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THE "MAUD S" AND "STAND BY" SOLD

The McMurdo District Coming to the Front.—Description of the Properties.

Within the past few days there has been consummated at Golden another important mining transaction affecting properties in the McMurdo district which is fast coming to the front as one of the richest portions of East Kootenay.

As stated in our columns last week Mr. H. E. Foster of Kamloops has sold to Messrs. Stracey and Joliffe the Maud S. and Stand By mineral claims, situated in the International Basin on the middle fork of the Spillimacheen River. The terms are understood to be $5,000 cash. These two claims are crown granted and immediately adjoin the International mine which was purchased last fall from the administrator of the Archibald McMurdo estate for $10,000 cash. This latter claim is now being developed under the superintendence of Mr. B. J. Townsend of Toronto. Messrs. Stracey and Joliffe are now making preparations to do extensive development work on the claims purchased by them.

MAUD S.

On the Maud S. claim at the southern end there are six quartz reefs standing out distinctly in a cliff about 100 feet high. These reefs are from 2 to 12 feet in width, standing in a vertical position and tapering towards the top of the cliff, but do not appear at the surface. Where these longitudinal leads intersect the cross leads it is highly probable that very rich ore will be struck. On the International claim which adjoins on the west there are two cross leads of remarkable richness running in a north easterly direction, directly in the line of the Maud S. and only 50 or 60 yards distant. The assays from one lead gave $164 in gold per ton without any silver and the other lead has given results ranging from $40 to $700 in gold from various parts of the mine. Those leads are 18 inches and 2 feet in width respectively. The Maud S. occupies higher ground than the International the cap rock not having been worn off while the International has had the cap rock washed off and is now on a lower level. These leads are easily traceable and can be worked from the International side. The country rock is talcose slate and the reefs cut the country in strike and dip.

STAND BY.

This claim contains a group of six longitudinal quartz reefs near its western boundary from 2 to 6 feet wide running north-westerly and standing in a vertical position. It also contains a group of these longitudinal leads from 3 to 7 feet wide on the eastern boundary running north-westerly and standing nearly vertical. There is also a group of 4 cross leads from 6 inches to 2 feet in width assaying as high as $36 in gold and 118 ounces in silver, besides grey copper not determined. A pit 10 feet in depth has been sunk on one lead and an open cut on another. These cross leads have a north-easterly trend and a north-westerly dip. An open cut about 40ft. in length has been made and a tunnel a further 60 feet was some time ago run diagonally on the first group of quartz reefs for the purpose of cutting both systems of leads, but the work was not finished. The walls are well defined. The country rock is talcose slate and the reefs cut the formation both in strike and dip. There is a good cabin and furnishings on the claim.

THE MINER wishes Messrs. Stracey and Joliffe the full measure of success with these claims that has attended the operations on the adjoining claim—the International.

OUR MINING CAMPS

THE AMERICANS' TRIBUTE OF PRAISE.

Comparison of Canadian Mining Camps With Those of the States Our Respect for Law and Order Compared with Yankee Bloodshed.

The following, taken from a prominent Brooklyn paper, is a welcome tribute to our respect for law and order: "One great gain, though we own it to our sorrow, arises from the fact that the mines are in Canadian territory. This means that men will not be shot every day or two, that they will not be permitted to jump each other's claims, that there will be a check on liquor saloons and dance houses and gambling hells. For it must be admitted in the conduct of their mines the Canadians have exercised a coolness and justice and temperance that in our own land has been the exception. In the mining towns of British Columbia, for instance, though they were discovered and developed under nearly the same conditions as our own there is no more ruffianism than there is on Fulton street, and usually not as much. Courts are established early and the police are fellows of good sense and courage. Lynchings are unknown, and it is said that not a single case of extra-legal punishment has occurred in British Columbia. This is remarkable when we read the record of blood and theft and extravagance in Colorado, where even to this day the gambling house, the dance house and the poisonous groggery are the principal features of new camps. The disarming of the newcomers is a wise measure, and all quarrels have to be settled in court, which is the only fair way, or with fists, which is perhaps the only convincing one."

INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

Dr. Stallard, a prominent Physician of San Francisco—His Opinion of East Kootenay.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Stallard of San Francisco, while passing through East Kootenay on their way to attend the meeting of the British Association for the advancement of Science, to be held in Toronto from th 18th to the 25th of August, staid over some days in our District. Dr. Stallard, who is a prominent physician in San Francisco, is the representative of the Leland Stanford University, of the University of California, and of the Academy of Science of San Francisco. Both the Dr. and his wife had already passed some weeks in the Selkirks, where they had climbed Mt. Albert and the Asulkan glacier which until last year was a virgin pass as far as white ladies were concerned. They remained off at Golden to ascend the Upper Columbia river and were more than repaid by its magnificient scenery. Windermere valley is not only full of exquisite beauty, but affords an unsurpassed field for sport. Both Dr. and Mrs Stallard were greatly impressed with the beauties of the Columbian Vallies, between Donald and Golden, and Golden and Windermere, and the grandeur of the mountains of the Rocky, Selkirk and Windermere ranges, some of whose peaks were still capped with snow. They intend to spend some days at Lake Louise near Laggan, where they remained for ten days last year and made ascents to the Saddle and Goat Mountains, which in the judgment of the Doctor, who is an old Swiss traveller and has ascended both Mount Blanc and Monte Rosa, are equal in grandeur to the celebrated Gorner Grat which is acknowledged to be one of the finest views in all Europe. Under the suggestion of Dr. Stallard many of the trails at Glacier, Field and Lake Louise have been greatly improved and tents are being erected in convenient places which will make the most interesting points of view accessible to travellers unaccustomed to mountain climbing. Dr. Stallard expects that the scientists of Europe and the world will be invited to inspect the vast mineral resources of our mountains, and we sincerely hope that the invitation will be given and accepted by many and when the distinguished visitors arrive in the largest self governing and wealthiest province in the Empire, we in East Kootenay will extend to them a hearty welcome and endeavor to increase their knowledge of the vast resources of our district. Such knowledge when acquired contributes largely to the speedy development of our great wealth.

BANFF BREEZES.

A Budget of Newsy Items From the Popular Summer Resort.

(From our own correspondent.)

