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LILLOOET.

Mines, Agriculture, and Grazing.

Lillooet, now somewhat out of the way, but at one time on the great highway from Yale to Cariboo, is still a place of much interest to the visitor, and the mines are attracting the attention of capitalists, who are investing money in purchasing and exploring. Situated on a high, dry beach on the west bank of the Fraser river near where Cayoosh creek pours its flood of waters into the former stream, the town of Lillooet occupies a site of surpassing beauty. Native streams are trained through its streets giving ample and pure water supply and the beautiful gardens and orchards in the immediate town testify to the prolific nature of the soil, which has only to be watered and cultivated to produce the finest of fruits aand vegetables. The citizens are well up to date and hail with pleasure the advent of capital and fresh blood from the outside which is pushing their mines into prominence.

Lillooet cannot be mentioned without speaking of the surrounding mines, the vast production of gold and the operations of mining men in the vicinity. Years ago, when gold was first discovered on the Fraser river, Lillooet was found to be in the line of the country in which the yellow metal was found. All the benches and bars of the big stream in the vicinity were found to be full of mineral and coincident with work on other parts of the river the region roundabout Lillooet was made the scene of much energy in the matter of gold production. Only the gravels in the immediate vicinity of the Fraser were worked, however, till about 15 or 16 years ago when chinamen found gold in Cayoosh creek. When the first discoveries were made white men paid very little attention to the factand in a short time the stream was lined with mongolians for ten miles from its junction with the Fraser. At one time more than 200 Chinese worked on the stream and the above number were there for years. No reliable information can be obtained as to how much gold was taken from the shallow diggings of Cayoosh creek but from the yearly average it is estimated that not less than $350,000 were produced and some put it as high as $500,000. The former figure is probably nearest the exact amount. Very few white men ever worked on the creek, and in fact most of the placer mining adjacent to Lillooet has been done by the Chinese. Bridge river was worked for many years, also, and there are some quite extensive works above the Indian reservation. The Indians do a little desultory mining on the reservation along Bridge river. At the time the reservation was set off there were a number of good placer claims on Bridge river. No new ones were allowed to be filed so that a very promising field is now tied up with no prospect for its being opened. The citizens of Lillooet have wondered why the government would allow such a mining district to be arbitrarily tied up, when it was well known that it was a rich stretch of river for many miles from its mouth up the river. The reservation covers 13 miles of the richest portion from the mouth up.

On Cayoosh creek only the shallow diggings were worked, and no attempt was ever made by the Chinese to get deeper than water level. For a number of years a company, or rather a series of companies, have been endeavoring to tap an old channel and basin on a claim called the "Vancouver Enterprise." A lot of money, probably $40,000, has been expended in fruitless endeavors, but with indifferent success till taken charge of by the present company, the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields. Numerous managers appeared on the ground enthusiastic to carry out some newly conceived plan or scheme, only to fail and be superceded by another. They all appeared to think the proposition an easy one, and that the difficulty to be overcome could be encompassed by a few hundreds or at most thousands dollars. Not till Mr. D. T. Hughes, the present superintendent, appeared on the scene, did the magnitude of the work become apparent. All previous operations had been commenced on the theory that the deep channel near the falls and under what is called "The Basin," could be easily reached and the gold procured at a nominal expenditure. Not underrating the probable richness of the gold deposit on the claim he has gone to work systematically and mechanically to reach it. He has drifted into the bench to where he thinks the old channel should be, and has started a shaft at the end of the tunnel which was at the time the pump was started last week 40 feet below the level of Cayoosh creek below the falls. A new Pelton water wheel and accompanying pump was put in place recently and was actually started last Thursday and the shaft cleared of water in less than 15 minutes. On Friday morning last the actual work of sinking the shaft was recommenced, and three shifts of men set to work, each shift going in at 7 a.m., 3 p.m., and 11 p.m., respectively. The pump and water wheel works with perfection and water would come in pretty fast that it could not raise. The shaft will be sunk to bedrock and a system of exploration from the bottom will be commenced. From that point also a tunnel will be run under the falls to tap "The Basin" above.

"The Basin" is what might aptly be termed a "pot hole," but on a gigantic scale. A huge slide appears to have come down from the adjacent towering mountain and constructed, by nature's handiwork, in the most perfect manner, a huge dam over 100 feet high directly across the creek. Cayoosh creek, even at this season of the year is a perfect torrent and over 20,000 inches of water thunder down through a narrow chasm that can justly be termed a "crack" in the rocks. The thunder and roar of the falling water is terrific and reverberating in echoes against the surrounding mountains gives the visitor a song in nature's own language, the crash and roar of tumbling waters furnishing to the ear tremendous tunes in diapason and base that merge into regular throbs of melody. The rocks which make this waterfall possible have been the medium to stay and collect, for ages past, the gravel and gold that have been washed from up stream. The richest shallow workings of the creek have been adjacent to, and in "The Basin," and the efforts of the company now operating at that point show that they are fully alive to the probable richness of the ground now being developed.

The same company are also doing extensive development on the Bonanza group of quartz claims ten miles up Cayoosh creek from Lillooet. Considerable development work had previously been done on the Bonanza, but much after the manner work had been done on the "Vancouver Enterprise." The rich croppings had been lost almost as soon as work got under cover, and it took considerable exploring to find it and get started rightly. Several hundred feet of work had been done on different outcroppings but it was as good as thrown away. Mr. Hughes, superintendent at the "Vancouver," is also in charge of the work at the Bonanza and divides his time between the two propositions. The work being done is purely development and exploration work, altough several hundred tons of quartz are on the dumps. The Bonanza works are situated on a bold point projecting out from a very high mountain and overlook Cayoosh creek from an altitude 350 feet above the creek level and the vein now being prospected runs almost directly up a hog back towards a very high mountain and is lost under a porphyritic formation that caps most of the mountains in the vicinity. It appears that the country rock is well in place and the veins should be permanent. Of the richness of the quartz, we are assured by those interested that the assays are valuable and that the quartz can be worked with profit.

The L. F. R. & C. G. F. Co., have bonds on a number of other properties in the vicinity of Lillooet and in the immediate neighborhood of the town have done over 1,150 feet of exploration work, sinking one shaft through a gravel bank to a depth of 140 feet. One or two bonds have been thrown up, the property being prospected not proving valuable enough to suit their purpose.

Other people follow mining as a business and beside the operations of the big company a lot of development work goes on all the time. Nearly every man in the town is interested in quartz and placer mines and the past season has seen a large number of quartz claims located. Among those owning fair claims are Messrs. Smith, Allen & Fraser, Johnson, Marshall, Dunlop, Peters, Santini, Phair, Harley. Not much development work has been done on the quartz claims, but some excellent samples of quartz are displayed and we are assured that the mountains west of Lillooet are full of good mineral, and awaiting development work.

