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DEVELOPMENT WORK

On Their Claims on Copper Creek and McMurdo Creek--Arrangements Completed--Work to Start at Once.

Mr. Manuel Dainard, who represents this company in North East Kootenay has just completed arrangements for development work on the group of claims belonging to this company. The claims are most promising ones and are situated on the divide between Copper Creek and the Middle Fork of the Spillimacheen River, and are called the "Mabel", the "Lawyer" and the "Doctor." They are adjoining claims and will be worked as one mine. The veins are strong and the ore is good. The main vein is a large ledge of quartz carrying white iron, copper and galena and appears to be about ten feet wide. This can be followed through the whole three claims. This runs very nearly with the formation. The formation consists of prophry and slate. The assays obtained are as high as $77 per ton.

A gang of four men is presently working on these properties; a tunnel six feet by four feet is to be driven in; its first length is to be 40 feet. The vein is then to be cross-cut, and if necessary, a shaft will be sunk in order to fully test the value of these properties which are considered of great promise.

The claims are in close proximity to Major Clohecy's properties which are on the same creek.

Mr. Dainard leaves this week for McMurdo Creek, a branch of the North Fork of the Spillimacheen, to arrange for development work on other claims held by the company there.

This company has completed some extensive development work on a copper property on Moyie Lake acquired early in the year. Assays from this claim shew a value of $38.20 to the ton in copper and gold and the claim is within four miles of the Crow's Nest Pass railway line as surveyed.

This company is doing good work in developing the mining resources of East Kootenay. It is one of the strongest development companies operating in East Kootenay. Its board of directors is composed of some of the best business men in this country. Its shareholders are nearly all local people, who have faith in the mining industry of this district.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Yardmaster A. Smith, of Donald, Killed.

On Monday afternoon a fatal railway accident occurred at Donald which resulted in the death of Yardmaster A. Smith, while engaged in switching operations. It appears the company was renewing the ties and blocks on the west end of their yard and issued written instructions shat while this renewal work was going on no switching was to be done on the west end of the yard. These instructions were issued on the 26th of July. These the unfortunate yardsman does not seem to have observed, because it was while engaged in switching on this prohibited place that he met with his death, the renewal work not having yet been completed. The cause of the sad accident appears to be that while Smith was pulling out the coupling pins of some cars, one of his feet got caught in the guard rail and was jammed between this guard rail and the main rail, the space between the rails not being sufficiently protected by a block—this being at the very spot where some of the repairs were going on. Ere Smith could extricate his foot, he was knocked down and six of the heavy cars passed over his body. Death must have been instantaneous. His body was dreadfully crushed and mangled, both legs were completely severed from the trunk.

An inquest was held on his remains by Coroner Manuel to ascertain the cause of death and whether any person was responsible. The jury after hearing evidence returned a verdict to the following effect through their foreman Mr. T. Forrest, hotel keeper, Donald, that death was caused by the fault of the C.P. Railway or its employees, through negligence in not having the wing rail properly blocked.

The deceased belonged to Toronto Junction and his remains were sent through here on Tuesday night by the Oddfellows Society at Donald—of which Smith was a member—for interment. The deceased leaves a widow and one child.

New Carpets, Mattings and Linoleums, Door Mats, Floor Rugs, arrived this week at McDermot's.

W. Pellew Harvey passed through on Sunday's No. 1, en route for his home at Vancouver. Mr. Harvey has had an extensive trip east and a pleasant holiday.

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ABOUT EAST KOOTENAY.

Great Future Before Our District.—Its Mining Resources Unsurpassed.

