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MINING NEWS.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT OUR MINES.

Senator Lougheed and A. P. Patrick, P.L.S., of Calgary, have gone to the Arrow Lakes on mining business.

John Henderson has begun development work on his claims in Cariboo Basin and left last week with a gang of men and supplies.

Manuel Dainard has gone to the Copper Creek country on a prospecting trip in the interests of his company—The Alberta and Kootenay.

A rich strike is reported from Vermont Creek. Messrs. Upton and Johnston are the lucky ones. The ore is gold and copper bearing.

If the reported finds of mineral on the eastern slope of the Rockies turn out satisfactorily Alberta will get a new start on the road to greater prosperity.

Messrs. Abel, Brown, Lake and McCarter have given Geo. B. Kirk, of London, a bond on the Swansea copper claim at Windermere for $5,000 cash within sixty days.

Alex. Maclean and Teddy Rusk returned on Saturday from a 15 days prospecting tour near Ottertail. They report some valuable finds from which we may expect to hear later.

Mr. A. McKinnon, late of the firm of Paul & McKinnon, Winnipeg, has gone up to Fort Steele on mining business. He is interested in a large mining property in the States south of Grand Forks.

The Great Western Mines, L'd, a company in which Calgary and Revelstoke men are interested, have sold all the treasury stock on the market. Their mines are on the Arm of the Arrow Lake, near Thompson's Landing.

The Standby and Maud S. claims adjoining the International in the McMurdo district have been sold by Mr. H. E. Foster to Messrs. Stacey and Joliffe for $5,000 and it is understood they will be immediately developed.

Mr. P. Watelet has a gang of 6 men at work on the Surprise claim at the head of Bugaboo Creek. He has almost completed arrangements to ship 75 tons of high grade galena taken from the Surprise during the course of development work up to date.

Mr. J. Dobson has begun work for Messrs Dainard and Starke on the Favorite an extension of the International. This claim lies lower down than the International and it is claimed that the veins found on the latter are traceable through the Favorite.

Major Clohecy returned Thursday from the Boston and Bannison mines on the middle Fork of the Spillimacheen River. The trail has been completed and arrangements are being perfected with a view to beginning work at once to further develop these claims.

Mr. W. G. Mitchell-Innes returned this week from the old country where he spent the past few months. Mr. Harry Mitchell Innes also returned frrm Banff. The Messrs. Innes have several claims in the Prairie Mountain country upon which work will be commenced at an early date.

Mr. Geo. B. Kirk, representing the Mineral King syndicate oporating on W. B. Abel's claim on Toby Creek, has gone east after spending a few days examining the property which is reported to be a promising one. A 50 foot tunnel is being driven to cross cut the lead. Mr. Kirk while here secured bonds on some other valuable properties in the district.

Mr. Frank Bethune returned to Tinbasket Lake last week with several more men to push the work on the claims bonded to the Golden and Fort Steele Development Co. The shaft is now down about 60 feet and is in mineral all the way. While in Golden Mr. Bethune purchased several horses for the Company, to pack the supplies over Surprise Rapids in the Columbia.

Messrs. S. Barber, T. Mercier and G. S. McCarter returned Thursday night from the head of Bugaboo Creek having visited a group of four claims on the summit between East and West Kootenay, lately bonded by Mr. Mercier to the Golden and Fort Steele Development Company. They brought down a bag of beautiful samples of gold quartz and galena. Assays from the galena gave returns of over 200 ounces silver and 75 per cent lead, or a total value of $175 to the ton, while the quartz has shown values in gold running from $9 to $12 per ton. Development work will be begun by the Company within the next two weeks.

There appears to great difficulty in getting miners in this neighborhood at the present time owing to the unusual amount of work going on in the district at present. Every available man seems to have been picked up and there are several claims not being developed owing to the impossibility to procure men with sufficient experience in mining to undertake the work.

The same difficulty in getting good men presents itself to the lumber manufacturers in this district who are now getting in orders for more timber than they can supply The building of the Crow's Nest Road has doubtless drawn away a great many men who saw a possibility of securing steady work there during the greater part of the winter.

Mr. Thomas Stuart of St. Thomas, Ont., who has been paying a visit to East Kootenay during the past month returned east last week. After taking a trip to Fort Steele Mr. Stuart visited a number of claims in the McMurdo diftrict and was greatly pleased with what he saw there. He visited the group of four claims on Carbonate Mountain, recently bonded by his company the Silver Crescent Syndicate Lt'd., with a view to giving directions as to the work to be done in developing the claims. The samples brought down by Mr. Stuart consisted of gold quartz, galena and carbonates and were as fine looking samples as have been seen in this district. It will be remembered that a sample weighing about 230 pounds was taken from these claims by John Henderson while collecting samples for East Kootenay's mineral exhibit at the World's Fair and an assay from it gave over 520 ounces of silver alone. On the claims there are three large, well defined quartz veins carrying galena, gold and carbonates. It is intended to commence active development work at an early date.

WORK BEGUN AT LAST.

GRADING COMPLETED ON 100 MILES, FROM LETHBRIDGE TO POINT ON SUMMIT LAKE.

WORK TO GO ON ALL WINTER.

One Hundred Men now Cutting Road To Kootenay Lake near Fort Steele.

(From our own correspondent.)

Work has at last started in earnest on the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. The grading has been completed on 100 miles, from Lethbridge to a point on Summit Lake. The work of laying the rails to commence at once. The work is being pushed ahead rapidly and it is the intention to continue all winter. Over 40,000 ties have already gone forward and 125 miles is to be completed before it freezes up. All the material is to be furnished by British Columbia mills. 125 men now engaged in cutting road to point on Kootenay Lake, near Fort Steele.

The following contractors have each got a slice of the work: Doney, Strevel, McCarther, McCrimmon, Egan, Buchanan, Major Boyle, Keith, Hugh Mann, McGillvray, Cameron and others.

Conflagration.

THREE ENGINES AND A ROTARY IN THE FLAMES.

TOTAL LOSS $45,000.

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Revelstoke round house was reduced to ashes and engines No. 374, 437, 592 and the rotary "C" passed through the fiery ordeal about 9 o'clock on Sunday evening last. The fire was caused by the spark from a torch in the hand of a wiper. Supt. Duchesnay expects to have two of the engines fixed up and running in a few days, but the delay is very vexatious as they have al e dy been using their full locomotive power. A lot of papers containing the mens' time and other accounts were destroyed. The estimated loss is about $45,000.