In the commercial world, Lillooet at one time occupied quite a prominent place, and even at the present time the amount of trade and traffic is large. C. A. Phair, William Cummings, Paul Santini, and John Dunlop, are thriving merchants ank carry large stocks of general merchandise, besides several Chinese traders. Allan & Fraser run the Pioneer Hotel, one of the oldest places in this part of the province. It is a neat and well kept establishment and guests receive the most courteous treatment. A well kept livery stable is in connection. C. Phair is the government agent at this point. John Marshall runs a saw and grist mill. The old mill is a substantial and well built structure and does as good work as it ever did. Mr. Marshall prides himself that he can turn out as good a grade of dressed lumber, flooring, rustic, &c., as can be produced anywhere. His logs are floated down the creek from Seton lake. The following old clipping was found tacked on a post in the mill and was removed by ye reporter and will be entertaining reading to old timers who will at once recognize its source:

THE CARIBOO SENTINEL.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 1866.

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The want of a good Flouring Mill has long been felt in the fine agricultural district of Lillooet. By reason of this desideratum farmers have had in years past to turn their attention entirely to the cultivation of barley, oats, &c., which they have raised in such abundance that only a small portion could be disposed of and that at very low returns; large quantities of old stock being still on their hands. Fortunately last year a good deal of wheat was put in and the crop proved very profitable. Last fall a joint stock company was formed for the purpose of erecting a grist mill. The site was chosen on the banks of Cayoosh creek, so as to have the waters of that stream as a motive power. No time was lost in commencing the works which were carried out with commendable zeal and energy until completed about three weeks ago. The whole of the works are of a very substantial character and well calculated for carrying out the objects of the projectors; reflecting at the same time great credit on the energy of the place. The mill is driven by two powerful turbin wheels which are sunk some eight feet under ground in order to prevent a possibility of stoppage by frost. The capital invested by the company amounts to some $16,000. From the present movements of the farmers in the district in putting such large quantities of land under wheat crop the company will have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their undertaking before next fall. It is calculated that there are at present in the hands of farmers around Lillooet something like 400,000 lbs. of wheat which will be ground as soon as opportunity presents. The mill was started the 18th ult. and was steadily grinding at the rate of 700 pounds an hour. The samples are good and will compare favorably with any of the San Francisco mills. We understand the agent of the company, Mr. F. W. Foster, intends sending a consignment shortly to Williams creek. We hail the undertaking as one of the permanent institutions of the country and heartily wish the projectors every success.—Cariboo Sentinel, Barkerville, May 7, 1866.

Speaking of agriculture, the district of Lillooet still holds its own as one of the finest farming regions in the province, and in addition to being an excellent grain country, has added fruit and stock to its possibilities. Many excellent ranches are to be found along the road from Ashcroft to Lillooet and all the benches along the Fraser are turned into productive farms by the residents in that highly favored section.

Speaking of grain we never saw finer wheat than that grown in the neighborhood of Lillooet and Mr. Wm. Keatley has a neatly framed diploma which he won years ago for the finest grade of wheat at the Colonial Exposition at London. Every colony of the British empire which produced wheat was there in competition but British Columbia carried off the prize.

Being on the old Cariboo road the evidences of former activity and enterprise are many. The old road used to run up Harrison river, also Anderson lake, portage 6 miles to Seton lake, and meet the regular freighters at Lillooet, or rather at Seton Landing. A steamer, the Lady of the Lake, still plys on Anderson's lake but the bones of the old Seton lie, partially submerged, on the beach at the foot of Seton lake near the landing. She was a side-wheeler of some pretensions and was kept very busy in the old days. Her boiler is still in use on a small boat on the coast.

At Pavillion is a fine flouring mill owned by Wm. Lee. Recently a full roller process was put in, in place of the old mill stones and no finer grade of flour can be made than is now turned out by this mill. Next year a saw mill will be added. Mr Lee also conducts a store and trades with the ranchers and stock men in the vicinity. Mr. Garrigan also owns a store near Pavilion and does an extensive trading business.

Numerous Indians reside in the Lillooet district and their rancherias are passed occasionally on the road. Some of the Indians are shiftless but others are ambitious to have plenty to eat, wear and do with. Some of them own good ranches and are well to do. At "The Fountain," about 10 miles from Lillooet, is a village where reside several hundred of them, and at this place is a school, where the young receive instruction. The boys have a brass band numbering 25 pieces, 21 horns, 2 drums, cymbals and triangle, and they play very creditably. Like all the coast Indians these are musically inclined and every house has its accordion and mouth harp, and they all can sing. At Lillooet and Bridge river are villages and several miles below Lillooet is quite a large Indian town.

It is very probable that Lillooet will take on considerable importance with the opening up of the quartz mines adjacent to the town. The mineral is in the mountains and the places are not so inaccessible, as many that are now receiving a great deal of attention in the province. The transportation question is not of the importance at Lillooet that it is at points up the Cariboo road. A team easily goes from Ashcroft to Lillooet and back in 4 or 5 days and the stage in summer time makes the trip between points in one day.

Lytton.

The Finch Mining Company Dredger is at work on Mormon's Bar, six miles above Lytton, and has done very satisfactory work. Mr. Young, one of the members of the company, has gone up the Cariboo road to Quesnelle on dredging business on a more extensive scale. At the present writing it is impossible to give the output of the dredger. We hope to do so later on in the season.

The big dredge still lays at the bridge and at present is in charge of two men, Powell and McPherson.

Nothing further is heard from the company organized to unite the Van Winkle and Styne Creek properties, but it is expected extensive work will be done on these properties in the early spring.

Dan Sutherland of this place, is at present in Ashcroft for a few weeks in the place of Officer Burr, who is at Yale, Mr. Dodd, of Yale, having been on the sick list for some time, but we are glad to state is now convalescent.

Jack Adler is taking a trip through the Kootenay but is expected home soon.

Times are quiet here, but some business is being done all the time at our stores and hotels. We expect a revival of business in the early spring.

Dutch Charley is chasing around town in his usual style. He is not quite so busy since his neighbors got his potatoes all harvested, as he no longer has to watch them.

Norman S. Fraser is now C. P. R. agent at Lytton and is a popular and well liked resident.

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SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

The subject of granting franchises to individuals and corporations for various objects in the different thriving mining districts in the province will *undoubtedly be one of the features* of the session of the provincial parliament to be soon called together. It is hoped in the interest of the people and tax-payers in general that propositions for sole control of any part of the districts for any purpose will be scrutinized very closely and no franchises issued to any company without a chance for a full expression from the section to be affected by such legislation. Capital rightly represented is what is wanted, but wrongly applied may do more harm by far than good. Unquestionably the granting of private bills to mining companies to protect them or enable them to do work to advantage, as in consolidating claims to put them in proper shape to work to advantage is proper and works no harm to *any one; only before such bills are* passed let there be a full and ample discussion of the objects to be accomplished by such legislation. There will be some attempt to restrict Chinese labor throughout the province. The MINING JOURNAL is not an extremest but the good of the community demands that laws to protect the laboring man should be so made that he will not have his wages reduced to the same level of a mongolian. His family cannot live (if he has one) on the wages paid in absolute competition with the Chinese. He is entitled to such protection as will enable him to educate his children, feed and clothe comfortably himself and family and be a man among men. It is no legitimate reason to advance that the working men of a mining *district are idle and dissolute.* Because some are the others should not suffer for their faults, and many good and faithful working men are to be found in every camp. Let no company employ any man unless he gives in return a days work, but when he does, give him living wages. Companies will ask this season, no doubt, concessions that will be of value to them. In all cases where they can be granted with propriety, they should be granted, but, in return, it seems to the MINING JOURNAL the legislature should ask and demand that in return for legislation white labor should, when obtainable at reasonable rates, be employed and see that there is no chance for evading this clause. It will work no hardship on companies and we do not believe any worthy mining corporation would object, so that all were served alike, and any company that wants special legislation let them reciprocate and help to advance the country which can not be done if coolie labor is employed to the exclusion of white men.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