There are over 60 Calgarians at present spending the holidays at the Park.

Dr. Brett returned on Monday from the Halcyon Hot Springs at Arrow Lake.

Messrs. C. W. McCready and Geo. S. McCarter of Golden spent Sunday and Monday at the Park.

The Sanitarium is doing a rushing business at present over twenty five persons registering there last Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay of Calgary, have returned with their family to their Banff cottage for the summer months.

The Vanderbilt party travelling in their private cars spent a part of last week here going west on Monday accompanied by Supt. N block.

Mrs. Z. T. Wood of Calgary, is the guest of Mrs. Harper, and Miss Hochemer of Regina, and Miss Pankham of Calgary, are the guests of Mrs. Brett.

Mr. D D. Galletty of Canmore the newly appointed caretaker of the Cave and Basin has taken charge of his work and removed his family from Canmore to Banff.

One of the Vanderbilt party attending the Church of England on Sunday last dropped a $50 note on the collection plate, bringing up the offering to the snug sum of $65. Rev. W. F. Webb is the incumbent.

Inspector Harper of the N W.M.P., who has had charge of this post for many years past, leaves next week for the Yukon in charge of detachment of police. Mr. Harper will be much missed at Banff where he has made hosts of friends among the residents and tourists. Mrs. Harper and children remain at Banff for the present.

Some rich strikes in copper and gold have recently been made about 20 miles north of Banff Several claims have been located and a trail is being constructed to the properties. Assays from the rock show exceedingly high values in gold and copper. A large party leaves here in a few days to thoroughly prospect the country.

GOODBYE.

Mr. J. F. Armstrong says Farewell to the Congregation of St. Paul's Church.

On Sunday evening last Mr. J. F. Armstrong, lay reader of St. Paul's Church, Golden, said goodbye to his congregation. As is already well-known Mr. Armstrong has been appointed Gold Commissioner for the South East Kootenay district and leaves to-morrow for Cranbrook, the seat of government for that district. In the course of his remarks Mr. Armstrong expressed his deep regret at severing his connection with the parish of Golden having been connected with it since the building of the church, about six years ago. He regretted leaving more particularly because the Church would be without services for a time and he urged on the congregation the advisability of procuring a clergyman for this parish although it meant a good deal of self sacrifice on the part of the members.

The prosperity of St. Paul's Church in the past is a good deal due to the faithful and willing manner in which Mr. Armstrong conducted services every Sunday evening. He will be greatly missed in the Church and also in the Sunday school in which he took an active interest. In Mr. Armstrong's departure Golden will lose one who took an active part in all matters of public interest and it is with feelings of regret that THE MINER in conjunction with the residents of the town and district bids farewell to one of Golden's most respected citizens. Our loss will be Cranbrook's gain, and we wish Mr. Armstrong every success in his new field of labor.

Mr. J. F. Armstrong intimated on Sunday evening that a clergymen in Montreal had offered his services for the Donald and Golden district but nothing definite has yet been decided.

As Others See Us.

The latest to hand in the newspaper line is the EAST KOOTENAY MINER a four page, six column paper well filled with local, mining and general news, published at Golden, B.C. The new publication starts with a good advertising patronage and the general make up is first class.—Calgary Herald.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1897.

To Our Advertisers.

With a view to increasing the usefulness of our advertising columns both to our advertisers and ourselves, we would call attention to the necessity of changing advertisements so as to bring those goods which are required at the different seasons of the year into prominence at the proper time. As some of our merchants may not have time to attend to this, our representative will call at all stores advertising with us on Wednesday in each week, when any change that is desired to may be brought to his notice, and will take care that the public is informed of its merits. We want to show our advertisers that we have their interests at heart, and all we ask of them is that they show they have their own interest at heart by taking advantage of our proposition. No man can be considered a business man who does not advertise, and no advertisement can be considered a useful advertisement unless it is changed occasionally. Change, continual change is the order of nature, it is also the order of business, he who would be successful in business must abide by its laws.

Fort Steele Water Works.

Fort Steele after all is soon to have a supply of fresh and wholesome water A company has been incorporated called The Fort Steele Water Works Company. Its capital stock is $25,000, divided into 5000 shares of $5 each. It is anticipated that the cost of the water supply may be about $12,000, and of this amount we understand about $4,000 have already been subscribed. The provisional directors of the company are C. M. Keep of the Deposit and Exchange Company; Thomas McNaught, Financial Agent; R. L. T. Galbraith and A W. Beasdell, Chemist. Mr. Harvey, Notary Public, is secretary of the company. The company has not yet decided upon its source of supply, but there is a predilection towards obtaining a supply either from Brewery Creek or Shingle Creek both tributaries of the Wild Horse Creek. Brewery Creek is on the north and Shingle Creek is on the south, and both are about equidistant, *three miles or so from Fort Steele.* The water from Shingle Creek would be brought over the Wild Horse Creek by means of a siphon with a head box. The reservoir in both cases would be on a plateau near to the Indian reservation buildings occupied by Mr. Galbraith, and would be about 1300 yards from the center of the town. The height of the reservoir above the town would be about 190 feet which would give ample pressure to raise the water above the highest building that may be erected in Fort Steele. A committee has been appointed to report upon the best means for obtaining a proper supply of water, and recommend to the company a scheme for giving the town an adequate supply. The committee has not yet given in its report.

The scheme for a water supply has been long talked about, and committees have been in existence for months, while in the interval the people have had to be content with the muddy supply obtained from the Kootenay and carted up to the town in water barrels, running every risk to health and property. Fortunately the weather has been such as minimized these risks. There has been no chance of an epidemic breaking out, as the weather has been far from hot or sultry and any decaying matter has been swept down the river by the heavy rainfalls. The great danger of property will arise in the winter time when all the stoves will be set agoing and the lumber of the house will become as dry as tinder, and Fort Steele may share the fate of many of the early pioneer towns in being swept away in a big fire, unless a sufficient water supply is put in to cope with this great enemy to property.

There is a proposal also that when the supply of water is put in, an electrical plant should be constructed sufficient for motion illuminating and telephonic purposes. The capital stock of the company if fully subscribed will be ample to accomplish all these objects.

