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CARIBOO-CASSIAR TO KLONDIKE.

A magnificent wagon road to Soda Creek, 163 miles from Ashcroft on the C. P. R., a river route on the Fraser, with the exception of rapid water at two points, viz., Cottonwood and Fort George canyons, to the upper end of Stuart's lake, a distance of about 500 miles from Ashcroft. The two canyons referred to have been examined and reported on by competent authorities who say that at low water a few thousand dollars will blast out the rocks and make the stream navigable for ordinary steam vessels. An appropriation was once obtained for the purpose but not sufficient to do the work properly, although the steamer Charlotte will, it is said, attempt to make the trip as the river now is. By the route above mentioned goods could be laid down at the upper end of Stuart's lake, in the heart of a rich mining country, for about 6 cents per pound, which as it now is, costs the Wright and Black companies, near there, about 16 to 20 cents. Above Stuart's lake is a continuation of water ways, Tat-cher river, Cross Lake and into North Tatlah lake and on up Driftwood river to Fort Connelly. All of these streams and lakes are navigable for small boats and could be easily made into steamer ways. Fort Connelly is about 225 miles from Telegraph Creek, where the proposed railroad will run to Teslin lake and down Teslin lake to the Klondike. The route from Fort Connelly to Telegraph Creek is through a series of plateaus well covered with grass and roads and trails can be easily made. The entire route from Ashcroft to the Klondike can be easily traveled with pack animals and good feed for them the entire distance. The total distance to go in by way of the line indicated would be about 1,000 miles from Ashcroft and the most of the way good time could be made. It is through the best mineral country in the world and it is fair to expect that as rich pay will be taken out of the as yet unprospected creeks of Cariboo and Cassiar as has ever been found in the Yukon. What is urgently needed is an appropriation from the Dominion Government to open up the Fraser to navigation and to make trails and roads. In this latter the Provincial government would no doubt assist largely. The telegraph line should be extended from Barkerville or Quesnelle to the interior to connect the new mines with the outside world. The fact that within the last few days enquiries have been made as to the distance, etc., via the route indicated, goes to show that there is at least a chance that the telegraph line which will be built within a year will be the continuation of the Barkerville line The members from Cariboo, Lillooet and all sections of the Province should second vigorously the efforts of Senator Reid and Mr. Bostock to secure appropriations for the opening of the country to navigation and pack teams. Should the Yukon reports continue as favorable as now seems to be the case there will be work for many thousands of men in the Klondike and if so there will be tens of thousands who will visit that country next spring who will not make astake in the northern country and will drift south. Cassiar, Omineca and Cariboo will fare well in the general shaking up that from the present outlook a quarter of a million or more of people will give the Northwest within a year.

Yet Richer Creeks.

While the government are extremely reticient as to the latest advices from Surveyor Ogilvie and Inspector Constantine, the fact has leaked out that those officers have assured their departments that scores of miners are deserting Klondike for a richer district further east, believed to be the Stewart river, where it is said still more wonderful deposits have been discovered this spring.

A special session of the cabinet was held on Monday to deal with questions affecting the government of the Yukon district, the collection of the revenue therein and the establishment of competent authority to enforce law and order in the new gold fields.

The arrangement entered into with the United States treasury department by the Minister of Customs was approved. This plan provides for the establishment of a customs port and police station at Lake Tagish, the confluence in British territory leading from the Dyea inlet, the privilege having been accorded of a landing place at Dyea on Lynn canal. The additional police will consist of a detachment of 80 men, making with the 20 already in a force of 100 men. The officers will be invested with the powers of justice of the peace. A new post is now being constructed at Dawson City.

The ministers decided to open up correspondence with Washington for the purpose of securing the consent of the United States government to utilization of this way for the transpyrt of Dominion forces and supplies through the disputed territory between tide water and the interior.

But it was decided not to entertain the proposition to enforce the alien labor law in the Klondyke country.

But as effects the mining interests, perhaps the most important decision arrived at is to impose a royalty upon the output of the placer diggings. Under the new mining regulations established last May the cost of registering a claim was increased from $5 to $15, while an annual assessment of $100 is to be paid by the holders. What the government has now decided to charge in addition to this is a royalty of 10 per cent. upon the output of all claims yielding over $500 per month.

It has also been decided to reserve to the Dominion every alternate claim in placer grounds henceforth staked off.

Among those posted in mining matters the opinion is freely expressed that the government has bitten off considerably more than it will be able to chew in regard to this royalty, inasmuch as it will be next to impossible to so supervise the output of these thousands of individual claims as to collect royalty upon the exact yields.

THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS.

Referring briefly to the reported intention of the Dominion government to hold alternate claims on the Yukon as a reserve, we said yesterday that it had some good features. After considering it more fully, we must say that the proposal seems an impossible one. It is very desirable that the country should get as much out of the gold mines as can be reasonably obtained; but we are at a loss to see how alternate claims can be retained by the government. Suppose two men go into a district and stake out adjoining claims, must one of them give his claim up to the government? And if so, which one? We can understand how if the government should prospect the whole country and stake out claims it might sell every alternate one, but it passes our comprehension how they can talk about every alternate claim now. Suppose a man finds a claim at the mouth of a stream and there is not another claim within five miles of it, will the next claim be retained by the government? The proposition seems on examination to be such an impossible one that we can hardly think any attempt will be made to carry it out.

As to the proposed royalty, it is so enormous that it can never be collected, gold is easily smuggled out of a country and if a large royalty is exacted, it will not be paid. If the royalty were a reasonable figure, say 5 per cent., there would be no disposition on the part of some miners to shirk it, but we fear the majority would, as was the case when Sir James Douglas attempted to collect a royalty on Cariboo gold. If twenty or twenty-five per cent. is exacted, a premium will be placed on smuggling outwards, and unless the government is prepared to station an officer on every claim, it would be impossible to collect the amount. If the report from Ottawa is correct, one is almost justified in considering that the government has lost its head over the gold craze. We tell them very frankly that if they attempt to enforce regulations for the reservation of alternate claims and the collection of excessive royalty, they will bring about a state of anarchy on the Yukon. The government should also be very careful lest in seeking to get a revenue out of the mines, it forces the miners to do their purchasing of supplies out of Canada, as they will do if they smuggle out their gold."

In the foregoing article taken from Thursday's Colonist, the facts are plainly stated and can not be too thoroughly impressed on the "powers that be" to attempt to hold every alternate claim and collect 20 per cent of the balance of the gold taken out. Charge $15 for a license and $100 per year fee, and then give the miner a chance to make mines for the government by developing their own first, is the most idiotic twaddle ever proposed by any government. A reasonable tax should be paid, the proposed one is not reasonable and no man that has the faintest conception of above condition of the true state of affairs in the Klondike could advocate it.

Settling the Boy's Career.

An old Dutchman had a beautiful boy of whom he was very proud, and he decided to find out the bent of his mind. He adopted a very novel method by which to test him. He slipped into the little fellows room one morning and placed on his table a bible, a bottle of whisky and a silver dollar.

"Now," said he, "ven dot boy comes in ef he dakes dot dollar, he's going to be a beezniz man; if he dakes dot bible he'll be a preacher; ef he dakes dot whisky he's no goot—he's going to be a drunkart," and he hid behind the door to see what his son would choose.

In came the boy, whistling. He ran up to the table and picked up the dollar and put it in his pocket; he picked up the bible and put it under his arm; then he snatched up the bottle of whisky and took two or three drinks and went out smacking his lips. The old Dutchman poked his head out from behind the door and exclaimed:

"Mein gracious—he's going to be a politician—"Tid-Bits."

About 200 men will be at work for the Golden River Quesnelle Company, near Quesnelle Forks, in September.

QUESNELLE.

Work on the Cottonwood mines is progressing fairly well, much of the flume work is now being pushed ahead by contractors. There is reported to be work for all that apply and no idle men are to be found at Quesnelle. Work on the M. & M. mines is going on well and the returns from their wash up are said to be satisfactory. The cut is being rapidly pushed back into the back and higher benches and a large body of pay gravel is now in sight.