A great deal more talk is *being indulged* in by the press in general than the situation justifies when the Alaska boundary is mentioned. The writer having lived for over four years in Juneau, and knowing intimately the business and mining men of the community, at least all except those settling there in the past three years, feels assured that the average mining and business men of Juneau and Douglas island, and the people of south eastern Alaska in general, are not worried about the boundary question, all feeling assured that the United States will take the matter in a dignified and rational course, and that Great Britain will not do otherwise than meet the States in a fair and businesslike settlement of the matter. Juneau, the principal, and *outside of Douglas* island the only place of importance as a trade center, has a population at the present time of perhaps 1,500 people. Of late the influx has been mostly from the States, but in early days the country was largely settled by miners from Cassiar and Cariboo, and Canadians being of course thereby represented. The boundary question is not often discussed there, if so, it is in a calm and business like way. No one there, if the conditions are anything as they were three years ago, is very much worried about the matter, although without doubt the people as a class would not relish a new line being established whereby Juneau and other points and harbors of importance should become Canadian territory, nor do we think there is the slightest fear of any such attempt being made. The island set apart by the United States for the Metlakatla Indians under the leadership of the Rev. Duncan, should in any case as a matter of justice and right be left in possession of those people. They have cleared and beautified the island and made a home, such as no Indian tribe has ever in the nation done before. To fail in any case to absolutely confirm their title would be a wrong that should not be contemplated. The Reverend Duncan has for more than thirty-five years resided among them and is justly regarded by them and all who know him as a true man and faithful missionary.

The feeling of the mining community of Alaska is friendly toward Canada. During a four years residence among them I have never heard aught except praise for the way the laws of British Columbia, the scene of the earlier labors of so many, are administered, no charges of favoritism of judicial offices; nor discrimination on account of Americans being in competition with Canadians in mining and business in Cariboo or Cassiar. Under such circumstances we feel confident that the rank and file of Alaskans are well satisfied to leave the settlement of the boundary question with the proper authorities, believing that no wrongs will be attempted or are in contemplation by either of the great nations that are now engaged in defining the boundary line.

In an interview with a representative of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, E. O. Sylvester, mine owner and publisher of the Juneau Searchlight and Sitka Alaskan, said; "The boundary question is not as much discussed as many imagine, and receives very little attention because the people realize that it is no use. Seattle has done more for us than any other place, and should get the credit for it. Of course it will get the trade, and if it had been otherwise the trade would have gone to Victoria. To understand the sentiment on the boundary question it must first be considered that Alaska is composed of people from every part of the world. There are many Americans and they are in for holding every inch of territory, but the others are luke warm, and some are opposed to us. These last argue that the Canadian government would be more liberal toward building roads and trails, and they mention the Cariboo road as an example.

The Gold of Alberni.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, of Victoria, speaker of the provincial house of parliament of British Columbia and a prominent mining man, who has been at the Victoria hotel for a few days, tells some interesting facts about the gold discoveries at Alberni, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, about 125 miles from Victoria, where he has spent some time this fall.

"Gold was discovered in this district in 1865," says he, "but not until one year ago was any effort made to extend explorations and prospect thoroughly in other portions of the country. These researches resulted last spring in the discovery that a hill situated about fifteen miles east from the town of Alberni was highly mineralized, presenting wherever the top dirt has been removed, a vein of quartz carrying free gold and sulphates carrying gold.

"Numerous claims have been staked out on this hill, which has been aptly termed Mineral hill, especially on the west side of it. The Alberni company has let a contract to run a tunnel into its claim about 106 feet, and ten days ago reached a deposit of rock at a depth of twelve feet, assaying $100 to the ton. Surface rock from the same claim has assayed as high as $200 to the ton, and I have a specimen from Mineral hill that realized $1,768 to the ton. On the east side of the hill forty claims have been located on three creeks, Tum Water, Huckleberry, and Yellowstone, and further to the north *on Cameron river, but within five miles* of the hill a forty foot ledge of quartz assays from the outcropping from $4 to $8 a ton. On China creek, which is west of the hill two miles, several hydraulic claims have been located, stock floated and works in full swing, and it is expected they will be piped about March 1.

"Along Alberni canal, which breaks in from the ocean for thirty-nine miles, the country on either side being rugged, and the hills precipitous, vigorous prospecting has been carried on and important discoveries made. An American miner, Mr. McAllister, visited the canal last May, and discovered a hill on Colman creek, a small stream emptying into the canal about twenty-five miles from the sea, which is composed of what appears to be rotten slate, interspersed or threaded by small seams. The rock is easily pulverized, and every piece that has been crushed and washed out shows free gold. Three hundred pounds was sent to Mr. Pellew Harvey, of Vancouver, who subjected it to a mill test, and reported a result of about $12 to the ton, the ore not being at all refractory. This hill is a great mass of rock, all of which can be easily worked, in fact, is a veritable quarry. There are no veins at all, it is just an upheaval. Competent judges say that, if it only paid $4, there would be a fortune to the owners, and it is believed that the hills in the same locality are equally rich. The rock is such poor stuff that one would hardly pick it upon the street and is something like the South African conglomerate.

"On Oranite creek, six miles above Colman creek, large numbers of very rich claims have been discovered, among which are Star of the West, Islander and Nevada. Then four miles inland on the same creek are the Starlight, Black Jack, Seattle, owned by Seattle people and St. George, owned by Tacoma men, ranging from $5 to $40 to the ton. The Islander has been capitalized for $100,000.

"At Tschucknuckuet creek several highly mineralized ledges have been found and subjected to a mill test, yielding $9.45 to the ton from surface rock.

"On Copper Island, a small island in the center of the canal, about twenty miles in from its mouth, is a vast deposit of copper, carrying gold. A shaft is being sunk upon it by a company, and assays are similar to those of Trail creek, allusion to which has been made before in the Post-Intelligencer.

The country is well adapted to mining, water, etc., being in abundance. The size of the claims is 1,500x1,500 feet, the largest ever made. Facilities are given to all miners alike, and the same interest is shown to all. People of Victoria and Vancouver island have secured many mines, but very little mention has been made, as they wanted the first harvest, but next year the mines will be taken in hand and pushed vigorously. There is an extensive district that has not yet been prospected, and which is believed to be as rich, if not richer, than any yet discovered. On Many Tod island, near Victoria, a quartz vein is being worked with good results so far."

Mr. Higgins says further that the discoveries at Rovbenay and Alberni, combined with the newly discovered facilities for saving gold, will soon place British Columbia in the front rank of the gold producing countries of the world. He anticipates a good inflow of people and capital in 1896, and says "the province is just awakening from its sleep of ages to the realization of a new life."

The Latest From Rossland.

