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Cariboo in 1895.

In 1858-59 the rush for gold in British Columbia began, and one rich discovery after another followed such an output of the yellow metal from the creeks and bars of Cariboo, soon known as "Golden," and the early '60's found from 10,000 to 12,000 men in the, at that time, almost inaccessible country. The course of travel was usually up the Fraser river to the head of navigation (Yale), and then by the foot paths and almost impassable trails to Williams, Lightning, Antler, Harvey, Keithley, and other well known creeks as well as to the rich bars and beaches of the Quesnelle and Fraser rivers. The output in 1861-62 from the Cariboo country was very large. From Williams creek over $25,000,000 were in the course of a few years taken out. From Lightning, by drifting about three miles of that creek bed, over $11,000,000 were taken out before ground was reached that the pumps would not keep the water out of and permit working.

Antler, Lowhee, Keithley, Harvey, Nelson and other creeks yielded from $1,000,000 to $3,000,000 each, and all of this work done in the most primitive manner by tools and machinery gotten into the country by pack trains over a mountain trail that seemed scarcely safe to set a foot on. Sixty millions in gold have been taken out from the Cariboo country, and those best informed think that the future output will be greater.

The big mines of the present day are of two classes only—hydraulic and drifting—quartz mining being as yet in its infancy.

In the first class come the operations carried on for the past three years by a syndicate of capitalists largely composed of Montreal men, and whose affairs in the Cariboo country have been so ably pushed by John B. Hobson, the veteran Californian, than whom probably no better informed man on hydraulicing lives. Largely owing to the persistence of H. Abbott, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railroad, the funds were provided, and Mr Hobson given carte blanche to open up the Cariboo and Horsefly mines. Neither of the mines are as yet in shape to make an output, yet the Cariboo as the result of twenty-nine and one half days run with less than 2000 inches of water, sent down a cone of solid gold weighing over 200 pounds and valued at $41,800, and the Horsefly, although not yet in ground free from cement, as is expected soon to be, yielded over $52,000 for the two months in actual operation. It is believed that the output of these mines will double each year for at least three years to come, and many good judges think $1,000,000 will roll down the road within the next two years as the result of operations by the companies alone managed by Mr. Hobson.

On the same stream as is the Horsefly mine, the Horsefly river, is the celebrated Ward claims, from which $500,000 was taken out by rocking alone in early days. This mine will be opened up early in the spring under the superintendency of Senator James H. Campbell of San Francisco, California.

The Fishback Hydraulic company on the north fork Quesnelle, and also the Maud, both valuable properties, will be put in operation next season. A company with unlimited capital has been organized for this purpose. The Pierson properties at the Forks are valuable and of great interest to the Forks people. Dozens of other valuable mines in the vicinity of Quesnelle Forks we must pass by without notice as space does not permit. Going down the Quesnelle on the right bank four miles below the Forks is found the Maud, and a few miles further the 20-Mile creek mines, managed by J. M. Buxton of Vancouver, and very few men are as well qualified to speak for Cariboo as is Mr. Buxton. His valuable holdings shows for themselves his judgment. Across the river is the Montreal company's claims on which over $30,000 has been spent in prospecting alone, with the result that a plant will be put on the ground next season at a cost of nearly $2,000,000. Four miles below lies the Beaver hydraulic claims, with four shafts, from 90 to 135 feet in depth, and showing the immense value of this property with its unsurpassed water privileges, taking water from Beaver River by a six-mile ditch, throwing 3000 miners inches of water on the benches lying 200 feet above the swift running Quesnelle.

Down the river four miles we find the claims owned by the French syndicate, on which much work was done last year, and to be resumed early in the spring. A few miles down and opposite lies the McLaren claims, or the Quesnelle River Hydraulic Gold Mining Company's property. It is a good one and will be worked next year. The Cottonwood claims, opened by a Chicago company this season, are ready to turn on the water next April.

The Cariboo Gold Fields Company, on Williams creek, will take out untold millions from this ground when once in successful operation, but they can not hope to be before 1897. This ground is the dumping box for Williams creek. They are pushing work to operate a hydraulic elevator. A. D. Whittier, the manager, is entitled to very much credit for the way he has worked to get capital interested in this mammoth undertaking. His success will be certain when once the rich bed of the creek is exposed.

Another creek, a few miles away, has been placed by D. Oppenheimer of Vancouver, with an English company, and a bed rock tunnel will be commenced in the spring to work Antler creek, and eventually tap the Kurtz and Lane ground at the foot of Williams creek. Slough creek, a few miles away, under the energetic management of a Tacoma company, has a most valuable property, and with the completion of their bed rock shaft a rich red bed rock gravel, varying from eight to fourteen feet in depth, will be handled, and as shown by the Jetting machine in the numerous and systematic borings made by this company, is very rich. This gigantic property can not be opened up properly yet for at least another year. One of the most valuable properties in this section, being five miles held in leases on Lightning creek, will be opened up by a bed rock tunnel. This property has been bonded to an English syndicate and a quarter of a million dollars raised to push the work. It will drain the old workings about Stanley, where over eleven millions have been taken out and many times that amount still remains in the ground.

Mining in the Lillooet district is mostly carried on near the village of Lillooet, where the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Company has some large and apparently valuable properties. They are doing extensive work, and in a systematic manner, in both quartz and placer ground.

Of the quartz of both Lillooet and Cariboo districts but little has been said in this brief article. The writer is of the firm belief that in the near future the quartz mines of Cariboo and Lillooet will become prominent, but time must be taken and money expended before anyone can speak with certainty of the future of this part of the province as a quartz mining district.

One interesting feature in the mining future of Cariboo and Lillooet is the river dredging. If, as now seems most probable, a success is made, by any one of the numerous companies now building dredges and getting ready to operate, as the Underwood dredges at Quesnelle, to be operated on Quesnelle river, the Fader Company to operate on the same river, the Youngs Company on the upper Fraser the big dredges now about to begin operations near Lytton on the Fraser, the country will be a veritage hive of industry, as every stream flowing south, northeast or west from the coast ranges of British Columbia carry gold, and many of the streams are rich in the precious metals.

All in all, the districts of Lillooet and Yale are in a highly prosperous condition and although the past history of this golden country has shone in splendor and her sun of prosperity apparently gone down, the dawning of a new day is upon us, and with improvements of transportation and union of capital and her bright and pushing mining men that are now at her front, will in the near future cause the record keepers of the golden harvest to say Cariboo and Lillooet have again resumed their proud position in the front ranks of the gold producing countries of the world.—Souvenir edition of the Western World, Butte, Mont., written by F. S. Reynolds.

The Big Horn.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL, Sir: Will you allow me to answer my friend Mr. Brown, not because I wish to contradict him but because I wish to set him right. Mr. Burton is about as staunch a friend to the Indians as any one in this country. What he complains of is not that Indians, especially, kill big horns for sale, but that anyone, white or red, does so. For the benefit of the man who hunts for pleasure, and still more for the sake of the province and its inhabitants, natives and others who profit by the strangers advent in a dozen different ways, Mr. Burton and I and scores of others want to stop the fall of heads. If the big heads are all killed off in winter for the sake of selling them to men who are too feeble to shoot them, there will be no longer any inducement for men to come and shoot amongst you.