CANADA GRASPS FOR GOLD.

Yukon Miners must Pay a Heavy Royalty--Government Takes Alternate Claims.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 27.—At the close of the second sitting of the cabinet this evening it was announced that the government decided to impose a royalty on all placer diggings on the Yukon, in addition to the $5 registration fee and $100 annual assessment.

The Royalty will be 10 per cent, each on claims with an output of $500 or less monthly, and 20 per cent, on every claim yielding above that amount yearly.

Besides this royalty, it has been decided in regard to all future claims staked out on other streams or rivers, that every alternate claim should be the property of the government and should be reserved for public purposes and sold or worked by the government for the benefit of the revenue of the Dominion.

NOTICE.

A General Meeting of the Golden Hospital Society for the election of Trustees will be held at the School Room, Golden, on

Monday August 2nd at 8 p.m.

Similar meetings will also be held at Donald, Beaver, Palliser, Field, Wasa, Fort Steele and Windermere at the same date and hour.

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THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1897.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The East Kootenay Miner this week makes its bow to the public and hereafter will be issued from the office at Golden on Thursday of each week. The paper will be conducted on lines wholly independent of any political party and it will be the aim of The Miner to treat all political parties with fair and reasonable criticism, when criticism is thought desirable in the public interest.

It is intended to make the paper one of the best sources of information as to the development that is going on not only in the immediate vicinity of Golden but in the whole of East Kootenay, a district which will in our belief, ere long rival the other rich portions of this exceedingly rich province in mineral production and progress.

In order that the latest news from the Fort Steele district may be placed before our readers, arrangements have been made with a representative of the paper, resident at Fort Steele, to furnish full information from week to week regarding the rapid development that is going on there as well as the general news that will prove of interest to our readers.

A glance at our advertising columns will at once assure the reader of the hearty support that has already been extended to us and this support we hope to merit by publishing a clean, newsy and up-to-date paper. The plant and stock are entirely new and some work has been entailed in getting everything into shape for our first issue. We hope however by next week to have things running more smoothly.

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As an advertising medium The Miner will be second to none in the Province, as the circulation which we have already been assured of will place the paper in the hands of many readers at home and abroad where information as to the progress of the district is eagerly looked for by intending investors.

Our columns will at all times be open to subscribers for the discussion of any matter of public interest and we invite correspondence on all such matters.

We propose from time to time to publish articles descriptive of the mines in the District that have been partially developed and we invite mine owners to furnish accurate details of the development work done on their claims as the work progresses.

And lastly we ask the public to extend to us such support as we may deserve in our efforts to forward the material interests of East Kootenay.

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OUR RESOURCES.

SENATOR McINNES ON BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FUTURE.

EXTRACTS FROM HIS SPEECH.

Senator McInnes on April 7th Took Part in a Discussion in The Senate on the Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne and During the Course of His Remarks Made the Following References to the Wealth of British Columbia.

From the time you leave Lethbridge and pass through the Crow's Nest you will enter upon the coal lands which, from reports of competent geologists and others who have examined them, are pronounced to be the richest coal deposits on the globe. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, a short time ago, issued a report, a copy of which I have here, in which they describe the enormous body of coal which lies just beyond the Crow's Nest Pass in British Columbia. This is what they say:

A most phenomenal discovery of coal has been made in the Crow's Nest Pass of the Rocky Mountains. Here no fewer than twenty seams are seen to out-crop with a total thickness of 132 feet to 448.

Some of these seams I am informed are 30 feet thick, and I understand on the most reliable data that I can get, furnished by our own geologists, that this coal area extends from a quarter to half a million acres I am also happy to say that from tests made in this country and elsewhere, the coal is declared to be equal to the best Welsh coking coal. Immediately after passing the coal belt, you enter into one of the most highly mineralized countries on the globe, extending from there to within a few miles of the Fraser River, at Hope, a distance of about 600 miles. Rossland is at the present time the centre of the mining interest in West Kootenay, but from developments that have gone on, and are being made west of that some 300 miles, I believe that Rossland will be of secondary consideration within the next year and a-half. I do believe that every mile of that country from the time you leave the coal belt that I have mentioned, until you get down to Hope, *will be pouring in its wealth at stations* located every four or five miles.