The busy winter predicted is meeting all expectations, and it is doubtful if there is a camp so prosperous as this in the northwest for its size. What were prospects are proving to be mines, while new discoveries are made weekly. Capital and machinery are being brought into the camp. The poles and wires for the new electric light plant are in place, and the town will soon be adequately lighted. The tramway to Trail is an assured fact, a contract for the work having been let. The route will cover a distance of 12 miles. The War Eagle company is going to put in an electric plant for use in their mine. Two 80 horse-power boilers will soon be ready for the compressors. A large force of men is at work at the supply station for the waterworks. This is on Stony creek, about two and a half miles from this city. The workmen on the ditch for the waterworks a few days ago uncovered a six-foot ledge of solid ore on the Blue Elephant. This claim had been considered worthless, and a short time ago was offered for sale for $150, without a taker. Now it is a valuable mining property. The Crown Point mine has $200,000 or $300,000 worth of ore in sight, with $75,000 worth on the dump. The Homestake mine has a large body of shipping ore in sight. D. M. Linnard, who represents a Vancouver company which recently purchased 51 per cent. of this stock, will immediately put to work a large force of men. A diamond drill is being worked on the Nickel Plate, but what it brings up is kept very quiet. The Center Star has 50,000 tons ready for shipment. Several citizens intend spending Christmas at the *coast, including lawyer Boultbee,* who is going to your city to join his family.

The latest report, says the Spokane Chronicle, of the shipment of bullion and ore from the smelters and mines of Southern Kootenay gives a total of 26,330 tons since Jan. 1st, valued at $2,045,950. That means about $2,500,000 worth of mineral by the time this year is ended. That is a pretty respectable showing for a district that most people regarded as hardly worth talking about three years ago; but three years in the northweet are better than 10 years anywhere east of the Mississippi river.

Captain Cooper of New Westminster, B. C., is adopting an altogether novel method of hydraulicing for gold along the banks of the Fraser between Harrison and Yale. He has fitted his little steamer the Courier, a boat of about 50 tons with hydraulic monitors and pumps, and will work on the banks very much after the fashion of a marine fire engine alongside wharves and buildings at river and sea ports.

Commissioner O'Hanley, who was appointed by the Canadian Government to collect evidence and prepare a report as to the extent to which the water level of Canadian harbors bordering on the Great Lakes will be affected by the Chicago drainage canal, has accumulated a vast amount of information, and next week will proceed to Chicago to complete his labors before making his final report. It will be upon the result of his investigations that the Canadian government will act if it is decided to make the matter an international one. The commissioner is of the opinion that he will be able to show good grounds for Canada's entering a formal protest with the United States government against the construction of the "big ditch."

England's Richest Woman.

One of the most prominent women in England and the British colonies is the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who is equally as well known and respected in this Province, having been a most liberal contributer to charities and churches. She is unquestionably the richest of her sex in England and has been in the eye of the public for many years. She resides in London and seldom goes far from town. Her favorite home—Holly Lodge—is just on the top of Highgate hill. A high wall surrounds it, but fails to keep out her hosts of friends. Every day is a gala one with her, and every notable person in the country worth knowing has been her guest. She is a great patron of arts, and has brought many a struggling artist or writer to the front. In appearance she is very prepossessing, tall and slight, and with a fine figure for so elderly a woman. In 1837 she assumed by Royal license her additional name of Burdett. She was a Miss Coutts, and inherited then the vast fortune of her grandfather. In 1873 she received the freedom of the city of London, and she was the first of her sex to receive that honor. In 1881 she was married to William Ashmead Bartlett, who assumed the name of Burdett Coutts. He was 30 and she was 67. The baroness is a splendid musician, and plays as well as she *paints. Among her remarkable jewels* is a tiara that belonged to Marie Antoinette and a bracelet formerly worn by Queen Anne. With all her benevolence the baroness is not to be imposed upon, and has many advisers. Her post daily contains hundreds of begging letters from all sorts of persons.

The following was reported to have been found on the wall of a deserted shack in the heart of Nebraska: "Fore miles frum a post offis; twenty-five miles frum a rale-rode; forteen miles from a school hous; forty one miles frum a church; a hundred acry frum timber; half a mile frum water; God bless our home. We're gone to Montana to get a fresh start.

The test hole of the Lulu Island Company reached 600 feet before it was stopped. All the gold, in white, rotten quartz, was found between 250 and 500 feet. A shaft will be at once sunk. Interest continues, and many more claims have been staked.

Charles King has been awarded the contract for building a narrow guage railroad from Trail landing to Rossland, B. C., at a contract price of approximately $100,000. Work has already been begun. The new line will be used to haul ore from the Trail Creek mines to the smelter in course of erection at Rossland.

Job Work.

In addition to the news department the B. MINING JOURNAL has an elegant and elaborate job department, where all kinds of artistic, fancy and plain work is done by skillful and experienced printers. No better job work can be done on the Pacific coast than is turned out of the JOURNAL office and we solicit the patronage of business men when desiring anything in the *job work line such as fancy wedding cards,* pamphlets, letter heads, bill heads, statements, business cards, receipts, posters, &c. Prices, cheap as the cheapest, and satisfaction guaranteed.

$100 REWARD.

One hundred dollars reward will be paid by the undersigned for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties, setting fire to, and destroying a large quantity of hay in Highland Valley, 15 miles from Ashcroft, about one month ago.
J. C. BARNES.
Ashcroft, B. C., November 20, 1895. 29-32

Hope, Yale, Lytton and Cache Creek Division.

Courts of Revision and Appeal under the assessment act of 1888, and amendments, will be held on the following dates at the following places:
At the Court House Yale, on Friday, December 6, at 10 a.m.
At the Court House, Lytton, on Saturday, December 7, at 10 a.m.
At the Court House Spence's Bridge, on Monday, December 9, at 10 a.m.
At the Court House, Ashcroft, on Saturday December, 14 at 10 a.m.
28 31 JOHN MURRAY,
Judge of Court of Revision and appeal.
Spence's Bridge, November 12th, 1895.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the assistant commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease a piece of land for hay purposes, situate two miles south east from Dragon lake, containing forty acres, commencing at a post marked G. S. Barley, south west corner, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 *chains, thence* west 20 chains to place of commencement. GEORGE S. BARLEY.
Quesnelle, October 30, 1895. 27-31

LOST.

William's Lake and 150-Mile House.

On the 1st between William's Lake and 150-Mile House, a pocket book containing some letters addressed A. J. Patenaude, one check of $110 payable to A. Kelly, Barkerville, dated October 25th. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning the same to me.
J. PATENAUDE,
William's Lake, B.C.
Nov. 9, 1895. 28-29

The MINING JOURNAL does first class Job Work.

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 operate traction engines and cars upon the Cariboo Wagon Road and tributary roads in British Columbia.
W. H. ARMSTRONG,
27-tf Agent for applicant.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to lease 40 acres of "Long Meadow" for the purpose of cutting hay thereon, such meadow situated about three quarters of a mile in an easterly direction from my preemption at 103 Mile Post.
T. CAMERON PENNIE.
October 26th, 1895. 25-29

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned executors of the estate of the late Arnaud Mondot of Spence's Bridge, notify all who indebted to the above estate to settle the same with John Murray, Spence's Bridge, and all who have accounts against the said estate to send in their accounts at once to the undersigned.
JOHN MURRAY, } Executors
ARTHUR STEVENSON, }
Spence's Bridge, October 31, 1895. 26 33

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Vernon.....Monday..14th October.
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New Westminster, Wednesday..6th November.
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Cariboo and Intermediate points—Registration closes at 7.30 Saturdays. Other matter for these points may be mailed at the office up to 2 a. m. Mondays.