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One of the essential elements in the development and working of mining properties is POWER. This power problem has puzzled many of the progressive men of the Kootenay, and other mining districts, and until recently it remained unsolved. At last, however, cheapness, simplicity and effectiveness have been combined in the Hercules gasoline engine, one of the most powerful agents for facilitating all kinds of labor requiring other than muscular power yet invented. This machine has just been put on the market in British Columbia by the TORONTO TYPE FOUNDRY CO., LT'D, at its British Columbia branch, 520 Cordova Street, Vancouver. Correspondence from those in need of power is invited. The most minute details will be furnished on application.

ANNUAL MEETING.

GOLDEN HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Reports Presented--A Satisfactory Showing--Directors Appointed for the Current Year.

The annual general meeting of the Golden Hospital Society was held in the school house on Monday evening last. The attendance was very small and it is surprising that so little interest is shown by the residents of the town in the work of this institution. Mr. C. A Warren was appointed chairman and C. H. Parson secretary of the meeting. The secretary's report for the year ending June 30th was presented as follows:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXP.

Expenditure.	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Salaries & Wgs	174367	181205	68 38	
Drgs, Meds &c	16983	28509	115 46	
Housekeepi'g	84480	78756		57 24
Fuel	15314	7734		75 80
Ice	3300	3350	50	
Building Rep	5000	92533	875 33	
Furnishings		10609	106 09	
Sundry Exp.	2531	6091	35 60	
			1195 36	133 04
			133 04	
Net increase on expenditure			1062 32	

Revenue.	1896.	1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Subsidy	199992	200004	12	
Monthly Fees	121825	122543	717 82	
Annual Tick's	14000	13900		100 00
Pay Patients	23400	33395	99 95	
Sale of Med'es	10503	12330	18 27	
Entertainm'ts	2520	2210		3 10
			836 16	13 10
			13 10	
Net increase in revenue			823 06	

NUMBER OF PATIENTS 1896 AND 1897.

	1896.	1897.
In Patients	43	74
Out Patients	288	451
Days	788	833
Deaths	3	2

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Salaries and wages	$1690 00	Surplus 1896	417 78
Housekeeping exp	787 56	Subsidy acct	2000 04
Drugs & Med's sup	285 09	Cash sales..	89 70
Extra help	122 65	Drugs sold	33 60
Building repairs..	925 33	Annual tick	130 00
Furnishing accoun	109 09	Monthly dn	1936 07
Fuel	77 34	Pay Patient	333 95
Telephone rent....	25 00	Bal net pro.	22 10
Ice	33 50		
Insurance	62 50		
Sundry expenses..	60 91		

The above figures show that while there was a large increase in the number of patients there was a considerable reduction in the Housekeeping expenses which speaks well for Nurse Holt's management. There has been a large sum expended on improvements to the Hospital, consisting principally of the extension of the general ward and the addition of a new operating room with all modern conveniences which seems to be justified in the large increase of patients. The statement also shows that there was an increase of $1062.32 in the expenditure over last year, and at the same time an increase in revenue of $823.06 over that of the preceding year.

The Medical Superintendent's report was next presented as follows:

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors, Golden Hospital Society:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present to you a report of patients for the year ending June 30th last.

During the year there were treated at the hospital 451 out-door patients, and 74 in-door patients of whom 69 were males and 5 females. The total number of hospital days were 833, making an average stay in the hospital of 11.25 days. There were two deaths during the year, both cases of pneumonia One of these was an old alcoholic who died two days after admission. The percentage of deaths was 2 7. Of the cases admitted there were:

Abscess 2, *adonitis* 1, *alcoholism* 1, anenoysm (traumatic) 1, appendicitis 1, axe wounds 8, bronchitis 3, birth 1, carbuncle 1, crushed foot 1, crushed hand 1, debility 1, diarrhoea 1, dysentery 3, endometritis 1 erysipelas 3, fabricula 1, fracture of metatarsus 2, fracture of ribs 2, frost bite 1, furunculus 1, haemoptysis 1, hysteria 1, influenza 1, injury to spine 2, injury to chest 1, jaundice 1, laceration of brain 1, laceration of hand 2, laceration of leg 1, laceration of perineum and abdominal wall 1, laceration of scalp and shoulder 1 lumbago 3 measles 2, morbus coxarius 1, orchitis 2. pleurisy 5, pneumonia 4, pregnancy 1, rheumatism 2, sprain 2, tonsillitis 2, typhoid fever 3.

The improvements in the kitchen and bath-room have proved great conveniences. The extension of the general ward will provide a much needed increase of accommodation when completed. The new operating room with its new and modern accessories will also be a great improvement on the old one. Since the old operating room has been fitted up as a dispensary the facilities for dispensing have been greatly increased. The fencing of the grounds has, besides adding to the beauty of the premises, very effectually kept wandering swine, cows, etc., at a more convenient distance than formerly. I hope in the near future to see some improvement on the present laborious method of distributing water in the building.

I am, gentlemen,
Faithfully yours,
J. N. TAYLOR, M.D., C.M.

In his concluding remarks the Doctor expresses the hope that some improvement will soon be made in the method of distributing water through the hospital. Mr. Houston has been asked to look into this matter and report as to the best means which could be devised to remedy it.

The election of directors for the present year was then proceeded with, the former directors Capt. F. P. Armstrong and C. A. Warren being re-elected. It was resolved to ask the Gold Commissioner, Mr. J. E. Griffiths, to represent Wasa on the Board of Directors, Mr. Hanson the former representative having resigned. Mr. C. H. Parson who has been secretary of the society for the past 18 months, having declined to act for another year was requested to act for one month until a meeting of the Board of Directors could be held and a new secretary appointed. Great credit is due to the retiring secretary for the efficient way in which he has performed his arduous task. It is understood that the Directors will in future grant the secretary a free medical pass or some small remuneration for his services. This we think is only just as the duties of secretary of such an institution are by no means light.

The Directors wish it to be more generally understood that any resident of the town or district may become a member of the Hospital Society on payment of 75 cents per month.

MINING COMPANIES

Mining companies may be divided into three distinct classes, and so defined according to their objects, possibility of becoming dividend payers, and their future.

The name "wildcat" has been frequently applied to companies where it has been manifestly unjust, for it is not true that all new companies are wildcats.

