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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

30th May, 1898.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned persons to be Collectors of Votes, under the provisions of section 16 of the "Redistribution Act, 1898," namely:

JOSIAH STIRRETT, of Donald, for the North Riding, East Kootenay Electoral District.
CHARLES M. EDWARDS, of Fort Steele, for the South Riding, East Kootenay Electoral District.

And His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned person to be a Distributing Collector, under the provisions of section 17 of the said Act, namely:

In the former Electoral District of East Kootenay, JAMES F. ARMSTRONG, of Fort Steele.

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MINING NEWS.

The Invicta Placer Company, an old company property, and which operates on Wild Horse creek, in the Fort Steele mining division, has been reconstructed. The new company that takes its place is the East Kootenay Consolidated, Ltd. The capital is £150,000 sterling. The operations will at once commence on a large scale on the arrival of Mr. Young, the manager and engineer, who is expected daily.

There is and will be some considerable mining activity in South East Kootenay this summer and many new ventures will be organized in the Old Country to operate in this district. The Fort Steele Development Syndicate, Limited, has been registered. The capital is £5,000 in £100 shares. Objects: To acquire, develop, turn to account and deal with any gold mining and timber properties in British Columbia or elsewhere.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Fernie (so named after one of its directors, Mr. William Fernie), will soon be in a position, as soon as the railway is open for traffic, to supply the American and Canadian smelters in Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia, which are at present using the Welsh coal, costing them from $16 to $18 per ton. The co'y will be able to furnish better coke to the two Canadian plants at Trail and Nelson for $7 per ton. It will be higher delivered in the States. The Crow's Nest coke contains 95 per cent. fixed carbon and only 4 per cent. ash. By this reduction in the price of fuel the smelters will be able to save $1.50 per ton in the cost of treating ore. The present consumption of coke at the smelters which the company can supply is as follows: Northport, 40 tons per day; Trail, 60 tons; Hall Mines, 40 tons; Everet, 60 tons; Tacoma, 40 tons; Great Falls, 150 tons; Helena, 50 tons; Butte and Anaconda, 400 tons. At the outset the company will require to furnish 840 tons a day.

The Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, of the British America Corporation, has bought some stock in Halcyon Hot Springs and secured an option on the greater part of the balance. A large addition is to be built to the present buildings. A bottling works will be operated as soon as a plant can be brought from Minneapolis. The water will be aerated, and when bottled will be sold all over the continent. Mr. Mackintosh was at the Springs this week completing arrangements and taking up some of the options that he had secured.

James Lewis & Son, Liverpool, in their monthly report for June, 1898, on ores and metals give the following quotations: Gold—77s. 9½d. per ounce Standard; silver fell from 26 3-16d. to 25 7/8d on the 6th ult., but has since advanced to 26 7/8d. per ounce Standard in consequence of an active demand for Spain for coinage purposes. The forward value is 26¼d; quicksilver—from second hands is quoted at £7 12s. per bottle; sulphate of copper is very dull at £16 to £16 5s. per ton, less 5 per cent.; lead is steady at £16 12s. 6d. per ton for English, Soft Spanish £13 10s. to £13 12s. 6d., rich in silver £13 10s., ore of 70 per cent. about £6 per ton and fine silver value; antimony—firm at £26 per ton; nickel quoted at 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d. per lb. net; tin has advanced to £67 12s. 6d. per ton.

Great activity still continues in the Windermere mining camp. We hear of several properties being bonded on Toby creek. Prospectors are continuing to come over the trail from West Kootenay, and several investors have come in from the south, from Fort Steele direction, and there is every indication that there will be a brisk mining camp at Windermere. One of the boys showed THE MINER a chunk of gray quartz weighing about ten pounds, which made the eyes glisten and the voice quiver with "where did you get that?" "I cannot tell," was the laconic reply; "but what do you think of it?" "Think of it? Why, there is $20 of gold in sight!" There is no mistake as to the richness of the specimen. "But are these not pyrites?" "No pyrites there of either iron or copper." The prospector regarded it as a good specimen of whitish quartz, which is generally found in the form of capping with a considerable amount of pyrites in it. The assay should go as high as $400 per ton. The quartz was not found on Ottertail.

Ben Abel has bonded his mineral claims, including the Mineral King on Toby creek, Windermere division, to a Butte syndicate for $15,000. The first payment is due on the 10th of July.

ZYMEAN.

A REVOLUTION IN THE TREATMENT OF ORES

By a new Inventive Discovery.--Cyanide, Amalgamation and other Processes will soon Become Obsolete.--A Description of the Process.

A new process in the treatment of ores has just been found out, which promises to create a perfect revolution in metallurgy. This new process is the Zymean process, so called as it is a fermenting or eating up process. Under this process the ores are pulverized, then by chemical action dissolved into a solution and from this solution the metals are taken out in a metallic state. Under this process all metal can be extracted from mineral without any substance of the mineral being lost or wasted.

