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TESLIN LAKE RAILROAD.

One Million Dollars to be Expended Before a Land Grant Can be Located.

Manitoba Free Press: Mr. William McKenzie, whose name will go down to posterity as a Canadian who made a stroke as bold as that of the C. P. R. syndicate when they undertook to complete Canada's national highway, arrived here Saturday night on business connected with his extensive interests in the city. He will remain here until he receives word from his partner, Mr. D. D. Mann, who is now on the coast arranging preliminaries in connection with the construction of the Teslin Lake railway, and he will then leave for England, where he will endeavor to interest British capital in his great undertaking. One party has already been sent out to Glenora to begin work on the wagon-road, which is to be built ahead of the railway, and another party will follow on the 9th from Vancouver. As soon as everything is in readiness for the active prosecution of the work, an immense force of men will be engaged and the road cut out in time to comply with the conditions of the agreement with the government. Men will be employed in every part of the country where they can be secured. Men engaging will have to pay their own fares to the work, but it is understood that an extremely low rate will be given. When the wagon-road has been completed work will be commenced on the railway, which must be in operation by the 1st of September next. The railway part of the undertaking is what startled all Canada when the announcement of the contract was made a few days ago. To contract to build 130 miles of railway through a mountainous country with a knowledge that they would have less than that number of days in which to perform the work, and put up a big guarantee that it would be done, was a venture that eclipsed everything in railroading history on this or any other continent, and Mr. McKenzie stands before the eyes of the world to-day as a man possessed of unsurpassed nerve and unparalleled business enterprise. He has deposited with the government the sum of $250,000 as a guarantee that he will fulfill his contract. Should he fail his quarter of a million goes into the public treasury. Those who remember the tremendous sums it cost to build the C. P. R. through the rocky district eastward to Port Arthur and on the north shore of Lake Superior can readily realize what this daring Canadian has to confront to carry to a successful issue his great venture. But it is a fact worth noting in this connection that Mr. McKenzie has never yet failed in any of his numerous projects. Doubtless he will add another to his long list of business achievements in building his link which is to give continuous and easy transport facilities through the heart of the northern gold fields. The road will be financed on the land grant given by the government. Before this land grant can be located the contractors will have to expend fully one million dollars in fulfillment of the conditions imposed by the government. This was one of the terms that Mr. McKenzie fought hard to have relaxed, but the ministers were immovable. Whatever some people may believe Mr. McKenzie certainly does not think that he has made more than a reasonable bargain; in fact, he realizes that he will have to exercise his business ingenuity to its fullest extent in order to come out with a reasonable profit. "I have read in the papers that some opposition to the arrangement has developed in the west," said Mr. Mackenzie; "but can you mention any other man, or any other firm or corporation in Canada that would take hold of this work on our terms? I feel certain that you cannot; and you may have observed that none of the criticisms have even suggested that others would have tendered had the work been put up for public competition. Had tenders been invited no Canadians would have bid. Our terms must have been the best, as a strong United States company was in the field with an offer, and if it had been more favorable than ours the government would certainly have accepted it. Some people complain of the suddenness with which the arrangement was sprung on the public, but it is scarcely rational to suppose that business men should expose to the world their plans and projects before their negotiations have been consummated. We spent a great deal of money before we took up the scheme, and every fair-minded man will support me when I say that it would have been folly to let every person know what we were doing. We are railroad builders, and we took this work on a business proposition, the only difference between this and the ordinary railway contract being that we are taking exceptional chances. The government is not involved to the extent of one cent; they will profit to the amount of $250,000 if we fail. In other words, the government are securing without the outlay of one dollar what will be a most important factor in securing to Canadians the great trade which mining in Yukon will develop."

"Where will your land grant be located?" Mr. McKenzie was asked.

"All of it will be north of the 60th parallel, in the territory of the Yukon. The Mackenzie river is the eastern boundary."

"How will your grant be located."

"We have the privilege of running a base line and on either side of this select our blocks of land, every alternate block being reserved for the government. Our line cannot follow the sinuosities of a stream, but if there should be pronounced change in the course of the stream we can divert our base line, always keeping it straight. You will see by this that all round and between our reservations there will be an immense amount of territory for the operations of miners or for companies. Our concession is but a small fraction of the mineral area of that expansive territory. The government have safeguarded the interests of the public in every possible way, and I am assured that the people who go into that region to look for gold will never have cause for complaint. If a prospector should find gold on our land without knowing it to be ours, he will receive just treatment; there need be no fear on that score."

THE CURLERS' BALL.

A Pronounced Success in Every Respect.

The grand ball given on Tuesday last by the Golen Curling club in Alexander hall on the occasion of the visit of outside curlers to the bonspiel was a rousing success in every respect, notwithstanding the fact that the only music available was the piano, owing to the irregularity of the trains, which caused the musicians from Donald to cancel their engagement. However, with Mme. Mercier at the piano no time was lost, while her playing was far above the average. Mrs. Erickson, of Field, also played several selections which were highly appreciated both by the dancers and Mme. Mercier.

It was well on to half-past nine before the first dance on the programme was called, at which time the hall was well filled with the lovers of the "light fantastic." No time was lost between the opening dance and the one preceeding refreshments. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and no one appeared to grow tired of the manner in which the programme was carried out, which reflects great credit on the committee that prepared the preliminary arrangements as well as the reception committee. Praise is also due Mr. G. H. Brock, who acted as master of ceremonies in a very efficient manner, ably assisted by Mr. C. A. Warren.