A head sells for $5 perhaps, or $10. The man who kills a ram generally spends three or four hundred dollars in the country whilst trying to secure it. Which is best for the country? As for leaving meat, that buck you know, and that ram, be fair Mr. Brown, are either of them fit to eat? I think not. If a man only kills as many bucks and rams as the law allows, it matters very little whether he kills them for their heads or meat. There will always be plenty left, but I could produce men who, with me, saw, not very far from Churn creek, a pile of deer hides representing, I should say from 60 to 100 deer killed in 10 days by three Chilcotin Indians. This might do harm. What we want is to stop killing for sale, whether the things sold be heads or hides and whether the killers be white men or Indians. In this attempt I should expect to have Mr. Brown's support. Yours truly, THE MAN WHO KILLED THAT RAM AND TWO BUCKS.

For the first time in some months the Cariboo mail failed to get down on time. The delay of two days is attributed to the failure of trains to bring mail the last of last week, so that the country mail did not leave until Wednesday morning.

Quesnelle.

The festivities of the season are ended. It is seldom a community has so thoroughly enjoyed the good fellowship that prevailed. A small party started for Barkerville the last day and expected to spend New Years day there. Visitors have returned to their homes expressing themselves delighted with the enjoyment prepared for them. The weather had been favorable, just enough snow to make the sleighing pleasant and the weather very moderate. Since the 1st we have had a cold snap of two days, the thermometer registering 25 degrees below zero Today it is mild and a fall of snow has greatly improved the roads for freighting. Several teamsters with heavy loads have arrived this week.

There are several projects before the people of Quesnelle and all are received with enthusiasm. A rifle association is being formed and our senator has promised to further the cause at Ottawa. There are quite a few veterans in the town who have either served in corps in the old country, the east, or in B. C. and there is a strong impression that target shooting may be a good outdoor exercise.

A curling rink is also creating considerable attention. There are a few enthusiasts here who will gladly help in its formation.

The scheme that receives the greatest attention is a public hall, which will be used for a library, reading room and ball room as well as for other purposes. Calculations are being made and estimates submitted as to cost. These are a few indications of the prospects for the future and the hope that animates our citizens.

Mr. Forest and Mr. Clark arrived by last stage and proceeded to open up the Law claim across the river. They are at present opening up a road and will have much of the work ready by spring, Mr. Forrest says that the prospects are most encouraging and work will be pushed with energy during this season.

Senator and Mrs. Reid have left for Ottawa and expect to be present at the opening of the house.

Mr. George Clarke is at present down from Barkerville and will winter in Quesnelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bohanon will reside here for a few weeks.

Buildings are still going ahead. The government has stopped the sale of lots but ground already owned is being built on. Senator Reid has built a large warehouse adjoining his commodious store. Mr. John Law has built a fine comfortable residence and Mr. Hilburn has in course of erection a fine two story building and will be occupied shortly by himself and one of the estimable young ladies of Quesnelle.

Mr. Murphy, barrister-at-law is at present in Quesnelle and will remain a short time before returning to Victoria.

The committees who had charge of the entertainment and ball report a large surplus. These funds will be devoted to the schemes already mentioned.

The Scotchman's Prayer.

"Gracious Providence! Bless all ta Macdonalds, and ta Macdonald's children, ter sons' sons, and ter daughters. daughters, for a thousand years lang syne. Be gracious to send us mountains of snuff and tobacco, and rivers of whisky—ta very finest whisky! Oh, yes! And send us hills of potatoes, and pread and cheeses as big as all ta Howe of Strathmore. And, moreover, likewise, send us floods of water, tat tere may be grass for plenty for man and beast, and some to spare for ta parish. Send us guns and pistols as more os ta sea on ta sand shore; and swords, too, likewise to kill all ta Grants and ta Macphersons for evermore. Bless ta wee stirk, and mak' him a big coo before Martinmas. Bless ta wee soo, too, and mak' him a big boar likewise. Oh, yes! Put ta strength of Sampson into Donald's arms, and send us parley, kale and corn prodigious. Bless all ta bairns—Duncan and Rory and Flora, and you Donald, and you Lauchie, and you Peter. O Lord, if you hae onything to gie, dinna gie it to a Irish, but gie it to thine ane chosen people, the Scotch; and glorious your a for evermore."

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The Spokesman-Review should not get too funny. Its partiality toward Mr. Corbin and his organ in Rossland and its slighting attitude toward the mine owners and this paper are plainly apparent. The interests of several hundred mine owners—a large proportion of them Spokane men—*should not be lightly ignored*, even by the hyphenated habitant of of the high tower.—Prospector.

You should not call them such names, Brother Prospector, and, er—what is a hyphenated habitant of a high tower, any way?

The directors of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Field, Ltd., have issued a circular to the shareholders giving information as to the properties recently acquired. These include three miles of the old bed of the Cayoose creek; a property overhanging Cayoose creek covering an area equal to 525 claims in the Transvaal, in connection with which arrangements are being made to erect a thirty-stamp mill, and a property known as the Abbott group, situated in the Lardeau district, covering an area equivalent to 187½ claims in the Transvaal.

Looking for a Fortune.

G. B. Tolman of Alameda has almost finished a singular craft, with which he expects to take a fortune out of the Sacramento river sands. Tolman's craft is a double-decker, and is constructed from an unfinished stern wheel steamer. The lower deck contains several living rooms a kitchen and an engine room. On the upper deck is installed an amalgamated plant with three amalgamators. An endless chain dredger is attached to the forward end of the boat, and when the machine is in operation this dredger will scoop up the gold-bearing sands from the bottom of the river and send it up on the upper deck to the amalgamators. The machinery is all to be operated by a gasoline engine, which is so arranged that it can be used either to drive the machinery or to propel the boat. The boat, including machinery and all, will cost about $6000. The money was supplied by the Gold Sand Placer Mining company, of which Tolman is president, S. T. Hubbell vice-president, J. E. Damon secretary and C. H. Jackson treasurer. All have great hopes of clearing a fortune by the scheme. Tolman is an old miner, and is confident that he can get out thousands of dollars from the river sand in the Sacramento. They will begin work next week above Sacramento and expect to run day and night. Tolman has filed claims to 72,000 feet along the Sacramento and American rivers.

Just Over the Bounrary.

John F. Moyle, an expert assayer in the employ of the Berner Bay Mining Company, Juneau, returned this week from a professional trip to the Lardeau country, B. C., where he has during the last two months, started a silver mine for Fred Nowell, of the Berner Bay company. He leaves for Juneau on the Topeka.