THE MINER recently witnessed some interesting experiments by the new process conducted by Mr. Gordon Cumming Keith, M.E., Golden. The new process may thus be shortly described:

For experimental purposes take 1,304 troy grains equal 4 assay tons of any ore containing sulphur and metals (or if without sulphur a sulphurous ore may be mixed with it) crush fine. Now take a flask A which is ¾ filled with water saturated with salt. Introduce the ore through a funnel into the flask, put from 30 to 40 cubic centimetres of dichloride of sulphur and a table-spoonful of nitrate of soda. Heat the water but don't boil or allow to get beyond 214 degrees F. If it does there might be a tendency to boil over throwing off suddenly a quantity of nitrous acid gas. In such a case as boiling over which never occurs twice with the same charge, it is well to have a chemist's glove on the right hand, for three strong acids are being dealt with though in a diluted state. From the first heating sulphurous nitros and hydrochloric acid gases will be passing off, the latter persistently, to the end of the operation. The two former are collected in a flask B, containg water, and are there partially condensed. The flasks A and B to be connected by tube, vulcanised preferred. The connection to be made immediately the introduction of the dichloride of sulphur as its dissociation into chlorine and sulphurous acid begins as it enters the water. This is in fact the key which unlocks the whole of the subsequent reactions. Tests are to be made during the boiling by taking out a small quantity of the solution with a pipette and testing it for the different metals suppofed to be contained. If for copper add ammonia in a test tube, heat up once or twice and set aside to settle. In about 20 minutes the blue color will show by its intensity the amount of copper taken out. If this does not increase between any two tests the whole of the copper in the ore has gone into solution. All other metals much quicker. Filter off for sulphur through a cane sieve which will take out the large pieces of sulphur. The residue on the filter ought to be free of all metal, but with long heating the sulphur may contain some. Both should be assayad. On the purification of the sulphur by sublimation any metal it may contain may be recovered. If in the residue on the filter any metal is contained it is because the process has not been continued long enough or it may be sometimes, but rarely, that the gold in the ore is in the state of skey—a combination of sulphur and gold and hard to separate—where there is an external coating of sulphur, but even then a little more dichloride of sulphur would probably remove it at less cost than igniting (not roasting) the ore before boiling which can be done. If the operation has been properly conducted all the metals will now be in a solution and only lead will precipiate itself largely, but not completely, if the solution be allowed to cool down. But this is neither necessary nor advisable. The precipitation should at once begin. Gold first, if any, even a trace, has been found in the ore by previous assay. This may be done by any of the well understood methods provided they do not materially derange the character of the solution which has to be used over again for another charge after precipitating the metals out of it completely. For the laboratory boiling with a small quantity of wood, charcoal, or filtering the solutions through charcoal may be resorted to for gold. The silver is afterwards often precipitated with sulphide of calcium which can easily be made where lime and sulphur are available. The copper is usually precipiated by wrought iron. Antimony may be left in solution and both it and arsenic can be precipitated separately, the former as a sulphide and the latter as a white arsenic. There will always be a great deal of iron in the solution, and this can be extracted by the use of lime. If after all this the solution be evaporated, it will be found that the bulk of the salt left is chloride of sodium and not sulphate of soda, as might have been expected. This fact makes the process largely a recuperative one and therefore the more valuable, but is a great puzzle to those chemists who will not recur to Sir H. Davy's assertion about chloride of sodium not being muriate of soda. It is for the purposes of this process an ore of sodium and sodium is chloridized as easily as any other metal. The dichloride of sulphur is easily made on the spot from the sulphur recovered from the ore plus chlorine also recovered from hydrochloric acid given off during the boiling by electric decomposition. Nitrate of soda can also be similarly made. Thus the whole process becomes self-supporting with the exception of probably 1 per cent. of salt lost mainly by efflorescence or leakage, about one-fourth of what is now lost in roasting the ore with salt on the large scale. In this process wooden vats are employed for boiling and precipitation. These can be made at very little cost. The waste steam of the crushing machinery is all that is used to boil the ore. Earthenware vats are preferable but cannot always be obtained. The charges may be any number of tons which the boiling vat will hold at one time and the quantity treated per day of 24 hourse has no practical limit other than what can be produced from the mine.

As hydrochloride acid and diluted sulphuric acid are a result of the process, these may be recovered and used to hasten the work if desired, particularly the former if lime is present as a constituent of the ore.

Such was the brief description given THE MINER of this process while Mr. Gordon Cummings Keith was conducting the experiments in the presence of several mining men belonging to East Kootenay, showing how the ores after being pulverized are dissolved into a solution and then the various metals extracted in a metallic form. Mr. Keith has acquired a concession for the new process and it is the intention to erect works at Golden, Vancouver and Rossland for the teaching of the process. It is estimated that the cost of works capable of treating 300 tons per day will amount to about $20,000. Single ton charges are best (five charges in all) of one ton each, so that if any one of them was to go out of order there would be no stoppage of the works until repairs were executed. Works on a smaller scale can easily be erected, and there is no reason why every shipping mine with a large output should not have its own works for the treatment of its ores. It is estimated that the cost of extracting ore by this new process will not exceed ten cents per ton.

Mr. Keith leaves this week for the Old Country and will be absent for three months perfecting and completing his arrangements, and on his return the teaching of the new process will at once be proceeded with.