Shortly after midnight refreshments were handed round to all in bounteous style, the cakes and good stuffs having been provided by the ladies of Golden to the ball committee for this occasion. After justice had been done to the many good things dancing was resumed and kept going until 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning, when everyone dispersed feeling satisfied with themselves and the pleasing manner in which everything was brought to a close.

The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, brooms and curling stones by several members of the club, who gave their services and worked hard to bring about the success of the whole affair and show to the public that the grand auld game still leads in the arena of sport in Golden as well as in every place on Earth where ice can be found.

The committee, on this, as on other occasions, desire to convey the thanks of the club to Hon. F. W. Aylmer for the use of his rooms for the convenience of the ladies. Mr. Aylmer has always shown himself ready and willing on such occasions to add to the pleasure and success of the evening by his acts of goodwill and kindness, and we bespeak for him the most hearty appreciation of the members of the Golden Curling club.

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CURLIANA.

The Golden Curlers returned from Calgary Bonspiel last week well satisfied with their trip, Although unfortunate in not capturing any of the big prizes They took second and third place in the Visitors and also captured the Consolation Prize. Although losing more games than they won, they nevertheless made some of the crack Calgary rinks work hard for supremacy. A most pleasing feature of the bonspiel was the banquet on Friday evening in the Alberta Hotel. Over 100 curlers and those interested in curling were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Golden bonspiel took place this week. Two rinks of Calgary curlers arrived on Monday's delayed express, but owing to the soft weather it was impossible to curl until Wednesday morning. Two rinks of Golden curlers had been made up to meet the Calgary curlers in competition for the handsome trophy, which is on exhibition at Mr. C. A. Warren's store. Arrangements were made at the ball for a game as soon as the dance was over, accordingly at half past three a.m. on Wednesday the Calgary boys adjourned to the rink where they met two rinks skipped by W. L. Houston and G. H. Brock, with the following result:

Johnson		
Parslow	Mitchell	
Spafford	Ullock	
Kinnisten, skip	9 Houston, skip	11
Doll	Smith	
Meldrum	Brown	
McLeod	Harcourt	
Skinner, skip	3 Brock, skip	19

The Calgary boys, to use a slang expression, "ran against a snag." It was a surprise all round and the result knocked the Calgary rinks out of the competition. The two "crack" (?) Golden rinks magnanimously dropped out of the competition, leaving the two rinks who had so much nerve as to curl "after the ball," to fight it out themselves. The final will be played at an early date and an interesting game is expected.

On Wednesday afternoon a scratch Golden rink met Kinnisten of Calgary the result being again in favor of Golden. The Calgary boys left on No. 2 for home the same afternoon and although unfortunate in their curling we are satisfied they had a good time.

The 13 point competition has been narrowed down to Warren in class A. and Alexander and Dainard in class B. The finals should prove interesting.

The District Medal was won last week by H. G. Parson.

Invitations from Edmonton, Sandon and Rossland clubs, have been received. It is not likely however the club will be able to accept any of them, as the distance from Golden is so great.

The curling club boasts of an artist. Some of his work may be seen in the waiting room of the rink. It looks very much like the penmanship of —— ——, we will leave our readers to guess.

The following draw has been made in the Upper Columbia Company competition:

	Friday, 8 p.m.	
McNeish	vs.	Rae
Warren	"	Parson
	Saturday 8 p.m.	
Houston	vs.	Henderson
Rae	"	Parson
	Monday, 8 p.m.	
McNeish	vs.	Henderson
Rae	"	Houston
	Tuesday, 8 p.m.	
Parson	vs.	McNeish
Warren	"	Houston
	Wednesday, 8 p.m.	
Warren	"	McNeish
Parson	"	Henderson
	Thursday, 8 p.m.	
McNeish	vs.	Houston
Warren	"	Rae
	Friday, 8 p.m.	
Henderson	vs.	Rae
	Saturday, 8 p.m.	
Henderson	vs.	Warren

One game has already been played in this competition—Houston vs. Parson, resulting in favor of Houston.

Early Curling in the Northwest.

The first game of curling was played in the Northwest Territories in Nov. 1839, on the east side of the Rocky mountains, at Boak encampment, about a mile above the junction of the Clark and Lewis rivers. The curlers were the members of the Hudson's Bay brigade, waiting for the overland transport from Vancouver. The skips were Dugald McTavish, brother of the late Governor McTavish, and Alex. Simpson, brother of Thomas Simpson of Arctic fame. James Steele, Roderick Finlayson, Wm. Spencer and Edward Spencer were the other players. Flat stones were used in the match.

North East Kootenay Miners' Association.

The monthly meeting of the North East Kootenay Miners' Association was held at the Columbia House on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st., the president, Hon. F. W. Aylmer, in the chair.

The first matter brought before the meeting was the renting of suitable quarters for a reading and club room for the Association. It was decided to accept the offer of Mr. McNeish of a room for $10 a month.

The president read a paper in favor of the abolition of assessment work on mineral claims, and that the work should be made optional with the claim holder. Instead of this yearly assessment work, which in nine cases out of ten was done in a very carelessness manner and of no account, it was suggested that an annual tax of say $10 be paid, to be used in the building and repairing of trails in the district. It was thought the prospector was rather imposed upon under the present system and that the $100 paid now was too much considering the means at the disposal of the prospector.

After considerable discussion it was decided to bring the matter before the next meeting, after the members had considered the pros. and cons.

The meeting then adjourned.

Death of Mr. George Woodley.