The Chinese are working the North Star mine on a lay, receiving about 65 per cent of the gross output. They are pushing back for the upper benches, where there is heavier gold and deeper bank.

The business houses here are prosperous and all of the hotels seem to be doing a good business. The Occidental is crowded all of the time. The Armstrong house has been recently added too and is filled to its utmost capacity all of the time.

There is no place in Northern British Columbia where a more complete stock of goods can be found than at the two stores in Quesnelle, James Reid's and the Hudsons Bay Company's. Both carry enormous stock selected purposely for the northern trade. Their experience as old and established houses gives them the advantage of knowing what class of goods to carry for the northern mining country. Klondikers need not quarrel with either the Seattle or Victoria merchants about rates and import duties, for they can be well supplied with proper outfits by going in via Quesnelle, and it now looks as though, from the enquiries made about the route that next season many will take pack trains through Cariboo, Omineca and Cassiar, and, if they do not strike it sooner, on to the Klondike, passing through on their way a thousand miles of rich gold bearing country not as yet prospected. Bonanza and Eldorado creeks will yet be found on the route mentioned.

The Big Lake Mining Company are working eight men on their mines, situated about 30 miles from the Cottonwood House near the Fraser river. They are paying $2.50 per day and board. John Leiser is foreman and they are taking out more than expenses in sluicing and doing other work on the claims. The company have $5,000 on hand for development work and will put in a hydraulic plant in the early spring. The government will do some work in the way of trail and road building for the Big Lake section. The company have leases on about three miles of creek bed and benches. It is a Tacoma outfit and the owners seem well pleased with the outlook.

Mr. Sidney Williams, P. L. S., was last week, Saturday, at Quesnelle, united in marriage to Miss Agnes Shepherd, of Barkerville. The young people will make their home at Quesnelle, where Mr. Williams has a ranch and is doing a good and rapidly increasing business as land surveyor. Mr. Williams came to Quesnelle from Vancouver two years ago and Mrs. Williams was born and has lived all her life in Cariboo.

The Poison Act.

The attention of the public is called to section 4 of the Poison Act, which is as follows: "Every person who shall place any poison outside of his own building or outbuilding for the destruction of noxious animals or for any purpose whatever, shall give notice to all persons or families residing within one mile of the place, where such poison is used by posting notices in three of the most public places within one mile of where said poison is to be put out." For violating this section a person, shall be liable in treble damages to any person whose property is injured thereby, besides a being liable to a fine of $25 or imprisonment for seven days. The provincial police will most rigorously prosecete any person against whom they can obtain evidence for the infraction of this act. Some of the people of Ashcroft should be a little more careful in the promiscuous distribution of poison.

Mining Near Klondike.

Every hotel man, store keeper or business man of any kind who feels interested in the Cariboo, Lillooet, Omineca, Cassiar or Peace river country are requested to send in to the MINING JOURNAL a letter with their views of what steps should be taken to try to induce some of the many thousands of prospectors who will in the early spring begin to pour into the Klondike country from every part of the world to go in via Cariboo. It is believed by those well informed that a telegraph line will be built from Quesnelle straight through to Alaska. It is the only practicable route. A vigorous effort should be made to get a large party of workmen pushing ahead to make trails and remove obstructions from the streams between Quesnelle and the Klondike country. It is not too much to say that if the reports which have been received of the extent and marvellous richness of the country are confirmed that 250,000 prospectors will swarm to the Northwest within a year. If 10 per cent. of these can be induced to go in via Cariboo, think of the amount of business it would bring. Let each merchant that wishes to sell goods, each stock man that has cattle and horses to sell, each mining man with property that he wishes the outside world to know of, each hotel man to whom this immense traffic would mean many dollars, write their views as above suggested. A careful study of the different ideas will be given and we may be in shape before the meeting of the next Parliaments, Provincial and Dominion, to state through a proper medium what we desire our representatives to do.

BARKERVILLE.

Work is being resumed by the Cariboo Gold Fields on a large scale and there are few idle men here now.

The French people seem disappointed with the quartz showing and are dropping their bond on most of the properties they had terms on. Many here do not think their development work has been done to good advantage.

The three chinamen hydraulicking with a small pipe on the Black Jack washed up $1,900 a few days ago and would have made a much better clean-up but for a big cave of ground coming down that interfered with a section of their flume. They expect to make another and larger clean-up yet this season.

It is reported that A. H. Sproufe struck a rich streak of gravel on his claim near Pleasant Valley creek and in seven days cleaned up $70. Unfortunately the pay streak did not hold out but the ground is well worth spending time to thoroughly prospect.

The tunnel that is in on the Devil's Canon road to tap the little lake has not been disturbed since Keigler died from the bad air. The tunnel is very nearly through and will be completed this winter, when the air is expected to be better. The tunnel seems filled with white damp and all consider it dangerous to undertake work there at present. It is thought that when the water is drained off good ground will be found in the bottom and the sides of the lake. Good pay was taken out in early days all around the lake and as deep down as long handled shovels would reach.

The claim on Pleasant Valley creek, which was so promising last year has not this season done as well as was expected. Some of the deeper ground that was thought to be good does not show up well. Prospect holes are being sunk and much work will yet be done on the claim, on which there is at least some rich ground.

At Stanley last Wednesday night the event of thirty years accumulation occurred. A genuine, thorough, old time dance, attended by all in the vicinity, men who had worked for 20 years with a stoop when they heard the inspiriting strains of the violin and organ and the merry call, "balance to partners," got right in and stepped out time like professionals. A great time it was and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed seeing the good fellowship that prevailed.

Historic Quebec.

From Quebec, Canada, a correspondent writes to the Paris Daily Messenger:—"Ici on parle francais" might be written on the portals of this quaint and picturesque old city. Strolling in lower Quebec you might easily fancy yourself in Amiens or Dieppe. In the upper town there is more English, but everywhere an amusing mixture. On the same card you will read "Maison a loues," and "House to Let"; on one side of the door "Pas d'admission sans affaires," and on the other "No admittance except on business." This bilingual necessity causes a little extra painting and printing. Each railway crossing must be marked likewise, "Traverse du chemen de fer," and every official "notice" must be printed also in full as an "Avis." The blending is often curious, as when two adjoining shops have their announcements one in French and the other in English. Along the Grande Allee, running right across the Plains of Abraham, you might be in Brussels or Paris, only that "Clifton Terrace" seems to recall you to Kensington. Travelers for whom Europe is too distant, are advised to go to Quebec, there to find a bit of the medieval Old World transplanted to the New, but still embalmed in its ancient religious sentimentalism, upon which the rush and roar of modern unrest produce as little effect as the Atlantic breakers on the cliffs of Cape Breton. French continues uppermost until you pass Montreal, but from Ottawa and Kingston to the Pacific the legend of the nearly universal tongue is like that of the Paris shopkeepers, who announced "English spoken." In most of the best schools English is taught, and a large number of the people are conversant with both languages, English being indispensable for commerce.

The Seattle company known as the Templar Mining company that did a little work on a creek near the mouth of the Cottonwood have given up work for the present, not having sufficient money on hand to do a sufficient amount of work to prove their claim.

WILL CLOSE THE GAP.

"I believe that miners will drift south from Klondike and north from Cariboo until they will prospect that whole northern country and prove that it is gold bearing clear through."