CROW'S NEST PASS OUTRAGES.

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The Toronto Telegram is commenting on the bland utterances of the vice-president of the C. P. R. as to fixing responsibility for the above outrages speaks of the "Edict of Shaughnessy I." and then goes on to say:

"How kind and good is Vice-President Shaughnessy when in referring to the Crow's Nest Pass outrages he nobly declares that the C. P. R. proposes to place the responsibility 'for the same.'

"'Placing the responsibility' would rather seem to be the business of the government of Canada, but Mr. Shaughnessy probably assumes that since the C. P. R. is discharging so many of the other functions of government, that great corporation might just as well take over the administration of criminal justice.

"The corporation presided over by Vice-President Shaughnessy could not be much more apathetic in its work of placing the responsibility than the Department of Justice presided over by Hon. David Mills has been so far."

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1898.

CABINET (?) RECONSTRUCTION.

The lumber industry of North East Kootenay is by no means the least important of its many industries. The lumber from its superior quality and manufacture commands a ready market and is utilized for many purposes, from railway ties up to the most highly decorated furnishings. The Government Cabinet at Victoria is to be reconstructed or renovated and certain districts in the Province have been invited to send certain quantities of lumber for this purpose. The Cabinet may be beyond repair owing to age and decay in which case it will require to be entirely reconstructed. At all events its condition is such that it needs renovation. The electors in each district have the right to select the lumber, and those in East Kootenay as well as those in other districts find that owing to the superior competitive merits of their lumber the task is by no means an easy one. In most districts as in North East Kootenay the selection has been narrowed down to a choice between two. The electors in North East Kootenay are divided on the Palliser and Beaver lumber. One set of electors wish the lumber to be selected from the Palliser mills. Another set of electors desire the lumber to be sent from the Beaver mills. Unless their choice becomes unanimous a vote will require to be taken, as the lumber cannot be sent from both mills. Both sets claim the superiority of the lumber they favor. Each according to an Irishman's version is better than the other. It is all quality and no fault. It is the finest grained wood that ever was grown and takes on a most beautiful polish. There is no immaturity nor greenness about it. It is well seasoned. There are no knots nor gnarls nor twists in it and it is supervious to the wet. It does not like some lumber exude pitch so that there is no chance of defilement with contact. Nor does it give off any oily secretions which might adhere to the palm of the hand. Another merit it has is its adaptability and pliancy to suit all seasons and all climes. How the selection will be made from such meritorius lumber time will determine on the 9th of July but the electors have a difficult task to perform.

POLLING PLACES IN EAST KOOTENAY.

There will be ten polling places in the North Riding of East Kootenay and these will be situated at Rogers' Pass, Beaver, Donald, Golden, Palliser, Field, Windermere, Galena, Columbia Valley, Canal Flat.

There will be nine polling places in the South Riding of East Kootenay and these will be situated at Wasa, Fort Steele, North Star Mine, Wardner, Fernie, Crow's Nest Landing, Cranbrook, Moyie City, Coal Creek.

Electors do not forget that the polling day is Saturday the 9th day of July and that it is the duty of every elector to cast his vote.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Morning Telegram (Winnipeg) declares that the Hon. Mr. Sifton, the Minister of the Interior at the public expense, buys copies of the Toronto Globe by the ten thousand and distributes them as immigration literature. And the kind Globe reciprocates by lauding Mr. Sifton's immigration policy and denouncing those who criticize it as "sniffing" and "yelping jackals."

That certain coast papers have increased their circulation enormously within this last month. That there is great journalistic enterprise among certain sections of the press who are now issuing daily editions. That this is owing to the great development in the Province of an industry which, unfortunately for journalists, is evanescent, viz., political wirepulling.

The Wardner International thus describes the free, independent, liberal, candidate for South East Kootenay as 'Egotistical in the extreme, disgustingly boastful in his talk, swelling with pride at the applause of a few of his followers, he gazes with vanity and self gratification upon his audience, and calmly announces, 'If I mistake not the district is solidly for me.'" The name of this candidate is William Baillie, who is a kind of Hall o' the Wynd, fighting for his own hand, and his ears are too big to tingle.

POLITICAL WHISPERS.

That Billie Neilson will lick Wells all to smithereines.

That Wells will have a clean walkover and that Neilson will be nowhere.

That Turner and Pooley may get their guns in order to go duck shooting for the next four years.

That a new explosive has been discovered in Victoria and some powerful four-column thoughts of Yankee importation introduced for the exclusive use of the Colonist newspaper are going to be used for blasting political reputations.

That Neilson and Wells are going to square the electors, play a game of poker; that the winner is to retire, and that the beaten candidate is to defeat the victorious winner.

That both Wells and Neilson declare that the rumor is an idle canard, that neither of them ever played a game of poker in their life.

That the economy practiced in speaking the truth concerning the present provincial elections is one of the great political virtues that the province possesses. The Lord only knows that it does not possess many.

ACETYLENE GAS.

A New Illuminant that is Coming into General Use--The Columbia House, Golden, to put it in.