We were favored last week by a call from Mr. F. R. Perry, of San Francisco, who is presently prospecting in East Kootenay. Mr. Perry is a miner of 12 years experience and that experience has been a most varied one. Not only has he been engaged in mining operations in Old and New Mexico, California and Arizona, but he has been in Central and South America, following the same occupation with considerable success. Curiously enough British Columbia had no attractions for him until this year when he came to East Kootenay. It was on the 15th of May that he first arrived in Golden division and since then he has been exploring our mountains and valleys for the hidden wealth. He has prospected the Selkirk ranges on the Columbian valley and explored Toby Creek and Horse Thief Creek. He has been over the divide of the range on the Duncan slope in Trout Lake division, where he has staked out some very promising claims. He has been equally successful in the Golden division. The first claim he located was on Toby Creek, "The 1st of June," named after the date on which he staked it out. This is a copper proposition containing gold. He is perfectly satisfied with the assay returns. If they are anything like the returns from other properties in that locality he will only be wishing he had found more prospects. He is well pleased with the appearance of the country and has been over a considerable extent of East Kootenay. He has looked at mining prospects that have been staked out by prospectors. Some of them will be good properties, others it is difficult to know for what purpose they have been staked out except they must have been staked out by grubstakers who had to make some shewing for their grub and pay.

Mr. Perry has lately been in the McMurdo district and came in from there last week. He, however, did not make any locations. He visited Major Clochey's properties there, the Boston, the Bennison No. 1 and No. 2, mineral claims on the divide between Golden and Trout Lake Mining Divisions. He reports that work is going on there just now and that preparations have been made in a most systematic manner. He considers the Major has got hold of good properties which are copper and galena ore and appears to be very rich.

On his way down to the Columbia river to catch the steamboat at Carbonate, he went around by The International group on which work is being done. A big shaft is being sunk. The quartz carries white iron which is remarkably rich in gold. There was a good gang of workmen employed on the sinking of the shaft. The International is the property of Mr. B. J. Townsend, Toronto.

Mr. Perry does not intend to leave East Kootenay for some time. He goes out again immediately to the mountains, and will remain in out district until the fall. His views of our district he expressed to us as follows:

"What I have seen of East Kootenay, viz., the McMurdo district and south as far as Windermere, has impressed me very favorably. In all the localities I have visited I have seen ledges, which in a country, if it had been opened up by trails and wagon roads, would be of great value. The Government is now cutting trails to new districts and cleaning out the old ones of fallen timber and this alone is giving a great impetus to prospectors. There is an abundance of timber and a supply of water power which would be difficult to excel. Capital is also becoming interested in this district and another year will see mining matters on a much surer footing than they have hitherto been. I have seen ore bodies which in places where there are good transportation facilities, as for instance California, would be considered bonanzas whereas here the prospectors do not even stake them because of their inaccessibility. With wagon roads to the principal mining centres, there is no reason why properties, which at present have no market value should not become great producers. I consider East Kootenay has a great future before her as her mining resources are unsurpassed. I know of no other mining country that has such natural advantages, but the natural disadvantages of inaccessability and lack of transportation have retarded. These can be removed by the inflow of capital."

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1897.

TO OUR READERS.

THE EAST KOOTENAY MINER has now had an existence of three weeks and its success has come up to its founder's expectations. Its subscribers are numerous and influential. Its advent has been well received by the other members of the great family—The Press—of which it has become a member. It has gained the hearty good will and best wishes of its neighboring contemporaries. Its advertising patronage is expanding to such an extent that it is the intention of the management to increase its size by an additional column on each page, so as to secure more space both for advertising and reading matter. This week there has been a change made in the type so that THE MINER will present a more attractive appearance, and our readers will find this change a great improvement.

THE MINER'S aim is to disseminate in the great outside world full and accurate information as to the immense resources of this great district in the mightiest Province of the Dominion, besides being the medium for spreading news among the people in and around Eost Kootenay. The data for its information will be carefully selected and obtained from the first and best sources. It shall justify its existence and not only deserve but commend success. Its readers are all over the globe, in the five continents of the world and it exchanges with the best American and European papers, so that in a short time through the aid of THE MINER, East Kootenay and its great possibilities will be known all over the earth and attract to it the great means for development—capital.

Aulay Morrison, Interviewed.

M. P. FOR NEW WESTMINSTER VISITS EAST KOOTENAY

For the purpose of Procuring and Disseminating Information Regarding the Vastness of Our Resources.