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A RICH MINING DISTRICT

W. F. Sargent Tells of the Work Now Being Done in Far Cariboo.

After a summer spent in superintending development work at his company's property in the Cariboo district of British Columbia, W. F. Sargent, secretary of the Slough Creek Mining Co. has returned to Tacoma. He has been pressing the work at the mine, running day and night shifts during the summer months. During his absence work will continue. There is yet about a year's work ahead of the company in development before it will begin to yield rich returns.

Cariboo at the present time, Mr. Sargent says, is attracting many mining men by reason of the rich prospects there. Although in early days millions were taken out of the country, systematic mining has but just begun. A railroad is what is needed above all else. One is now being projected to run from Kamloops, B. C., on the line of the Canadian Pacific to Barkerville in the heart of Cariboo, a distance of 290 miles. At the present time Barkerville is accessable only by stage from Ashcroft, on the Canadian Pacific. The stage ride from Asheroft to Barkerville is 285 miles long. As all mining machinery has to be hauled over this road the difficulties in the way of opening the mines is apparent.

In days gone by much of the surface of the valleys adjacent to Barkerville and all tending toward the Fraser was mined, but no attempt, until recently, was ever made to locate and work the old channels, lack of machinery standing in the way. A railroad would work a great change in all this. A. D. Whittier, agent and manager of the Cariboo Gold Fields Co., Ltd., one of the promoters of the line, says that ground for the road will be broken during the next season. He has secured English capital to finance the project.

On the Slough creek property is the first attempt made to locate the old channel spoken of above. The Slough creek mines extend three miles along Slough creek, on one side being Nelson mountain and on the other Island mountain. By means of drills something on the principle of those used for artesian boring and resembling those used on the water front here last spring to determine the character of the bottom, the ground between the mountains has been thoroughly prospected down to hard rock, the objective point being to locate the old bed of the stream As the drills were driven downward the water forced down through them brought up the borings so that it has been possible to get accurate information as to each stratum penetrated. As a result a correct geographical map, showing a cross section of the little valley, has been prepared. It records the shape of the bed rock and shows the strata overlaying it. The deepest part lies toward Nelson mountain, the bed rock sloping gradually down from Island mountain and then rising abruptly toward Nelson creek. The deepest boring is 287 feet to bedrock, while on the sides—the benches—the borings were only about 45 feet. The valley is about half a mile wide and the slope downward of the bed rock as will be seen is very sharp on the Nelson creek side. The strata encountered in drilling at the deepest point were about as follows: Surface wash, boulders, gravel, coarse gravel, alternate stratas of yellow clay and gravel, then a thick strata of blue clay, a strip or so of cement and gravel and then bedrock. There is more or less water in the strata and hence there is some difficulty in working it.

Originally a shaft was started to reach bedrock. After sinking 85 feet work was suspended last spring at the high water, as it was too wet to work in the shaft. At 40 feet from the surface a drainage tunnel with the purpose of striking the bench or high bed rock on the Nelson creek side. After stripping the gold off the bedrock on the bench a shaft will be sunk straight downward through the bed rock 340 feet so as to get well below the deepest part of the old creek bed and a tunnel from there will be driven 400 feet to a point below the 287-foot boring. Then by making a an upraise the work of stripping the bed rock can be proceeded with far more easily than by sinking directly through the gravel, and the work will not be hindered by water. The tunnels and shafts will be completed in about a year and then the company will reap the returns for their enterprise. In the meantime, however, the bed rock which is only 40 feet from the surface on the other side of the shaft will be worked. Nelson creek from which some $3,000,000 in gold has been taken, empties into the Slough creek property. Mr. Sargent has brought down with him a nugget weighing over four ounces, valued at $75, which was found just outside the sidelines of the Slough creek lease. The borings from the bed rock are highly satisfactory and show that gold in considerable quantities exists there. Mr. Sargent stated that John Butts this summer found a 9 ounce and a 7 ounce gold nugget on Stout creek near Barkerville.

On his way down from Slough creek Mr. Sargent had an opportunity of examining the Cariboo and Horsefly mines, and was highly impressed with them. He believes that during the coming year the Cariboo will be taking out gold at the rate of $100,000 a month.—Tacoma Ledger.

The Quartz Mines of Alaska.

Willis E. Nowell, superintendent of the famous Barner's Bay mine, came down on the Topeka, and is staying at the Butler. He came down to purchase some electric machines for use in the mine, and returns on the Al Ki. In the course of conversation he remarked that a great deal of machinery had recently been sent up, and what he was taking up with him on the Al-Ki was principally electric appliance, and air receivers for Burleigh drills.

"We have about fifty claims altogether," said Mr. Nowell, "extending over about three miles, and we have a railroad for which I am buying wheels and other things. We have a 40 stamp mill, lighted by electricity, and employ about 190 men in the summer and 120 in winter."

"What if the Canadian boundary line should run you into the Dominion, Mr. Nowell?"

"Well, it does, according to rumors that have reached us, but we trust, of course, that the United States will make a strong protest Canadian encroachment. Really, as a matter of fact, it does not bother us much. I have not heard a word about the boundary question for months except what appears in the newspapers that reach us There is no talk of it at Berner's bay although we are at a point that may be termed a disputed corner.

"The reported Canadian line would also take in Silver Bow basin, in which we are interested. Now, we have the United States patents dating back for ten years some of them, and some more recent, and we have no doubt that, even if we did find ourselves Americans in a foreign country some morning, our rights would be protected. Still, as I said, we hope the United States government will assert itself. We located these mines in our own country and we don't want them mapped in a foreign country.

"We have both placer mines and quartz. The Berner's bay mine is quartz At the Comet mine there, we have levels five hundred feet below the surface and the quartz is better at that depth than any other, showing that the surface indications are more than borne out. We are running a cross-cut that will cut the Comet ledge five hundred feet below our present workings, and we can run these cross-cuts and get out our quartz without hoisting, to a depth of over 2,000 feet before we get down to the coast level.

"Yes, the Berner's bay quartz is very rich, but there are other good mines in Alaska. I believe it will be a great mining country, and I think every one must be of that opinion if he intelligently judges the result of the past summer's work."—P. I.

Peculiar Russian Principles.

The birth of the Russian princess calls attention to some of the curious customs and ideas of that nation on the subject of imperial babyhood. The wardrobe of the little stranger in this case consists of 500 pieces and has cost many thousand dollars. Four dozen pieces each of bands, skirts shirts, dresses, or whatever has been ordered, as well as pinning blankets, stockings, caps and "carrying cloaks." The bands and pinning blankets are of silk flannel, the caps of the finest of real lace and the most delicate ribbons and the carrying cloaks are of silk and Valciennes lace.