Acetylene, the new illuminating gas which has caused so much interest of late, is now coming rapidly into use, and many hotels, places of business and public institutions are lit up with it. The flame is one of the whitest lights ever produced, and even an incandescent light becomes yellow when placed beside an acetylene burner. It is claimed for the acetylene flame that it is as white as sunlight itself, and that colors retain their true tone when shown by it. As for the heat produced, it is about one-third cooler than the ordinary coal gas jet.

The apparatus used in producing the gas is a small sheet iron tank in which the fluid is generated, and another in which it is stored. Ordinary piping is used in conducting it, and the burner is different only in that the tip is supplied with two small holes instead of one. The gas is made by immersing calcium carbide in water. The carbide is a gray mineral made of lime and coal dust heated together in an electric furnace. It costs about seven cents per pound, and one pound will make five and one-half feet of gas. It is estimated that the average cost of the light will be two-thirds of a cent per hour for each burner of 25 candle power. The apparatus for the production of the gas ranges in cost from $50 upwards. The Niagara Falls Acetylene Gas Company manufacture the apparatus used in the production of this gas.

The enterprising proprietor of the Columbia House, Golden, Mr. William McNeish, will shortly introduce this gas into his hotel, which has been recently reconstructed and enlarged, and is being finished and furnished in a style that will make it one of the best up-to-date hotels to be found in British Columbia.

Spain once had a fleet.
Where is that fleet to-day?
Ask of the whales who sit on their tails
Deep down in Manila Bay.

The papers all over the continent are comparing Joseph Leiter of Chicago with the other Joseph who made such a fine deal in wheat in the time of the Pharaohs. That was a famous corner of wheat which the enterprising son of Israel put up in Egypt. He had the shorts in the hole if ever a man had.

A farmer went into a store the other day to sell a lot of fine potatoes. He was offered 40 cents a bushel. A travelling man who was standing by remarked to the farmer: "If you had those potatoes in Toronto you could get 80 cents a bushel for them." "Ya-as," answered the farmer, "and if I had a pail of water in hell I reckon I could get 57 cents a glass for it, too." And the drummer collapsed.

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BAKER VS. BAILLIE.

The Political Candidates In South East Kootenay Contrasted.

The Sun, New Westminster, in commenting on the political contest in the South Riding of East Kootenay, thus contrasts the two candidates:

The Hon. Col. Baker is a gentleman, who has occupied a prominent place in the Legislature of this country since 1886. For the last six years he has discharged the duties of Provincial Secretary, Minister of Education and Minister of Mines, in a manner which has proved to be acceptable to everyone. Besides he is a gentleman in every respect—a man who has served his Queen and country—and has a large stake in this Province, and especially so in the constituency which he is certain to again represent. On the other hand, his opponent, Mr. William Baillie, who is presently connected with the Fort Steele Prospector, although he has been a resident in the country for some years, is still without any stake or interest therein. It goes without saying that the electors of that section of the Province will give him the cold shoulder. Mr. Baillie is no stranger to this section of the country he having been a resident in Vancouver and New Westminster for some time, and likewise for a short period in Kamloops. For a few months past he has been connected with the Prospector, at Fort Steele. In point of ability or in any other respect he is not to be compared to the gallant Colonel. It is likewise reported that there were other, and more eligible candidates, in the Opposition interests, than Mr. Baillie, for the latter of whom many pronounced Oppositionists, we understand, will not vote. Mr. Baillie and a few of his friends so manipulated the convention that the choice of that body fell upon him, and if our information is correct, and it has been gleaned from all sections of the riding, an ignominious defeat awaits him. He is regarded by a large number of the people there as a mere adventurer, concerning whom the vast majority of the people express themselves as being in thorough hostility. If the Opposition party in South East Kootenay desired to give Colonel Baker a "brush" for the coveted position, surely they had bettrr men within the ranks than the person we are referring to, who is, to say the least, a comparative stranger without any stake or interest in that riding. The voters cannot possibly make a mistake in marking their ballots for Col. Baker, who has proved himself to be not only the sincere friend of Kootenay, but likewise of all sections of the Province. The manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office has demonstrated him to be an able, as well as a conscientious administrator of the affairs of the Provincial Secretary's office, the Department of Education, and the Minister of Mines, all of which demand prompt attention and great executive ability, which Col. Baker possesses to an eminent degree.

"I Was On The Merrimac"—

"I was on the Merrimac"—"No more,"
the listener cried;
"The best is none too good for you;
come on, just step inside;
Now eat your fill at my expense, and
name your brand of wine;
For heroes such as you, my boy, the
best is none too fine!"

"I was on the Merrimac"——"I know,"
the listener cried;
"You rushed into that seething hell,
and death itself defied;
And now from Spanish dungeons you in
some heroic style
Have slipped away and fooled them, I
can see it in your smile!"

"I was on the Merrimac"——"Yes,
yes," the listener said,
"The laurel wreath is waiting to adorn
your gallant head;
And Fame is sitting smiling just as happy as can be,
All ready now to hand your name to
Immortality."

"I was on the Merrimac"——"Aha!"
the listener sighed;
"To think that you should get away and
stem the roaring tide!
To think that I should see the day I'd
grasp a hero's hand,
Especially a hero such as formed young
Hobson's band.