A "wildcat company" is one where the claim is a poor one—perhaps not at all likely to ever become a paying mine—and the promoters of the company, knowing this, have their shares beautifully engraved issue alluring prospectuses, furnish attractive offices and sell their shares at almost any price above the cost of purchasing them. The money received of course goes into expenses (they furnish the vouchers), save a small percentage which may be applied to some "gophering" about on the surface to make a showing, and gather in some specimens of rock to show the far away buyer. Such companies stop short at nothing to place their shares and get their money for them.

The name "speculative" may be applied to those companies who, having secured an option, or written contract to buy a mining claim within a certain time, have paid a *small sum down to hold the claim,* but have no real title to their property, and are trusting to the sale of their treasury shares to raise sufficient funds to complete their payments.

In this case but little, if any, of the money coming from the sale of treasury shares can be, or is, applied to the development of the mine until all these payments are met. These companies frequently become excellent properties when their affairs are conservatively and honestly administered. Some of the strongest companies now in existence have been started as speculative companies, but their success has been dependent upon the union of two things, a good claim and absolute honesty in the administration.

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FORT STEELE MINING DIVISION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

THE TOWN OF CRANBROOK.

FUTURE CAPITAL OF S. E. KOOTENAY

And the Centre of the Provincial Government Administration for That District.

The survey of this townsite is now nearly completed. It has the finest situation in South East Kootenay for being a town of the first importance and the future capital of that district. It will be the chief divisional centre of the British Columbia railway or as it is more familiarly called the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and is admirably situated for that purpose. It has a high undulating plateau although right in the valley of the Kootenay. It is right in the middle of the great mining localities. The North Star and Sullivan group of mines lie 25 miles to the north; the famous Moyie mines including the celebrated St. Eugene lie 22 miles to the south; on its west side are the noted Perry Creek mines, which are about 20 miles distant; on its east side are the famed Dibble group of mines about the same distance away. In and near its vicinity there have quite recently been located some very valuable mining properties, the most famed of which are on Palmer's Bar, a few miles distant.

The townsite is on the Cranbrook estate which comprehends about 18,000 acres and contains some of the finest land in East Kootenay including St. Joseph's Prairie. The townsite has been specially selected out of this estate and embraces 360 acres which have now been laid out in streets and avenues. Special care has been taken to provide ample breathing space for the multitude that will soon fill up those streets and avenues with "the busy haunts of men" in the shape of stores, residences, warehouses and hotels. The streets will be properly graded and the sidewalks will be constructed with the same uniformity as to breadth and height. A proper system of sanitation will be inaugurated. The two main features, a good drainage scheme and a proper water supply having been specially kept in view in laying out the town. There is ample water available.

In addition to this townsite 1,500 acres of land have been laid out in 300 blocks of 5 acres each. These blocks will be suitable for several purposes, while many of them may be utilized for mining and business requirements, others will be devoted and reserved for suitable residences standing in their own grounds.

The Canadian Pacific railway company who are constructing the railway have not only laid off their station, yards, sidings and roundhouse, but have actually commenced the work of construction. The line has been located for 13 miles south and on this portion grading will be at once commenced. The survey from Wardner, which is about 20 miles south-east is completed and construction work on this part will soon be under way. Ere winter has fully set in it is anticipated that there will be railway communication between Wardner, Cranbrook and the upper end of Moyea Lake. This will be of great advantage to the mining industry in East Kootenay, particularly to the mines on the south, west and north as a cheaper and readier means of transport will be opened up, which will enable them to get to the markets quicker and more economically than at the present time.

Around the town are situated some of the finest farming lands in East Kootenay, particularly adapted either for pastoral or agricultural purposes. Since the impulse given to the mining industries in recent years, farmers are now coming into East Kootenay in increasing numbers, as there is now a demand for farm produce, particularly dairying and agricultural. Some of the pre-emptions have been taken up in the immediate neighborhood of Cranbrook, where farmers anticipate they will find a ready market for their produce.

The large saw-mill now in course of erection will speedily be in operation supplying abundance of lumber for building purposes. The timber is of the finest quality in the province. Several sites have already been selected and ere many days pass the sounds of hammer and saw will be heard, and buildings will be seen rising and the commencement of a large town will be made.

Not only is Cranbrook central for South-East Kootenay, central for the principal mining localities, chief divisional station on the railway, but it is right in the center of the other mining towns. These all lie round about it, so a better and more convenient place could not have been selected for the head offices of the Provincial Government of that district. South-East Kootenay is to have a Gold Commissioner to herself and it is to be formed into a new district.

Already there is some talk of constructing smelters there but it will be probably next year before these proposals take any definite form. The first buildings that will arise after the store and the hotel will be the government buildings. Cranbrook will be a place of activity this autumn and next year will see it go rapidly ahead.

East Kootenay Mining Stock List.

NAME OF COY.	CAPITAL.	PAR VALUE	SELL P
The Gold Hills C. & D. Co.	$2,000,000	$1.00	15c
The Kootenay C'boo M&I C	$2,500,000	$1.00	25c
Golden & Fort Steele D Co.	$750,000	$1.00	10c
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Mining Broker,
Fort Steele.

Inefficient Postal Arrangements

BETWEEN FT. STEELE AND GOLDEN.

The Post Master General's "Dirty Trick."—Fort Steele Supplies her Own Postal and Telegraphic Service.