The Lardeau silver mining district is sixty miles south of Revelstoke, on the Canadian Pacific, and about the same distance north of Spokane. Mr. Nowell's new mine is near Trout lake, and has been christened the Great Northern. The mining camp there is about five years old, Mr. Moyle says, but when silver had such a slump the miners came out and little has been done there since. This fall several parties have gone in, and during the spring there will probably be a great deal of development work done.

There are only two mines running now, the Silver Cup and Orphan Boy, said Mr Moyle, and the only thing that retards the general development of the country is that at the present time it is so inaccessable. The mines are very high, on the ledges of lofty mountains. As soon as they have a means of getting the ore out cheaply a great silver mining camp will go up there. —*Post-Intelligencer.*

A Detective Story.

An amusing anecdote of a lady and gentleman traveling together in a Pullman car runs as follows: They were strangers to each other. All at once the gentleman said:

"Madam, may I ask you to look out of the window? I should like to make some change in my toilet."

"Certainly, sir," she readily replied, at the same time turning her back upon him.

A few minutes afterward he said:

"Now, madam, I have finished, and you can turn around again."

When the lady looked around she saw her male companion transferred into an *elegant lady, wearing a thick veil.*

"And now, sir or madam, whatever you are" said the lady "I would also request you to put your face out of the window as I, too, wish to make some alteration in my attire."

"Certainly madam," and the gent in lady's clothes turned at once the other way.

"Now you can resume your seat." To his great astonishment, the gent in woman's garb, on sitting down again, saw his traveling companion transformed into a man. He burst out laughing and said:

"It appears that we are both trying to run away. What have you done? I have been robbing a bank." "And I," said the quondam lady, as he fitted the "darbies" round his fellow passenger's wrists, "an Detective J,—from Chicago, and have been on you track for the last couple of days; and now (presenting a revolver) "keep still."

ANANIAS THE SECOND.

Of course Jean forgot her purse. She always selected the most important thing and forgot it. She could have come off without her parasol as well as not, for it wasn't very warm after all; and she always wore her veil in her pocket, folded into a neat square with a pin stuck through it, so that wouldn't have been much loss. But to leave the purse, with all the money for supplies and commissions, and not find it out until they were actually in the village, fourteen miles from Deer Lodge, that was a little too bad. Every member of Mrs. Kenneth's big house party wanted something, and Mrs. Kenneth herself had given them a list several inches long, for marketing was done only once a week at Deer Lodge. There was a regular person whose business it was to attend to this, but Jean had begged to do it instead, and that made it all the worse.

"Jean Winter, you need a nurse," said Arthur indignantly.

"I brought the list, anyway," Jean said. If I'd forgotton that and brought the *purse, we shouldn't have been much better off*, for we never could have remembered all these things. How much money have you?"

Arthur dived into his different pockets, and laid the result between them on the seat of the buckboard—four dollars and sixty five cents, besides three rather battered stamps which Jean examined critically.

"If there's enough stick left on these we can use them for Marion's letters," she explained, "and we needn't get her any more. I'll leave out all my errands and yours too—you can use Harry's cigarettes—and we'll just get what is absolutely necessary. Darius must be put in the stable, and must have some grain. Will that cost much?"

"About fifty cents, I imagine," answered Arthur, taking up the reins again.

"Perhaps we can beat them down to forty five," Jean suggested, brightening. "Oh Arthur, I really think its going to be fun!"

He smiled and tucked the rug around her more securely, though the operation wasn't really necessary.

"You've got that requisite drop of Hebrew in you all right," he said.

"It was fun," Jean declared several hours later, as they sat under an old willow tree by a sociable little brook, eating pate sandwiches and cold roast quail. "I really think I'm a born housekeeper. Everything is paid for, even Darius, and we haven't a cent between us. If I had let you buy those dreadful souvenir spoons we couldn't have paid for the vinegar. I really enjoyed contriving and managing and asking prices. I never knew before that I was cut out for a poor man's wife."

"You don't mean bed rock poor, do you?" Arthur looked anxious. "You mean a man in moderate circumstances, with enough to live on comfortably, and a little extra for occasional cocktails and ice cream sodas."

"Indeed I don't; I mean a really poor man, so poor that you had a little bit every month, and had to contrive and plan to keep within it. If you had salad you wouldn't have any desert, and the roast beef would do for two dinners and innumerable luncheons. I'd love it."

"Oh, dear," *he said discontentedly*, "I suppose I've got to start in and scatter my small inheritance or give it to a hospital. It never looked big to me before."

"I wouldn't," she said, getting up. "Perhaps Mrs. Arthur won't share my views. Not many girls do. Let's go back and explore the village some more. We ought to be starting for home before long."

Arthur rolled over on his back with a luxurious stretch.

"I'm *so comfortable*," *he protested*. "Well, wait for me can't you? Come and help me up." He took the hands she held down to him, but made no effort to rise, looking up at her with an expression that made her color and exclaim impatiently.

"I can't lift you all by myself, you great thing!"

He laughed and sprang to his feet.

"Let's run," he said, still holding one of her hands, and off they started through the long grass, bending to escape the low branches of the old apple trees. They stopped, laughing and panting, when they came to the river, and found a small boy watching them with solemn contempt.

"That cow wouldn't have hurt you," the boy said.

"Wouldn't he scare?" Arthur asked in a tone of relief. "We didn't know, of course. He looked a little irritable."

"It's a heifer," said the boy, with undisguised scorn for city bumpkins and their ignorance. "We pasture her in there. She's a fine cow. She gives three gallons a day."

"Three gallons of what?" Arthur looked the picture of inquiring innocence, but something evidently struck the boy.

"Ginger beer," he remarked over his shoulder as he walked off. Jean was shaking with laughter.

"He'll do," they both said at once, and then felt obliged to crook little fingers and press their thumbs together while they silently wished.

Thumbs, Shakspere, added Jean. Do you know, that drug store over there is the only shop we haven't been in, except the saloons.

No use in going now when we haven't a cent, said Arthur.

But there's such an awful handsome clerk, Arthur. Do look at him. I love that big, blond type, only he ought to be clean shaven.

You might go in and suggest it.

I am going in to talk to him, just the same. I think he's fascinating.

I wouldn't. He'll chuck you under the chin and ask you how's mommer, most likely.

No, he won't; come on. Let's ask for something he couldn't possibly have, as an excuse. What shall it be?

Antimacassars?

Nonsense. No sane person would ask for those at a drug store.

Try Buffalo Billious Powders, then.

Don't be idiotic. I think I'll ask for Creme Timon. You never would find it at a little country store like this. If they should happen to have it, mind, you're to suddenly discover that you have forgotten your purse.

I never carried one in my life. I don't see what you want to go in for, anyway, Arthur said, pulling open the wire door.

You would if he was a girl," returned Jean in a caution aside. Play we're a couple of tourists, she added. Ah, good afternoon. Have you any Creme Timon?

I'm afraid not, said the big, blond young man. His voice had an unmistakable tone of breeding and refinement. We have very little call for such things. I can give you cold cream or glycerine.