"I was on the Merrimac, no interruptions, please;
Because some explanation now will set
us at our ease;
I was on the Merrimac a day or two before
The Government took charge of her,
down there in Baltimore!"

—Baltimore News.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Seemed to be some trouble at the Bugle office this morning." "There was. They tried to speak of Battle's wife as 'well known in polite circles,' and the printer made it 'police circles.'"

A woman with one eye applied at the State department the other day for a passport. The diplomatic clerk who filled out the paper, discretely inserted the following description in the blank opposite: "Eyes, dark, soft, full of expression, one of them being absent."

A man in Muskoka, who had some horses to sell, wrote to a friend in Ottawa, asking if they could be sold in that city. The friend replied; "The people of Ottawa ride bicycles, the wagons are pulled by mules, the street cars are run by electricity, and the government is run by jackasses, so there is no demand for horses here."

A NEW TELEGRAPH LINE

Being Run From Montreal to Vancouver.

The Western Telegraph Company is running through a new telegraph wire between Vancouver and Montreal. The wire is entirely constructed of copper. Linesmen are busily employed in putting it through. The work is being done in three sections, the first of which extends from Vancouver to Donald, the second from Donald to Fort William and the third from Fort William to Montreal. The length of wire is about 2,900 miles. The wire is manufactured by the Dominion wire Manufacturing Company and is thoroughly tested to see that the contract for the manufacture is being complied with. It must be .137 of an inch in diameter; one one-thousandth of an inch only of a variation being allowed above or below this gauge. It must be perfectly cylindrical and must weigh 300 pounds to the mile; four pounds of a variation being allowed in this distance. Frequent electrical tests are made upon pieces one one-hundredth of a mile in length, to determine the purity of copper used, which must be 97 per cent. Each bundle of wire weighs 170 pounds, and the wire must be in one continuous length, without joint or break. Each six inches of wire must be capable of being twisted thirty times at a uniform speed of one twist a second. The tests show that it will stand forty to fifty twists before breaking. It must stand six close turns around another wire of equal diameter and be unwound without breaking. It must also stand an average breaking strata of 975 pounds, and before breaking it must have stretched at least one per cent.

This wire is being placed on porcelain insulators. A great deal of trouble has been experienced by telegraphic companies, through wires coming in contact with each other, through the breaking of the glass insulators by which the wires are attached to the poles. A test was therefore made with a view to ascertaining the comparative resistancy of glass and porcelain insulators, with the result that it was found that porcelain resisted much heavier and a greater number of blows than glass. Tests were also made with a thirty-two calibre revolver from a distance of eight feet. The glass flew to pieces at nearly every shot, while the porcelain frequently showed no mark, save the lead from the bullet, and when they did break it was in such a way that, had they been attached to the pole, the wires would not have been affected. The new wire will follow the line of the C. P. R. the whole way from coast to coast.

ALL-WORLD ROUTE TO YUKON

Through Canadian Territory is by the Valley Which Dame Nature Has Formed Along the Western Side of the Rocky Mountains.

It is only a matter of time when this route must be adopted as the All-World route through Canadian territory to the Yukon. It would open up Canada from south to north and divert the whole traffic now going to the Yukon, so that the whole of it would pass through Canadian territory as the most expeditious route to Alaska, Yukon and Mackenzie. All other routes have been condemned, and because this route was the easiest and most feasible it was overlooked, as it did not present any difficulties but what could be readily overcome; so that not much money would be required to be expended compared with other routes. There would be no chance of granting big subsidies as illustrating the feasibility of this route.

THE MINER in the course of many conversations with prospectors, hunters and trappers familiar with the region extending from the Arctic circle along the base of the western Rockies right down into Idaho and Montana, in the United States, has ascertained that it is quite possible to travel from Bonner's Ferry on the Kootenay river, Idaho, to Great Slave Lake, in the Arctic regions. The natural valley or depression which extends along the west side of the Rockies is more than 1,000 miles in length. Starting from Jenning's Landing in a canoe, the Kootenay river would be followed upwards to near the bridge at Canal Flat. Here this river would be left and there would be a portage of about a mile to the Upper Columbia lake, then down the lakes and down the Columbia river until the great bend is reached. There would be two small portages to avoid rapids and currents. From the great bend the Canoe river, which empties into the Columbia here, would be followed to near its source, where there is a portage of about half a mile to Cranberry lake, which empties into Swift river, a tributary of the Fraser river, which would be followed until the Gascoine Porterage. Here a crossing would be made to the Parsnip river which empties into the Great Slave Lake.

A journey that can be made thus shews that there are no natural difficulties to overcome in forming a great highway of travel.

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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and to all whom it may concern,—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General. WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of British Columbia, to dissolve the present Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, which stands prorogued until summoned for dispatch of business.

NOW KNOW YE that We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly accordingly and the members thereof are discharged from further attendance on same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General. WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature, We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Legislative Assembly of Our said Province; and do further declare that by the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in form, for calling a new Legislative Assembly for Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on the seventh day of June, instant, and to be returnable on or before the thirty-first day of August next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in sixty-first year of Our Reign.