The woman who is to be the real mother of the helpless child for the first twelve or eighteen months of its babyhood career is the subject of extraordinary and anxious search. Her character must be blameless Yet she must be situated so that for this length of time she can forswear her own infant and home. No other person in any capacity of household service commands such wages as does the royal nurse when she has been found. She receives at least $200 and sometimes $300 a month. She is always provided with two or three other nurses, and has her own suite of apartments for herself and her precious charge.

No more gorgeously appareled person is seen in all the Russian court than the nurse of the young princess.

There are some superstitious observances connected with Russian infants from which even Russian royal babies are not exempt. For instance, woe betide the little one to whom the incautious or ignorant visitor addresses an exclamation: "Oh, what a lovely child!" "Ah, what a fine healthy boy!"

"God bless him! The Lord be with him!" The Holy Virgin be about him!"

The nurse exclaims indignantly:

"Do you wish the little angel to be bewitched, sudarina? Is it the first babe you have seen—the first pretty one? Thou Christ's babe of mine! Thou Lord's child of mine! Go to sleep, my general!"

The nurse is apprehensive of the effect your exclamation (the thing is to avoid interjections) may have on the sleep and health of her charge. She draws the silken curtains closer around him, murmuring prayers for his welfare, while the abashed visitor excuses herself, assuring the nurse that she has by no means an evil eye, and never bewitched anybody in her life.

In no country in the world are babies regarded with greater affection than in Russia. The late Emperor Alexander was passionately devoted to his children and young nephews, and when it was possible he always spent some hours with them every day.

The terms of endearment—affectionate diminutives—are endless. Although there is no word which answers to "baby" in Russian, there are often tender little epithets which are common terms of endearment in every household throughout the czar's domains, whether in the peasant's home or in the palace of the ruler of the land. The little one is doushinka (dear little soul), lubesnoe (little dear), millinkoi (my little dear), drushka (little friend) and golubshik (little dove.)

'Tis midnight. In his guarded tent!
The Turk's been figuring many hours
On how he'll dodge another batch
Of ultimatums from the powers.

NOTCE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B. C., on Monday the 9th day of December, 1895, at the hour of 11 in the forenoon. By command.

JOS. WM. BURR,
Dep. Registrar County Court.
Ashcroft, November 6th, 1895. 27-

Kamloops, Similkameen and Yale Divisions of Yale District.

Notice is hereby given that all Placer claims and mining leaseholds legally held in the Kamloops, Similkameen and Yale Divisions of Yale District, will be laid over from the 1st November next to the 1st day of May, 1896.

G. C. TUNSTALL,
24-29 Gold Commissioner.
Kamloops, October 14th, 1895.

Gold Commissioner's Notice, Cariboo District.

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JOHN BOWRON,
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Richfield, October 9, 1895. 24 95

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ASHCROFT LOCAL NEWS

Jack Gillis came in town the other day with four more new horses. They are good looking animals.

Dr. Wade, physician and surgeon, recently on the Jubilee hospital staff, is now located at Kamloops.

Nearly $65 has been subscribed to the skating rink fund and good sport is assured to those who enjoy skating.

The O.d Fellows of Ashcroft will hold their annual Ball on the 9th and 10th of January, 1896. Bills will soon be out.

Denny, the barber, is in Vancouver laid up, phonograph and all, for repairs. He is said to have regretted his start to "winter in California."

The Ashcroft Bridge is in need of repairs and should not be neglected. Such bridges are too expensive and convenient to take any chances with of being damaged or carried away.

L. McKay, the saddler, has had a good business for the past season and from the present outlook it will be better still in the future. He has a good stock and his work gives satisfaction.

The last meeting of the Quadrille Club on Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable affair and largely attended. Among others not usually in attendance were the Misses Walker of Buonapatte, who made a very welcome addition to the number of guests.

Invitations were received by many of the Ashcroft people this week to visit Spence's Bridge and participate in a dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Clemes on the 5th of December. Those who can avail themselves of the opportunity will no doubt have a pleasant time as Mr. and Mrs. Clemes are proverbial for their hospitality.

The MINING JOURNAL is in receipt of a letter from Frank A. Rivers in regard to E. Vanwart, who has skipped the country and left a tale of woe behind him in the way of unpaid bills. He is said to have gone to Seattle. Mr. Rivers will hereafter conduct the Hotel Barkerville and the house will be maintained as a good and comfortable stopping place for men and travelers in general.

A correspondent from Quesnelle does an injustice to Quesnelle Forks in the Colonist of the 28th inst by stating that only one white family resided at the Forks. At the present time with Mr. Stevenson's, Mr. Henry Vieth's, Mr. John McRae's, Mr. Lewis' and several other families residing there Quesnelle Forks is a pretty place and a pleasant one to live in and before many seasons the Forks will compare in population with any place in Cariboo

Reports are of an encouraging nature from Eburne. Quartz was struck at a depth of 340 feet and showed a thickness of 40 feet. The Richmond development company will sink a six foot shaft to a depth of 400 feet. It will be lined with a steel tube to keep out the water. Bids have been asked for and the McGillivray works are figuring on the material. Eighty feet of quicksand, and then a great layer of blacksand was first passed through. The assay of the quartz found is said to be satisfactory.

The teamsters are beginning to gather in for the Ball to be given on the 3rd of December.

Just a trace of beautiful snow on the hills surrounding the town, and a beautiful autumn we are having.

The idea of sending a newspaper outfit a bill for taxes. It would be more sensible for the Government to grant them a pension.

Stock should winter well in British Columbia this year as animals as a rule are in good condition and the season is very favorable.

The Clinton people have out posters for their Annual Ball at Clinton on January 2nd and 3rd. Of course everybody who can will attend, and have a good time too.

We are glad to learn that the accident received by John Wilson, the well known stock man, and cattle buyer, did not prove as serious as was at first feared. Mr. Wilson is again around.

British Columbia will be visited by more mining investors next season than ever before in its history or else all signs will fail, and Cariboo will get its full share of attention.

Another dredging company have ordered their lumber of Jas. Reid for a large dredger to be built immediately for work on the Fraser river a few miles above the mouth of the Quesnelle.

The up stage met with an accident near the 108 Mile House, breaking a wheel and delaying the stage a few hours. The roads are far from good up there now. Sleighing will be a welcome change.

Henry Cargile is building a neat cottage on the street near the school building for occupation for himself and wife as a residence. John Collins' house, on the same street, has been added to and it now presents a very creditable appearance.

The feeling all through the Cariboo country is against having traction engines on the wagon road. Largely signed petitions against their being allowed on the road, are being put in shape to present to the Government within a few weeks.

A very pleasant entertainment was given last Monday night by Mr. and Mrs. I. Lehman at their residence, to about 30 of the young people of Ashcroft. All participants report a very enjoyable event.

The following numbers of the MINING JOURNAL are wanted by a valued subscriber. Any one who can furnish them at this office will be paid for the same and also confer a favor. No. 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 24.

A petition will be sent on soon from Quesnelle and the Forks, asking that a road be built down the river to connect the two places and accommodate several mining companies largely interested along the river. It is a much needed road and we hope the Government may see its way clear to help the road along. The Commissioner of Lands and Works stated to the writer when he was in Ashcroft last, that he would do all he could to favor the Quesnelle road, as well as any other roads looking toward the improvement of the upper country.