We regret to chronicle this week the death of one of Golden's most respected citizens, Mr. George Woodley. Mr. Woodley was stricken down with paralysis on Oct. 30th last, and since that time has been gradually sinking until Wednesday morning, Feb. 2nd., when he passed quietly away.

Mr. Woodley was a native of Devonshire, Eng., and came to Canada about 28 years ago, settling in Cobourg, Ont. After a short residence there he moved to Port Hope where he resided over 20 years. While in Port Hope he was a prominent member of Durham Lodge, Sons of England, being twice elected to the highest office in the lodge. In 1891 he moved with his family to Calgary and one year later to Golden, where he has for the last five years and a half been local manager for Messrs. Hull Bros. & Co. In Golden Mr. Woodley was looked up to and respected by one and all. A member of the Methodist Church it was chiefly through his instrumentality and untiring energies that a church was erected in Golden. He was one of the promoters of curling here, being president of the club during the year 1895-6. A general favorite with all his loss will be keenly felt. Besides being a member of the Sons of England, Mr. Woodley belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The deceased was in his 54th year and leaves a wife, son and six daughters (three married), to mourn his loss.

A funeral service was held in the Methodist Church on Friday afternoon, Rev. G. E. Smith officiating. After the service the remains, followed by the curlers in a body and many other friends of the deceased, were conveyed to the depot and were shipped per No. 2 to Port Hope for interment. The pall bearers were: Messrs. J. Winn, W. McNeish, C. A. Warren, G. B. McDermot, M. Dainard and H. G. Parson. Mr. Harry Woodley, son of the deceased, accompanied the remains to Port Hope.

The Art of Blushing

Have the young women forgotten the art of blushing. A great many men declare that they have. A writer in the New York Sun says:

If the men are right, the girls had better recall how to bring the bewitching glow to their cheeks and brow once more, for word comes from Paris that it is all the style there again for women to blush readily, and when Paris blushes it would never do for New York not to blush too. It is no excuse at all that Parisian women have more cause to blush than New Yorkers. To blush is the style, and blush you must. When was there a time when fashion did hold dominion over guilty and innocent alike? Already schools of deportment in Paris have set up departments of blushing. It is said that the classes in these departments are very full, so eager are women to practice and learn the art.

The Miner.

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THE EAST KOOTENAY PUB. CO.
Golden, B. C.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1898.

EAST KOOTENAY.

While the recent discovery of gold has attracted the attention of the world to Klondike, the great interest already aroused in the mines of East Kootenay has not abated, and mining men and capitalists are now assiduously examining many of the mining properties of the district. More thorough development work is in progress, and the prospects for this new but growing industry are most promising. This year will not witness the continuance of that insane rush seen in former years to float mining companies; nor will there be the same influx of inexperienced buyers, keen to secure property to dispose of elsewhere by the aid of startling and exaggerated prospectuses among an eager public, imbued with the true gambling spirit, and skilfully worked up to a pitch, when whatever may be offered is greedily absorbed. Nevertheless, there has been, and is a present, a large number of influential men representing ample capital in the district, carefully studying its mineral resources and making important purchases, with the result that much more good work is in progress and much more will shortly be begun. Last year the prices asked for "prospects," or undeveloped claims, rose to absurdly high figures, partly because such prices in some instances were paid; but this year holders of such claims have had to become reasonable, although in a few places far too high a valuation is placed on some untried and unworked claims. But this feature in our mining affairs will eventually right itself.

It must be remembered that only six years ago the interior of this whole province was for the most part trackless; but following the discovery of gold and silver deposits of West Kootenay, the opening up of East Kootenay by railroads, waterways, roads and trails will be marvellous in the extreme, and will open up great areas of mineral land now lying fallow, with the certain result that the mining industry of this district will receive still greater impetus and the figures of production will be something enormous. During the past few years of depression all railroad companies have had to proceed very cautiously and to curtail the building of new lines, but with the returning era of prosperity and a better money market these companies are preparing to extend their systems to East Kootenay, as is exemplified in the action of the Canadian Pacific railway, which has already begun the construction of very important lines and branch lines elsewhere in the province that will be of the greatest service not only in making accessible new districts and in reducing transport charges, but also in the establishment of large smelting and refining enterprises within our own borders, the extent and importance of which we can only now surmise.

For a mining country East Kootenay offers all that could be wished for, because the supply of water, timber, fuel, fluxes, etc., is everywhere abundant, while climatically we do not suffer from extremes in heat and cold, the long summer months being most favorable for prospecting, while the winter snows do not hinder, but in fact greatly facilitate mining operations, as, for one instance, the rich ores found high up on many of the mountains can then be easily and cheaply raw-hided down the snow trails. Centres of supply are now long established in many parts and supplies can be got at more reasonable figures.

Mineral Wealth of British Columbia.