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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To the Returning Officer of the North Riding of East Kootenay Electoral District:

WHEREAS His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia has, by a Proclamation bearing date the 7th day of June, 1898, been pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province; and whereas it is necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution, We command you that, notice of the time and place of Election being duly given, you do cause Election to be made, according to law, of One Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the North Riding of East Kootenay Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of Candidates at such Election to be held on the 25th day of June, 1898, and do cause the name of such Member, when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to Our Supreme Court, at the City of Victoria, on or before the 31st day of August next, the Election so made, distinctly and openly under Our Seal duly indorsed upon this Our Writ.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have these Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our said Province of British Columbia: WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, at Our Government House, at Victoria, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

By Command.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

NOTICE.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
8th June, 1898.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint STEPHEN REDGRAVE, Esquire, to be Returning Officer for the North Riding of East Kootenay Electoral District; and

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint and declare the Court House, Donald, to be the place for the nomination of candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly in the North Riding of East Kootenay Electoral District.

NOTICE.

REDISTRIBUTION ACT 1893.

A COURT will be holden at the Court House, Donald, on Wednesday the 29th day of June, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of hearing and deciding all objections filed with me under authority of sub-section 2 of section 22 of the Redistribution Act, 1893.

JOSIAH STIRRETT,
Collector of Votes,
North Riding East Kootenay District.
Donald, June 10th, 1898.

PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come.—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General. WHEREAS it is advisable to establish the following polling places in the several and respective Electoral Districts hereinafter named.

NOW KNOW YE that, by virtue of the authority contained in the "Provincial Elections Act," the Lieutenant-Governor in Council declares that the following polling places shall be, and they are hereby, established for the several Electoral Districts, the names of which are set opposite such polling places, respectively, that is to say:—

POLLING PLACES.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
Rogers Pass, Beaver, Donald, Golden, Palliser, Field, Windermere, Galena, Columbia Valley, Canal Flat	East Kootenay—North Riding.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against Mr. A. G. M. Spragge, barrister, late of Revelstoke, and formerly of Donald and Golden, are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned in care of Molsons Bank, Revelstoke Station, B.C.

GEO S McCARTER,
Solicitor for Mrs Spragge.

NOTICE.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's office at Golden, B.C., on Thursday the 30th day of June, A.D., 1898, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of Directors, authorising the payment of a portion of the Mortgage Bonds of the Company, and for the ordering of the affairs of the Company generally.

By order of the Board.

C. H. PARSON,
Secretary.

Golden, B.C., June 7th, 1898.

NOTICE.

Application for Certificate of Improvements.

TORONTO FRACTION MINERAL CLAIM.

Take notice that I, John McRae, Free Miner's Certificate No. 86930, 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 located on Spillimacheen Mountain, situate in the Golden Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

JOHN McRAE,
By his agent Geo. S. McCarter.

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Supplementary List

Of Persons Entitled to Vote

IN THE

North Riding

Of East Kootenay District.

Armstrong, Robert	Donald	Machinist
Bertrand, William	Beaver	Labourer
Bigger, Ernest Bismark	"	Millhand
Billett, Tom William	"	Labourer
Brown, Amos William	Donald	Engineer
Brown, George	Beaver	Millhand
Carey, Thomas	Donald	Engineer
Carlin, Joseph David	Field	Merchant
Clarke, William	Donald	Butcher
Fossacecca, Christanzia	Donald	Labourer
Fulmer, Leonard Crane	Golden	Contractor
Fynbah, Christian	Beaver	Millhand
Glynn, Andy	Beaver	Labourer
Haygarth, William	Ottertail	Labourer
Jackson, John Thomas	Beaver	Labourer
Lamey, David	Donald	Free miner
Liddell, Sydney Albert	Beaver	Cook
Mackintosh, James Ross	Beaver	Accountant
McCrimmon, Donald	"	Labourer
Meek, Charles	"	"
Menard, Alexander	"	"
Phillips, John Wellington	Palliser	Cook
Reilly, Isaac Robert	Ottertail	Lumber manufacturer
Reilly, William Samuel	"	"
Shaugnessy, Patrick	Beaver	Labourer
Skene, James	Donald	Engineer
Stalker, George Fred	Beaver	Clerk
Troyer, Christian	Windermere	Miner
Vincent, Nagerce	Beaver	Blacksmith
Warren, Henry	Beaver	Millhand
Wells, James Douglas	Palliser	Book-keeper
Wixon, Arthur	Golden	Labourer

GOLDEN

The chief town in East Kootenay, on the main line of the C.P.R. and head of navigation of the Upper Columbia River and Lakes.

Chief Distributing Center for East Kootenay by Road, Rail and River.

MINERS,

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declare it is the best town to outfit in. Its goods are of better quality, in greater variety, cheaper in price and better packed, than in many other towns.

GOLDEN

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Usefulness is the rent we are asked to pay for room on earth. Some of us are heavily in debt.

Mr. W. R. Lindsay, of London, Ont., who was out on the Bluewate properties, was obliged to come in to Golden to obtain medical aid. The seizure was a sudden one, but Mr. Lindsay has now recovered from the attack.