So said Dr. F. S. Reynolds, editor of the B. C. MINING JOURNAL of Ashcroft, who is at the Butler with Mrs. Reynolds, to a representative of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The doctor is an American, who has made his home in Canada, and while he extols the glorious climate and fishing of his new home, grows enthusiastic over the life and business activity of Seattle. Continuing on the inevitable topic of the Klondike, he said:

If Seattle is building on the hope of holding the trade of the Yukon, or that portion of it in British territory, it would be well to bear in mind that British Columbia or Canada is likely to adopt and enforce such regulations as will give Victoria and Vancouver a fair share of the trade. The provincial legislature came near passing a law which would have prevented American citizens or any others not naturalized from holding a miner's license or other privileges, and would have at least seriously interfered with their mining activity in any part of Canada. A measure of this kind came within one vote of becoming law at the last session of the provincial parliament at Victoria. The agitation on the subject was, perhaps, brought about more by unwise attempts at discriminating legislation against Canadian subjects that were engaged in various occupations along the border states. British Columbia has imposed a tax of 1 per cent. on the gross output of all the mines, and it is quite likely that the Dominion will impose an export duty on the product of the gold mines. As to the trade of the Yukon, many of the goods used there are of American make and have to be bought in the States anyway, whether directly by the miner or by the merchant who sells to him at Victoria.

Changing the subject to mining operations in the Cariboo, and talking of great developments, he said:

"The Cariboo Hydraulic company, which made a cleanup of over $72,000, will soon be ready to make another of about the same amount, and will probably wash about $200,000 this season. The Horsefly Hydraulic company, after washing for the first year, in which it took out $65,000, found that there was to much cement in the ground for successful operations by this method, put in a 10 stamp mill, which started July 10, and crushes 120 tons a day. In the same camp the Miocene Mining company, a San Francisco outfit with Senator Campbell at its head, has a shaft down 240 feet, sinking for the bed of the old channel, and has put in machinery to sink deeper. The theory of a number of experts is that the old channel is here 1,000 feet wide and that the Fraser, Clearwater, Quesnelle, and perhaps other streams formerly passed through it. This theory is well borne out by the fact that the Horsefly Gold Mining company has shown the present channel of the Horsefly river to be simply a crosscut of the old channel. This mine is being worked by two hydraulic elevators and will make a good showing. Nearly forty miles of this old channel have now been located, and if Campbell finds it rich enough to drift, hoist and wash the gravel, there will be a great deal of new work. As regards the property of the Maude Mining company, on which Col. Fishback attempted to make a deal, J. Henry Addicks has made the second payment of $5,000, and the owners have given him till January to pay the other $90,000. The people are working at Barkerville and the Forks quite extensively with rather promising prospects.

"About six hundred men are going in the early part of the season for various companies 600 miles north of Ashcroft, to Manson creek and other streams. One of these is the Forty-third Mining and Milling company of Ottawa, which is putting in hydraulic elevators at Manson creek. Captain Black's party of Victoria has 100 men at work on Slate and Manson creeks in the same section, and within the past two months a New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia syndicate has located for dredging purposes 80 miles of the Findley, Nation and Parsnip rivers, in that same section. They have engineers there now preparing to run in a sawmill and establish a camp and take in 150 to 200 men. They propose to put in six or eight dredgers early in the season next year.

Several Seattle outfits are in that section. Clarence Coulter and his father are there to investigate some property in which R. B. Brierly, became interested last year, and which has the reputation of being good.

"Ashcroft is the distributing point for that whole section, and Quesnelle is one of the busiest towns, with some of the most enterprising men. All in all, the country is in a highly prosperous condition, but it has room for plenty of capital to be invested in conservative mining properties."

The C. P. R. round house at Revelstoke was destroyed by fire last Monday morning.

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OGILVIE ON KLONDYKE

A late Ottawa despatch says:

Now that the Dominion Government has received authentic reports corroborative of the first accounts sent out of the marvellous richness of the placer diggings in the Yukon and Klondyke regions, the organization of the district is being completed. Two years ago the Department of the Interior despatched a force of twenty Northwest Mounted Police to Fort Cudrhy, on the Canadian side of the Alaskan frontier. The officer in command established two posts, one at Cudahy and one at Forty Mile Creek, and proceeded to administer laws and collect revenues for the Customs Department. He collected about $15,000 the first year. Encouraged by the prospects of revenue, the Government, in 1895, appointed D. W. Davis, a former member of Parliament for Alberta, to the position of Customs Collector for the district, and his returns recently received swelled the total collections to about $35,000.

This work of organization was first suggested to the Government by the North American Trading & Transportation Company, which was anxious that the British Territory should be administered so as to guarantee the safety of its interests. It was not undertaken by the Dominion authorities, however, until the surveying party then in the field had with great difficulty located the 141st meridian of west longitude, which forms the boundary between Alaska and the Canadian Northwest Territory, from Mount St. Elias to the shores of the Arctic. When this had been accomplished, and the selection of police posts began, grumblings from the Seattle and other coast papers reached the ears of the Government here. It was boldly charged that the Canadians were grabbing territory in Alaska which did not belong to them.

William Ogilvie chief of the Canadian international boundary survey has set all doubts at rest as regards the Canadian posts by reporting that the observations of the American and Canadian parties as to the boundary differed only a few feet, six feet at Forty-Mile, and the same at Cudahy. Since then nothing has been heard of the alleged grab.

Ogilvie stayed in the country last winter, and busied himself in staking off claims for miners in the newly discovered placer grounds, the latter being well in Canada, and the rivers and creeks flowing into the Yukon from the east, namely, Bonanza, Boulder, Eldorado, Clondyke and Stewart.

Of the mounted police who formed the first detachment, not one re-enlisted at the expiration of their terms this spring. It was not expected that men would continue to work for the Government at $1 a day when wages all around them were $10 and $15. Five of the returned policemen are reported to have brought back $200,000 as the sult of their work in their share of the mines.

Ogilvie was ordered to return to Ottawa, last fall, but instead, he determined to remain in the country, and forward a full report to the Government of his doings, from which the following are extracts:

"Starting from here, say December 1st, it would be February before I reached Ottawa, and during the 37 or 40 days of this time I would be exposed to much cold and hardship, and some hazzard from storms. The journey has been made, and I would not hesitate to undertake it, were things more seasonable here and dog feed plenty, but it would take at least $1,000 to equip us with transport and outfit, which sum, I think, I can expend more in the interest of the country by remaining here.

"The Clondyke, a mispronunciation of the Indian words Troan Auick, which means plenty of fish, from the fact that it is a famous salmon stream, is marked Klondike on our maps. It joins the Yukon a few miles above the site of Fort Reliance, fifty miles above here. The discovery of gold in this stream, I believe, was due to the reports of Indians. A white man named George Cormack who worked with men in 1887, was first to take advantage of the rumor, and located a claim on the first branch, which was named by the miners Bonanza Creek. Cormack reached his claim in August, but he had to locate some logs and get provisions to enable him to begin work on his claim. He returned with a few weeks' provisions for himself, wife and brother-in-law (Indian) in the last of August, and set about working his claim.

"The gravel itself he had to carry on his back from 30 to 100 feet. Notwithstanding this, three, working very irregularly, washed out $11,200 in eight days, and Cormack asserts that, had he had proper facilities, he could have done it in two days.

"A branch of the Bonanza, named the Eldorado, has prospected magnificently, and another branch, Tilly creek, has prospected well There are about 170 claims staked in the main creek, and the branches are good for as many more, aggregating some 350 claims some of which will require over 1,000 men to work properly. A few miles further up, Bear creek enters the Clondyke, and it has been prospected and located on. About 12 miles above the mouth of Bear Creek, Gold Bottom creek joins the Clondyke, and on a branch named Hunker creek very rich ground has been found. On Gold Bottom creek and branches, there will be probably two or three hundred claims. The Indians have reached another creek much further up, which they call Too Much Gold Creek, on which the gold is so plentiful, as the miners say in a joke, "you have to mix gravel with it to sluice it." Up to date nothing definite has been heard from this creek.

"From all this we think we have here a district which will give 1,000 claims of 100 feet in length each. Now 1,000 such claims will require at least 3,000 men to work them properly, and as wages for working in the mines are from $8 to $10 per day, we have every reason to assume that that particular territory will in a year or two contain 10,000 souls at least, for the news has gone out to the east, and an unprecedented influx is anticipated next spring.