I have no hesitation in saying, from the developments that have taken place in British Columbia from one end to the other, extending over an area of 400,000 square miles, that there is scarcely 10 square miles in that Province but contains gold-bearing and silver-bearing quartz, copper, lead, iron and other metals in immense bodies. The output of our mines, during the last year, was not up to the expectations of a great number of us, but it can be very easily explained. In British Columbia as in all other gold-bearing countries where they first discover gold in the sand and in the gravel beds of extinct river channels, gold could be got out very easily and returns were obtained almost in a few days or a few months work. Like California, Nevada, Australia and South Africa we have been in a transition state from the primitive way of mining gold in the gravel benches and in the old streams there. We have at last turned our attention to quartz mining, which is of a permanent character and will go on for generations, but it requires a great deal of time and capital to develop those quartz mines. Quartz ledges have to be followed down 15, 20 or perhaps 100 feet in some instances, before a sufficient bed of paying ore is reached, and as a general thing the further down they are driven the richer the lodes become. A great deal of the ore is refractory. The precious metal is found in combination with iron, lead and copper. It is not free milling ore. Smelters have to be erected at a very great cost, and I am happy to say that, while most of our ores are not free milling, they carry such a large percentage of copper and lead that it pays for the mining and smelting and other expenses connected with it and the miners have the gold free for their profit. That is why I say that as large a return has not been made as many of us expected during last year from the amount of development and the amount of attention that has been called to that portion of the Dominion. I hold in my hand here the report brought down by the Minister of Mines in the province of British Columbia. It gives one an idea of the enormous strides that are being made in the *mining of precious metals in that province.* The returns are for the year 1895 and 1896. In gold placer mining, in 1895 there was $481,633, worth of gold produced; last year the production had increased to $543,026 In quartz mining, in 1895 we produced $784,271 worth, and last year the output had increased to $1,244,180. In silver the output in 1895 was $977,220, last year it was $2,100,000. In copper in 1895 the output was $47,542, last year the output was $190,926. Our total output for last year was within a few dollars of $5,000 000 in gold, silver, copper and lead, and that is merely the beginning of an enormous output in the near future. I would draw the attention of the House to a peculiar fact; you rarely hear anything about our rich silver mines. It is all about our gold mines. Up to the present time, during the last two years, from $2 to $3 worth of silver has been produced in that province for every dollar that has been produced in gold People are bewitched by gold. Demonstrate to investors that you can make $100 per day for 20 years in a silver mine, and take a gold mine and demonstrate with equal certainty that you can make $50 per day, and you will find that 19 out of 20 will take the gold proposition in preference to the silver one. What I wish to call attention to with reference to silver mining is that the lead mined in connection with it last year amounted to $748,000. Our silver bearing ore is argentiferous galena. Nearly one-third of the total value of our silver ores is in the lead they carry. In the past nearly all the silver ore has been shipped to the United States. The duty on the lead was ¾ of a cent per pound and I am sorry to see the proposed amendment to the tariff in the United States will raise it to 1½ cents per pound. Notwithstanding that, I believe our silver mines are so rich that they can afford to pay that extraordinary duty. I am satisfied also that the raising of the duty on our lead will result in inducing British capitalists to go in there and establish smelters to do all the smelting in our own country. A few years ago when advocating the establishment of a Dominion mint here, I remember making a statement, and I think hon. gentlemen will find it recorded in the official reports; I then predicted that within five or six years, in all probability, the province that I have the honor to represent would be producing probably four or five million dollars in gold and silver. I remember distinctly that my hon. friend the Secretary of State, now in front of me, thought that that was a very bold statement; those are the very words he made use of. He thought, doubtless, that I was drawing on my imagination, but I am happy to say that that prediction has been more than realized, and I know there is no hon. gentleman in this chamber better pleased with the result than my hon. friend is. That progress has taken place in the last few years; sufficient development has gone on there within the last year or two, and English capital has poured in there, to develop our mines, and I predict that inside of five years the province of British Columbia alone will be pouring into the markets of the world from thirty to fifty millions a year. You talk of Africa; you talk of Australia, but I believe that they will not be in the race in the next ten years with our province. We have everything there in our favor. We have ten times the area of mineralized rock, bearing gold and silver and copper and lead, that they have in Australia or in Africa. And the conditions are favorable to us in British Columbia—more favorable, I believe, than in any other portion of the globe. We have one of the healthiest climates in the world. In Australia one of the great drawbacks is the want of the prime necessity of life, water. In British Columbia we are supplied from the eternally snow-capped mountains the whole year round. Timber can only be got at an enormous cost in Australia and Africa. In British Columbia you find, right over those mines, as fine timber as can be had in any market of the world. And taking that into consideration, and the favorable climate where men can work full time the year round, the outlook could not be better.

Therefore I say, the outlook in that Province is brighter to-day than in any portion of the British Empire. In the past, until a year or a year and a half ago, from the *fact that our ores were not free milling* ores, we could not get an English capitalist to invest one dollar. He would invest his capital in Central America, and South America, in every two-penny-half-penny country, but not in British Columbia. But when one or two of our mines were developed by British Columbia and United States capitalists, they then took hold of it, and that stream of gold that was pouring into Australia in the past, and to Africa later for the development of their quartz mines, is now pouring into our country and I believe such development will take place in the near future as will place us in the high and proud position of being one of the greatest, if not the greatest, gold and silver producing country in the world. I am not drawing on my imagination. The developments that have taken place warrant every statement I have made on the floor of this House.

Some Prospector's Luck.

The prospector who fails to strike it rich this summer can take a crumb of comfort in the old superstition that the finders of bonanza mines always come to violent ends. In the minds of many old-time hunters this idea is accepted as an undeniable fact, and they will be interested in the number of instances confirming the idea which somebody has dug up. According to this searcher after truth, the finders of no less than forty of the richest mines in the world have died by violent means. Of these two were shot, three were engulfed in their mines, and the others disappeared never to be heard of again. Dutch William, who discovered the Cariboo gold field, died a pauper, Marshall, who found the California placer gold, depended upon public charity for some time before his death. Montana Plummer, who found one of the richest mines in the world, was hanged. "Doughnut Bill," "Old Eureka" and "Nine-mile Clarks" were all killed in drunken rows. Johnny Horner of the Horner mine went flat broke and shot himself. The owner of the Homestake mine turned highwayman. Bill Fairweather of the Alder Gulch mines killed himself through his dissipation and excesses. The Indians killed Colonel Storey. An avalanche finished the discoverer of the *Standard mine in California.* And so on throughout the list. Yet most of us would take our chances on dying similar deaths, if we could only make similar finds.—B. C. Mining Critic.

Through Solid Rock to Pay Ore.

We can conceive of no more honorable way of securing money than to get it from a natural source Our mountains are full of mineral wealth, gold, silver, copper, coal, iron and lead. The values heretofore mined are but a drop compared with the vast amount still remaining. Capital is required to open these mines; once open and productive, year after year they will enrich their owners, and as a profitable investment they are incomparable with any other to be found. Select something which has a reasonable showing, something worth the expense of development, and instead of scattering your means in three, four or a dozen places—unless they are ample to develop all—confine them to the development of one property. The more spent in proper development the greater the value of the property.

Investors should bear in mind that however flattering the prospect, it is generally a long road from the discovery of a vein, and the bottom of a 10-foot shaft, down through the solid rock to pay ore, and this road has to be cut with steel, inch by inch requiring months and even years of unceasing toil.

Then, other things being equal, those properties showing the greatest amount of development should command the attention of the investor in preference to those having less development, as they are the most likely to bring earlier returns. Again we say, mining investments judiciously made are *the most profitable of any to be found,* and we are glad to note from the increasing demand for such investments that they are rapidly gaining the attention and confidence of capitalists who are noted for their careful consideration of every proposition in which they risk their money.

SOME GOLDEN RULES FOR INVESTORS.

1st. See that the Title offered to you is clean, clear and legal.

2nd. Study what the lease (if any) calls for; it's provisions, it's future payments, it's demands.

3rd. Note carefully the work done; the depth, the width of vein, the amount of ore in sight, the grading of the quartz, the kind of machinery necessary for the work.

4th. Develop until you have enough paying ore in sight to justify the putting in of machinery. More money has been wasted by the premature placing of valuable machinery on poor claims than profits have been made on good developed properties in the first year of mining.