Prior to the advent of the Liberal Government there was a weekly postal service between Golden and Fort Steele, and Fort Steele and Golden. This service was inadequate and agitations were got up to obtain a bi-weekly service. Since the time the weekly service was inaugurated by the Conservative government, there have been great changes in the Columbia and Kootenay vallies. Ranchers have come in, additional pre-emptions have been taken up, population has increased, the mining industry has taken a great bound so much so that the production of East Kootenay in 1895 of its mineral wealth of $15,575 bounded up in 1896 to $154,427, and this year will shew this great relative increase maintained. Members of the Liberal party in parliament when in opposition were ever now and again interrogating the Conservative Government as to what it was doing to develope the resources of our great Province. Hopes beat high that with the change of Government, and also with the change of member for the district, our district would receive adequate recognition. We applied for a bi-weekly postal service. We applied for telegraphic and telephonic communication between Golden and Fort Steele. We applied for a grant to improve the navigation of the Kootenay. It is now well known how our applications were treated. They were treated with studied indifference and cold neglect. Our requests were not unreasonable. They were absolutely necessary. So much so that the private navigation company operating on the Kootenay spent a considerable sum out of its own pocket in improving the navigation, a duty which should have been undertaken by the Dominion Government. We made every reasonable request to the Government for our telegraphic service, and sought to enlist our member on its behalf. We were politely bowed out by the Government, and our member's nature is of such a nature that it is unfelt, and appears to be an unknown quantity. We were more scurvily treated by the Government as to postal service. It abolished the weekly service and substituted a service once a fortnight, that being its idea of Liberal progress and reform in this district. Naturally the people clamoured against this backward innovation, which while it lasted did not improve business relations with the outside world. When new tenders were called for, as the old contract was expiring, for a weekly postal service, although this was disappointing still if not advancing there was no further retrograde movements. There was a radical change in the mode of conveyance. It was to be carried entirely by stage along the wagon road. Tenders having been invited for this special advertised contract, many applicants were at considerable expense in preparing their tenders in the expectation of obtaining the contract and that the advertised contract was a BONA FIDE one. But alas they reckoned without considering the devious ways of the Post Master General. Many tenders were lodged but instead of accepting any of them the Post Master General threw them all aside and entered into a different contract with a private individual for a term of four years whereby there was to be a weekly service in the summer and a fortnightly service in the winter. The public was kept entirely in the dark as to the making of this strange contract until it was completed. No person was given an opportunity of competing. Those most concerned in the matter were never consulted. Public convenience is a matter of the utmost indifference to this servant of the public—the Post Master General. If such conduct had been indulged in by a Conservative public servant there would have been a fine howl of indignation from Liberal throats. This contract is conceived in the highest principal of "how not to do it." The mails are landed in Fort Steele on Thursday evening and early on the following morning the mails go out again. There is no opportunity of answering letters by return of mail, so that the service is practically a fortnightly one, and far from conferring any benefits.

The people of Fort Steele have again risen to the occasion. They have supplied their own telegraphic service and they have also supplied their own postal service. Within 30 days there will be a telegraphic service in operation between Fort Steele and Kalispel in Montana. The cost of this service has been subscribed for by the people, and construction has already proceeded as far as Wardner, which will share in the benefits thus obtained. Arrangements have now been concluded with the two transportation companies operating on the Kootenay and Columbia rivers so as to enable the people in the district to send out and receive their mail with some regularity and punctuality. From the north there are two stages departing and arriving every week connecting with the boats on the Columbia river for Golden, while between Jennings Landing on the Kootenay and West Port boats are running three or four times every week. Letters to people in Fort Steele district if addressed to the care of the International Steamboat Company via Jennings Landing are brought up by the company free and distributed by them from their agent's office. Letters can go out this way but both Canadian and United States postage must be put upon them, and in addition a fee of five cents for each letter is charged. More than 50 per cent of the mail, is now received and sent out by this route. Mail under similar arrangements can be sent north by the stage which runs twice a week to Golden, and also letters brought in and distributed if addressed to the care of the company at Golden. In a short time the Post Master's postal service will become a farce.

Next year with the advent of the railway and the uprising of new towns there must be a change in the absurd postal arrangements, and the officials appear to be now recognizing that fact, as the assistant Inspector General has recently been in Fort Steele making enquiries and obtaining information as to the strides the district has made in increase of population, and in increase of business. Wardner, Moyie and Cranbrook are now demanding post offices and postal services and their wants must be attended to in some way and they cannot be through the present crazy channel devised by Post Master General Mulock. The natural course for our service is southward and railway communication next year will provide the means for an effective service.

FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele came into existence in 1877 In that year there was some trouble with Kootenay Indians. The cause of the trouble was that two white men were found murdered and robbed, their bodies being discovered in a gulch, some 30 miles north of Windermere in the Columbia valley, and which has ever since borne the name of the Deadmen's Creek. The white men, who were miners, had evidently been followed and murdered while sleeping by the camp fire. Suspicion fell upon an Indian in whose possession a watch was found and he was arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the crime. The Indians grew excited, broke open the lock-up and released their comrade. The government offices were then on Wild Horse Creek and the officials, of which Mr. Aylmer, Golden, was then one, were ordered by the Indians to clear out of the country. They cleared. This disturbance led to a detachment of the North West Mounted Police coming in to quell the disturbances and re-apprehend the prisoners. This detachment came in from Alberta through the Crow's Nest Pass and was under the command of Major Steele. The Indians were re-apprehended and were subsequently liberated as there was no evidence sufficient for a conviction. A watch supposed to belong to one of the murdered men had been found on one of the Indians. A notorious white man known by the name of "Peg Leg" disappeared from the country about this time and it was supposed he knew more about the murder than the Indians implicated. The murder and robbery savoured more of the deed of a white man than the art of an Indian. It was generally supposed that the watch might have been given to the Indian for shewing the actual perpetrator the way out of the country by one of the trails through a pass. The mounted police remained for some time in the district until all the excitement had cooled down as the times were perilous and the settlers who were then few in number were badly scared and there were fears of an Indian rising.

The police fixed their headquarters on a piece of ground on a bluff at the conjunction of the Wild Horse Creek with the Kootenay River, and built barracks and offices there which are at the present time utilized as the Provincial Government offices. The land on which the barracks and offices were built belonged to a Mr. Galbraith, who kept a ferry and store there and the place was known as Galbraith's Ferry, and had been so known since the days of the wild rush in the early sixties to the placer diggings on Wild Horse Creek. The rush to these diggings was from the south. Prospectors coming in by Walla-Walla and Bonner's Ferry, crossing the St. Mary's river and afterwards the Kootenay to get into the Wild Horse Creek. There was no practical route then from the north. In order to shorten the route and give a ready crossing over the Kootenay Mr. Galbraith constructed the ferry and afterwards established a store. The result of the great rush to the Wild Horse Creek was the speedy uprisal of a great mining town on Wild Horse Creek where the first government offices for the district were established, but which were subsequently removed to Donald when the rush had died away and the mining town of Wild Horse Creek had dwindled down.