"And this is not all, for a large creek called Indian creek joins the Yukon about midway between the Clondyke and Stewart rivers, and all along this creek good pay dirt may be found. All that stood in the way of working heretofore has been the scarcity of provisions and the difficulty of getting them up the river. Indian creek is quite a large stream, and it is probable it will yield 500 or 600 claims.

"Further south yet lie the heads of several branches of Stewart river, on which some prospecting has been done this summer, and good indications found, but the want of provisions has prevented development. Gold has been found in several of the streams joining Pelly river, and also all along the Hootalinqua. In the line of these finds further south are the Cassiar gold fields of British Columbia, so the presumption is that we have in our territory along the branches of the Yukon a gold-bearing belt of indefinite wealth, and upwards of 300 miles long, exclusive of the British Columbia part of it.

"Quartz of a good quality is reported in the hills around Bonanza Creek, but of this I will be able to speak more fully after my proposed survey. It is pretty certain, from information I have from prospectors, that all, or nearly all, of the northerly branch of White river is on our side of the line, and copper is found on it. I have also seen a specimen of silver ore, said to have been picked up in a creek flowing into Bennett lake, about fourteen miles down it, on the eastern side.

"When it was fully established that Bonanza creek was rich in gold, there was a rush from Forty-Mile. This town was almost deserted. Men who had been in a chronic state of drunkenness for weeks were pressed into boats as ballast and taken up to stake out claims."

Coal Near Kamloops.

Coal in paying quantities is now believed to exist on Coal Hill, near the slope sunk by Major Vaugh some years ago. The freshets of last spring caused large mud slides on the west side of the ravine, uncovering coal measures indicative of great value. The water from several springs in the ravine, as well as surface water every spring and fall have so softened the clear coal *at the surface that it will not remain* solid when exposed to the air. A short time ago this ground was taken up by local parties, and prospecting work begun. The croppings show a 40-inch seam of partially clean coal, the whole being soaked with water. A 10-foot tunnel across the measures failed to reach the bottom slate, and the owners decided to sink a slope on the east side to catch the No. 1 seam at a depth of about 20 feet. Messrs. J. C. Mills and M. J. McIver are among those interested in the property.—Sentinel.

News From Fairview.

News has been received from Fairview to the 8th inst. The Smuggler company which leased the Strathyre mill made a clean up after milling fifty tons of average ore and took $800 from the plates. They had in addition a large quantity of concentrates which assayed high. Fairview camp is much elated at the result.

The Tin Horn will begin crushing in about three weeks. This company has on the dump several hundred tons of ore. The Fairview Consolidated company, owning fourteen claims, has had all its treasury shares subscribed in Amsterdam and Paris and has ample funds for development.

Fairview will be very active this year and the gold output will be large. Provincial Mineralogist Carlyle, who was recently there, spoke in very high terms of the camp on his arrival in Rossland. He says the ore bodies are large and the grade high enough to yield profitable returns.—Miner.

An Amiable Dowager.

Vancouver, July 22.—The Empress Dowager of China has confined Prince Tsai for life in a dungeon for not being present to congratulate her on her birthday and refusing to worship at the shrine of his ancestors. His title is to be taken away and he is to be publicly whipped on the bare back with a bamboo until he cries for mercy, after which he is to be shut up between walls and fed on spare diet until he repents.

This decree has been published in the court Gazette.

Value of Yukon Gold.

A despatch from San Francisco says: Assistant Weigher W. A. Underhill, of the Selby Smelting Company, says of the gold from the Yukon:

"It is a fact that the Yukon gold is not as valuable as that produced in this state. We have found that there are from 50 to 100 points more of base metals in the northern product. The base metals are iron, lead and a few others, and there is a large quantity of silver also. We look principally for the gold and silver. It is the iron that gives the Yukon gold its flae rich color. Of course, the other metals decrease the value a little. The nuggets from the Yukon are worth $17 and $18 per ounce, and the gold dust is worth from $16 to $17 per ounce. With the California gold the value is about $1 an ounce more; that is, nuggets run from $18 to $19, and gold dust never less than $17 per ounce.

Arlington's Great Discovery

George Edgar Busche, the mining engineer, returned yesterday from an extended trip with A. E. Smith through the Nelson and Slocan districts. He met Frank Watson on the train coming down from Nelson yesterday morning and learned from him that the main lead, or what appears to be the main lead, of the Arlington on Springer creek had been struck. Mr. Watson said it appeared to be 20 feet wide and very rich in native silver. Mr. Watson said further that what they had formerly been regarded as the ledge was nothing but a stringer. The mine appears to be in a highly prosperous condition.

Suggests a Royalty on Yukon Gold.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Globe says: The reports from the Yukon country of the enormous richness of the placer gold deposits of the Clondyke district have moved the Government to consider what steps should be taken to protect the interests of Canada. Whatever dispute there may be as to the exact boundary line between Canada and Alaska, there is no question about the rich Clondyke gold fields being altogether and clearly in Canada. This being the case the question arises whether Americans or other foreigners should be allowed to come in there and take away millions of dollars without leaving anything in the country, or contributing anything to the public revenue. In many States no one but a citizen of the States can hold a mining license. Here the Canadian Government issue licenses to anybody on the payment of a paltry fee. A short while ago a Swiss, whose earning capacity was a dollar a day went into that country and brought out $50,000 dug out of the banks of the river. He took his fortune to Switzerland and left $5 for his license in Canada. The great difficulty the country labors under is the lack of definite information. It takes a year to get a man into that country and back again. Many adventurers have left their bones on the rich sands they went to exploit. Some died of starvation, for food is difficult to obtain. Some died of exposure. If public opinion was expressed in favor of a royalty of 10, 15 or 20 per cent. on all gold taken from Canadian streams in the Yukon country, the government would doubtless be largely guided by it. The impression is that public opinion will assist the Government in reaching a conclusion, and the feeling here is that some action should be taken in time for next session.

The Chinaman in B. C.

The present population of British Columbia will not exceed 125,000, of whom, according to the Dominion Year Book, 25,000 are Indians. Making allowance for females, children and persons otherwise incapaciated there are not over 40,000 workers in the province; and as near as can be ascertained of this number 10,000 or over are Chinese and 2,000 Japanese, and of this class at least eleven-twelths are males. It is therefore not too much to say of British Columbia more than one working person in four is a Mongol, and there are a number of other nationalities also. In the Nanaimo coal district there are between 2,000 and 3,000 white miners forced to live like Chinamen; the fishing, lumbering, agriculture and boat building industries are now chiefly carried on with this class of cheap labor. Under present laws Japanese coolies are admitted and become qualified for British citizenship after a residence of three years, while there is a tax of $50 per head on Chinamen. Labor is a unit in demanding that this tax be raised to $500.

He Hit It.

Dr. Talmage writing of the newspaper profession says: "One of the great trials of the newspaper profession is that its members are compelled to see more of the sham world than any other profession. Through newspaper offices day after day go all the weaknesses of the world—all the vanities that want to be puffed, all the revenges that want to be reaped, all the mistakes that want to be corrected, all the dull speakers that want to be thought eloquent, all the meanness that wants to get its wares noticed gratis, in order to save the tax of the advertising column. Through the editorial and reportorial rooms all the follies and shams of the world are seen day after day, and the temptation is to believe in neither God, man or woman. It is no surprise to me that in this profession there are some skeptical men. I wonder that newspaper men believe anything."

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Those Carrier Pigeons.

Washington, July 22.—Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, was very much interested in the reports cabled from Christiania Norway, that a carrier pigeon arrived yesterday bearing the message stamped on its wing: "North Pole, 142 W., 47.62." Professor Moore, although he believes that a sufficient time has elapsed for the report of such a message, is inclined to look upon the report as a canard. If the bird had been freed by Andree he thinks the ring on its foot would have been marked with his name and the message would have been signed. He also points out the fact that the message was not dated. After careful consideration of atmospheric conditions, he predicted that if Andree had reached the pole the air currents would carry him out on almost the longitude indicated.

With regard to Andree's means of locating the pole, Prof. Bigelow, the magnetic expert, says he would unquestionably use the navigator's sextant. The sun is always above the horizon at this time of year, and there would be no difficulty in getting observations.