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DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY

INTO TWO GOLD DISTRICTS.—NEW GOLD COMMISSIONER SELECTED.

PLACE OF RESIDENCE CHOSEN:

Indignation Meeting at Fort Steele. Committee of Investigation Appointed.

The important mining district of East Kootenay, whose area is about two-thirds the size of the Kingdom of Greece, is now to be sub-divided and a Gold Commissioner and Assessor and Collector appointed for each division. The northern district will contain the Donald and Golden mining divisions and the southern district will contain the mining divisions of Windermere and Fort Steele. The present Gold Commissioner, Mr. J. F. Armstrong, who had his head office at Donald but resided at Golden will be moved to the southern district, and his head office and residence will be at the City of Cranbrook. The new Commissioner for the northern division will be Mr. Griffith of Donald, but it has not yet been decided whether his residence will be at Donald or Golden. Mr. Frank Lang will remain Assessor and Collector for the northern district and C. M. Edwards the present mining recorder at Fort Steele will be the new assessor and collector for the southern division and will also reside at Cranbrook, where the offices of the Administrator and Commissioner of the Southern District will be. This will create a vacancy in the office of Mining Recorder at Fort Steele. The southern district of East Kootenay has become so important that in all probability there will be a mining recorder's office established at Moyie City, which with the mining recorders offices at Tobacco Plains and Windermere will give four recording divisions for the southern district.

The most central point in southern East Kootenay for these offices is undoubtedly Cranbrook. It is the chief divisional station on the new railway and a considerable townsite has been laid out, and it will in the near future be a place of some importance. It is the center of the radii for such towns as Sifton, Moyie City, Perry, Johannesburg, Kimberly, Dalgardno, West Port and Wardner. Many of these towns have now a larger population than what Fort Steele had six months ago, and some of them will shortly be very formidable rivals to this mining town.

The selection of Cranbrook for the seat of the Government offices has however not given general satisfaction to the people of Fort Steele and "The Prospector," the organ of this town has denounced in emphatic language the selection of Cranbrook. A meeting of the "select few" and others has been held and a committee appointed to investigate the matter, to ascertain from the Provincial Secretary if the statement is true and to invite the Commissioner of Works to visit East Kootenay. We must confess we cannot see the object of this committee or why there should be any kick against the selection, unless it be that Fort Steele arrogates to itself the similar position that the three tailors in Tooley Street, London, once arrogated to themselves as representing the inhabitants of Great Britain, and Fort Steele fancies itself the southern division of East Kootenay instead of only lot 51 in an area of 600,000 square miles. Fort Steele is losing nothing by the change, but it, along with the other ten towns in Southern East Kootenay is gaining something considerable. The seat of the Government offices instead of being 170 miles away will be within 12 miles of Fort Steele and not much over this distance from the other towns which surround Cranbrook. The visit of the Minister of Works will be a welcome one to East Kootenay and the people at the northern end will have an opportunity should he come to East Kootenay of putting in a word to have Golden made the center of the judicial system of East Kootenay, as it is by far the most important town in it.

Fort Steele Liberal Association.

The permanent organization of this Association was completed at a meeting held on the 28th June, by the election of the following officers:—President, F. P. Norbury, J. P.; Vice President, T. McNaught; Sec.-Treasurer, Hugh Watt, M.D; Advisory Committee—Messrs. Cumming, Grassick, Durick, Dempsey and Judson Langley.

Among other business transacted the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

"That this Association express its strong disapproval of the manner in which the new mail contract was let; after calling for tenders for a weekly service, accepting none of such tenders, but letting the contract privately to a different individual under a different contract."

"That there being now over 3,000 people receiving mail at the Fort Steele office, this Association strongly condemns the proposal to give Fort Steele only a fortnightly service for the winter beginning from October; that in its opinion the service should be twice a week until railway construction is complete."

"That as fifty per cent of the correspondence going from Fort Steele is with the south, that being the quicker and more natural route for such correspondence, it is the opinion of this Association that a subsidy should be paid for a weekly mail service to Tobacco Plains, Montana, to connect with the semi-weekly post from there to Kalispell; that by so doing there will be prevented a considerable loss of revenue now caused by the irregular conveyance of such correspondence southward.

THE CROW'S NEST PASS.

The Engineers Busy with the Railway Survey.

We had a talk last week in Fort Steele with Donald McCombes formerly of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police, who has now made his future home in British Columbia, and taken up his abode in Fort Steele and who had just arrived from Alberta by the way of the Crow's Nest Pass. He left Lethbridge with a companion named Frank Ship, on Friday the 25th day of June last and arrived in Fort Steele on Saturday the 3rd day of July being thus nine days on the travel. During the whole of their journey they had not a single dry day and the only protection they had from the down-pour of rain was a wagon cover which they utilized as a shelter and under which they slept at night. They came through on horseback and in the course of their travel did not see any game, but lived on the provinder that they brought with them, obtaining occasional supplies by the way.

From Lethbridge to Fort McLeod a distance of about 32 miles there is a good wagon-road, which is continued from there right on to the Crow's Nest Lakes, some distance up the Pass. After leaving McLeod there is a good stopping-place at Pincher Creek about 30 miles away. The next stopping-place is 30 miles onward at the Crow's Nest Hotel close to the eastern mouth of the Pass. It is, however, nothing more than a good stopping-place, as it does not possess any license—being within the district of Alberta. Some few miles up the Pass are sulphur springs possessed of medicinal properties supposed to be good for the cure of certain ailments. The hotel is the most convenient stopping-place near there and was erected chiefly for that purpose. The party left this hotel on Monday morning the 28th of June and on June the 29th its members were in British Columbia. The Pass is about 70 miles in length from foothill to foothill; its breadth runs from 150 yards to one mile and a half; the scenery in it was considered very striking. Fort Steele is reckoned about 120 miles from the Crow's Nest Pass Hotel. After emerging from the Pass, the Elk river which rises close to its western end was followed downwards until the Kootenay was struck when this river was followed upwards to Fort Steele. On their journey they saw the appearance of coal in several places, their horses' feet passing over seams that were jutting out from the ground. From the mouth of the Pass there is an excellent trail all the way to Fort Steele. It was while this trail was being constructed that the immense measures of coal—supposed to be the largest in the world—were discovered. Coming down the Elk river, which is a rapid flowing stream, and which gradually becomes a magnificent stream of swift rushing waters, widening out in some places until it is nearly 150 yards broad, they saw three or four places admirably adapted for mining towns. One place that particularly impressed them was near Pack Bridge at the Elk River Crossing. Here is magnificent water power and a place most suitable for a smelter. The water flows with great velocity through a canyon over which the bridge is laid, the width being about 40 feet. There is abundance of timber for lumber—while the coal fields are close by. The mineral properties now located in the neighborhood are considerable.