I'm afraid they won't do. Jean spoke with sweet regret. One gets so sunburned driving. I never find anything that does any good but Creme Timon. This is such a pretty part of the country.

Indeed it is. A great many coaching parties come through here. It seems to be a favorite route. Did you come by the falls.

No, I think not. We are traveling in a buckboard, which is really the pleasantest way, if you are going over *hills at all.* Jean leaned confidentially on the counter, with an amused side glance at Arthur, who was examining a case of curling tongs with bored patience.

Yes, indeed, said the clerk. You are so *free to come and go as you please.* If you are going to put up here for the night——

Oh, no, Jean said hastily. We are going on to join—some friends. We merely put our buckboard in the stable for an hour or two, while we rested.

My dear, said Arthur, with a sudden twinkle in his eyes and a lordly air of possession that made Jean long to slap him, don't you think we might better be going?

I suppose it is time, she said, with as good a grace as she could muster. Well, good afternoon.

One minute, said the clerk, diving down abruptly behind the counter and re appearing with a box full of little jars. Yes, here it is, Creme Timon! he exclaimed triumphantly. This box of samples was sent us early in the summer, and I had quite forgotten it. How fortunate it was!

His two customers suddenly gave way to uncontrollable laughter.

Wasn't it funny that you *should* find it just at the last minute! Jean explained, struggling for composure. I'm very glad. Arthur will you pay for it, please?

Arthur looked at her in bewilderment.

But how the deuce—— he began, when *a look of terrible warning reminded him* of his part. He searched his pockets with elaborate thoroughness, even turning a few of them inside out, then exclaimed in a well simulated tone of stage surprise.

What can I have done with my purse? I must have left it in the buckboard.

Jean groaned inwardly, and expected to see the clerk arrest them both as suspicious characters, but he seemed quite unmoved, and only said,

That is hardly a safe place to leave it. There are always a good many boys hanging around the stable.

Oh, well, there isn't very much in it, said Arthur, with rising pride in his histrionic power. If you don't mind charging that for a little while, I'll drive by here and pay for it as we leave town. The name is Holliday.

The clerk looked up in surprise. Arthur Holliday? he exclaimed. Why, so it is! Don't you remember me—Phil Graham?

Arthur stared across the counter in growing amazement.

You aren't that little freshman we—— he began.

But I was, that same unlucky freshman, laughed the other, as they shook hands. You don't look five years older, but a senior always does seem a patriarch to a freshman.

He glanced inquiringly towards Jean, and there was an awkward pause. Arthur took the dilemma boldly by the horns

My dear, he said blandly, this is Mr. Graham an old college friend of mine.

It's very good of him to say friend, Mrs Holliday, began the young man, when Arthur broke in nervously with

But what are you doing up here in this little village, Graham?

Well, I broke down last spring, just after my father failed, and they ordered me into the country, so I came up here to an old farm house that I'm related to, and took the first thing that turned up. I'm still studying medicine, and I do a little unprofessional doctoring. You don't know how good it seems to see some one from the world below. He added the last a little apologetically for his old college friend was showing an unmistakable desire to get away.

I'm awfully glad to have seen you," *Arthur said, trying hard to look as if he* meant it. I'll see you again very soon. I'll stop with the money you know. Now come my dear you must hurry. We'll be awfully late. Good by old man. We'll see each other again soon. Thank heaven! he added devoutly, as the wire door banged behind them.

They scurried down the village street, glancing nervously over their shoulders with a vague fear that the police might be after them. Twenty minutes later they had left by a back street, and were on their home.

Well, I've learned one thing today, Arthur said in a tone of satisfaction. I never knew before that I was such a good liar. Think of the fun I've missed all these years.

I thought some of the ones you told this afternoon were not exactly necessary. Jeans tone was pointed.

I got sort of fascinated by it, and couldn't stop. I wish we could come across somebody else I could try it on, just to keep my hand in till we get back. I am so afraid I'll lose the knack.

Don't worry. You can pick it up again any time. Do you know I'm awfully thirsty.

So am I and hungry, too.

There's a dear little cottage right ahead of us. Let's go in and ask for a glass of water, and they'll offer us some milk. People always do in the country. Only dont try any more nonsense.

I don't understand your allusion.

Well, you need not call me 'my dear,' for instance.

They tied Daris, and went down a tiny path between borders of mignonette. On the porch a little old lady sat, patching some ungainly masculine underwear, which she modestly tucked out of sight when she saw the two strangers.

Might we ask for a glass of water?

Arthur had a cordial, friendly little way of asking for things that made you feel privileged in giving them.

We are so thirsty, Jean added with her most winning smile.

Certainly, said their hostess, rising as actively as a girl. Won't you come into the parlor and rest a bit?

Thank you, we'd rather sit out here on the steps, if we may. Jean answered. Your garden is so sweet. How good that looks! she added a few minutes later, as the old lady reappeared with a tray of fresh Graham bread and home made butter and a glass pitcher of milk. It is too bad to put you to all that trouble. What beautiful bread!

I thought you might like a bite of something, said the old lady, evidently gratified. I don't go much on milk all by itself. You are tourists, I presume?

A wicked look came into Arthur's eyes.

Oh, no, he said, at least, we are not traveling for pleasure. It is a business *trip.*

Samples? She asked with interest.

No, we are not exactly drummers, Arthur said, refusing to see the warning glare Jean was turning on him. My sister, Miss—ah—Summer is the correspondent for a large newspaper, and I am an artist, so we have been sent to write up the rural life of this district.

Arthur, murmured Jean under her breath. I'll never go anywhere with you again.

Well now that's interesting, said the old lady.

What they particularly want us to find out, he went on, is whether it would be practicable to start a factory up here for bottling some of this fine country air of yours. With a sprig of lavender or mignonette put in each jar, it ought to sell very well to people who can't get away from the hot, crowded cities. One jar would make a room pleasant for several hours.

The old lady looked puzzled.

I don't know, she said. I don't see exactly how it would pay. Perhaps, now, they meant it for a joke?

Why, perhaps they did. I hadn't thought of that, returned Arthur.

Jean choked suddenly.

I beg your pardon, she said, looking very red. Milk always makes me choke a little. It does my mother too. You have been very kind to us, but I think we must be going on.

Wait a minute, said their hostess, disappearing into the the little entry. In a few moments she came back, carrying a gorgeous red plush autograph album.

There was an artist fellow stopped here once, she explained, and he drew a picture for me—proudly showing a sketch of the view from her porch. I thought maybe you would do some little thing for me too.

Arthur look dismayed, and Jean nearly choked again.

Why, I—I'm afraid I shouldn't do it well enough, he stammered. Newspaper work isn't very particular, you know. Besides, I haven't any chiaroscuro with me today.

You could just use a pencil, the old lady suggested. Any little sketch—I'd be glad to have it.

He took the book in desperation and sharpened his pencil as slowly as possible.

I'll tell you, he said; I'll draw you the very latest thing for autograph albums. All the big artists in New York are doing it now. You never see an album without *one.*

I'd like that, with pleased excitement.

