the system of Statute labor. The progress made in the province during the past year in favor of good roads has been remarkable and excellent results have followed the abolition of the statute labor system in those districts where the new system has been tried.

H. Curry is at the coast.

W. Crozier was a visitor at Kamloops last Sunday.

W. G. Carson and Miss Carson, of Pavilion, are spending the holidays at the coast.

J. C. Shields, secretary of the A. W. E. & I Co., visited the company's office at Kamloops Thursday.

Some of our sporting men are considering a scheme to make a race track on the flat just above the town.

Skating down the fish is again a favorite sport at Lac La Hache and many large trout are taken this way.

Editor Anderson, of the Similkameen Star, passed through here Saturday en route to the coast. He intends shortly to issue an illustrated number.

J. C. Barnes has not been in as good health as usual for the past few weeks. We hope to see him around again soon and able to take part in the pioneer dinner soon to be given.

Mr. Rutherford, of the North Fork of Quesnel River, came down on Tuesday's stage and left for Kootenay the same night. He has been in charge of very successful drift mining on the North Fork this season and thinks some good mines will be opened up there next season.

A careful estimate of the mileage of wagon roads in west and north Yale districts lately made by Road Supt. Stevenson gives 1240 miles, and over 100 miles of trails. Mr. Stevenson agrees with the opinion of those who have given attention to the needs of the Cariboo Road and says a proper road bed must be made, otherwise no benefit can be realized from an expenditure of even a large amount. Wide tires he considers absolutely essential. For 35 years he has been in charge of part of the Cariboo Road and other roads, giving him more experience than almost anyone else in this part of the province, so that his opinion on road making is valuable.

Dr. McKechnie, who has been during the past season at the Cariboo mine, came down on Tuesday's stage and left the same night for the east. The Dr. has a patient with him, a Jap, who had a marvelous escape from death a few weeks ago at the mine. He fell into the big flume and was washed down about 150 yards and thrown down about 40 feet onto the dump. He was missed in about half an hour and a search found him unconscious but still alive. His skull was fractured in two places, his face was so badly crushed that it was at first thought little could be done for him but after removing a number of pieces of bone from the face, picking out a number of loose teeth, etc. came around and is a very much alive Jap yet. Dr. McKechnie goes to Nanaimo to enter the office with his brother, who has a very extensive practice there.

Owing to the invitations received by the regular hotel guests the hotels did not have many to partake of the good dinners they had prepared. W. H. Hawthorne, of the Grand Central hotel, had his dining room very nicely trimmed with greens, flags and other ornaments. Turkeys, geese, roast beef, plum puddings, pies etc. were on the tables in abundance, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the good things. The Ashcroft hotel always provides a special Christmas dinner for its guests and this year they made no exception to the rule. The Cargile hotel dinner was served under the personal direction of Mrs. Glencross, which is a sufficient warrant that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests of that hotel.

GIVE THE BANK BUSINESS.

The success of any locality is greatly assisted by the having of a strong monied institution established in it. Cariboo district is to be congratulated on having a branch of the Bank of British North America established for the last two years at Ashcroft, as it is one of the best banks in the Dominion and has connections everywhere.

The enterprise of the directors in placing a branch here should be rewarded by giving it the banking business of the entire district and, knowing the local conditions as this branch does, it is in a position to much better serve the interests of its customers than is a coast bank. Mr. J. Cran, the manager, was cashier in a branch which this bank had in the stirring days of the sixties, so banking as related to mining business in all its phrases of buying gold, advancing money on it before it is assayed and such things are very familiar to him.

The careless habit so often indulged in by men not accustomed to handling large amounts of money has no excuse now as the bank will give drafts at a very small charge that can be turned into cash almost anywhere. One of the careless habits is that of receiving cheques and failing to present them to bank in a reasonable time for payment. The courts have given a decision that payment of cheques not presented in a reasonable time cannot be enforced so that it is perhaps dangerous to hold or receive a cheque not of recent date.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Drink Blue Ribbon Tea. Sold at F W. Foster's.

I thank my customers for the liberal patronage extended me during this year and wish one and all a Prosperous new year. MARK DUMOND.

Next Monday being the last day of the year, and also the last day of the nineteenth century, in accordance with popular customs, the last moments of the year will be observed by a special service in St. Alban's Church, which will commence at 11.20 p. m.

Jas. Haddock has received his sample Doherty organs and he will be pleased to show them at his store. The English church and Mr. L. McKay have each just purchased one of these organs and they are giving the best of satisfaction.

PASSENGER LIST.

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

B. C. EXPRESS CO.

ARRIVALS.

Mr and Mrs Price	Clinton
A Hartman and son	Clinton
Dr McKechnie	150-Mile House
Jas Rutherford	"
Tomassy	"

DEPARTURES.

E A Bridger	146-Mile House

By Special.—F A Richardson, from Cariboo.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

Dec. 22	J Ferry, Soda Creek	5,500
"	J Murphy, Quesnel F'ks	5,000
24	W Parker, Bullion	12,500
27	T Gange, Barkerville	10,000

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146-MILE HOUSE

CARIBOO, B C

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act amending section 11 of the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Act, 1900, by striking out the word "twenty" in the seventh line thereof, and substitute in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Dated at Victoria, B. C. this 18th day of December, A. D., 1900.