In the course of their nine days travel they saw no trace of any actual construction work being done on the railway, but they come across three parties of surveyors busy making surveys for the new line. There were from ten to fifteen persons in each party. The first party was busy near the Crow's Nest Lake. The second party was encountered after they had entered British Columbia about 15 miles westward from the divide or boundary of that Province and Alberta. The third party was on the Elk river. Three pack trains consisting of about fifteen animals each were engaged in carrying supplies to the surveyors. The head packer of the outfit was an ex-officer of the British Army. McCombes tried to extract information from the surveyors when actual work was to commence but could not elict any news.

Mining Activity.

There has been great activity in this mining division during the last six months, as it has been the principal division in East Kootenay that has attracted most attention as it was first made known during these recent years to the outside world who are interested in mines and mining operations. The other divisions are now becoming centers of attraction and prospectors and mining men are rapidly going to the other divisions in East Kootenay where valuable finds are now being made. To enable our outside readers to form some idea of the great activity that has been going on in Fort Steele division during the last six months ending 30th June, 1897, we give the following figures which we have obtained through the courtesy of Mr. Elwards, Mining Recorder: Since 1st January, 1897 790 prospectors have taken out licenses at the Fort Steele office, while 103 prospectors who had obtained licenses elsewhere have intimated their licenses at this office. This shews the large number of prospectors who have been out exploring for mineral wealth. 730 claims have been located and recorded, while during the whole of last year only 345 claims were located and recorded. There have been issued 170 certificates for assessment work done on claims, while during the whole of last year only 109—or one short of the number were issued. There has only been one payment in lieu of assessment work. During the six months 188 bills of sale have been recorded and 8 Crown grants applied for. No placer claims have been recorded, but 3 placer leases have been applied for, there being presently 9 of these leases in existence, one of which shortly terminates.

The revenue for the past six months derived from the mining resource has been between six and seven thousand dollars.

MOYIE CITY.

One of the Future Towns of East Kootenay.

Th's town is situated on Lower Moyie Lake about two miles from its southern end. It lies close to the base of the mountain on which are located the celebrated St Eugene, Moyie, Queen of the Hills, and Lake of Shore mineral properties. The Moyie Lakes which are formed by the widening of the Moyie River are two of the finest sheets of water in Southern East Kootenay. They are from 10 to 12 miles long. Their width does not exceed a mile and a half. They are an ideal body of water for boating, fishing and bathing. They have fine shores and good beaches. Fish is plentiful, of excellent quality and in great variety.

This town which has only come into existence in the course of this year already possesses two general stores, three hotels, pack stable, assay office and blacksmith's forge. Its present population is about 100, while there will be about double that number of a floating population out on the hills prospecting and developing the mineral claims. The town is on the main trail from Bonner's Ferry to Fort Steele, and is distant from the former place about 70 miles and from the latter place about 30 miles. It is also about 30 miles from Goat River. Wardner on the Kootenay River is about 14 miles away and a good wagon road is now being constructed between the two towns and through Wardner all its supplies will come until the Crow's Nest Pass Railway is constructed. The survey of this line passes directly through or rather a little above the plotted portion of the town. Cranbrook which is to be main divisional center on this line and a town of considerable importance lies about 20 miles to the north. From there the wagon road from Fort Steele leads down the Moyie River to the head of the Upper Lake. Boats now ply on the lakes and transit can be obtained to and from the town by means of these. In a short time a steam launch which is now being built will be on the lake, because Moyie City is not to be the only town on these lakes. It has already a rival at the head of the Upper Lake in Sifton City.

Moyie City will be one of the important points in East Kootenay and its site has been well selected. Good timber is plentiful and there will be abundance of cheap lumber as the whirl of the saw mill will soon be heard on the shores of the Lakes There is a good clay bank within two miles of the town to supply bricks and a lime ledge has been discovered a little distance further away so there will be no lack of building material.

The surveyed portion of the town which extends over 40 acres is laid out in twelve blocks. Nine of these contain 20 lots each which are 30 feet by 120 feet. Its streets are 68 feet wide while its lanes or allies are 16 feet broad. Its four principal streets are Queen's Avenue, Victoria Street, Tavistock Street and Medova Avenue.

The streets have been cleared and graded There is a beautiful mountain close by and a reservoir is about to be constructed into which part of its waters will be diverted, and an efficient supply obtained for the use of the inhabitants of the town. The fall of this stream is sufficient to supply power for an electric light and telephonic plant for the town.

The best developed mine in East Kootenay—the St. Eugene mine is close by—on which constant work is being done, as well on other mines in the neighborhood. The St. Eugene alone has now over 6000 tons of ore ready for shipment. Considering the daily output that is now going on among these mines it is no exaggeration to say that by the time the railway reaches Moyie City in the beginning of the year there will be from 15,000 to 20,000 tons of ore ready for shipment. Good mineral claims of the same character of ore as the St. Eugene also exist on the opposite side of the lake. Chief among these is the Cariboo Marsh mineral claim, belonging to the Alberta and Kootenay Development Company, upon which development work is being done and in all probability this mine will soon become a shipper.

Moyie City may never be a phenomenal town of a mushroom growth but it has the nucleus of a good lively, hustling place of four to five thousand inhabitants, and where there will be always a good and healthy business conducted. Nothing has been done to work up an excitement by "faked" advertisements or boomsters dodges. There is no need for it. Its mining and natural location, surrounded by pastoral wealth, is such that it is quickly attracting intending settlers and business men and inducing them to make it their future home.

Budget of Interesting Local and General News.

The boats of the International line plying on the Kootenay between Jennings Landing and West Port for Fort Steele are now keeping good time and the service is now giving satisfaction. The "North Star" and "Gwendoline" arrive and depart with punctuality and it is to be hoped that no further mishaps will interfere with the navigation. Long delayed freight has now arrived, and all the stores—many of which were on short commons—are now well stocked.