Stockholm, July 22nd.—The Aftonblat, which has close relations with Herr Andree, says that Andree could not have despatched the pigeons recently caught in the neighborhood of Soevde, and near Tromsoe island, because it was arranged that his pigeons should be marked with the words, "Andree expedition, A. D. 1897."

Dr. Ekhola, who was associated with Andree in the projected baloon expedition of last year, does not believe the carrier pigeon caught on Tuesday in the neighborhood of Soevede, in Rigylke, with a silver ring on one of its feet, and the message, "North Pole, 142 W., 47.62," on its wing, is one of Andree's pigeons. He says Andree's pigeons do not wear silver rings on their legs and they have "Andree" stamped on their wings. Moreover, he is confident that Andree would not send such an obscure message.

Gold Shipped in Barrels.

A Whatcom tailor has received the following letter from his brother in Alaska: "Things are booming, and the country is immensely rich, much better than is reported. Anything you hear, you believe it. I saw coal oil cans full of gold at one claim, and there are about 500 just like it. The claims would average about 500 feet square, with about 5 to eight feet of pay dirt; saw them clean one sluice box and the gold was visible in piles. A fellow ran his shovel handle through it and worked the gravel and sand out, and when he got through he had a pile about the size of my hat. (How's that?) But this is a hard country, and no pudding for anybody, and generally when a man strikes it he gets out of the country. The boat left two days ago, and one store closed to make ready to ship the gold. There was so much they shipped it in barrels. Well, I don't expect to get many barrels, but do expect to get one small one. The wages are $15 for miners and $10 at ordinary work per day."

Crow's Nest Railway.

Men are arriving daily from the east and west to work on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Contractor J. E. Kennedy of Winnipeg and 35 men with horses and implements arrived last night. H. Mann from Trail Creek is also on his way with an outfit to start work. Actual work on the road is progressing wonderfully, and for miles along the line there is one living stream of men and horses to be seen all on the move, shoveling, digging, levelling and in fact everything looks favorable for a speedy completion of the road. Every day the Alien Labor Law is being enforced and Uncle Sam is getting some of his own medicine back that he has so thoroughly dosed the Canadians with. It is believed the contract work went at an extraordinary low figure, but if so, it is a good thing in one way as it prevents the subletting to minor contractors to a great extent, thus putting all on a more equal footing and preventing one party from getting all the profits while on the other hand the other party is doing all the work.

Hasten Slowly.

If you have a mine the values of which you are not saving, hasten slowly about putting in a cyanide or chlorination or other plant. Spend some money rather in having a carload or more treated by some skilled chemist, exhaust first every ingenuity to save your values economically by mechanical means and bear constantly in mind that it requires first a certain class of ore and next great skill to make profitable either cyanide or chlorine treatment. The class of ores which are adapted to cyanide or chlorine treatment is small and chemists skilled in the work are rare; therefore, you cannot be too careful about adopting the advice of every person who you may talk with regarding ore production and gold saving. The stamp mill, concentrator and smelter will for a long time to come play the most important part in gold saving, however great the cost or loss appear to be.—Mining.

A Prospector Missing.

William Burritt, who has been prospecting at the southern end of Kootenay lake in company with Walter Muir has been missing from camp four days and it is believed that some unfortunate fate has overtaken him. His partner and others have been searching but so far have found no trace of him.

A Paper Already

Seattle, July 22.—The Klondyke is to have that indispensable adjunct to civilization, a newspaper. It will be a weekly, published at Dawson City by J. W. Scott, a practical printer, and Jack Carr, an all-round rustler. "The Yukon Nugget" is to be the title of the publication. It will be issued in pamphlet form, on thin but tough paper.

The introduction of a printing plant to the Klondyke would have been a matter of great difficulty were it not for the transportation line in which Carr is interested. The Gordon press will be taken north on the steamer Eliza Anderson. Transportation for the outfit was refused by the North American Transportation & Trading Company, and it was only the energy of Jack Carr in pushing to the front an opposition enterprise which made the "Yukon Nugget" a possibility.

J. W. Scott, who will attend to the side work of the paper, was formerly attached to the provincial government printing office at Winnipeg. He is an experienced printer, and is capable of making the "Yukon Nugget" a successful publication.

A Quartz Queen.

Some years ago Montana produced a cattle queen a lady who engineered the destinies of the festive maverick upon the arid belt and won fame and fortune from the grass fed bovine of the plains. Later the public eye focused for a time on Mrs. McAdoo, the talented owner of the once noted Spotted Horse mine. But it has been reserved for Winston to bring forth a lady prospector with a gold mine to her credit. Lady prospectors are few and far between. It is a vocation more backachable, if possible, than the profession of the seamstress, and the latest reports do not indicate that the new woman is jostling the men any to find a place at the business end of a pick. According to reports, however, Mattie Moore, of Winston, while prospecting near the Old Freiburg mine, discovered a six-inch vein of free milling gold ore that pans well and promises to ripen up into one of the healthy producers for which that district is noted. All honor to the new woman of the Joan of Arc type, who, if need be, can courageously face a mouse or a miner's pick.

Murderer Butter Hanged.

London July 16.—A despatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says that Frank Butler, the Australian bush murderer, was executed yesterday. He confessed to having committed four murders.

The crime for which Butler paid the death penalty was the murder of Capt. Lee Weller, whom he induced to go with him on a prospecting uotr and whom he shot after they had arrived in the bush. After the murder of Capt. Weller, Butler escaped from Australia on the ship Swanhilda, but upon the arrival of that vessel at San Francisco on February 2 last, he was arrested and subsequently extradited. The plea of the defense at the trial was that Capt. Weller committed suicide.

Among the murders with which Butler was charged was that of a metallurgist named O. C. T. Preston. Early on the morning of his conviction Butler attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a piece of tin, but was seized before he had done himself any serious injury. Later he made the most violent resistance to his keepers while on the way to the court house. He fought with them like a wild beast and was with difficulty subdued.

The murders committed by Butler were the most cold blooded on record.

Cruelty to Animals.

A herd of 180 Texas steers literally mad, cavorting, bawling, floundering in the grass and apparently striving to dash their brains out against each other, was seen recently near Fort Scott, Kansas. The cattle belonged to Grant Hornaday. They had been bought by him and driven in for full feed. As is now almost universally the custom among large feeders and shippers, he had them dehorned and from this seemingly cruel treatment sprang their affliction. One at a time they had been driven into a chute, fastened head and foot by an automatic arrangement, and with a common saw had been dehorned by a professional dehorner at a rate of three cents a head. The wounds did not heal but grew virulant, and gradually they became frenzied with pain. The owner called a veterinary and had one of the brutes examined. It was found that the top of its head was infested by maggots that had consumed the flesh to the bone. With great difficulty the cattle were driven singly into the chute where they had been dehorned, and the veterinary operated upon them, cleaning the decaying flesh with acids and applying restoratives. Only five died of the dehorning, but had the treatment been delayed a few hours none of them could have been saved.

The bicycle is every day being used more from a business standpoint of view, and as the fad period is dying out the manufacturers are of the opinion that the fixed prices will also pass, and in a short time plain, serviceable wheels will be sold at moderate prices and the more ornamental ones will be more costly, and it is about time that the makers are about to consult the pockets of the buyers when you come to consider that it only costs $16 to $20 to set up a first-class wheel $75 to $100 are outrageous prices.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend making application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease 20 acres of land in Lillooet district, about six miles east of Seventy-mile house, Cariboo road, commencing at a stake marked J. C., thence north 10 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 10 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement.

9-13 JOHN CURRIE,
Brigade Trail" B.C.

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that at the expiration of sixty days I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of pastoral land situated in the Lillooet district and described as follows: commencing at initial post A.B., at what is known as 9-Mile lake, one mile and a half north of St. Peters springs, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains ot point of commence.