BODWELL & DUFF, Solicitors for the Applicants.

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YALE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned tract of land, situated in Yale district, has been surveyed and that a plan of the same can be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of J. W. Burr, Esquire, assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, Ashcroft, B. C.:—

Group One.

Lot 151.—Thomas Rabbitt, Pre-emption Record No. 407, dated 24 June, 1886.

Persons having adverse claims to the above mentioned pre-emption must furnish a statement of the same to the commissioner within 60 days from the date of this notice.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C.
29th November, 1900. 35-4

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway, standard or narrow gauge for the conveying of passengers and freight from some point on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near the outlet of Kamloops Lake, thence by the most direct and feasible route to the plateau of the Bonaparte River, thence to a point on the Cariboo wagon road near the 100-Mile House, thence to some point near the head waters of the Beaver River, thence following generally the direction of the Beaver to the confluence of the Quesnel with the Fraser rivers; with power also to build a branch from the above described line to some point in the vicinity of Williams or Antler Creek in the Cariboo district; and, with power to construct operate and maintain all necessary bridges, ways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate land for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using, and on all freight passing over, any of such roads, railways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Dated the 13th day of December, A.D. 1900.

BODWELL & DUFF, Solicitors for the Applicants.

[illegible] make a great actor," exclaimed the chubby matinee favorite who was smoking a cigarette and reading a 50 cent novel.

And the press agent looked up from the piles of fiction which his facile pen was tracing and in a voice that shook with feeling exclaimed:

"You bet it does!"

Her Divorce.

The Chicago divorcee was talking about her former husbands.

"What was the matter with the first?" asked her friend.

"He didn't understand me."

"And the second?"

"He did."—Philadelphia Record.

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COURT OF REVISION

A court of Revision and appeal under the Assessment Act, will be held as follows, viz: Court House, Yale, Dec. 27, 1900 at 11 a. m.
" " Lytton, " 28, " "
" " Ashcroft " 28, " "

JOHN LAWRENCE
Judge Court of Revision and Appeal.

Hope, B. C., Nov. 20, 1900.

The above mentioned Courts of Revision have been postponed till the following days:
Yale, January 10, 1901
Lytton, January 11, 1901
Ashcroft, January 12, 1901

JOHN LAWRENCE,
Judge Court of Revision & Appeal.

LILLOOET DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned tracts of land, situated in Lillooet district, have been surveyed, and that plans of the same can be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of F. Soues, Esquire, assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, Clinton, B. C.:—

Group One

Lot 584.—"Cosmopolitan" Mineral Claim
" 587.—"Golden King" "
" 588.—"Lorre" "

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, 29th November, 1900. 35-4

LOST.

Near Harper's Camp a black mare, weight about 1050 lbs., white strip on forehead and branded JH on left shoulder. The finder will please advise

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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 at Victoria, and at the office of J. Bowron, Esquire, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, Barkerville.—

Group One

Lot 440.—Otis A. Earley, Hay Lease.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th November, 1900. 35-4

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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 application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to amend section 20 of the Cariboo Railway Company's Consolidated Act, 1894, by extending the time for defining approximately its terminus nearest the Canadian Pacific Railway and the route to be taken for one year from the passing of the act so extending the time, and also to amend section 20 of the said act by extending the time for commencing construction of the railway for one year, and the time for completion of the said railway to six years from the passing of the said act for which application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the said Province.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 13th day of December, 1900.

WILSON & SENKLER,
33-7 Solicitor for the Applicants.

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I, the undersigned, representing Joseph Ullman, at Winnipeg, wish to inform my friends and shippers of Raw Furs that I pay Full Market Prices at all times. Ship to me often and keep posted on the market by the returns you get from

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CLINTON RACES 1901

To encourage the breeding of thoroughbred race horses the committee have decided to give a $100 purse and entrance money of $50 each added, to be divided into first, second and third money for 2 year olds, under the following conditions:

The Clinton Derby, ¾ 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, 97 lbs, colts, 100 lbs. To be run at the October meeting 1901.

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

SEC'Y CLINTON JOCKEY CLUB.
Clinton, October 12, 1900.

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 land for pastoral purposes, in Cariboo District. Commencing at a post about three quarters of a mile in a south easterly direction from the bridge crossing of Williams Lake at lower end of said lake, thence south 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

ROBERT BORLAND.
Williams Lake, Nov. 20, 1900. 32-4

NOTICE.

All accounts owing to the late firm of Hofercamp & Johnson, of Quesnel, B. C., must be settled to Francis H. Hofercamp, on or before February 1st, 1900, either by cash or promissory note. Ten per cent. interest shall be charged on all accounts remaining unsettled after above date. 33-4

NOTICE

CARIBOO PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Cariboo Protective Association will be held in the office of the secretary, at Ashcroft, on Wednesday, January 9th, 1901, at 8 o'clock, p. m. to elect officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of the general business of the Association

STUART HENDERSON
Secretary.

Ashcroft, Dec. 28th, 1900.