The City Leader: The boom long promised, long deferred, in Canadian gold mining is now promised for the coming spring, and we have little doubt but that this time the investor will really have an opportunity of participating upon fair and honest terms in the mineral wealth of "Our Lady of the Snows." It is true enough that there are already a number of British Columbian mining enterprises known on the London stock exchange, some good and some disgracefully bad. To the latter must be added some of those wretched Klondike concerns, launched, or nominally launched, during the past few months. Fortunately, the public has responded but gingerly to any of these wicked promotions, although has very possibly been done to a promising field of investment. As a matter of fact, too little attention has been paid hitherto to the pranks of the B. C. company promoter; but, for our part, we intend to remedy this state of affairs, and in future no Canadian mining enterprise shall be allowed to evade our censure, should the merits—or want of merits—of the enterprise deserve it. On the other hand, we shall not fail to speak well of those opportunities of which we consider the investor would do well to take advantage. In the meanwhile a paper read on Monday evening at the Royal Colonial institute by Mr. Edgar P. Rathbone, on the gold-fields of Ontario and British Columbia, is worthy of attention. At the outset let us say that Mr. Rathbone, as a mining expert, does not believe in the many fairy tales told of the almost fabulous wealth of the Klondike field. All the same, he is a firm believer in the wealth of the Dominion, and is firmly convinced of the fact that, under proper conditions, gold mining in Canada will become of enormous importance. Gold mining, that is, the arduous recovery of the precious metal from the quartz, is a comparatively new industry in Canada, dating from 1893 only. Up to that date the treasure-hunters had searched only for alluvial gold, a process which can be carried on for a considerable time without leaving any trace on the surface of the country. It is a different affair when men settle down upon a well-chosen reef to extract gold from the solid rock. It means extensive plant, large capital, and permanent effort. So carried on, gold mining is a pioneer industry which opens up new provinces and may even call into being new states. Pioneer work is always arduous and difficult, and certainly not least so in these far-off regions of the northwest. For five months of the year the country is covered with snow, water-power is cut off, and mining operations are at a stand. To have the working year reduced by one-half is a serious drawback, for which, however, compensation will be sought in redoubled activity during the summer months. At the present stage even they are not altogether favorable since in many districts, though not in all, the summer vegetation is so luxuriant as to interfere seriously with the work of prospecting and determining the course of veins. On the other hand, water-power is abundant and will by degrees be utilized by means of electricity for every purpose of life as well as for gold mining itself. Mr. Rathbone says of the cost of labor, that it is fairly moderate, ranging from ten to fifteen shillings a day, and that the food supplies even now are as a rule by no means extravagant in price. Fuel is an important matter not only on account of the rigorous climate of winter, but also because much of the Canadian ore requires smelting, and this Mr. Rathbone says is fairly cheap. The gold is found with iron and copper pyrites, and the present cost of smelting is so high as to preclude the working of any but the richest ores at a profit. The cost will be rapidly reduced as means of transport improve, although smelting must always remain a relatively expensive method of extracting gold. From these facts it will be gathered that in capable hands much good is to be derived from Canadian mining properly managed. In this connection we hear favorable reports of the British Columbian Financial Trust and General corporation—an enterprise which, unlike the generality of such undertakings, has occupied itself not so much with the acquisition of properties as with the careful selection of the best. The result of systematic weeding out is that the company possesses now two properties of a very excellent character. Of this company and its prospects we shall probably have more to say next week.

B. C. Business Review.

The Winnipeg Commercial's Vancouver correspondent says:

As to the Klondikers passing through Vancouver, the lowest estimate now given is 100,000. Victoria expects more than that number and Seattle expects three times as many. A short time ago 200,000 was considered a high estimate and now half a million prospectors en route to Yukon this summer is mentioned. When it is taken into consideration that Cook & Son have already sold in England alone 82,000 tickets to Klondikers some idea of the magnitude of the rush may be had. It is reported 50,000,000 in gold will be taken out of the country this season. Even this vast amount divided among half a million people is only $100 per head so that it is quite probable that the majority will come pretty close to misery, starvation and want.

Tremendous preparations are being made. All available steamers are being chartered and twenty-four new steamers are actually being built for the trade between the three British Columbia cities. Of these the Hudson's Bay Co. are building ten and Canadian Pacific Railway seven.

The streets of Vancouver and Victoria are like county fairs every day now, with husky dogs out for practice, the loaded mules and the outfitters in their costumes, but in Seattle the crowds are so dense that the streets are difficult of navigation. There is a hot rivalry between Victoria and Seattle and the press of these cities are saying many bitter things of each other. All lines of business are improving. This is naturally the effect of outside money coming into the country. Klondikers are coming over from the states to outfit here in batches of 25 and 50. Money is plentiful and collections are rapidly improving.

Stocks of hay and oats both here and on Puget Sound are very scarce.

Notice to Taxpayers

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

Northern Division of East Kootenay District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the Statutes that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1898.

All of the above named taxes collectable within the Northern Division of East Kootenay District are payable at my office, the Court House, Golden.

Assessed taxes are collectable at the following rates, viz.:

If paid on or before June 30th, 1898.

Three-fifths of one per cent. on Real Property.
Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on Personal Property.

On so much of the incomes of any person as exceeds One Thousand Dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess of income when the sum is not more than Ten Thousand Dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over Ten Thousand Dollars and not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over Twenty Thousand Dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1898.

Four-fifths of one per cent. on Real Property.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on Personal Property.

On so much of the incomes of any person as exceeds One Thousand Dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess when the same is not more than Ten Thousand Dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over Ten Thousand Dollars and not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars, one and one-half of one per cent; when such excess is over Twenty Thousand Dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

F. C. LANG,
Assessor and Collector.

Golden, January 10th, 1898. j13-3m

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Golden Lumber Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the office of the Company at Golden, British Columbia, on FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1898, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning a sale of property of the Company.

S. BARBER,
Secretary.

Golden, B.C., Dec. 20th, 1897. d30j6-13-20

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I shall apply for a special timber licence to cut timber on the following described lands:—Commencing at a post on Middle Fork of Finley Creek, post situated 1,500 feet to the north of Hardie's Corral, S. E.; thence running 160 chains south; thence 70 chains west; thence 160 chains north; thence 70 chains east to the post of commencement; containing 1,000 acres about.