Mr. Aulay Morrison, member for New Westminster in the Dominion House of Representatives at Ottawa, is presently visiting East Kootenay. He arrived in Golden from the coast the end of last week. After having a look around he departed by the steamer Duchess for Windermere to visit our Upper Columbia valley. From there he will go down the Upper Kootenay Valley to Fort Steele. After visiting some of the principal centres of mining activity in that division he will take the steamer for Jennings Landing and then return homewards by West Kootenay with which he is familiar.

The object of Mr. Morrison's visit as he explained to us in an interview is to spend a short vacation in this district. He has hitherto visited all the mining regions in British Columbia with the exception of East Kootenay and he thought he could not better dispose of his vacation than by inspecting the district "of which one," as he said, "hears so much and about which so many enquiries are made," I have experienced considerable difficulty, continued he, in making, particularly Eastern people understand the vastness of our resources in British Columbia. They assume that even the dry details of information which are actually matters of record are merely the exaggerated views of persons materially interested and therefore accordingly to be discounted. I refer more particularly to members of parliament, where I have experienced this in the House during some of the discussions on the affairs of our province. Nothing short of having as many of our legislators as possible visit us can remove the erroneous impressions regarding the Kootenays—where they have impressions at all. In many instances there is a sad lack of knowledge, particularly concerning East Kootenay. As I know the other mining districts and their resources I have come to obtain this personal knowledge so that in future, whether in the House or out of it I can speak about your district from actual facts ascertained by personal enquiries, investigation and inspection of the resources of not only East Kootenay but of the whole of our province. I shall also be able in the House to supplement the efforts of your worthy member Mr. Bostock to obtain proper aid from government to assist in opening up your district by an efficient postal and telegraph service. Scarcely anything is known he observed of your magnificient timber limits, valuable water power and fine bench lands—of the exceptional salubrious climate and the facilities for getting about the district, which are rapidly improving.

We only wish Mr. Morrison had had more time to devote to Golden so that we could have taken him into the McMurdo district, or up Bugaboo Creek, or even to Kinbasket Lake, where we would have shewn him some mining properties that would have astonished him as to their richness, notwithstanding his visits to the other mining divisions in our province. We know what we have got, and we want missionaries like Mr. Morrison to come and equip themselves with knowledge as to the vastness and opulence of our resources, so that they can spread the gospel of enlightenment. We hope to have an opportunity after Mr. Morrison has completed his tour of inspection of obtaining his impressions about the assured future of East Kootenay which is bound to be one of brightness.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Mining Operations last year.—What Will they be This Year.

Knowing the vast interest that the outside world is taking in our mining operations in East Kootenay, and with a view of imparting some knowledge to those interested we subjoin the following table which has been carefully prepared from the mining records of East Kootenay, which shows at a glance the position of our mining properties at the commencement of the present year in every part and division of East Kootenay. Next week we will suppliment this information by giving full details of all Crown Grants issued in East Kootenay for mineral claims up to 1st of January of the present year.