A telegraph line will immediately connect Fort Steele with Kalispel on the Great Northern Railway. It is now in the course of construction. The people of Fort Steele were asked to subscribe $600 towards the cost and this sum has been raised and deposited in the Bank at Kalispel, and will be paid over to the company putting in the line, as soon as the first message passes over the wire. Mr. C. F. Venosta, the town agent for Fort Steele, has been most active in carrying this matter through, and getting rapid means of communication with the outside world.

Old timers declare that they never experienced such a spell of wet weather. Some of them have seen a wet month, but not a continuation of several wet months. The weather here is worse than in Scotland where it sometimes rains and occasionally snows, but here we have both snow and rain together—rain on the low lands and snow on the high lands. The rivers and creeks are swollen with rain, and the mountain tops are sprinkled with fresh falls of snow. Prospectors report miserable times, unable to do anything but lie in their tents and consume their grub, deriving occasional consolation from a glimpse of a rainbow, anticipating fairer weather which has not yet arrived. Development work is also considerably retarded from similar causes.

The people in Fort Steele are highly dissatisfied with the new mail arrangements. After the Post Master General called for tenders for an advertised contract, he has thrown them all aside, and made a new contract without advertising for tenders, whereby Fort Steele is to have a weekly service in summer and a fortnightly service in winter. The contract is for four years. The late Conservative government with all its hardihood would never have attempted to have carried through such a contract. East Kootenay has fared badly both in change of government and member. Formerly our service was a weekly one, when business relations were not so great, but now when there is such an increase our postal facilities have been lessened. The result is a great portion of our mail goes southward by private communication.

The Americans here which number about one half of the population were most energetic in celebrating the 4th of July on the 5th. The 4th of July fell this year on a Sunday, but their enthusiasm and patriotism were not deterred by that fact for the stillness of the early Sabbath morning was broken by loud reports from exploded dynamite, as if numerous field pieces were going off. The darkness of the midnight had scarcely passed away ere there was illumination by fire works. The great celebration was on the following day when sports and games were held. Some good purses were given for horse races which were held in the main avenue of the town and many of the events were well contested. There were also foot races, jumping, and wrestling on horseback. The committee who had charge of the arrangements deserve great credit for the manner in which the entire programme was carried out. There was a further display of fireworks in the evening and the proceedings were closed by a dance in the Steele House. Many of the buildings belonging to American citizens were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. The "Prospector" office was most artistically draped and the proprietor deserves praise for the effective manner in which the flags and bunting were arranged. It was the best decorated building in town.

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Any person over 18 years of age, or any joint stock company, or foreign company, may become a free miner by paying $5 to any gold commissioner or mineral recorder and obtaining a certificate good for one year.

A free miner may obtain a new certificate for one lost on paying $1.

A free miner's certificate is not transferable.

Any person or company working a mineral claim, held as real estate without license, may be fined $25. Mines become real estate after crown grant has been issued.

Should co-owner fail to pay up his free miner's certificate his interest goes to his co-owners pro rata according to their former interests.

A shareholder in a joint stock company need not be a free holder.

A free miner may claim 1500x1500 feet. But all angles must be right angles and all measurment must be horizontally.

A free miner may cut timber on crown lands.

A free miner may kill game for his own use at all seasons.

A free miner may obtain five acre millsite upon crown lands in the form of a square.

A claim may be held from year to year by work being done to the value of one hundred dollars.

Two claims in each mining division, not on the same vein or lode, may be held, and more than one on the same vein if held by purchaser.

Lodes discovered in tunnel may be held if recorded in 15 days.

A free miner may on payment of $5, in lieu of expenditure on claim, obtain a crown grant.

Any miner may, at the discretion of the gold commissioner, obtain a water right for a term of 20 years.

No transfer of any mineral claim or interest shall be enforceable unless in writing, signed and recorded.

No miner shall suffer from any act of omission or commission, or delays on the part of the government officials.

No claim shall be open to location during last illness of holder, nor within 12 months after his death, unless by permission of gold commissioner.

A mineral claim must be recorded within 15 days after location, if within 10 miles of office of mining recorder. One additional day is allowed for every additional 10 miles or fraction thereof.

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Work on each mining claim to the value of $100 must be done each year from date of record of mineral claim. Affidavit made by the holder, or his agent, setting out a detailed statement of the work done must be filed with the gold commissionsr or mining recorder, and a certificate of work obtained, and recorded before the expiration of each year from the date of record of said claim. A free miner holding adjoining claims, may subject to filing notice of his intention with the gold commissioner or mining recorder perform on any one or more of such claims, all the work required to entitle him to a certificate of work for each claim. The same provision applies to two or more free miners holding adjoining claims in partnership. In lieu of above work the miner must pay $100 and get receipt and record the same.

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W. G. Neilson of Beaver, was a visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. Manuel of Donald was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Woodley returned on Sunday from a trip to Banff.

Asst. Supt. Niblock passed east on Thursday's No. 2.

Thos. Alton is having an addition built to his blacksmith shop.

Gold Commissioner Armstrong returned from Fort Steele on Monday.

Mrs. Boulton of Donald is visiting Mrs. C. E. Wells this week.

Mrs. Newberry, Kamloops, is visiting her mother Mrs. H. L. Moodie.

Harry Drew of Fort Steele has gone to Calgary on a holiday trip.

Over 150 men arrived at Calgary on Wednesday to go to work on the new railway.

Mr. G. B. Lumsden, chief of C.P.R. surveys went to Fort Steele on Monday's boat.

Mrs. W. C. Wells, Mrs. Currie and Mr. J. D. Wells of Palliser, were visitors this week.

Mrs. C. E. Hamilton returned on Wednesday from a visit to her parents at Winnipeg.

Mrs. C. E. and Miss Jennie Wells returned from a week's visit at Field on Saturday.

Wm. McNeish is having a dwelling house erected on one of his lots near the Columbia House.

Robt. Kerr, C.P.R. passenger and traffic agent passed through to Revelstoke on Monday's No. 1.

Miss McMillan returned on Monday, per s. s. Duchess, from a pleasant trip up the Columbia River,

A General meeting of the Golden Hospital Society is called for Monday next. Read notice in another column.

Mr. Mike Carlin, the manager of the Golden Lumber Co., returned from a business trip east on Wednesday.