M. CARLIN.

Golden, B. C., October 20th, 1897.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I shall apply for a special timber licence to cut timber on the following described lands:—Commencing at a point on Finley Creek, at the head of the canyon, north-east corner post; running west 200 chains; thence 40 chains south; thence 200 chains east; thence 40 chains north to point of commencement; containing about 1,000 acres.

J. C. DURICK.

Fort Steele, October 21st, 1897.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada and to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at their respective sessions to incorporate a Company to construct a railway to be operated by steam or electricity from a point at or near Cranbrook, in East Kootenay, British Columbia—the most northerly point on the Crow's Nest Railway,—thence running in a northerly direction up the Kootenay River to Canal Flat; thence to the Columbia Lake and in a northerly direction down the Columbia River to the Canoe River; thence up the Canoe River and across the Portage to the headwaters of the Fraser River; thence down the Fraser River to Giscome Portage; thence across the Portage to Parsnip River; thence down the Parsnip River to Findlay River, and up the Findlay River and across the divide to Frances Lake, and thence to the Yukon, with power to divert the route of the line north of Giscome Portage either by way of Dease Lake or as may be found most suitable on further exploration, with power to build and operate branch lines not exceeding sixty miles in length and all necessary bridges and roads. Also, to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the transmission of messages for the public; to build, acquire and operate steam and other vessels and all necessary ferries, wharves and docks; to take and use water for generating electricity, and to transmit and dispose of the power therefrom for lighting, heating and motive purposes; with power also to carry on the business of a general trading company, of an express company; also to own, manage and lease hotels, to acquire, to acquire timber limits and operate saw mills, for the production and sale of lumber, and to mine, explore and develop mineral lands and to carry on a general mining and ore smelting business, including the erection and operation of smelters and concentrators.

GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Dated at Ottawa 5th November, 1897. 11n-9t

LICENCE AUTHORISING AN EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. } No. 11/97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Golden British Columbia, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at No. 6, Queen Street Place, City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £6,000; divided into six thousand shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Golden, and William Gilbert Mitchell-Innes, whose address is Golden, British Columbia, is the Attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established and so licensed are:—

[a.] To purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire, mines, mining rights, and metalliferous land and any interest therein, and to explore, work, exercise, develop and turn to account the same:

[b] To crush, win, get, quarry, smelt, calcine, refine, dress, amalgamate, manipulate, purchase and prepare for market, ore, metal, and mineral substances of all kinds, and to carry on, either upon or in connection with the premises or elsewhere, the business of miners, millers, smelters, and workers of any processes in the production, reduction and making merchantable, of minerals, metals and metallic products, supplies of water, merchants, and manufacturers, and workers of any minerals, metals, articles and things used in or in connection with mining, milling, smelting, and other processes aforesaid, or any of them:

[c] To search for mines and minerals either on land known to contain such mines and minerals or otherwise, and to buy and sell, lease or take up the rights of search or other miners' rights or claims under any mining statutes or regulations of any place where the Company carries on operations, and any other rights respecting the same:

[d] To acquire options, or enter into contracts for the purchase of any grants, concessions, leases or setts, easements or interests in lands, waters, millsites, townsites, mines, minerals, and other hereditaments, and any plant, machinery, implements, conveniences, provisions and things, and any other property, real or personal, movable or immovable, for purposes incidental thereto or to any other objects of the Company, or capable of being used in connection with metallurgical operations or required by workmen or others employed by the Company, and to work, transfer, let or sublet the same:

[e] To acquire any inventions, letters patent or licenses, capable of being used for the purposes of the Company, or any of them, and to work, transfer, let, or sublet the same:

f. To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities, of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorised to carry on; and to acquire and hold any shares, stocks, bonds, obligations, debentures, securities, negotiable or otherwise, of or other interests in any English, colonial or other companies, associations or undertakings capable of being managed or conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the business of the Company. Also to advance money on any such shares, stocks, bonds, obligations, debentures, securities of or other interest in such companies, associations or undertakings, and to accept such shares or stocks, bonds, obligations, debentures or securities as partial or full security for payments due to the Company:

g. To acquire, construct or hire, or join with others in acquiring, constructing or hiring any mills, canals, waterworks, machinery, roads, bridges, tramways, railways, engines, plant, stocks, buildings, works, matters or things which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company, or any of them, and to the working of the same or any part thereof:

h. To improve, manage, develop, let underlet or sell, or otherwise dispose of, charge or deal with, in any manner whatsoever, the undertaking or any part or parts of the property of the Company, or any rights, way-leaves or easements in or over the same, and to accept as payment therefor either cash or shares, or partly cash and partly shares, in any other company purchasing the same:

i. To establish and maintain agencies of the Company in any colony, dominion, foreign country or state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any such colony, dominion, foreign country or state:

. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of this Company, and to enter into partnership, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise, with any company or person or firm engaged or about to engage in any business or transaction which this Company is authorized to engage in, or capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company:

k. To hold, in the names of others, any property which the Company is authorised to acquire, and to carry on or do any of the businesses and acts and things aforesaid, either as principal or agent, and either by the agency of or as agents or trustees for others:

l. To make, purchase, sell, accept or indorse bills of exchange and other instruments, negotiable or otherwise, and to borrow money either with or without security, and either upon negotiable instruments or otherwise, including the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), including its uncalled capital:

m. To promote and form other companies for any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum:

n. To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required upon such securities and in such manner as from time to time be determined:

o. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie:

p. To carry on business in any part of the world and to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

[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 at Our City of Victoria—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

A. G. SMITH, Deputy 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:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, do hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the Tenth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province at Our city of Victoria, FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

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

By Command.
JAMES BAKER
Provincial Secretary

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East Kootenay Mining Stock List.