A Kentucky paper says that 10 drinks of whisky a day will keep away mosquitoes. In East Kootenay there is some whisky that we will warrant that after 10 drinks a day to bring on other insects, reptiles and creeping things more terrible to endure.

Mrs. Durick and family, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Huckle, came down from Fort Steele on the last trip of the Duchess, and after a few days in Golden they proceed to the coast for a prolonged visit. They expect to return to Fort Steele in the autumn.

The annual school meeting will be held in the school house to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, at which a trustee will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. R. Love, whose term of office has expired.

The Imperial Bank of Canada will shortly open a branch of its bank in South East Kootenay. It will be located either at Wardner or Fort Steele. Already it has secured a number of accounts including the Crow's Nest Coal Company's account.

Charles E. Woods of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway construction passed through Golden this week on his way to the East He came down by stage to Windermere where he joined the steamer. He is taking with him plans of new surveys of certain spur branches which are contemplated to be afterwards built.

A football match will take place to-morrow evening between teams composed of players from the mill and the town. The mill team are confident of winning and an interesting game is expected. The boys have been putting in some faithful practice lately, in preparation for the tournament at Donald on Dominion Day.

In the last round trip the steamer Duchess made between Golden and Windermere she carried thirty-three passengers and a considerable quantity of freight. In her downward passage of 90 miles from Windermere she made a record trip. She left Windermere at a quarter past one in the afternoon and arrived in Golden the same evening at 10 o'clock. This included nine stoppages to embark passengers and load goods.

Mr. E. G. Hicks of the Manitoba Produce & Commission Company, Winnipeg, was in Golden this week on his way to the coast. Mr. Hicks is on his annual tour of inspection, visiting the various wholesale establishments of the Company at the different points in British Columbia. His enquiries were directed as to whether Golden would be a good shipping centre for the Company's goods going south.

The Colonist reports that Mr. W. G. Neilson, the government candidate for the northern riding of East Kootenay, is a guest at the Driard. His prospects of election he considers very good, he having received every encouragement during a personal canvass of the district, while the reports from his agents are very hopeful. Mr, Neilson is manager of a large lumber concern at Beaver and has extensive interests in the district. His opponent, Mr. Wells, is likewise in the lumber business.

The sports at Donald on Friday next should be the means of attracting a large number of visitors to that town on said day. The sports really commence on Thursday evening when a baseball match will take place between teams from Donald and Revelstoke. On Friday athletic sports, bicycle races a football tournament and a gun club shoot for handsome prizes will take place. The celebration will wind up with a grand ball in the evening. A large number of Goldenites will participate in the festivities.

At the invitation of Mr. Bates, Mr. Keyser went down to the school house on Wednesday last and put some of the scholars through an informal sort of examination. The result was that Miss Laura Kenny won the prize that was offered, her answers were well considered and shewed intelligence above the ordinary. Mr. Keyser stated afterwards that he was very much struck by the excellent manner of all the pupils and the attention which they paid to his short instructions. We may add that Mr. Keyser has been, for a great many years, connected with education in the Old Country.

Dutch Creek bridge near the lower end of the Upper Columbia Lake has been washed out. Great difficulty was experienced in transferring passengers travelling by stage to and from South East Kootenay. Transfer had to be made by means of an aerial rope tram and basket. There was not however much interruption of traffic. A large gang under the superintendence of the Gold Commissioner was soon busy in restoring the bridge and repairing the roadway. The whole work has been completed in a much more substantial manner than previous to the washout.

There were quite a number of visitors arrived by the steamer Duchess from the lower country on her last trip. These included Mrs. Edwards, the wife of the genial mining recorder at Fort Steele, who left for the west for Kamloops on a visit to some friends there. Mrs. MacKay from the celebrated Sinclair ranch, who will spend a few days in Golden, and Mr. J. C. Humphries from Wolff Creek, near Fort Steele, who left for Montreal on a prolonged visit.

The weather has been very uncertain in East Kootenay for the last ten days. There have been thunder storms, heavy showers of rain, fresh falls of snow in the mountains. The rivers, streams and creeks are very high, many of them in flood. This season has been a most backward one for mining operations. Very few old timers remember such a late season. The prospectors were out in the mountains by the first week of April last year. Now the prospectors report difficulties in many places in getting through on account of the snow.

Concert, Comedy and Drama.

Mr. William Mackenzie and Miss Jessie Glover who have had a phenomenally successful tour since their arrival from Australasia, will give the residents of Golden one of their delightful evenings of Concert, Comedy and Drama. It may readily be anticipated that such artists will receive liberal patronage. The prices are 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents.

The Lash-Hamilton Concerts.

Mr. F. Waverly Shipman, advance agent and manager of the Lash-Hamilton Concerts was in town this week and made arrangements for the appearance of his talented company here on the evening of July 7th under the auspices of the Golden Football Club. The company is composed of Miss Carrie Lash, a talented contralto singer; Miss Beatrix Hamilton, elocutionist; Miss Lois Winlow, "Canada's Wonderful Girl 'Cellist" and a lady pianist. The football boys know a good thing when they see it and they promise the public a most enjoyable evening. The entertainment will take place in McNeish's Hall. Admission 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents. Further particulars will be given next week as to plan of hall. Don't forget the date--July 7th.