It's drawing a pig with your eyes shut, he explained. She looked slightly disappointed, but Arthur was already screwing up his eyes, and drawing an elaborate animal whose back failed to connect with his head, and whose eyes landed in the the neighborhood of his spare ribs.

There! he said proudly, and signed it in a flowing hand, C. D. Gibson.

Your name isn't Sumner, then, like your sister's? asked the owner of the album.

Oh, yes, it is, answered Arthur. That is just my nom de plume. I always draw under the name of Gibson.

Now we must thank you again and say good bye, Jean was beginning, when steps were heard on the gravel path, and a man's voice called out.

May I have some supper now, Cousin Ruth? I've got to go up the road to see my twins.

Arthur and Jean started to their feet in dismay. Escape was impossible for there was only one path, and right in the middle of it, staring at them in undisguised amazement, stood their friend the drug clerk. Cousin Ruth was the only one equal to the occasion.

Philip, my dear, this is Miss Sumner and her brother, who are traveling for a newspaper. Mr. Sumner is an artist and draws under the name of Gibson. Perhaps you've heard of him. Miss Sumner, this is my cousin, Mr. Philip Graham.

She was *enjoying herself* immensely. Her cheeks were quite pink with excitement. The others were flushed, too, but their enjoyment was not so evident. Graham lifted his hat and bowed coldly as if he had never seen them before, and passed into the house. Cousin Ruth thought it a little natural embarrassment. For her part she liked to see young people somewhat shy. Most of them were altogether too sure of themselves nowadays

He isn't used to young ladies, she explained, smiling. He don't see many up here. I'll tell him to come back, for he's a real clever young man. I'll tell him to come back. Philip! As the wire door swung shut behind their kind little hostess, Arthur and Jean exchanged glances. Without a word they tiptoed down the steps and fled.

Jean was ominously silent. For a mile

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Ashcroft, Dec. 27th, 1895. 34

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December 11th, 1895. 32 37

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or more Arthur whistled blithely to keep his courage up and tried to be cheerfully unconscious that anybody was not in sympathy with him; then he gave it up.

Say what you want to, Jane, only, for goodness sake, say something, he broke he broke out. If we hadn't gone into that old drug store in the first place, it would have been all right. I wasn't particularly stuck on doing it.

It would have been all right anyway if you hadn't made such an idiot of yourself and me too. A nice opinion Mr. Graham must have of us.

But confound it, Jean, how was I to suppose I had ever seen the fellow before. I only knew him slightly at college and he's no end changed.

You might have known you would have come across people you knew. I never went anywhere with you that you didn't. What possessed you to tell all that stuff to that dear little old lady?

I don't know. I ought to be kicked. I never want to monkey with private theatricals again.

Oh, dear, I feel dreadfully about it; and you have put me in a nice position with Mr. Graham, first acting as if we were married and then——Jean's eyes were beginning to blink rapidly.

Arthur leaned over and tucked the rug around her.

Perhaps, some day, something will happen to make it all right, he said artlessly.

Jean was saved from replying by a sudden strange whirr from one of the wheels and a jump on the part of Darius, the horse.

That old fool of a wheel! Arthur exclaimed, pulling up the horse and giving Jean the reins. I'm afraid it's stuck. Yes, it's a hot box. Here, let me help you out. We have got to get the wheel off some way.

To take off a wheel from a hot axle when the nut sticks and you are several miles away from a monkey wrench, isn't easy. Nearly half an hour of useless effort and suppressed profanity had gone by when Jean jumped up with a joyful exclamation.

I hear wheels, she exclaimed.

They were on a narrow strip of the road, with the steep hill on one side and the steep bank of the creek on the other. They can't get by if they want to, so they will have to help us. Yes, there's a wagon coming with a man in it. I'm so—oh, goodness, Arthur! Yes, it is. Let's run. It's that dreadful clerk!

Graham? Well, it's fate. I'm going to make a clean breast of the whole thing, Jean.

I suppose you will, in the police court, she answered. He has probably come to arrest you for the Creme Timon. Until then you will do nothing of the kind. You have said enough, as it is. Nothing can make it any better. I only wish we were in Jericho.

Mr. Graham pulled up behind them with evident reluctance. It was plain that he wouldn't have stopped at all if the road had been a little wider. Nobody looked at anybody for a few moments, and Arthur tugged ostentatiously at the wheel.

Ah, by the way, Graham, he began blandly, do you happen to have a monkey wrench with you? We've got a hot box here.

I believe I have, said Graham, shortly, bringing up one from a box under the seat, and handing it to Arthur with a very bad grace.

I'm sorry to block the road? Arthur went on. Jean, do you suppose you could hold up the axle while I pull?

Jean did it with obvious effort and a good deal of panting. The young man in the second wagon was evidently getting uncomfortable. I must rest my arms just a second, Arthur, she wailed, plaintively. That did it. The clerk climbed down and said coldly,

Perhaps I can help. Let me relieve you.

Oh, thank you very much, she murmured.

There, it's off, said Arthur. Thanks ever so much. Do you know how we could get some axle grease?

Yes; the farm I am bound for isn't a quarter of a mile away, if you could only get that far. A sudden twinkle came into Graham's eyes. Haven't you anything greasy you could use until then, any—cold cream, for instance? There was a moment's struggle then all three gave way to peals of laughter.

It's no use, Jean, said Arthur, wiping his eyes. I'm going to make a clean breast of the whole thing. I don't know what you think of us, Graham. The truth is Miss Winter and I are visiting at Deer Lodge with a lot of others, and Mrs. Kenneth sent us down to get a lot of things. After we had spent our money Miss Winter saw you through the window and took a tremendous—

Arthur! exclaimed Jean. Don't believe a word he says, Mr. Graham. Let me tell it.

Not much, said Arthur, I'm running this. Miss Winter was suddenly smitten, Graham—

Arthur, you're perfectly dreadful.

Well, she likes big, blond men, so nothing would do but—

I won't hear another word of such jargon. Mr. Graham, you won't believe him, will you?

It's gospel truth, said Arthur unmoved, but some of the complications were my fault, I confess, but she began it all. I didn't want to wait around while she flirted with you, so I came the heavy conjugal to get even with her. We really aren't married, you know; sort of brother and sister——

We haven't even been friends since that last little episode, Jean interposed. He got so fascinated fibbing that he couldn't give it up. I wanted to kill him when he told all those yarns to that dear old lady.

I'll never forget your face as you came up the path, said Arthur, beginning to laugh again.

Your own was rather a study, Mr. Gibson. I am glad it is all right though, returned Graham.

Here's the Creme Timon, said Jean. It may do till we get to the farm house.

Very nice article, Creme Timon, said Graham, smearing it over the axle. What did you pay for it?

You ought to have seen us sneaking out of town by a back way without a cent in our pockets, said Jean. Shall we leave something as security?

You might leave me my monkeywrench, answered Graham, rescuing it from under the seat of the buck board.