The ferry and store remained on the banks of the Kootenay and these have formed the nucleus of the present mining town of Fort Steele. The advent of the mounted police rendered it necessary to have postal facilities, which lead to the establishment of a post office which was named after the commandant of the police force and the name of Galbraith's ferry disappeaaed in that of Fort Steele. From that time onward until the discoveries in quartz some few years ago its progress was slow, but after the discoveries of mineral wealth in its surrounding mountains its progress was more rapid. But within the last three years since the district became better known to the outside world its progress has been most rapid. It is now a busy, bustling town and the center of great activity. Its population will now be close upon 1000 and is rapidly increasing. Three months ago it only boasted of two hotels and two stores, now it has eight hotels and about the same number of stores. All trades and all professions are represented. It has two doctors, a chemist shop, and six members of the legal profession. Its school is in a flourishing condition. Divine services are held both by Presbyterian and Episcopalian churches. It has one of the best conducted newspapers in British Columbia—"The Prospector"—whose editor Mr. A. B. Grace, more than any other man in the Kootenays, has through its columns built up the present prosperity of Fort Steele.

Whether it ever shall be any larger than what it is at this present time remains to be seen as formidable rivals are rising up in the shape of other mining towns. It is pleasantly situated on a small elevated table land at the conjunction of the Wild Horse Creek with the Kootenay River, backed in by the Rocky Mountains, while in front is one of the lovliest forest lands that ever the eye rested upon. It stretches away for miles, comparatively level, with little mountains rising here and there until closed in by the Selkirks. Through this runs the St. Mary's river which empties into the Kootenay a little to the north of the town. One great drawback to the present prosperity of the town is the want of a water supply. A good wholesome supply of water could be easily got for an outlay of considerably under $9,000, which would be sufficient for the wants of the inhabitants for many years to come, but its people have other occupations to engage their attention and what is every person's business speedily becomes no person's business, A spasmodic effort was made some time ago to obtain a supply but the effort apparently has only been a spasm as nothing has yet been done. Meantime the people are content with the supply from the Kootenay, which in its present condition, from the heavy falls of rain has the appearance that it is far from inviting. The water is carted up from the river and distributed to the inhabitants, who have barrels in which their supply is kept for daily use. It is to be hoped this state of matters will be speedily remedied, and that shortly it will not only have a good water supply but an effective drainage scheme.

Its postal service is most defective, and is not only detrimental to its prosperity but to the prosperity of the neighboring towns and surrounding district. It has only a weekly service. Its importance and the importance of the other towns are sufficient to entitle the government to supply a bi-weekly service, but remonstrances have hitherto been in vain. The government has turned a deaf ear to the appeals. The result is that the people have to resort to other means to get their mail out and in by more expeditious manner than the half centuary behind means that the government has provided. A considerable amount of mail therefore goes out and comes in by the south. The inhabitants also made a vain appeal for the telegraphic or telephone communication with the outside world, but this defect has now been supplied by the energy of the town's people and within thirty days Fort Steele and its rival Wardner will be in communication with the outside world by means of the telegraph. This will be a great boon to the business portion of the community. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway may be of greater benefit to the mining towns on the line of its construction than to Fort Steele, but if its prosperity and importance warrants it, it can be easily connected with a spur line. The next two years will determine the future prosperity of the district; as by that time claims will be developed, and the present developed claims will be mines, and the other towns will be filled up. But notwithstanding all these formidable rivals, Fort Steele, if properly governed, will always be a charming town to live in, as its residental charms are great.

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

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

A free miner's certificate is not transferable.

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

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

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

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

A free miner may cut timber on crown lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GOLDEN, B. C.

Local and General News.

G. S. McCarter returned from Banff on Wednesday.

The C. P. R. are constructing a new side-track along the Kicking Horse bank.

Mr. George Meade, proprietor of the Russell House, is on a visit to Vancouver.

We regret to learn that Mr. Harry Woodley is lying very ill at the hospital.

Attention is directed to the Hospital report published in full in another column.

Mr. G. A. Brooke, M.E., has severed his connection with the Horne-Payne Company.

T. W. Jackson of Fort Steele, arrived on Sunday's boat and went east to Calgary on Monday.

A British Columbia section was opened in the London, England, stock exchange last week.

Mr. De Wolff who is connected with the Monarch mine at Field is expected to return about September 1st.

Mr. Thomas McNaught arrived from Fort Steele, on Wednesday and will spend a month in Golden.

A. Carroll, an employee of the Golden Lumber Co., received a bad squeeze on Monday by a log rolling on him.

It is reported that 12,000 men will be engaged shortly in the work of constructing the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

Divine service will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30.

J. A. Bangs, solicitor, Calgary, was a passenger on Saturday's boat from Fort Steele. He went east on Monday.

Mr. Dan McNeish, the popular proprietor of the Steele House, Fort Steele, has been spending a few days here this week.

R. B. Harstone on his road to the Crow's Nest Pass as assistant store keeper for the C.P.R., paid us a visit on Thursday.

Cornelius Vanderbilt's two sisters and party passed through Golden on a special early Tuesday morning en route for the coast.

J. C. Crome, manager of the British Columbia branch of the Toronto Type Foundry Company, paid Golden a visit on Monday.

Yuel Carryer of Field has located a claim about two miles from the railway at Field which promises high values in gold and copper.

Clare Turnbull had the misfortune to severely cut his foot while in the performance of his duties on the new bridge on Tuesday.

The public school reopens on Monday next. The school trustees for this year are Messrs. R. Love, W. L. Houston and Jas. Henderson.

Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-Minister of Finance, arrived from the west on Monday and left for Fort Steele, per s. s. Duchess, the same evening.

A special freight train of some 25 cars of implements, ties and horses, with about 100 men, left Calgary on Tuesday for the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

An American company are desirous of building a wagon road from the Peace River to the Klondyke on condition that they be allowed to collect tolls on it. They propose to spend millions on the road if necessary.

Frank Marriaggi and a party of four from Edmonton passed through on Wednesday on their way to the Yukon.

Miss Erickson of Field has returned from Banff where she has been for some time in the hospital suffering from a severe ankle sprain.

Dr. and Miss Barrett of Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell and daughter of Calgary were guests at the Columbia House on Tuesday.

At the raffle which took place at the Columbia House on Saturday evening last Billy Skelton won the stock saddle and Tom Alton the watch.