Political Notes.

The candidates for the North Riding of East Kootenay have been like the weaver's shuttle flying to and fro and up and down various portions of the constituency but as yet neither of them has succeeded in exciting much enthusiasm among the electors. Neilson has now been over the whole of the constituency and Wells has covered most of the ground and each professes to be highly pleased with the results of their canvass.

Meetings have been addressed at Donald, Windermere, Field and various other centres but Golden has as yet been left alone. It has been reserved for the grand final effort. Both candidates have established committee rooms in Golden where the chief fight will be. Mr. Wells has opened out at the store at the south end of the Kicking Horse bridge and Mr. Neilson has established his committee rooms at the Columbia House. Both candidates have strong committees. Mr. Wells' committee has already been published. Mr. Neilson's committee are Messrs. W. McNeish, G. B. McDermot, James Semple, Wesley Miller, Captain F. H. Bacon, J. Dolmage, S. J. Robbins, W. Avery, R. Bookout, and M. Carlin. Mr. McNeish chairman, and Mr. Semple secretary. Mr. Neilson's address will be in the hands of electors in the course of the next two days. There will be many influential speakers stumping the constituency on behalf of the candidates. On behalf of Mr. Neilson there will be Mr. Eberts, the former Attorney-General in the Government and probably Mr. Turner himself. Both Mr. Wells and Mr. Neilson have now organized their committees all through the various centers of the Riding. Mr. Neilson will hold his first great public meeting in Golden. It is difficult to prognosticate with whom the victory will lie, each candidate claiming to be dead sure of winning. The contest promises to be a stiff one.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday Services—11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday school & Bible class at 2:30 p.m.
Thursday—Choir practice 8 p.m.
Friday—Prayer meeting 8 p.m.
Rev. W. S. Wright, Pastor.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE.

TORONTO FRACTION MINERAL CLAIM.

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

JOHN McRAE,
By his agent Geo. S. McCarter.

Campaign Opened

W. C. Wells' Address to the Electors of this District.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH RIDING OF EAST KOOTENAY:

My nomination as an Opposition Candidate in the approaching General Election for our Legislature, calls on me to state to you briefly, the course, which in my opinion, I should take if elected as your Representative.

So far as I have been able to measure the feeling of this Constituency, it is one of disappointment in the administration of our Provincial affairs. In the present contest I am glad to say, we are not so divided on party lines, as to debar us from taking our choice of men throughout the Province for the ensuing parliamentary term, and it is to be hoped that an independent effort will be made in this direction. Holding the opinion, as I do, that the record of the present Government, in the disposal of public lands, and their administration of the Provincial finances, not having been such as to command my support, it is my plain duty, for the present, to claim your suffrages as an Opposition Candidate. This does not necessarily mean that I must place myself in such antagonism to any administration, as to defeat what should be my primary object as a Representative, namely, the interest of my own Constituency.

Nor does it mean that I am in full alliance with the Opposition party as it has stood before the Legislature during the past four years. For this reason, if no other, I would ask at the hands of my constituents, if elected, a free indulgence of my own judgment as to the course I should adopt in this particular respect. I look for at least a reconstruction as the result of the general election, and that we may have an administration fully meeting the demands of our rising Province.

The large appropriation of $5,000,000 under the recent Public Works Loan Amendment Act, while indicating a generous tendency in the disposal of public funds, cannot meet the approval of interior constituencies. We are interested in something more than building up our terminal cities, and the exclusive welfare of districts immediately tributary to them. It will therefore, be my first contention that substantial justice should be given to the eastern portion of this Province, as compensation for the enormous appropriation made directly, I consider, in the interest of Coast constituencies, for which we too have to bear our share of the burthen. In this connection, I may say that the terms subsidizing the Teslin Lake Railway have my approval as a legitimate business transaction, apart from other considerations, and which are: First, whether there is an urgent necessity to build, at present, the southern portion of this line; and secondly, whether we have not been too precipitate in snatching from the Dominion Government, a responsibility which rightly belongs to it, in the interest of eastern provinces, more than to British Columbia. We have, within ourselves, sufficiently attractive features in our vast mineral resources, to fully warrant the investment of capital and the influx of population, or in other words, we have our own affairs, to which it might be better, at present, that we give our undivided consideration. I mean by this that, being so wholly dependent as we are upon the opening up and energetic development of our mines, the further construction of roads, and increased facilities of interior transportation, becomes an imperative necessity. To this I will urge the consideration of the Government, and trust that in justice to this, the extreme eastern constituency of the Province, further appropriation will be now made, and that we may have, at least, what fairly belongs to us.

My election at your hands, I would accept as a mark of confidence and trust, sufficient to determine me in guarding faithfully the position in which you shall have placed me as your Representative. In my appreciation of this trust, and an earnest endeavour to serve your interests, I sincerely hope that it will not be expected that I am to defeat, or risk the opportunity given me, by such a thankless allegiance to party measures as might thwart what I consider my imperative duty towards developing the material resources of the North Riding of East Kootenay.

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