AUGUSTINE BOITANIO.
12th July, 1897. 11-19.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works, for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of meadow land in the Cariboo district, situated on what is known as Gravel creek lying west to government road, and near bridge crossing Gravel creek, commencing at a certain post marked B. F. G's N. W. corner, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, to post of commencement. B. F. GUIBERSON.
Horse Fly, B. C., July 5th, 1897.

CARD.

Having for some years past conducted the business of the British Columbia Express company and the company having now passed into other hands, my responsibility therewith being terminated, it seems a favorable opportunity for thanking my many friends for their past favors and asking that the company under its new management may receive the same liberal share of patronage and support.

I have undertaken to personally discharge the obligations of the company up to and including the 30th day of June, 1897, and I am entitled among other things to all the debts due the company up to that date, which are to be paid either to me or Mr. J.J Mackay, Ashcroft, without delay. S. TINGLEY.

COUNTY COURT NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton on Thursday the 12th August, 1897, at ten in the forenoon.
By order F. SOUES,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton. 10-14

NOTICE.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up until Wednesday noon, 11th day of August, 1897.

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12-14 Supt. Public Works.
Lytton, July 19th.

County Court.

Sittings of the county court of Cariboo will be held as follows:
At Lytton on Friday the 20th day of August.
At Ashcroft on Monday, 13th day September.
At the hour of eleven in the forenoon.
12-19 JOS. WM. BURR,
D.R.C.C.
Ashcroft, July 23, 1897.

Pough keepsie, N. Y., July 20.—Geo. A. Brill of Duchess county, who graduated from Cornell university in 1888, recently received a cable dispatch from Li Hung Chang offering him a liberal sum to organize and manage a model farm in China, under the government. Mr. Brill will accept the offer and will leave for China to enter upon his duties.

In writing the Western Mining World a prominent mining man at Vancouver says: "The mining world in British Columbia is still waiting. Sizing up the situation generally the public is impatient at the seeming delay in getting mines on the seaboard or mines owned on the seaboard, on a paying basis. In reality there has been no delay. People went wild with excitement over the stories they heard about the richness of numerous mines, and bought stock with an idea that they would be able to realize a thousand per cent. on their investment in 30 days. In many cases their stock instead of advancing depreciated in value but the fact remains that the mining possibilities on the seaboard are more promising than ever, and 100 per cent. more development work is being done than during the excitement but the element of speculation does not now enter into mining on the coast."

Micky Doolan and Patrick O'Connor were brought before the magistrates for having violently assaulted each other. It was explained that they had invested five shillings, their joint capital, in the purchase of a small keg of whiskey to retail for twopence a glass at the local fair. This exhausted all their money, except a solitary twopence belonging to Micky. He became thirsty on the way to the fair and purchased a glass of whisky from his partner. Patrick became thirsty in his turn and handed back the twopence for a drink. Micky paid it over again and so the process continued until the keg was empty and the two proprietors were decidedly drunk. As each had paid twopence for every drink and there were fifty drinks in the keg, each agreed that there ought to be 8s. 4d. to divide between them. As in fact there was only twopence each accused the other of stealing the proceeds. Words led to blows and the assaults were the consequence.

NOTICE.

All accounts against the estate of the late Rafael Valenzuela, of Meadow Lake, Lillooet district, must be handed in duly attested to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of September, 1897, and all accounts due to the estate must be paid to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of September, 1897, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection. J. E. N. SMITH,
Administrator.
Clinton, B.C., 19th June, 1897. 8-13.

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FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton	Thursday	23rd September.
Richfield	Monday	27th September.
Kamloops	Monday	4th October.
Lytton	Friday	8th October.
Vernon	Monday	11th October.
New Westminster	Tuesday	2nd November
Vancouver	Monday	8th November.
Victoria	Tuesday	10th November.
Nanaimo	Tuesday	23rd November.

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" " "	11 p.m.	Ar	NAKUSP
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Tues Th'rs Sat	9 a'm.	Ar	ROBSON
" " "	12 a.m.	De	
	2 p.m.	Ar	TRAIL

NORTH BOUND; read up.

Wed Fri Sun	11.30 a.m.	Ar	ARROWHEAD
" " "	7.30 a.m.	De	NAKUSP
	9 a.m.	Ar	
Tu's Th'sSat	8.30 p.m.	De	ROBSON
" " "	8 p.m.	Ar	
	4.30 p.m.	De	TRAIL

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(Daily except Sunday.)

8 a.m.	De	TRAIL	Ar	4.30 p.m.	
9 a.m.	Ar	WANETA	De	3 p.m.	
10 a.m.	Ar	NORTHPORT	de	1 p.m.	

onnections at Northport with S.F. & N.R. to and from Spokane and way points; at Trail with . & W.R. to and from Rossland, and with Str. "Nakusp" to and from Robson, Nakusp and Revelstoke.

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(Daily except Sunday.)

4.00 p.m.	De	NELSON	Ar	9.30 a.m.	
8 p.m.	Ar	KASLO	De	5.30 a.m.	

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the firm heretofore doing business at Quesnelle Forks under the name of A. & J. McRae has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, A. McRae withdrawing from the firm. John McRae will continue the business, will pay all accounts against the firm and all bills due the firm are payable to the said John McRae. A. MCRAE,
J. MCRAE.
Quesnelle Forks, July 2nd, 1897. 11-14

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the assistant commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty (320) acres of land at Mud lake, district of Cariboo commencing at the northwest corner of my, most northerly lot, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south to Mud lake, thence southerly along shore of lake to point of commencement. R. A. COLLINS
Soda creek, July 7, 1897. 10-17

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

FOSTER MINING CLAIM, SITUATED IN YALE MINING DISTRICT, B. C.
WHERE LOCATED, AT THOMPSON SIDING.

Take notice that I, James Wilson, of Kamloops, B.C., acting as agent for the Thompson Canyon Mining Co., free miners certificate No. 92342 intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
10-17 J. WILSON.
Dated this 20th day of June, 1897.

Notice For Tenders.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 24th, instant inclusive, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails per year, over any or all of the following routes. (1) Between Alkali lake and Clinton, once a week each way from 1st May until 31st. October and fortnightly from 1st, November to 1st. April in each year. (2) Between 150 Mile House and Keithly Creek once a week each way all the year round. (3) Between Alexis creek and Soda Creek weekly each way all the year round. (4) Between Horsefly and 108 Mile House weekly each way from 1st. May until 10th. October, and fortnightly each way from 11th, October, until 30th, April in each year.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. John Shields is visiting Lillooet this week.

Ike Lee has disposed of about thirty head of horses since he came in.

Mrs. H. E. Leslie left Monday night for Vancouver, where she will remain for some time.

Dr. George H. Duncan, of Victoria health officer, went up the Cariboo road Wednesday.

Miss Ada Higginbottom spent a few days at Clinton and Cache Creek this week visiting friends.

W. W. Clarke, representing the Inland Sentinel at Kamloops was in town Tuesday on business for his paper.

J. E. Knight, the collector of customs, has now his office in the office of Tingley's warehouse and is doing a rushing business.

Mr. Burfee came up from Vancouver Sunday and went over to Lillooet next morning and will take in the Blackwater district.

Mr. Miller, accompanied Mr. Tingley this trip on a visit of inspection as far as Soda Creek. Both are expected to return Tuesday.

A. J. Peck, clerk in F. W. Foster's store at Clinton, was in town this week, spending a few days at Kamloops also. He left for home Wednesday.

J. R. Mitchell, manager of E. G. Prior's store at Kamloops was in town the first of the week having been on a business trip to Clinton for his firm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cohen went to the coast Saturday evening and Mrs. Cohen will remain to try and regain her health after several week's illness here.

L. M. Lapointe, the cattle buyer from Vancouver returned from Dog Creek Saturday and shipped two cars of cattle to his stock yards between Westminster and Vancouver.

F. S. Taggart, of the Mining Critic, and connected with the Eldorado Gold Mining Company, who own some placer ground on Cayoosh creek, went over to Lillooet on Monday's stage.