PERSONAL.

A. S VanAlstyne, formerly of the Ashcroft Hotel is now in Seattle.

Mr. Munroe, who went up by last stage to Barkerville to investigate some quartz propositions, is an old Yukon miner.

L. M. La Pointe the stock buyer, is again in the Dog creek country buying cattle. He will ship from Ashcroft next week.

S. Tease, formerly an Ashcroft business man is in town for a few days. Sam looks very natural walking up and down the streets.

Mr. Wm Puckett will soon take his departure for the east. An old timer and respected by all, Ashcroft will regret his departure.

Fleishman of Vancouver, the Jeweler, is making his monthly visit to Ashcroft. Mr. Fleishman is interested in the Kootenay in some valuable mining property.

Dr. Wm. Harold of Vancouver, has gone up to the 150-Mile house to take the place temporarily of Dr. Hugh Watt, who goes below soon for a few weeks vacation.

The family of Mr. S. Tingley, now in Victoria, are expected home in time to spend the holidays in Ashcroft. Their many friends will be glad to see them back.

E. J. Christie, lately of the 134-Mile house, passed through Ashcroft this week on his way to Victoria, where his family reside. Mr. Christie thinks of returning next season.

Mr. Stewart, of Stewart and Lewthwaite, the contractors on the road with the C. P. R boarding houses, is making his monthly visit along the line and spent a day in Ashcroft this week.

Senator and Mrs James Reid expect to leave for Ottawa the 29th from Quesnelle. The Senator predicts that the session will not be long. Mrs. Reid will spend a couple of months at the Dominion capital.

Mrs. McDonald of Vancouver, is in town on business connected with a hotel. It is her intention if she can secure the lot on the corner opposite the Cargile house, to engage in the business in Ashcroft.

The many friends throughout Cariboo of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson of Quesnelle, extend their heart felt sympathy to the bereaved family which has again been invaded by death. The notice of the death of little Ethel Johnson will be found in another column.

Mrs. Joseph Mason of Barkerville, came down on the last stage, and after spending a day in Ashcroft went on to Victoria, where she will spend some weeks with relatives. Mrs. Mason is one of the few ladies who are entitled to be classed as old timers in Cariboo.

Mr. McCorkle of Seattle, interested in dredging, went up to Quesnelle by last stage. He is vice-president of the Chicago company now building the big dredger at Quesnelle under the managment of Col. Underwood. Mr. McCorkle will spend at least a part of the winter at Quesnelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, of Agassiz, who have been spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. James Haddock, Mrs. Leslie's parents, returned to their home on Thursday. They have had a pleasant time, and Ashcroft people, with whom they are both great favorites, only wish they could have extended their visit indefinitely.

Beaumont H. Haigh passed through Ashcroft Tuesday night on his way to Yorkshire, England, where he expects to remain with friends for some months, returning in the spring to Dog Creek where he has been employed. The JOURNAL follows Mr. Haigh to keep him posted on mining matters in British Columbia.

Dr. Lambert of Kamloops, was in Ashcroft a few days since, in consultation with Dr. Sanson of Clinton, in the case of Mrs. McLennan of Hat creek, who has been very ill for some time. At the present writing Mrs. McLennan is reported as slightly improved and hopes of her final recovery are greater than a few days since.

C. A. Semlin went down to Lytton last night to attend the meeting at that place in the interest of the Lillooet-Lytton road. It is claimed that $15,000 will open up the road between the two places and open up much new farming land. In justice to both places the matter should be thoroughly looked into, and the wishes of the people acquiesced in so far as is practicable. It is only about 40 miles from Lillooet to Lytton.

Freight Shipments.

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

Nov. 22,	J. McYoung, 150 and way	3,600
" 23,	W. H. Keatley, Lillooet...	1,900
" 23,	L. Gervais, Barkerville, Stanley and Soda creek.....	8,300
" 23,	A. Focault, Barkerville Stanley and Soda creek.....	9,500
" 23,	J. Scott, Barkerville.....	510
" 25,	J. Carson, Lillooet.....	1,247
" 25,	R. Cummings, Lillooet....	2,330
" 25,	H. C. Rayson & Co, Quesnelle.	9,700
" 25,	S. Berlin, Clinton.....	3,876
" 25,	T. Bishop, 70 mile house..	2,000
" 26,	B. C. X. Co., Clinton.....	500
" 26,	A. C. McDonald, Horsefly	10,200
" 26,	J. Gannon, Clinton.....	4,129
" 26,	P. Garrigan, Pavillion....	2,000
" 27,	A. McRae, 50-mile house..	8,500
" 27,	J. Chenhall, 150.....	7,900
" 27,	L. Clark, William's lake..	5,100
" 28,	G. P. Murphy, Soda creek	
" 30,	W. H. Keatley, Lillooet...	2,250
	Quesnelle	8,327
	Total.....	93,169

W. E. Lessee came down on the last Cariboo stage and spent a day in Ashcroft before leaving for his home in Victoria. During a pleasant conversation with him at the JOURNAL office Mr Lessee expressed great confidence in the future of Cariboo. He is well qualified to give an opinion as he has spent over five months this season in examining the different mines and prospects of the Barkerville country. One thing that he strongly confirms is the belief often expressed by mining men that there are hill diggings that will in the near future be worked on a very extensive scale. Thousands of acres in the Bald mountain section show gold wherever a pan is tried and many men have found good prospects miles from any present or past workings. It is not uncommon to get as high as 25 cents to the pan, and an average of ground can be found in hundreds of places where it will pay to move the gravel by sheets or trams to where water can be obtained for washing the same.

On Pine creek, on the lower end, a steam shovel will be put in next season near the point where the Bear lake trail crosses.

Shepherd's claim, worked in a very crude manner, has yielded this season about $6,000. On the same creek Senator Reid, acting for Montreal parties, has bonded a group of claims for $10,000, making a $500 payment on the same. The ground is remarkably rich and a good water right from Eight Mile lake has been secured. The company, with but little work will have a water supply with 175 feet of fall.

Mr. Lesee speaks very highly of the ground held by the Cariboo Gold Fields company. The company have of late been having some trouble with their big flume on account of an increase of water joined with snow and slush, but will have no serious trouble. Their work is well along and the principle part of the opening up of the claim, yet left to do, is the laying of the pipe line. The company hope to get started next season to operating the plant, but if they do they will get along remarkably well, for there is much to be done.

Mr. Marsh has taken an agreement from the owners of the Black Jack quartz mine in consideration of his erecting a plant for working five tons per day next season and 10 tons per day the following season, to be followed by the erection of a 25 ton plant, when he gets 51 per cent of the stock of the company. Mr. Marsh also has other quartz properties in the Barkerville section that show up well and give promise of good quartz mining in Cariboo in the near future.

Not Conclusive Testimony.

A Spokane judge has decided that if a man puts his arm around the waist of a marriageable woman, it is prima facia evidence that he has proposed to her. That sort of law may go in Spokane, but it would never do in Grangeville.

A warning to the Ashcroft young men may be taken by the above decision.

Freight receipts at Ashcroft for week ending Nov. 29, 1895, were 486,640 pounds.