Do you use it professionally?

Not on my twins. It isn't good for croup. They are all the patients I have had except a rich old miser. His heir called me in.

There, interrupted Arthur. I think that will last till we get to the farm house if we go slowly.

Well, try it anyway, said Graham. If I were you, Holliday, I would turn my attention to a certain chapter of the Bible that must have been left out of your college education. It will give you some valuable pointers. You'll find it in Acts, I believe.

Yes, I know, said Arthur meekly. I think it would be wholesome. Hop in, Sapphira.

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Well, Jean, said Mrs. Kenneth, do you know what time of the night it is? Arthur, I've a good scolding ready for you. I've been dreadfully worried. I did not know but what you had eloped.

I was afraid you had lamed the horse, said Mr. Kenneth, running a professional hand down the inside of Darius' fore leg. He isn't at all warm. You must have come very slowly.

It wasn't our fault, Mrs. Kenneth, began Jean, following her into the house.

Let's have a court martial and try them for being out after hours, said one of the girls who was given to army buttons. buttons.

Which of you drove, added a debonair young man who had been engaged several times himself and had his suspicions.

Just wait till you hear our adventures all of you; and Arthur began the tale, with many interruptions from Jane, who insisted on finishing it herself.

So you see it was fully eight oclock by the time we got started for home, she concluded.

Oh, Jean, interposed Arthur; it wasn't seven.

It was too, Arthur. It was after eight, she insisted, with a meaning look, which he would not understand.

My dear Jean I looked at my watch just after we left Graham, and it was exactly ten minutes of seven.

Then may I ask, said Mr. Kenneth, gravely; what you did on the way home? Did Darius refuse to travel out of a walk?

Arthur looked suddenly enlightened and turned rather red and there was a general shout of laughter.

Perhaps the thing had stopped, he began; but it was too late, the murder was out. Jean was indignant.

There's a time for lying, Arthur, and a time for telling the truth, she said. He told stories all afternoon, when it wasn't at all necessary, and now when one little fib is necessary, out he comes with the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Burt Thomas and sister, of Savonas, were in town this week.

C. H Gibson won a valuable diamond pin at a raffle this week.

Mr. Lynch, of Kamloops, has been stopping a few days in Ashcroft.

Reports from Lytton say the big dredger is working, but no reliable news as to its success can be obtained as yet.

From North Bend it is reported that water is on the ground at the Garland mine and good returns are looked for next season.

The skating rink has been turned into a duck pond by the late thaw. If this weather continues we will soon hear frogs croaking in it.

The ball was beautifully decorated for the Odd Fellows' ball and the supper each night given by the Ashcroft and Cariboo Exchange was excellent.

The outlook now is for an early spring. Many mining men would rather see more snow, as the water supply will be short if there is not a fair amount of snow fall.

Some fine specimens of mica were brought into Ashcroft the other day. It came from the section south of this point and there is said to be a large ledge of it.

A curious little sheet, the Fort Steele Prospector came to hand this week It is entirely type written and shows much enterprise and work on the part of its publishers.

Black Jack, a familiar character in this section, has been making Ashcroft his headquarters for some weeks. He is of some assistance in causing money to circulate.

Considerable work will be done in the early spring just below Savonas on the Thompson river bottom and bars. Much good ground will yet be found on this stream for working successfully.

John McRae and family of Quesnelle Forks, went up the road on his way home the forepart of the week. Mr. McRae is host of the hotel in Quesnelle Forks. A good business will be done in that section the coming season.

Colonel De Lotbiniere representing a strong French syndicate has taken a bond on another valuable property on Quesnelle river. The French are good investors and it is to be hoped that they will be successful in their first ventures in Cariboo as it means much more capital to follow.

There seems to be a general epidemic among the various powers of Europe and rumors of war are flying across the water. It is pretty safe to say that there will be no war in Europe as it does not cost too many lives and too much money. Still if anything must be in the wind in Europe is near enough.

The reports from the Clinton annual ball last week are that a pleasant time was had but that the attendance was not as large as it usually is. The music was good and good order prevailed. The supper was given the first night by the Dominion Hotel, and the 2nd night by the Clinton. Over 20 people from Ashcroft were in attendance.

The January thaws is taking off the little snow in sight, and demoralizing the roads it is unfortunate for teamsters having the heavy Underwood freight to deliver as it must be delivered at Quesnelle within fifty days. Some loads have gone out but the two boilers weighing 12,500 pounds each are causing some uneasiness to those under contract to deliver them.

The ball of the season was given by the Odd Fellows this week at the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday nights. Like everything else done by the Odd Fellows it was well managed and a large attendance and royal time was had. There were guests from Lytton, Spence's Bridge, Clinton, Quesnelle Forks, Buonaparte, Kamloops and Vancouver present. The music was thoroughly good.

Mr. Veitch of the Cinnibar mine near Savonas has gone down on the Fraser river to investigate an outcropping of ore said to carry a large percentage of cinnibar. Mr. John Collins is his guide, they will be gone about a week. The discovery of a large deposit as is reported of this class ofore would be a very fortunate thing for the section in which is located. Rock carrying as little as half of one per cent of cinnibar can be worked at a profit, providing everything is favorable although usually it requires a larger percentage of cinnabar to work successfully.

See notice of the drawing for a piano.

Miss McCarthy and Miss Veasey spent a couple of days in Ashcroft this week.

There has been quite a flurry in "Kaffirs" owing to the South African troubles of late. At last reports the market had again advanced paices.

Old timers should take advantage to procure, at about cost, a copy of Sawney's rhymes A notice in regard to them is published in another column.

A pleasant time is reported by those in attendance upon the ball given on the 31st of December by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Switzer of the 59-Mile House.

It is reported that Dr. Herald, now at the 150 Mile House, will be stationed at Quesnelle Forks after Mr. Hugh Watts return. A physician is needed at that point.

The souvenir edition of the Western Mining World of Butte, Montana, of which issue 40,000 copies were sent out, is a thorough mining review of the north west. It is well gotten up and a credit to the publishers.

L. M. Lapointe is again looking up his stock for an early shipment to the coast. He has about 100 head of fine steers bought of Mr. Langley and expects to ship several carloads of thoroughly good beef cattle from the Chilcoten soon.

A two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. D. D Cullee of the 87-Mile House was buried on Sunday last. Neighborly sympathy was extended to the bereaved parents by their many friends along the Cariboo Road.

Mrs. A. Walters of the Cariboo Exchange is home from her visit to her parents in Okanogan county, Wash. She reports her mother as improving and has hopes that she will eventually recover her health completely.

Mr. James Bain of Quesnelle Forks is stopping for a few days in Ashcroft and of course incidentally attending the Odd Fellows' ball and other festivities. Mr. Bain is entitled to a few days recreation. His record as an officer at Quesnelle Forks is thoroughly satisfactory to the public.

Freight Shipments.