NAME OF COMPANY.	CAPITAL.	PAR VALUE.	SELL. PRICE.
The Gold Hills C. & D. Co.	$2,000,000	$1.00	15c.
Kootenay, Cariboo M. & I. Co.	$2,500,000	$1.00	$1.00
Golden & Fort Steele D. Co	$ 750,000	$1.00	50c.
Alberta & Kootenay D. Co	$ 500,000	$1.00	
East Kootenay and Elk River Development & Exploration Co.	$ 75,000	$1.00	25c.

THOMAS McNAUGHT,
MINING BROKER, GOLDEN, B.C.

THE RAILWAY DEAL.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent devotes six columns of matter to the announcement of the Government policy of the construction of a railway from Stickeen river to Teslin Lake, and to the effect that this will have on securing the Klondike trade for Canada. The correspondent first dwells on the struggle for the trade in that region between the United States and Canadian cities, refers to the customs blockage caused by the arbitrary action of the United States in regard to the passage across the United States strip of territory from Skaguay to White Pass. A special reference is made to the fact that the Washington authorities are not apparently inclined to keep the agreement made with Mr. Sifton the other day, whereby these difficulties could be obviated and the Government consequently is being inundated with telegrams from western Canadian points asking to close the passes. Under existing conditions all the trade will be lost to Canada and under the new conditions says the correspondent, all, or practically all, will be reserved for Canada.

Concerning the award of the contract, the correspondent says it is understood that there have been many seekers after these franchises for the construction of this railway. There was more than one proposition to build the highway to the Yukon. One proposal came from the Canadian Pacific railway for the construction of the work. But most of these propositions had no substantial backing, and one offer from an English syndicate was withdrawn as soon as the real magnitude of the undertaking became manifest. The only men who seemed to have adequate financial strength for the work, the necessary experience and the courage and ability to give the necessary guarantees of good faith and financial capital were William Mackenzie, of Toronto, and Donald D. Mann, of Montreal. After explaining that there was no cash subsidy to be granted, but that a grant of 25,000 acres per mile of the mineral lands would be given instead with a strict reservation of all arable land, while the company is to put up $25,000 guarantee, the correspondent mentions the following important conditions: It is also provided, and this feature is of first rate importance, that in determining the selection of lands for the contractors, each alternate block shall be reserved for the Government. If, therefore, the contractors are permitted to secure rich gold-bearing territory, the Government must share in their good fortune and it will not be possible for them to monopolize great stretches of the choicest portions of the gold belt. In addition, a royalty of one per cent will be laid upon all the precious metals produced from the lands alienated to the company, as compared with ten per cent imposed upon the ordinary placer mining, but the greater certainty of collection in the case of the company gives some additional value to this regulation. The lands are to be selected from that part of the Northwest Territory lying west of the Mackenzie river, and the Laird river, and north of the 60th parallel of latitude. There are various provisions looking to the control of the railway in the matter of rates and an equal protection in this clause on behalf of the railway. For five years from the last of September, 1898, no line of railway shall be authorized by Parliament to be constructed from any point near the international boundary line, between Canada and Alaska, into the Yukon, nor shall any aid in money or land be granted to any other contractors, for that purpose. Moreover, during ten years, from the first of September, 1898, the contractors shall be given the preference in any aid the Government may see fit to grant towards the building of a line of railway from Stickine river to an ocean port in British Columbia, providing they are willing to undertake its construction within a reasonable time.

In addition to the land grant from the Dominion Government for the Yukon railway, Mackenzie and Mann will receive a cash subsidy from the British Columbia Government of $2,500 per mile.

Klondike Golds Fields.

We commented some time ago upon a movement among the American outfitters for the Yukon in the direction of practically shutting out Canadian goods from the strip of Alaskan territory which it is necessary to cross to reach Teslin lake or the headwaters of the Lewes river. This would have been a severe blow to Canadian traders, but we ventured the opinion that the United States government would not be a party to such an unjustifiable scheme. This has proved to be the case, as a cable despatch informs us that Mr. Sifton, the Canadian minister of the interior, has made satisfactory arrangements at Washington for the free passage of Canadian goods through Alaskan territory. "It is quite evident that the Klondike boom has collapsed." That is the opinion of the New York Engineering and Mining Journal, which ought to know something about the matter. The Journal bases its view upon the failure to go to allotment of the Norse American Gold company, not a tenth part of whose shares were applied for, the money subscribed being consequently returned. The promoters complained that the American public was frightened at the numerous illegitimate schemes put forward. Much the same sort of thing has taken place in London, and we may take it that the Klondike boom is pretty well on its last legs here as well as in the States. It will eventually be all the better for the sound concerns which are or will be put on the market when all the trashy prospectuses are in the hands of the buttermen and dust-collectors and put to their proper uses. A letter has been received at Victoria, British Columbia, from Dawson City, dated 10th December, to the effect that the "mother lode" of the Klondike placer diggings has been discovered. Whilst this may be true, it certainly does not wear an aspect of probability, for experts are divided even as to the likelihood of there being any one particular body of ore which has supplied the gold found in the various tributaries of the Klondike. However, a body of low-grade ore had been found near Forty-Mile before the Klondike field was discovered, and some other outcroppings have been found in different places, some of which promised well from the rough assays that could be made by Mr. Ogilvie, so that it is quite possible an important find may have been made. As to the richness of the ore, however, or the size of the ore body, no reliable estimate can possibly have been made, for the simple reason that means were not at hand, and this should always be remembered when reports of this sort are published.—The Rialto.