Hull Bros. & Co. imported a car load of cattle and hogs from Calgary this week.

The Duchess left on Monday evening for the Upper Country with a full list of passengers.

Great damage has been done to the grain and fruit crops throughout Ontario by the heavy raids of the past few days.

C. P. Hudon is having a building erected immediately below the bridge to be used when completed as a boot, shoe and harness repair shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs of Donald paid a flying visit to Golden on Wednesday last, returning the same evening on the delayed Pacific express.

Mr. Wm. McNeish has imported this week a very handsome mirror 12½ x 6 feet for the background to the artistically arranged Columbia House bar.

The C.P.R. have opened a despatcher's office at Field. Mr. Parkhill formerly of Medicine Hat has been appointed Chief Despatcher with Mr. Carman as assistant.

Mr. Van Horne, son of the President of the C.P.R. arrived from Fort Steele on Monday and went east. He has been connected with a survey party engaged in locating the line in the Crow's Nest Pass.

Wm. Fraser, C.P.R. bridge foreman arrived with his crew on Monday and are rapidly pushing to completion the new bridge over the Kicking Horse river.

The Golden Lumber Co. received this week an order for several million feet of lumber and timber to be used for construction purposes on the Crow's Nest Pass at Fort McLeod.

For the six months ending June 30th last $1909.07 has been collected on dutiable goods at Golden. The inland revenue receipts for the same period amounted to $3,944.92.

The Klondyke boom has caused a fever of excitement among some of Golden's citizens and we hear of several adventurous prospectors who intend leaving shortly for the new Eldorado.

Mr. Jas. Henderson who has been on a visit to Fort Steele inspecting the church which is being erected at St. Eugene Mission, returned on Monday and reports the work going ahead satisfactorily.

We call attention to the Upper Columbia Company's advertisement in another column. Steamers will leave in the future for Fort Steele every Monday and Friday after the arrival of the east bound express.

Lethbridge now has two banks yet Golden has none. We venture the opinion that Golden offers as good an opening for such an institution as any place in the west and that a branch would "pay from the grass roots."

Mr. A. Leitch of Oak Lake, Man., arrived in Golden on Monday with a car load of saw mill machinery which he is shipping to Cranbrook. He will erect a mill there having secured the timber on the Cranbrook estate.

The other evening the good people of Golden were amazed at the number of young ladies who suddenly appeared in town, from nobody knows where. It turned out however to be some of our young people out for a frolic, in disguise.

"Salada" Tea is the best on the market H. G. Parson has it. 1-1f

It is reported that there will be an immense crop in Alberta this year. The recent wet season has been a boon to the farmers and ranchers.

There will be about 6,000,000 feet of timber used in the building of the section of the Crow's Nest road between Lethbridge and Macleod alone.

It is reported that Superintendent G. A. Stewart of Banff National Park, has received notice if his dismissal from the office and that Mr. Howard Douglas of Calgary, has received the appointment.

The Trade and Labor Council is opposed to the Minister of the Interior bringing out people from the Old Country to work on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. They contend that there are enough people in Canada at present requiring work to build the railway.

The C.P.R. are making arrangements for the erection of a number of storehouses in the Fort Steele District whither supplies will be taken this autumn for the use of the contractors who will be engaged in railway construction throughout the winter months on the west of the divide.

Mr. Walker, the caretaker of the Cave and Basin at Banff has also been dismissed and Mr. Galletly of Canmore appointed in his place. In Mr. Walker's case there was no investigation held nor any charge made and many of the Banff people think he has not been fairly dealth with.

Sergeant Engel, a returned member of the Yukon N.W.M.P. detachment says if he goes in for any more mining he will take Kootenay as the scene of his investments as he believes the average man has better and safer chances here than in far away Klondyke with its incredible privations and dangers to health and life.

The local lumbermen, M. Carlin, W. G. Neilson, and W. C. Wells have been visiting Macleod of late. It looks as if the mill men in this vicinity would have their hands full during the next few months supplying the Crow's Nest Pass Road with sufficient timber for bridge construction. It is said that 27 bridges will be required between Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

Banff is crowded with visitors at present. All the available cottages are occupied by families from Calgary and other Eastern points, and the C.P.R. and Sanitarium hotels have all she guests they can accomodate. Banff is certainly a delightful spot particularly in the summer months and it is not surprising that people avail themselves of the charming surroundings and delightful climate.

The premises popularly known as the "Hog Ranch" twenty-five miles south of Golden, have been purchased from the administrator of the Bouchard estate by H. G. Parson. Mr. and Mrs. Skully are now in charge of the stopping place and succeed in making things comfortable for the travelling public.

Messrs. Kerfoot & Fulmer, owners of the Golden and Fort Steele stage line appear to be meeting with success in their venture every stage being heavily laden with mail and express matter and a goodly share of passengers. They have established stables at Spillimacheen, Windermere and Canal Flat where horses are changed. They employ four horse teams throughout.

The local government under the direction of Mr. Jas. Good have been making very substantial improvements to the Golden and Fort Steele wagon road between Spillimacheen and Carbonate. The outfit has now reached Carbonate and is working northward

H. G. Parson has received this week a consignment of wagons, etc., from William Gray and Sons, Chatham, Ont. Among others is a stage coach for the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Company to run between Adela and Fort Steele. It is beyond doubt the finest rig of the kind that ever came into the country and weighs 1500 lbs. It ought to answer the purpose for which it was intended admirably. With the same shipment also came a light, covered delivery wagon for the Big Store, and report says that Norman is quite tickled with it.

Tommy Walker, a brakeman on the Mountain Division running between Canmore and Donald met with a serious accident on Sunday last at Field, while coupling a car he had the misfortune to have his hand crushed. He has gone to the Medicine Hat Hospital for treatment. Walker is well known around Golden formerly being with Jim Good in one of the Golden Lumber Company's camps. His many friends here are sorry to hear of his misfortune.

A ministerial convention was held at Field on Tuesday last. The convention consisted of Revs. Michener (Banff), and Smith (Golden), of the Methodist persuasion and Revs. Hamilton (Banff), and Harcourt (Golden), of the Presbyterian belief. The object of the convention was to explore the country in the neighborhood of Mount Stephen, which was done very thoroughly. The beautiful scenery produced such a soothing effect on one of the party that he seemed to be unconscious of his surroundings, so much so that when returning home per C.P.R. train he was carried several miles beyond his place of abode before he realized where he was. He consequently was forced to proceed to the next town where after a short delay he was enabled to return on an east bound freight.