It is reported from Montreal that there will be great activity along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway next season and that within less than three years the entire line from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be composed of permanent work. The company is making ready for the ultimate double tracking of the road from Winnipeg to Port Arthur and from Sudbury to Carleton Junction. The surveying in the Crow's Nest Pass is complete, but it is not supposed that the rumors which make this the future main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway are well founded. The Crow's Nest Pass will probably soon be tracked and it is likely to become a great mineral and colonization road.

American Mines in London.

In American mines the chief interest centers round the group which is under the wing of the Exploration Company. Anacondas are selling well and Alaska Uniteds are being bought in considerable quantities on the continent of Europe. I have been interviewing several influential capitalists who finance mining issues, and they are all agreed that American mines will be all the fashion here in a year's time. One of the largest issuing companies is of the opinion that California stands the best chance of all the American mining centers for an English boom. This means, of course that the company is best acquainted with California, and already has a dozen or so mines that are to be floated here at the first opportunity. Others are inclined to think that British Columbia will be the subject of the next boom in London, but this is not likely, because those interested at present in that country are solid investors and not wildcat-mongers.

The following new companies to work American mines have been formed in London during the month of October up to the 26th: The Anglo-American & Western trust, capital £11,000, to carry on business in Mexico: the British Kootenay Exploration Syndicate, capital £10,000, to prospect for minerals in Kootenay; the Jersey Lily Gold Mines, capital £150,000, to acquire gold properties in Arizona on the recomendation of Mr. D. E. Keating; the American & European Investment Syndicate, capital £1,000, to act as promoters, etc, directors being A. J. Benedict, and J. W. Chisholm, Broad Street House, London; Rio Grande Irrigation and Land Company, capital £500,000, to establish waterworks, etc., in New Mexico; Anglo Pacific Exploration Syndicate, capital £20,000, to acquire properties on the Pacific slope; Cripple Creek Development Syndicate, capital £11,000; the Pipestone Gold Mining Company, capital £100,000, to work gold mines in Canada; the Canada Venture Syndicate, capital £20,000.

Quesnelle and Omineca.

Colonel Wright's party, of Ottawa, expect to ship a lot of hydraulicking machinery to Ashcroft to be taken to Quesnelle on snow, for the Omineca country, where Col. Wright, Fred W. Valleau, and Doc. Halloway spent some months in prospecting last season. The Omineca district will attract many prospectors next season, most of whom will no doubt outfit at Quesnelle, where they will leave the wagon road for the Fraser river, and boat for some distance up the river to Fort George. A short distance above there is Giscome's Portage which is only 11 miles to portage across to the Parsnip river. There is also another portage by going further up the Fraser and up a creek where the Parsnip can be reached by a portage of seven miles. There is good water down the Parsnip to Peace river and down the Peace river is good boating. There is a vast tract of only superficially prospected ground through this section and no bench or hydraulic ground has ever been looked for until the past season, and only by the above mentioned party. The Col. Wright party was thoroughly impressed with the value of the country as a future field for hydraulic mining. Any one having the necessary time and experience in prospecting will find this a good country to spend a season in. Quesnelle, 220 miles from Ashcroft, which is already known as the headquarters for this section has two large and well equipped stores. Jas. Reid is an old timer and has been many years in trade in the same place. He owns in addition to his store a flouring mill that turns out an excellent quality of flour, and a saw-mill, and is thoroughly identified with the prosperity of the region of which Quesnelle forms the centre. He has lately erected a large and commodious store.

Competition is made brisk at Quesnelle as the Hudsons Bay Company have long made this a supply point for their trading stations above, Fort George, Fort McLeod, and many other points. The manager in charge, Mr. McNab, is well known and well liked. Their stock is large and a good trade has been for many years the result.

The Occidental Hotel has long been a favorite resort for the traveling public and under its new managment, that of W. H Boyd, will undoubtedly maintain its standing. The Hotel Cariboo, A. McNaughton, Proprietor, has lately been refitted and is securing a fair share of the patronage. Mr. McNaughton is an old Hudson's Bay employee and late manager of their store at Quesnelle.

There is no pleasanter village on the continent in which to spend a few weeks during the summer months than Quesnelle Fishing, hunting, driving, healthy surroundings and pleasant people abound.

Mining is still being done along the Quesnelle in places by chinamen with rockers. A country where you can work from April 1st, or even earlier to December 1st, is a long season country, and in mining parts of Cariboo this can be done

J. H. Clements, B. Ph., who for some months has been a clerk in Clarke & Co.'s drug store, leaves in a day or so for Ashcroft, where he will open a drug store on his own account. Ashcroft has a good opening in this line, and as Mr. Clements is not only a competent druggist, but has also good business abilities, he will no doubt succeed there.—KamloopsSentinel.

Mr. Clements will occupy the same room now used by F. C. Lawrence, the jeweler.

Mr. R. D. Fetherstone, manager of the Vancouver Sash & Door Company, Lt'd., has just returned from a hunting expedition at Union, Vancouver Island. He was successful in bringing down a bear, an elk and several deer. He speaks in high terms of the hospitality of the people residing in that neighborhood, who assisted him by every means in their power.—News Advertiser.

Mr. Fetherstone was well entitled to a vacation and we are glad to note his success as a hunter as well as a thorough business man.

Quesnelle.

Thanksgiving morning opened up beautiful and clear and that, in addition to the feelings which naturally associate themselves with such a day, brightened the hearts of all. But in the afternoon a gloom was cast over the community when the news spread through the town that death had taken one or the few bright little children of the place. After four days illness, which no one expected to terminate so sadly, Ethel May, youngest daughter of W. A. Johnston, Esq., "pased to where beyond their voices there is peace."

"To question why,
The sons before their fathers die,
Not mine! But I shall see him soon."

The sympathy of the community with the bereaved family was feelingly expressed by the large concourse that followed the remains to its last resting place. The funeral service was conducted in the church by the Rev. A. G. Hutton.

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LIGHT "HORSE" POETRY.

From one end to the other of the Cariboo Road,
The Teamsters are rushing to Ashcroft to load;
Incidentally, of course, they will stay, one and all,
Till after next Tuesday and take in the Ball.
Jack Gillis will be there, and Angus McRae,
And Jim and Bob Walker will not stay away;
Lenahan will shout "Present!" at the roll call,
And Smith will make time to get to the Ball.

'Tis expected McLennan will also be there,
And among them McDonald will throw off dull care;
Dunc. McGillivray will figure to be at this end,
And if freight *must* go forward, will try Jack to send.
With McYoung and the Shermer's, McCarthy to hear from,
And Johnson and Focault, and others who'll come—
Then with Keatley and Martley to fill up the chorus,
Just think of the sport we'll have spread out before us.

The morn of the fourth we shall look for a pull,
And we're certain to have it, if many get full,
For each Teamster thinks that his team is the best,
Of any that's hitched to a load in the west.
All in all, they're good fellows, success to their Ball;
May they have all the fun they expect, one and all;
But it's much to expect that they'll smile satisfaction,
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A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the Court House, Clinton, on Friday the thirteenth day of December, 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

28-31 F. SOUES,
Registrar.

Clinton, November 12th, 1895.

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