Jos. Wm. Burr went up to Bridge creek Monday morning to investigate the shooting of Roy Hagen a couple of weeks ago. Constable Sutherland, from Lytton, is doing duty at Ashcroft during Mr. Burr's absence.

A. Allayne Jones, real estate agent in Vancouver, spent a week in the Lillooet district looking at some properties in which he is interested and is very well pleased with the outlook for Cayoosh creek and surrounding districts.

Chester McAdam, the contractor and lumber man from Quesnelle Forks, was in town a few days last week and returned home the first of the week. A large amount of lumber will be cut for the Golden River Quesnelle company this fall.

J. N. J. Brown came down from Dog Creek last Sunday, having spent a few days prospecting in the Lillooet district near the Marble Canyon and found some very good looking rock. J. N. J. has secured the mail contract between Clinton and Dog Creek.

Dr. West, of Victoria, must have made a good impression on the people up the road, for he brought a whole box full of them down and will put the smiles, etc., to them in his office in Victoria. The Dr. will revisit this section in a few weeks and will visit Lillooet and the Dog Creek section as well as the Cariboo country.

The reports from Quesnelle Forks are to the effect that the wash-up that is now about to be made at the Cariboo mine will bring joy to the hearts of the stockholders. Some say twice the amount of the last wash-up will be sent down, but if somewhere near the last, of $72,000 comes down it will be more than satisfactory. As a placer mine the Cariboo will be a record breaker.

The Kamloops Standard, a weekly paper published at Kamloops, reached the JOURNAL office this week. It is a six column, eight page paper and is edited by Mr. Sarel, J. I. Robinson being the manager. It was the intention at first to appear as a daily paper but owing to delay in transportation of the plant it has appeared as a weekly edition. The Standard will no doubt get its share of the patronage of the city and its own district.

Let it not be forgotten that the Inland Agricultural Asso'n meets at Ashcroft on the 12th and 13th of October. Why would it not be a good idea for Barkerville, Quesnelle, Soda Creek, the 150, Quesnelle Forks, Lac La Hache, Clinton and Lillooet to call meetings and elect delegates to attend a meeting at Ashcroft at the date above mentioned and have a thorough understanding about the course to take to induce travel through the upper country to Klondike. If this suggestion should be accepted each member of our local legislature and each member of the Dominion parliament should be present, and politics should be strictly tabooed for the occasion. The meeting could be made to result in much good, who seconds the motion.

Freight is not piled up so far ahead as it was.

Inland Agricultural Association, October 14th and 15th.

We have at Ashcroft a customs collector on the day shift and a Knight man also.

Miss Morrison came in from Lillooet Tuesday evening and went west to Westminster on a visit.

Mr. McLeod went up by stage Monday morning to work on the boring machine at Quesnelle Forks.

The report is that a very satisfactory wash-up was made by the Ottawa Mining Company, opposite North Bend this week.

Charles Haddock and wife drove over to Lillooet last Sunday where they will visit Mrs. Gleneross, mother of Mrs. Haddock.

Mr. Barnaby, who has been visiting Mr. G. M. Drummond at his ranch in Chilcoten district returned Tuesday on his way to Victoria.

John Pulver, a prospector who has been in this vicinity for some months left by the last steamer, the Topeka, for the Klondike.

Captain R. G. Tatlow, accompanied by an English mining man started up the road by yesterdays stage to inspect some Barkerville properties.

J. Searsford of Victoria who has been spending a few weeks in Barkerville, came down this week and went on to his home the same evening.

M. Ahearn left this section on Thursday for the coast and the Yukon country. So far Pulver and Ahearn are the only ones who have left this section. The fever is not bad here as yet.

W. E. McDonald and W. A. Eberly of Tacoma, came down from Quesnelle this week much pleased with their first trip to Cariboo, which they say will not be their last. They are interested in mining near Quesnelle.

The report that Ashcroft will have a new, commodious and first class hotel is well received by all who feel an interest in this section. It will add very largely to the number of people who spend some time in Ashcroft.

LOST—About the first of the present month, near Clinton hill, a bunch of keys five in number. The finder will confer a favor by leaving the same at Marshall & Smith's hotel, Clinton, or at the JOURNAL office, Ashcroft.
JOHN GILLIS.

Dr. Craighead's company have machinery for a dredge to be put on the Fraser near Fort George on its way from Ohio. It will be a dipper dredge and that apparently is the sensible one. Machinery for the Big Bar dredge is also on its way. Pioneer dredge No. 1 on Quesnelle river cleaned up over $700, the result of a short run, the other day, at least this is reported as true by a source that is apparently reliable.

A late report from Quesnelle Forks is to the effect that the water for the Hobson mine in the lakes will give an abundant supply yet for two weeks running full force in both pits. After that the water will slacken off some what. The presumption is that Supt. Hobson will not have a wash-up until about the middle of next month. There is no question of its being good, and it is likely to give the stockholders a pleasant surprise.

R. H. Campbell and son went up to the Horse Fly on Monday morning's stage. The pipe, etc., for Mr. Campbell's drifting proposition is about all in the Horse Fly and when he reaches there work will commence at once. Mr. Campbell feels very sanguine about his venture and expects to strike bedrock in a short while. The old river channel for miles on both sides of Mr. Campbell's ground is staked off. The Horse Fly is a good camp and when Hobson, Ward, Leask, Campbell and others commence active operations Klondike will have to look to its laurels.

The Indian brute that shot Roy Hagin near Bridge Creek a few weeks ago, named Johnny Buck has confessed to the officers and in open court that he did the shooting. He said he intended to rob his victim, but as he fell young Hagin said "my God, who could have shot me?" This frightened the Indian, as he thought Hagin was talking to another man and he mounted his horse and rode away. We are glad to be able to report Hagin as out of danger. He has much to thank the care of Mr. and Mrs. Allen of the 100 for in his quick recovery. It is said the Indian can only be given a few years. It would be better for the community if all such as he were "good Indians."

Says He Shot Roy Hagin.

CLINTON, July 30—Special to JOURNAL Regina vs. Ducks. Prisoner charged with attempted murder of Roy Hagin before His Worship F. W. Foster was sent up for trial and will remain in custody in Kamloops jail until the court of assize at Clinton on Sept. 23rd. The evidence against prisoner was suspicious but not convicting and had it not been for his confession it would have been almost impossible to have brought the charge home. Clinton 30th he confessed to shooting Hagin. Said he was drunk.

Ashcroft School Building.

A good many very sensible people in Ashcroft are thoroughly disgusted with Col. Baker's plan for a school building for Ashcroft. We have shown him the necessity for a new, large building. He responds by sending plans for a little building that will cost about $600. The people here are strongly of a mind to hire a hall for school purposes and tell the Hon. School Commissioner to go to Hades. Clinton with its government member and 40 children can have a $1,500 building thrust onto them. Ashcroft, with a petition signed by the parents of nearly 100 children and certified to by the school board as a correct list of school children, gets a $600 building. There is no wonder that there is a wide spread feeling of distrust of a government that will build a million dollar parliament building for Victoria and insult the intelligence of a district that chances to send an Opposition member by the treatment we have had in regard to a school house and jail. At present many think very strongly that a mighty sight better head for the Educational Department could be selected and would not be at all sorry to see the Opposition party select him.
OPPOSITION.

Gannon-Wilson.

Thursday morning on the arrival of train No. 2, Mr. Thomas F. Gannon was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Louisa Wilson, daughter of Mr. J. Wilson of 8-Mile creek. The wedding took place in the dining room of the Cariboo Exchange hotel, Rev. P. Scott officiating and Miss Kitty Wilson, sister of the bride, and John H. McLennan assisting the couple. A few invited friends witnessed the ceremony. The couple left next day for Kamloops with the congratulations of their numerous friends.

Tin Mine.