Mayor Orr of Calgary has offered to give free of charge to each of the ten sufferers by the recent flood, one lot of land 33x150 feet situated east of Elbow Bridge.

Mr. Wm. Baillie of Kamloops, formerly connected with the Inland Sentinel, paid us a visit on Monday. Mr. Baillie will spend the next few months looking into the resources of the Fort Steele division.

Manager Whyte of the C. P. R. has assured a correspondent that no contracts on the Crow's Nest Pass railway were let to American contractors nor to Foley Bros. as reported by the press.

Major S. B. Steele of Fort Macleod and John Herron of Pincher Creek returned east on Wednesday from a month's trip thro' the mining regions of B C. Major Steele is the President of the Ibex of Slocan.

A party of North West Mounted Police, seven in number, accompanied by Asst. Commissioner McIlree went west on Wednesday on their way to Lake Bennett in the Yukon where a police post and customs office will be established.

Mr. Griffith, the newly appointed Gold Commissioner for Northern East Kootenay, paid his first official visit to Golden yesterday, and received congratulations from his many friends here upon his appointment to the office.

The new bridge over the Kicking Horse river is so nearly completed as to allow the trains to pass over and the weary refrain "when, oh when, shall that bridge be finished!" will now be heard no more on the streets of Golden.

Mr. O. H. Bott, chemist, and another Calgary gentleman have opened an assay office at Calgary. They will doubtless find it a profitable venture in view of the fact that there is no other assay office between there and Revelstoke.

The statement that the Canadian Pacific railway will extend the Calgary and Edmonton branch to Athabasca Landing was made on the authority of President Van Horne. It is understood that the expected road will be completed by the end of next summer.

Messrs. T. E. Wilson of Banff and others have located claims in the Ice River district south of Leanchoil from which some marvellously rich gold silver and copper ore has been obtained as shewn by the assays received. The lead is large and is traceable for 3000 feet.

The meet of the Canadian Wheelman's Association takes place at Calgary on Sept. 6th and 7th, on the Athletic Association grounds. A new club house has been erected and a new track has been constructed and everything points to this being one of the most successful events held in the west. The C.P.R. officials have granted special rates from Golden and Portage La Prairie and intermediate points. In all 75 prizes will be offered for competition. On the evening of the 6th Sept. a grand display of fire works will be given on the grounds and on the evening of the 7th a concert will be given in the Opera House.

It has been arranged for steamers to leave Victoria for Dyea, taking passengers to Klondyke on August 8, 10, and 15. Already a large number have secured passage in anticipation of difficulty in obtaining them later on.

Robt. Cumming of Barrie, Ont., who has been looking over East Kootenay with a view to establishing himself in the general merchandise business, was a caller on Monday. Mr. Cumming's informs us that he is going to become one of us in the near future.

It is said that A. M. Nanton of Winnipeg has been awarded the contract for the beef supply on the Crow's Nest Pass railway at $6 60 per hundred pounds. Alberta cattle men do not credit the report, as they say lower tenders were sent in.

Dr. Mewburn's appointment as surgeon on the Crow's Nest construction has been confirmed. The head office will be in Lethbridge and all orders will be issued from there. It is not yet known who will be his assistants, but it is expected that local practitioners will be employed.

The Royal Victoria Life Insurance Co., of Montreal, will commence to issue policies about the 1st of August and the manager is now ready to receive applications for local, district and general agencies in Canada. Further information may be had on application to David Burke, General Manager, Montreal.

Mr. Charles McCready, Divisional Tie Inspector for C. P. R., went to Banff on Saturday to meet his sister Mrs. H. N Coates of New Brunswick, who has been at Banff Sanitarium for the benefit of her health. Mr. McCready returned on Monday and reports Mrs. Coats much improved by her visit to the Springs.

There is still considerable activity in the Windermere mining division and prospectors are still busy up the creeks and streams. A prospecting party with Mr. Robert MacPherson, M.P.P., has just gone up Toby Creek. The party has been over a considerable part of Fort Steele mining division and is now trying its luck in Windermere Division. It has already covered some ground and has been up Findlay and Dutch Creeks and expects to make some good discoveries in Toby Creek before the season expires.

The following paragraph from the Mail & Empire, Toronto, must refer to the St. Eugene mine on the Moyea river: "Mr. Antoine Robert, of this city, has received a letter from a friend, a priest in East Kootenay, which speaks in glowing terms of the mining outlook in that district. The letter says:—'This is a good mining country. Mineral is being found in all directions, though in the majority of cases it will not be known what the claims are worth until they are developed. One mine which was discovered by Pierre, the Indian, a few months ago, could not now be bought for $400,000'." We know the mine and we should say neither $400,000 nor twice that amount could purchase that mine.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Messrs. J. D. Lang & Co, wholesale grocer and liquor dealers of Toronto, appear to be in financial trouble. At a meeting of their creditors it was decided to proceed with the action taken by one of the Co'ys creditors. This firm did an extensive business in portions of British Columbia.

The trouble arising out of the fire in the John Eaton Co's establishment in Toronto some time ago has culminated in the arrest of three Thompson Bros. on charges of doing away with the company's property for the purpose of defrauding their creditors. The bank as usual held all the security, insurance policies and nearly everything else and some lively litigation will likely result if the difficulty is not polished up.

Local merchants will feel no pangs of sorrow at the sudden demise of this departmental institution and it would be as well for Toronto and many other places if some more of the very large departmental stores were to wind up business, as they are properly regarded as a menace to the general prosperity of the cities where they exist and the country at large.

Assay Office Needed.

One of Golden's most pressing needs at the present moment is the establishment here of an assay office by some competent and trustworthy person. Notwithstanding the fact that there is an immense amount of work being done on the mineral claims in the Windermere, Donald and Golden mining divisions not an assayer has ventured to establish himself within their borders although there exists at the smelter at Golden a thoroughly equipped office and furnace suitable to the wants of such a business, which we have no doubt could be rented for the present at least. Much unnecessary delay is now caused to mining men by having to send their ore samples to Revelstoke and other points for assay. There are many advantages in having an assayer within easy reach. Deals respecting prospects may be more readily negotiated, the intending purchaser being able to find out for himself without any delay the value of the samples submitted to him. Again, many of those engaged in development work on their claims are naturally anxious to satisfy themselves from time to time as to the increasing or decreasing value of the ore in which they are working, and the sending of samples away long distances causes endless detention of mining men in town pending the arrival of returns from the assayer.