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

Jan 6.	J. Gunson, Clinton	9,800
Jan. 6.	J. Carsen, Lillooet	8,765
Jan 7.	E. Ostebiel, Quesnelle	8,[illegible]
Jan. 4.	A. Fossett, Quesnelle	9,[illegible]
Jan. 4	D. McGillivray Quesnelle	7,655
Jan. 6.	W. H. Keatley Lillooet	3,750
Jan. 6.	J. McMillan, 150 Mile H.	9,350
Jan. 6.	H. C. Ragan Quesnelle	13,190
Jan. 6.	A. McRae Quesnelle	8,545
Jan 6.	A. Walker Quesnelle	4,950
Jan. 8.	J. Lenshan Quesnelle	8,100
Jan. 8.	R. Walker, Quesnelle	9,440
Jan. 8.	T. A. Snyre, Quesnelle	8,100
Jan 9,	R. Rutherford, 150 Mile H.	4,100
		101,505

The Pittsburg & Cariboo Dredging Company will shortly be incorporated to operate on the Fraser river near Quesnelle

"Black Jack."

With times growing closer and winter at hand,
And money is scarcer all through the land
'Tis a fortunate dealer can run through the pack,
And when 'tis an object can turn a "Black Jack."

He don't need to work, he can wear his good clothes,
And the sports all admire him wherever he goes,
Stops at the best houses, and when money gets slack
He just rips up the suckers and turns a "Black Jack."

But a change will come o'er him as time creeps along,
The sport of to-day will soon sing a new song,
The boys from the country will hit him a crack,
He'll find he can't always keep turning "Black Jack."

And if he goes "flucy" and must go to work
The victims will watch him to see he don't shirk,
With a groan of dispair he will ease his lame back
And we trust in all earnest swear off on "Black Jack."

Black Jack, oh! Black Jack! you have much evil done,
You have kept me out late nights "having some fun,"
You have cost me four dollars, I'll take a new tack
And from now evermore I will play no "Black Jack."

St Alban's Church Concert

The members of St. Alban's Church, of this place, held a very successful entertainment and concert on Friday afternoon last in the town hall. The program consisted of songs, recitations and two farces, one by Messrs. Hautier, Adler and Bates, and the second, "Poor Pillicuddy," by members of the church.

In the first part of the program, a quartette by Messrs. Knight, Atkins, Pinchard, and Smith was well received. Miss Abernethy's song and recitation were accorded the praise which they well deserved Ashcroft is fortunate in possessing such an accomplished artist.

Miss Bailey was exceedingly clever in her rendering of a very difficult subject, one of "Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures," which must have made some of the audience look back upon their own experiences.

Mr. Skene, in his song and encore, touched a chord, in this his first appearance in Ashcroft. We hope to hear him again.

The comic duet by Messrs. Pinchard and Atkins was another success.

The song "Anchored," by Mr. Atkins was thoroughly appreciated by all lovers of good music.

"A Boy Wanted," by our Lytton friends, was exceedingly well done, and Mr. Adler especially deserves great credit for his work on the "ties" and "musical bottles," which are like the dog, "still for sale."

The characters in "Poor Pillicuddy" were well sustained by Mrs. Leslie, Miss Bailey, Rev. F. Yolland, and Mr. Pinchard as "Poor Pillicoddy" and the "Colossal Mariner." In such a cast it is hard to individualize any for special praise.

Mr. Pinchard was distinctly "in it" with his topical song which was one of best hits of a good program. Com

Olden Times.

The Diller mine on Williams creek produced about $300,000 in two seasons, a rich pocket being struck which yielded about 200 pounds of gold in 24 hours. This claim was owned by Diller, Lossing and Carry. Diller went to the states and bought greenbacks and became a million-air. Lossing died in Victoria and Carry was killed in Montana.

Clinton.

S. H. Hardie and James Bain are visiting at Alicevile.

Wm. Saul is waiting till the (mc) lead rolls by.

Rumor has it that there is soon to be a double wedding. It is a Noble deed for a Stead (y) man to perform.

Sleighing has about all gone and weather has the appearance of April.

Mines Sold.

Charles Edward Tracy of Chicago announces the sale of a ring of nine Leadville mines to an English syndicate for $1,350,000. Mr. Tracy was a law partner of President Cleveland when the latter was a private citizen in New York. This trade is considered a clear indication that the financial men of London are not expecting war between the empire and the republic. All the mines were fully investigated by experts from London before the transaction was closed. The purchaser is the New Elkhorn Mining Company (Ltd.) of London.

Water.

SECTION 1.—The measurement of the discharge of any stream, made for the purpose of determining the quantity of water available for licenses authorizing the diversion of water therefrom, or to settle disputes between the holders of such licenses shall be effected as follows:—

The area of the actual water cross section, at time of measurement, shall be determined by careful measurement of the total width of the stream, and by soundings under the line of cross-section at sufficiently frequent intervals to give a close approximation of the contour of the bottom of the stream.

The velocity of the stream shall be determined by measurement with any approved make of current meter, which must have been previously rated at the government rating station at Calgary, these measurements being taken at such intervals along the line of cross-section as will enable the velocity to be determined to each subsection between soundings.

In streams of not more than three feet in depth surface and bottom velocities must be measured, or the meter may be moved slowly, during time of observation, from bottom to top, and vice versa. In streams of more than three feet in depth, mid depth readings of current meter may be taken, the resulting discharge being corrected by necessary factor for velocities thus determined.

(a.) The flow of water into any irrigation ditch or canal shall be determined by careful measurement of the cross section of the rating flume, constructed as hereinafter provided, and of the velocity by current meter, of the water flowing therein, at extreme low water, high water, and flood discharge stages of water in the source of supply, these heights of water being fixed by the marking on the gauge rod, which table, in the form of a certificate signed by the inspecting officer, shall be issued for each ditch or canal, and shall accompany the license hereinafter provided for.

The quantity of water supplied to consumers by any person or company having a license for the use of water for irrigation, shall be measured by water meter, measuring flume, measuring weir, spill-box, or any other device for the measurement of the water, but such water meter, measuring flume, measuring weir, spill-box or other device must be first approved and sanctioned by the minister of the interior or by some officer appointed by him, who shall issue a certificate authorizing the person or company to use such device, he

The following placard was recently found on a church door in a Montana mining town: "NOTICE—There will be preaching in this house, providence permitting, Sunday and there will be preaching here, whether or no, on the Monday following upon the subject: "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be dammed at precisely halfpast three in the afternoon."

A Shrewd Taylor's Scheme.

In one of the leading journals of Montevideo the following advertisement appeared recently. "A very rich young woman would like to marry a young man of good family. If necessary, she will pay the debts of her future husband. Send answer, with photograph, to I. P., at the office of this journal." The inserter of this advertisement was no other than one Isaac Meierstein, a merchant tailor, who had just set up an establishment in Montevideo. By this plan he secured photographs of many undesirable customers.

Thousand Dollar Rock.