CROW'S NEST COAL.

First Shipment to Fort Steele.--The Company's Plans.

Fort Steele Prospector: Teams arrived on Saturday with severtl tons of Crow's Nest coal for Carlin & Durick, the local agents for the Crow's Nest Coal company. A block weighing 320lbs. was left at The Prospector office, being forwarded by Mr. Fernie, manager, as a sample for exhibition. It has been inspected by hundreds of people, and the knowing ones pronounce it a first-class article for blacksmiths or for general purposes. Although taken from a point close to the cropping, the sample is very firm and solid, showing no tendency to slacking. A further shipment is expected this week, and hereafter there will be a constant supply kept on hand for blacksmiths.

William Blakemore, general manager of the Crow's Nest Coal company, has returned from a trip to the old country. At Vancouver the other day he said he had recently made a close inspection of the most modern mining plants in the United States, especially with regard to the use of electricity, and on his advice the directors have decided to put in such a plant. Electricity will be used for mining the coal, hauling it, driving it, driving the ventilating fans, and lighting, and, later on, water power may be used.

The principal supplies purchased abroad were the fire-bricks for the coke ovens. These constitute a very important and extensive item, and will be brought nearly 7,000 miles.

When Mr. Blakemore left the mines in September last he located a six-foot seam, which has been sampled and fully analysed, and found to produce the most suitable coke for smelting purposes. He left twenty men at work at the mine, and this force has since been increased to fifty, who are under the immediate control of Mr. Smith, the mine superintendent. Mr. Blakemore related a remarkable occurrence that happened in September last. During a storm a 30-foot vein was uncovered on the south side of Coal creek, and operations have also been carried on there. As the storm considerably affected the valley, one of his first considerations on his return would be to decide where it would be best to build the coke ovens and set up the colliery plant, and it may be that the ovens will be removed nearer to the Elk river. The first installment of ovens will be fifty in number and they will be increased as the trade requires. Mr, Blakemore will leave for the east in about six weeks' time to conclude business arrangements for the summer's work and will then return and remain at the mine for some months

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Golden to Carbonate	17	miles
" Hog Ranche	22	"
" Spillimacheene	42	"
" Shorty's	50	"
" McKay's	66	"
" Windermere	84	"
" Brewer's	97	"
" Canal Flat	120	"
" Wasa (Hanson's)	156	"
" Fort Steele	168	"

NOTICE.

The Golden Lumber Company, Lt'd., Ly., having transferred their business to the Columbia River Lumber Co., request that all parties having accounts against them send the same in at once, and all accounts due the Golden Lumber Co., Lt'd, Ly., must be settled on or before 1st February, 1898.

S. BARBER,
Secretary.

Golden, B.C.,
Jan. 18th, 1898.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Provincial Legislature meets in session at Victoria in the new parliament buildings to-day.

Word has been received from Mr. Thos. McNaught, editor of THE MINER, of his safe arrival in Scotland.

Mr. C. F. Peterson, general tinsmith, plumber, etc., is now ready for business. His card will be found in another column.

R. E. Beattie, who for several months has been in the employ of ex-Alderman Fraser, the druggist, left Rossland last Monday for Cranbrook, where he will engage in the drug business. The stock has already arrived at its destination.—Rossland Miner.

The soft weather which prevailed the early part of the week had a detrimental effect on C. P. R. traffic, snowslides prevailing to a large extent in both the Rockies and the Selkirks, especially the latter, there being no train from the west from Saturday night until Tuesday morning.

Arrangements have been made by the celebrated Cosgrove Family to give one of their fine entertainments in Golden, March 17th and 18th. They have with them Edison's Projecting Kinetescope, also the Queen's Jubilee Procession and the finest collection of scenes in Canada. Our citizens may look for a rich treat.

Mr. Jas. Henderson has commenced operations on the three story addition to the Columbia House. When completed the house will be one of the finest in the mountains and replete with every convenience. Mr. McNeish is showing his faith in the future of the town in the erection of such a large addition to his hotel.

At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Channe Mining Co. of Vancouver. Mr. G. W. Willis was elected President and Managing Director. The directors report gives a detailed description of the various properties owned by the Company in East Kootenay and shews a good balance on the right side of the ledger.

Manuel Dainard left on Wednesday for the Bennison Group, where, on behalf of Major Clohecy, manager of the Kootenay Consolidated Co., owners of the group, he will examine and report on the amount of work done on these claims up to date. In order to reach the Bennison Group Mr. Dainard has to walk 30 miles or so on snow shoes.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bald Mountain Mining & Development Co. was held at Golden on the 8th inst. Messrs. W. H. Lee, W. H. Kinnisten, J. A. McAllister, G. B. McDermot, and Wm. McNeish were re-elected as directors for another year. The usual reports of officers were received showing the Company to be clear of all liabilities and in sound condition.