That the business would be a profitable one at least during the summer months admits of no question, The postmasters and express agents at this point and at Donald can, we have no doubt, establish the fact that hundreds of ore samples are despatched from these points every month to assayers at a distance.

KLONDYKE.

Inspector Strickland of the N.W.M. Police Interviewed.

In the course of a short interview Inspector Strickland, who returned recently from the Yukon, said it the country fills in as rapidly as it is doing the two trading companies will not be sufficient to supply the food and there is plenty of room for other companies in this line. Provisions are not so dear as one might expect. Flour is $12 a hundred, bacon 40 cents per pound, canned meats 75 cents and a dollar, and caribou and moose flesh are sold by the Indians at 50 cts. per pound. Inspector Strickland strongly recommends that no person should go out to the Yukon district without taking with him a year's food, as well as some dollars, because paying claims are not always found immediately and there is the long and hard work of building a home. He says that mining is not a picnic. There are no enjoyments. It is all hard work. Wood is scarce and requires a good deal of labour in cutting, etc. The climate is healthy and there is very little sickness. The chief complaints are scurvy, kidney troubles and rheumatism. Though the winter is eight months long it is only three weeks that the sun is not seen. Miner's wages are $15 a day, but this rate will fall soon if the present rush continues from the Pacific Coast.

When Inspector Strickland left Inspector Constantine and all the rest were well, Inspector Scarth, with the N. W. M. P. detachment, had arrived safe and sound.

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Canal Flat Mineral Claim-Large Development Work--More Than $8,000 Expended.

In some districts the valuable and well developed mineral claim—which is a copper proposition containing silver and gold—and belonging to a Winnipeg syndicate, would be styled a mine. It is situated on the southern end of that portion of the range of the Rockies where the Kootenay divides it, and where there is the great change in the geological formation of the rock—from limestone to slate. The geological formation of the Rockies southward from Golden up the valley of the Columbia until the Kootenay river is reached, is limestone, when the Kootenay is crossed the formation has changed into slate, this continues until the Wild Horse creek is reached.

This mine is situated on the mountain side some 2,000 feet up from the level of the Columbia lake and Kootenay river. The lake washes the side of this mountain and the river flows by the end of it, so there is abundance of watery element for mining and transportation purposes. The angle of the hill is about 40°, and although so steep it will permit great facilty in handling the ore after it is mined either by means of a slide or an aerial tramway line. Development work which has been going on for some time at this mine by a gang of workmen has been suspended in the meantime. During the time the work has been in progress a tunnel six feet by four feet has been driven in 110 feet. A drift of 28 feet has been made into a body of ore. This drift commences about 20 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, where the tunnel runs through ten feet of ore. A shaft has also been sunk for 14 feet on the out-croppings above the tunnel. This shaft is 30 feet to the right of the line of the tunnel and is sunk about 50 feet higher up on the incline of the hill. The object is for the purpose of prospecting those croppings which are very abundant, and on which cuts and crosscuts have been made for a similar purpose. A ledge of two feet of salid ore has been exposed at the bottom of the shaft which has a tendency to widen out as the shaft decends. The drift exhibits a good shewing of ore. In any further work that will be done by tunnelling, drifting or shafting, extensive timbering will be required, and as there is not much on this mountain side operations have been suspended for a short period. The development work shows a large body of ore in the limestone formation, which will be very easily wrought after further development work has been performed. The mine is just at the great contact of the limestone and slate formation. The ore may not be of the highest grade but the assays show very satisfactory results. These give on an average 15 per cent copper, 7ozs. of silver, but only 2 dwts. of gold. If the body of ore turns out what it is indicating to be—of immense size—this is quite satisfactory for the most sanguine miner.

The development work has been under the charge of Mr. E. Cass, contractor, Winnipeg. He and his gang of men came down on the steamer Duchess last Wednesday. Mr. Cass is one of the sub-contractors on the Crow's Nest Pass railway and is now on his way out to work that contract, which may also explain why work has not been further continued. It is to be hoped the owners of the Canal Flat mineral claim who have already spent $8000 on it will speedily renew work so that this mine in the near future will become both a producer and shipper. A few miles across the Columbia Lake is a concentrator erected for the Thunder Hill mine which could be utilized in the early stages of the mine for concentrating purposes, as it has a considerable capacity.

A Liar From Klondyke.

F. Moss, an old time Montana miner has described Klondyke, from which he has just returned to Great Falls, as a placer mine in a sink, 7 miles long and 13 wide, walled in by cliffs 3000 feet high. Gold abounds, but in three years he saw over 2000 graves made in the Klondyke basin, the majority of whose occupants died from sheer starvation. The steamship companies bring in all the food and allow no private importation. A large proportion of the gold brought out belonged to the dead miners. Moss says the richest section of Alaska, 100 miles from Klondyke, is as yet undeveloped. It is inhabitated by escaped convicts from Siberia, who run their own community, and quarrels and murders are frequent. The Herald is inclined to think this old time Montana miner to be a good deal of a liar. His last assertion settles it. He says that a few months ago Klondyke organized a justice committee, and its law prevails there now. The Herald is very distinctly of the opinion that as long as Insp. Constantine and the mounted police are around in Klondyke, there is not likely to be much show for "justice committees" or any other law than plain, old fashioned British Justice.—Revelstoke Herald.

Miss Jessie Turnbull and Mr. C. H. Underhill Married.

A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized at 3 o'clock last Monday afternoon which united the destines of two of Fort Steele's most prominent young people.

Mr. C. H. Underhill and Miss Jessie Leslie McLaren Turnbull were the contracting parties. The happy event was attended by a number of intimate friends of the young people, and was the first marriage ceremony performed in Steele for some time.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. McLaren Turnbull, shipping merchant of Glasgow, Scotland, and is a handsome and accomplished young lady. Mr. Underhill is a son of Sir Joseph Underhill, Q. C., and is a native of Glasgow. Mr. Underhill has lately located in Steele where he is fast becoming known as one of its most conservative and competent business men.—Fort Steele Prospector.