The parties that bought out the property owned by Ahearn, sixteen miles from Ashcroft on the Bonaparte, are experienced miners from Cornwall, Eng. They have spent many years in tin mining and they have a large body of ore that they assert is tin ore. They have subjected it to the usual tests and say it is first class, and in order to make no mistake they are having a large sample analyzed at Butte, Mont. If there is no mistake about the grade of ore a new and more than valuable industry will be developed rapidly near Ashcroft. Tin mines are scarce and always if of the right character as valuable as any gold mine.

Ashcroft Recreation Club.

A meeting of about twenty young men met at the building on Railway avenue, formerly used by F. C. Lawrence, on Wednesday evening, July 28, for the purpose of forming a club to be known as the Ashcroft Recreation Club. H. L. Roberts occupied the chair and an executive committee was elected, consisting of Rev. P. Scott, D. Anderson and A. L. Clements, with D. Anderson as secretary-treasurer. The initiation fee and monthly dues are small. It is the intention of the young men to have the building fixed up, to be used by the members, as a reading room and for a place of meeting. The club starts off with a good membership and will probably increase by fall and the winter.

A meeting of the directors of the Golden Cache company was held Monday afternoon at Vancouver at which Mr. Geo. T. Rives was appointed mine superintendent in succession to Mr. J. A. Macfarlane. Mr. Rives, who has had considerable experience as a mining engineer in California, is expected here this week and will assume his position on August 1st. He will have full charge of the mine and superintend the development of the company's property.

New School Building.

The plan and specifications of the new school building was received this week by the school trustees and tenders are now being asked for the erection of the building. The new house will be larger than the old one, being 24x37 feet and is similar to the old one with all the modern improvements. It will be built on the same lot adjoining the present building and the lots behind will probably be purchased for the play ground. The trustees will do all possible to have the work rushed and expect to have the building ready for use by the 20th of September. Mr. Anderson will return and take charge of the school and the assistant teacher has not yet been picked by the trustees from the numerous applications.

Freight Shipments.

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

July 23,	W Abbott, Soda Creek	7,300
" "	D Spratt "	8,000
" "	J D Gillis "	5,400
" "	Jas Spratt, Williams Lake	5,800
" "	G T Reed, Quesnelle Forks	1,000
" 24	A H Mardley, Lillooet	1,708
" "	H Rayson & Co. 108	10,000
" "	Scott & Focault, 150	12,200
" "	Geo Woods, Golden Cache	1,000
" 26	J Gannon, Clinton	5,323
" "	J. Dickey Golden Cache	5,100
" "	D Wallace, Soda Creek	4,300
" "	H Martin, Lillooet	3,103
" "	J M Yorston, Lillooet	1,071
" "	R Yorston, Lillooet	1,100
" "	P Garrigan, Pavilion	1,300
" "	L Hautier, Soda Creek	18,600
" "	W Cummings, Golden Cache	2,100
" "	J Dickey, "	3,900
" "	J Hunter, Barkerville	9,500
" "	J Lemman, Soda creek	8,000
" "	W Sanford, Barkerville	9,500
" "	John West, Stanley	9,100
" "	H Rayson & co, 108	12,000
" "	G Murphy, Soda Creek	9,300
" "	R K Evans, Barkerville	8,500
" "	R cummins, Golden cache	4,359
" "	J Douglass, Lillooet	5,400
" "	J Gannon, clinton	5,410
	Total	136,093

The Alaska Searchlight says some have the gold fever so badly that they are willing to run any risks, to take the most desperate chances. They start from here with barely enough supplies to reach Klondike and no money to buy more, even if there is plenty to be had on their arrival there. They expect to go to work at once for wages, but possibly before they can earn enough to buy a winter's outfit everything will be sold to those who have the cash to buy with. Some whose means are very limited are trying to make every dollar buy as much life sustaining food as possible and their ingenuity in this direction is something fearful to those who like to indulge their stomachs a little. Here is a list of supplies which one John Doyle, better known as "Biddy," has figured out will last him eight months, and whose cost he thinks he can save up so as to leave here early in August: Four hundred pounds of pilot bread, $8; 50 pounds salt pork, $4; 2 gallons molasses $1; 2 gallons of vinegar, 50c; 100 pounds split peas, $5; 20 pounds salt, 20c; one pair gum boots, $6.50; one pair of shoes, $4.50; total, $29.70. His old clothes are good enough he thinks, and he has blankets. Tent and stove he says he can get along without: he can broil his pork over a camp fire and one small kettle to cook his peas will be all the cooking utensils he will need. To prevent scurvy boiled moss will be sufficient besides proving nourishing. That this kind of a diet would sustain life is certain, but how many would be willing to put up with it? We would advise none to try it.

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QUESNELLE.

Hudson's Bay Co...General Merchandise
James Reid.....General Merchant
Sidney Williams.....Surveyor
Charles Armstrong.....Armstrong house
Hugh Cochrane.....Mining Broker
Occidental Hotel, Hofercamp & Johnson
Soda Creek-Quesnelle.....James Reid

LYTTON.

A. F. Hautier.....Globe Hotel
Notice.....A Stevenson Lytton

KAMLOOPS.

J H Russel.....Cosmopolitan Hotel
W H Stephenson.....Watchmaker
W T Slavin.....Bookstore
James Valr.....Hardware
B Wehrfritz.....Brewer
E G Prior & Co.....Hardware
Furniture.....M. P. Gordon

VANCOUVER.

Thomas Dunn & Co.....Hardware
W Pellew-Harvey.....Assayer
J M Buxton.....Broker
Oppenheimer Bros....Wholesale Grocers
McLennan, McFeely & Co.....Hardware
Doering & Marstrand.....Brewers
Mackinnon, De Beck & Co.....Brokers
J. A. MacFarlane.....Assays
Commercial Hotel.....G Thomas
Mines, etc.....F. C. Innes
Do You Want a Wheel...Chas. E. Tisdall
Monitors, Steel Pipe Armstrong & Morrison

VICTORIA.

R P Rithet & Co....Wholesale Merchants
Pither & Leiser.....
Turner, Beeton & Co.....
Lenz & Leiser.....
Hamilton Powder Co.....

MISCELLANEOUS.

Canadian Pacific Railway
St. Paul & Milwaukee Railway
Peter Burnet.....Surveyor, Lillooet
Lumber.....Lyne Bros.
Money to loan.....Chas. Stevens
Wanted.....National Star, Chicago
Canadian Pacific Kootenay Steamer line..
Land Notice.....John Currie
Land notice.....R. A. Collins
Cattle ranges act....Provincial secretary
Notice—strayed horses.....E. Harrison

NOTICE.

As we have no Ashcroft agency at present, we advise you to SEND YOUR WATCHES DIRECT TO

W. H. STEPHENSON,

The Watch Specialist

KAMLOOPS. B.C.

Official Watch Inspector for the C.P. R.

NOTICE.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up until Wednesday the 11th day of August, noon, 1897, for the construction of a sleigh road from Granite Creek to Princeton. The specifications can be seen and blank form for tender and execute a bond may be obtained at the offices of John Clapperton, Esq., government agent, Nicola, and at the offices of H. Hunter, Esq., mining recorder, Granite Creek. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
A. STEVENSON,
12-14 Supt. Public Works.
Lytton, July 19th.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until Wednesday the 11th day of August, 1897, for certain repairs to be made on about (31) miles of road in Nicola Valley, grading, turnpiking, etc., etc.

Persons tendering must furnish the names of two (2) responsible persons, residents of the province, who will execute a bond for the penal sum of ($300,) three hundred dollars for the faithful completion of the contract.

Specification can be seen and blank form for tenders and to execute a bond may be obtained at the office of John Clapperton, Esq., Nicola Valley.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
A. STEVENSON,
13-2 Supt. of Public Works
Lytton, July 28th, 1897.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(Form F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

MINERAL POINT mineral claim, situate in Lillooet mining division of Lillooet district.

Where located:—Cayoosh creek.

Take notice that we, R. H. Verity and Wm. Wilkinson, Free Miner's certificate No. 46,046 and 46047, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
R. H. VERITY,
WM. WILKINSON.
Dated this 22nd day of July, 1897.