The annual meeting of the Golden branch of the British & Foreign Bible Society will be held in the Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17th. After the Secy.-Treasurer's report has been received and the officers for the ensuing year are elected, short addresses will be given by: Mr. G. E. Smith on "The Object and Aim of the Society;" Rev. Mr. Turner on "The Duty of Spreading the Bible;" and Mr. J. R. Harcourt on "The Difficulties of the Work in Foreign Lands."

W. M. Burns, B.A., school inspector for the Kootenays, visited Golden school Thursday. After spending the day in examining the different classes he expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the work done by teacher and pupils. He complimented the pupils on their excellent behavior. Mr. Burns says he will visit the schools in his district much oftener, and hoped that next time he visited the school that Mr. Bates would have some for entrance examination. Mr. Bates informs us that he will have the pupils ready next time. Mr. Burns went up to Field Thursday night to inspect the school there.

Parliament was opened Thursday by the Governor-General. In the speech from the throne, he referred to the prosperity of Canada; Canada's splendid credit in the European markets; the Mother country's appreciation of Canadas reduction on goods imported into Canada from the United Kingdom. He referred with pleasure to the action of the Imperial Government in denouncing the treaties with Germany and Belgium, to the extraordinary gold discoveries in the Yukon and the bountiful harvest. He said if the Teslin Lake Railway was built it would secure for Canada the bulk of the Klondike trade; that measures would be submitted respecting superannuation, repeal of the *Franchise Act* and the *plebiscite on prohibition*.

Messrs. Ullock and Barrie have rented the Kootenay House from Mr. S. Adler, and take possession this week. Mr. Ullock came here from Schrieber, Ont., and has had large experience in the hotel business. Mr. Barrie is well and favorably known in Golden, having for the past few months run the boarding department of the Kootenay House very successfully. THE MINER wishes them every success in their enterprise. Mr. Ullock will be a valuable acquisition to the curling club as he is an old curler and takes a great interest in the roarin' game.

Klondike and the Currency Question

It would appear from an article entitled "Keep the Gold in Canada," which we find in the Klondike Review, a new journal published in Victoria, that there are Canadians who do not look forward to the supply of the yellow metal from the Klondike deposits being used to "solve the currency question" in either the United States or India. The new authority says: "The effect of the Klondike upon British Columbia and the whole Dominion of Canada will be of great moment. Our population will be increased and the consumption of food and other products enlarged to an enormous extent, thus increasing the general trade of the country, unless we hand the key of our markets to Americans to shut us out or let us in as they think best for themselves. The excess of the marketable value of the gold we produce over the necessary costs of its production will be so much added to the capital of the country, if such marketable value passes into Canadian channels. If, however, the gold produced in Canada is shipped bodily out to San Francisco, leaving no deposit save the outlays made by its miners while residing at the goldfields, then to such an extent the gold mines will simply have given Canada whatever trade was created by the current expenditures. An American who goes into Klondike acquires there a quantity of gold, and then returns laden with it to his home in the States, will render very little service to Canada in return for the wealth she has allowed him to acquire and carry away in order to expend and waste it in a foreign country. We therefore urge upon the Dominion government the great importance of establishing a system by which the miner may deposit his gold with the government agent and from him receive a certificate which may be transformed into cash at any of the offices of the assistant receiver general in Canada. By this plan miners can secure a larger value for their gold, and not be compelled, as at the present time, to accept $15 or $16 per ounce taken out in trade, and the government causes the miner to come to Canada on his return."

DIED.

WOODLEY.—At Golden, B.C., on the 2nd inst., George Woodley, aged 53 years 7 months.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I shall apply for a special timber licence to cut timber on the following described lands:—Commencing at a post on the North Fork of Finley Creek, across the creek from the head of Brady's Ditch, north-east post; thence running south 160 chains; thence west 70 chains; thence north 160 chains; thence east 70 chains to post of commencement.

R. H. MILLIGAN.

Fort Steele, October 20th, 1897.

APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an Act changing the name of The Dominion Building and Loan Association to that of The Dominion Permanent Loan Company.

Dated at Toronto, this 17th day of November, A.D., 1897.

MACDONALD, BOLAND & THOMPSON,
2 Toronto Street, Toronto,
n25-9t Solicitors for Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for a Private Bill to incorporate a Company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from a point at or near Cranbrook, in East Kootenay, thence by the most feasible route to the St. Mary's River; thence in a westerly direction to the headwaters of St. Mary's River: and also in an easterly and northerly direction from some point on the said line a branch line up the East Kootenay Valley to the neighbourhood of Horse Thief and No. 2 creeks and the mines in that vicinity; with power to the said Company to construct a line from the Bull River Group of Mines, in East Kootenay, to the most convenient point on the main line of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway; and also to authorize and empower the Company, to build, from time to time, branch lines to groups of mines and concentrators from any of the three above-mentioned lines of railways, such branch lines not to exceed twenty (20) miles in length; with power to build telegraph and telephone lines, and to equip and operate the said railway and its branches, and to erect and maintain all necessary works for the generation and transmission of electricity or power within the area of the operations of the said Company; and power to build, maintain and operate wharves, docks and steamboats, saw-mills, and acquire water privileges to construct dams, flumes, etc., for improving and increasing the water privileges, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights or privileges.

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FREE MINERS.

Extracts From British Columbia Statutes Explaining Fully the Value and Necessity of a "Free Miners" Certificate—No Person Should Attempt Mining Without One.

Any person over 18 years of age, 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.

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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.

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A free miner may on payment of $500, in lieu of expenditure on claim, obtain a crown grant.

Any miner may, at the discretion of the gold commissioner, obtain necessary water rights.

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.

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