Handy Prospectors Map.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column regarding Mr. Lang's prospectors map of a portion of East Kootenay. The maps heretofore in use have been most misleading and inaccurate and this work of Mr. Lang's was designed to furnish prospectors and others with the most accurate information obtainable regarding the locations of the different rivers, streams, trails and mineral claims. The information was derived largely from the public records and from prospectors who have many times travelled over the district and are fully posted as to the location of the different claims, etc.

The map is printed on good linen paper, is of convenient size and is in every way a most admirable work reflecting great credit upon its compiler. Mr. Lang is one of the most energetic mining recorders in the Province and the local government would have made no mistake in raising him to a gold commissionership when the last vacancy occurred.

Wedding Bells.

TWO YOUNG COUPLES ENTER MATRIMONIAL STATE.

Numerous and Costly Presents.—Hearty Congratulations Tendered the Happy Couples.

Golden was the scene of a couple of weddings this month. The first happy event took place on Friday 16 h inst. when our popular fellow townsman Mr. James Good was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Domeney, also of Golden. The interesting event took place at the residence of the bridegroom, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G.H Osborne of Kamloops. Miss Ida Good acted as bride's maid and Mr. Dave Good assisted his brother through the ordeal. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents including a dinner and tea set, a table lamp, silver pickle jar, etc., etc. About 9 p.m. a surprise party took possession of the house and to the music of Mr. D. Good a few pleasant hours were spent tripping the light fantastic. Mr. and Mrs. Good left on Monday for a short trip up the river.

The second event took place on the Monday following, (19th) the contracting parties being Mr. John McHattie, the genial blacksmith of the Golden Lumber Company, and Miss Ida May Good, eldest daughter of Mr. James Good. The wedding took place in the Methodist Church at 11 a.m., being the first ceremony of the kind which has taken place in this church. The bride was supported by Miss C. McMillan, while Mr. D. Good performed a similar service for the groom, the father gave the bride away. Rev. G. H. Osborne assisted by Rev. G. E. Smith performed the ceremony. The church which was beautifully decorated with flowers, was well filled with friends of the bride and groom. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir and organist. At the close of the service many congratulations were extended to the newly married couple. On leaving the church the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's father where a few of the more intimate friends of the bride and groom sat down to a sumptuous repast. Among numerous presents received by the happy pair were a silver fruit basket, silver preserve dish, cake dish, silver butter dish, silver sugar basin and silver fruit set. Mr. and Mrs. McHattie left on the east bound express for a three months' visit to Mr. McHattie's home in Nova Scotia.

Mining Claims Recorded in July.

The "Vancouver" situated on branch of McMurdo Creek, recorded by John Watt on July 7th.

The "Ruby" situated on branch McMurdo Creek, recorded by Oscar Book on July 7.

The "Man of Kent" situated on No. 2 Creek, recorded by H. T. Munn on July 8.

The "Montreal" situated on left bank of No. 2 Creek, recorded by Wm. A. Allan on July 8.

The "A.M.O." situated near Driftwood Creek, recorded by F. W. Aylmer on July 8.

The "Glacier" situated on McMurdo Creek, recorded by Harry Munson on July 8.

The "Diadem" situated on west slope of north fork of Spillimacheen River, recorded by Harry Richardson on July 10.

The "Minneapolis" situated 2 miles south east of Field, recorded by J. D. Carlin on July 10.

The "Robin Hood" situated about 2 miles north east of Field, recorded by J. D. Carlin on July 10.

The "Undine" situated on west side of north fork of Spillimacheen River, recorded by H. G. Low on July 12.

The "Dominion" situated on Ottertail Creek, recorded by Jas. G. Ryan and Albert Taylor on July 12.

The "Noon Day" situated on Ottertail Creek, recorded by A. Hanson on July 12.

The "Thistle" situated on Prairie mountain, recorded by A. M. Longlands on July 12.

The "Rose" situated on Prairie mountain recorded by Chas. Hatch on July 12.

The "Evening Star" situated on Kicking Horse River near Ottertail station, recorded by A. Maclean on July 12.

The "Rising Sun" situated on Kicking Horse River near Ottertail station, recorded by E. J. Rush on July 12.

The "Mountain Goat" situated about 2 miles east of Palliser, recorded by A. Piper on July 16

The "Billy Crews" situated on Logan Creek, recorded by A. St. George Hammersley on July 19.

The "Shamrock" situated on Logan Creek, recorded by J. S. W. Pugh on July 19

The "Centaur" situated near head of 15-Mile Creek, recorded by Manuel Dainard on July 24.

The "Multeum ice Paroo" situated near head of 15-Mile Creek, recorded by Wm. A. Allan on July 26.

The "Gold $" situated about 24 miles from month of No. 2 Creek, recorded by W. A. Allan on July 26.

The "Copper King" situated on Copper Creek, recorded by A. W. Upton, on July 27.

The "Anoconda" situated on Copper Creek, recorded by N. F. Johnson on July 27.

The "Saint Lawrence" situated on Veamont Creek, recorded by Chas. Vanass on July 27.

The "Eureka" situated on Veamont Creek, recorded by N. F. Johnson on July 27.

The "Mother" situated on Veamont Creek, recorded by A. W. Upton on July 27.

The "Vanhorn" on Kicking Horse River near Ottertail station, recorded by R. W. Harrison and Geo. Rehder on July 28.

Forty-eight mining claims have changed hands in this division during the past six months.

There were twenty-eight more Free Miner's Certificates issued during past six months than for the same period in 1896.

Boat Passenger List.

July 26th, Going South :—S. J. Walsh, A. J. McKinnon, H. D. Lumsden, A. Leitch, J. McCrae, G. Hillyard, W. B. Croy, Geo. Buscombe, W. J. McKay, R. Cummins to Fort Steele. G. S. McCarter, T. Mercier, S. Barber, Spillimacheen. D. P. Kimpton, Mrs. R. Kimpton and two children, Miss Kimpton, to Windermere.

Going North :—W. Gillies, Fort Steele to Windermere. W. Hutchins, Miss Thompson, Fort Steele to Golden. R. Prust, Dr. E. W. Roberts, Geo. Hogart, Canal Flat to Golden.