It is a green and inexperienced miner or promoter who goes to a capitalist and talks about a ledge carrying ore worth from $250 to $1000 a ton. Where such ore is found there is usually not much of it. Such things occur in pocket mines, it is true, but the mines which pay best in the long run show none of that kind of ore. Men with experience who want to invest in properties these days are looking for large ledges of medium or low grade ore rather than small ledges of rich ore. There is more money in the big ledges and they last longer and pay deeper. The man who talks about two or three hundred dollar rock in quantity may be listened to, but little attention is paid to his statements. Assays of picked samples from almost any mine ought to show such a result, but milling or smelting the rock would not. But people do not buy mines on assays alone. They want to see some signs of a steady paying proposition and do not want to buy a "pocket" which may give out in a week. That sort of mining may do for an individual miner doing his own work, but the capitalist wants another kind of property. Ore yielding $20 to $30 per ton is considered rich rock in a gold mine and plenty of money can be made out of it. Indeed, $5 and $7 rock is pretty good where there is plenty of it. But when one comes to talk of hundreds and thousands per ton in gold mines those with experience in the business set the talker down as an enthusiast or a greenhorn.

Teams are Scarce.

What is wanted in Rossland now is motive power, living motive power, or, to put it straight, horses. The Homestake Mining Co. is advertising for teams to haul ore from the Homestake mine to Trail Landing, but owing to the fact that all of the teams available are at present engaged in hauling ore from the War Eagle and Le Roi mines, they have been unable to secure any. As soon as the teams can be secured this property will become a regular shipper. The character of the ore in this mine is essentially different from that of any of the other producing mines of the camp. It contains considerable lead and runs high in silver. The development of this property will be watched with much interest by mining men.

The recent snow storm which visited this district was an undisguised blessing to the camp. Before it came the roads near the mines were not passible for wagons, and in the foothills near the Columbia river they were impassible for sleighs. As a consequence the hauling of ore from the mines had been nearly entirely suspended. The large amount of ore that had accumulated in the bins at the mines was becoming a source of much inconvenience. The freighters are making up for lost time, and the ore shipments are as large as at anytime in the previous history of the camp. An ordinary two horse team can now take on sleds to Trail Landing about four tons of ore, a much larger amount than was possible with a wagon.

The mine owners of this section are very anxious to have the surface rights of the mines on the Nelson and Fort Shepherd railroad land grant clearly defined. The absence of previous decisions on the questions in the superior court of the province, the wording of the laws and railroad charter leave the whole question in a very hazy condition.

A meeting of the principal mine owners on the grant has been held at which it has decided to raise by subscription $600. The money is to be used, not to assist any particular mine owner or company in a suit, but to employ an eminent attorney to secure a clear definition from the courts of the rights of the mine owner and the railroad on the grant in question. The attorney will also be instructed to attend the January session of the Provincial Legislature and endeavor to bring about action by the body favorable to the miner and prospector on railroad grants. A committee of three prominent mining men was appointed to interview the business men of Rossland and others interested. This committee has been at work during the past few days and have met with very flattering success.

Work on the railroad between Trail Landing and Rossland is now progressing rapidly. A considerable force of men is at work at the lower end and the right of way is cleared for the greater portion of the distance.

NOTICE.

The public are warned against purchasing or cashing a cheque lost by me, Said cheque was drawn by the Hudson's Bay Co. Quesnelle, in my favor for $100.00, dated Dec. 30, 1895, and has not been indorsed by me. GEO. P. MURPHY.

Grand Piano Drawing

A Williams & Son's Upright Piano will be drawn for at the Cariboo Exchange Hotel on Saturday evening February 29, 1896. The instrument is in good condition and will be put in tune. This is a chance to secure a good musical instrument cheap.

TICKETS $2.00

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

4th January, 1896.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint

R. T. Wilson Herald, of the 150 Mile House, Esquire, M.D., to act as Coroner for the county of Cariboo during the absence of Hugh Watt, Esquire, M.D.

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the Court House Clinton, on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of February, 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

36-40 F. SOUES
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Clinton, January 7th 1896.

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Two months old pedigreed Collie pups, out of newly imported stock. Sire and dam prize winners in England. Dogs $25, bitches $15. Particulars apply, F. C. ADAMS, Chilcoten Post Office.

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34-tf W. V. BOWRON, Barkerville, 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 incorporating a company, with power to purchase, locate or otherwise acquire, and to sell, dispose of and deal with mines, mining leases, and mining rights of all kinds, and undertakings connected therewith, and to work, examine, develop and turn to account mines and mining rights, and to get quarry, reduce, amalgamate dress, refine and prepare for market auriferous or argentiferous quartz, and ore, and other mineral substances, and generally to carry on any metallurgical operations which may seem conducive to any of the company's rights; and to acquire by location, and hold in its own name, any number of mineral claims, whether situate on the same vein, or elsewhere, and to apply for and obtain mining leases of lands of any area in extent, or to purchase, or otherwise acquire the same and to consolidate any of such leases or mineral claims, and hold any water rights that may be hereafter acquired, as appurtenant to the whole or any part of the applicant's property so to be acquired; and also, with power to construct, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, and to carry out, equip, maintain, manage, work, or control works and conveniences of all kinds, both public and private, and in particular, railways, tramways, telegraphs, telephones and electric works, and to acquire any concessions, rights or privileges, including lands, bonuses and subsidies from the government of the province of British Columbia, or from any city or municipality, or authority, the company may think capable of being profitably dealt with, and to carry into effect, work, exercise, or otherwise turn to account, deal with, and dispose of such concessions, rights or privileges, and with further power to construct roads, ways, tramways, bridges, reservoirs, aqueducts, ditches, flumes, wharves, hydraulic works, strips and other works and conveniences conducive to any of the said objects, and all necessary works in connection therewith, with power to purchase, sell, lease, and mortgage real and personal property, and to issue shares, at a discount, and paid up and non-assessable shares, in consideration for the transfer of any mining property acquired by the proposed company, and like shares to the applicants, or others, in consideration for moneys expended, and work and services rendered to and contracts entered into with the proposed company, and with power to take, purchase and otherwise acquire and hold shares in or to amalgamate with any other company, and to buy the rights, privileges, franchises and charters of any other company or companies, whether incorporated in this province, or elsewhere; and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of November, A. D., 1895.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
32-37 Solicitors for the Applicants.

Notice is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia, at its next session, by The Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, a company incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1862 to 1890 (Imperial), on the 25th day of April, 1895, for an act confirming and conferring upon it, the powers of the said company, as the same appear in the memorandum and articles of association, deposited in England with the registrar of joint stock companies, and giving the said company power to acquire, by location, or otherwise, and to hold in its own name, any number of mineral claims, whether situate on the same vein, or elsewhere and to apply for and obtain mining leases, of any area in extent, or to purchase, or otherwise acquire the same, and to consolidate any of such leases or mineral claims, and hold any water rights that may be hereafter acquired, as appurtenant to the whole, or any part of the applicants' property, so to be acquired; and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 25thday of November, A.D., 1895.

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