Locality.	Locations recorded.	C'tificates of work	C'wn gr'ts	Nature of Ore.
FT. STEELE DIVISION				
St. Mary's River—				
Mark Creek	34	33	4	Galena
Perry "	90	3	...	Gold
Redding creek	3	4	...	Galena & copper.
Black Currant cr'k	5	...	...	"
South Fork creek	18	1	...	"
St. Mary's Lake	9	5	...	"
Middle Fork	8	6	...	"
West Fork	20	21	...	"
Lansdowne creek	2	...	...	"
Lapointe creek	6	...	...	"
Pyramid "	14	1	...	"
Hell Roaring creek	5	2	...	"
Office creek	10	...	...	"
Moyie Lake	9	7	...	Galena
Moyie River	6	1	...	Gold
Weaver Creek	13	9	...	"
Kootenay River—				
Sheep Creek	2	...	...	Galena & copper.
Lewis "	22	9	...	"
Wild Horse Creek.	21	35	...	Gold copper g'l'na
Mause or Shingle Creek	16	9	...	Grey copper, gold
Lost Creek	12	8	...	"
Bull River	9	9	...	Iron, copper g'l'na
Land Creek	8	4	...	Copper
Elk River	3	2	...	"
WINDERMERE DIV.				
Findlay Creek	12	2	1	Gold, gal.
Toby "	12	3	1	Gold copper g'l'na
Horse Thief Creek	3	1	...	Cop.& gal
Windermere Mt	6	...	...	Copper
Vermillion river	5	...	...	Ochre, & copper
GOLDEN DIVISION.				
Columbia River—				
Bugaboo Creek	3	5	3	gal. gold
South Fork of Spillimacheen	3	1	4	Galena & bismuth
Middle Fork	23	10	10	Gold, gal.
North "	25	2	...	Gold, galena, cop.
Fifteen-Mile creek	5	...	...	Copper
Spillimacheen Mt.	3	3	4	Cop. gal.
Jubilee Mt	8	...	6	Gal. cop.
Steamboat Butte	...	2	...	Gold
Kicking Horse riv.	19	5	1	Galena
DONALD DIVISION.				
Bald Mountain	17	...	...	Gold
Porcupine Creek	...	2	..	"
Prairie Mt	7	1	...	"
Beaver River	4	...	...	No report
Beavermouth	3	...	...	Gold
Kimbasket Lake	...	2	...	Galena
Blaeberry Creek	1	...	...	No report
Total	504	208	34	

This is the record of our business for last year, and it is safe to predict that our mining business for this year will be more than quadruple.

MINING SHARES.

In the purchase of mining shares there are two things to be considered: Are they promoters' shares, or are they treasury shares? And no one should purchase a single share of stock unless this distinction is clearly made and as clearly understood.

Promoters' shares is that proportion of the total number of shares taken by the promoters or men who organize and float the company, and whatever money these shares sell for goes into the pockets of the promoters, after paying for the mine. There is no obligation attending the sale of promoters' shares, by which any portion of the money received shall be expended in the development or the increase of value of the mine, and in a new mining proposition, or company, those buying shares and expecting their money to be devoted to opening or improving the original property, should carefully comprehend this distinction.

Treasury shares are those remaining after the promoters' shares have been taken out, and as an average the treasury shares are about one-fourth the entire number of shares issued. These shares are sold for the express purpose of developing the mine, purchasing machinery and generally to increase the value of the property, and with the ultimate object of putting the mine in shape to ship ore, pay expenses and eventually dividends.

In view of the fact that most companies make a pool or contract, whereby none of the promoters' shares shall be offered on the market for a specified time, the treasury shares sell at a higher price, and do not fluctuate, being controlled by the company. But when some promoter, ignoring the pool, throws a large block of his shares on the market, the price of all the shares fall, not because they are worth any the less, but because there is no demand at the moment for such a quantity of those shares.

If this distinction between promoters' shares and treasury shares be understood the buyer knows just what he is purchasing, and his interests would be still better served did he insist that all treasury shares be so stamped across the face, and also made preferred in the matter of dividends, leaving promoters' shares to wait for dividends until a certain percentage had been paid to the holders of treasury shares. This is evidently but just, because the buyer of treasury shares is in reality putting his money up upon the mine, and his is the greater risk, hence he should at least receive the first profits.—Exchange.

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STILL GOING AHEAD.

1,500 of a Floating Population in Fort Steele Last Week--Many Good Locations have been Found and Recorded.

This division is at the present time the most important mining division in East Kootenay from the amount of claims that have been located and the number of prospectors that are out searching for the hidden wealth. Last week there was close upon 1500 of a floating population in the town of Fort Steele and it is calculated there is nigh upon 2000 prospectors out seeking for locations. Many good claims have been found and recorded, but we are afraid a few "wild cats" have also been staked out and recorded. Notwithstending the mixed population, there have been few disturbances of the peace, although it is rumored there are some tough customers who have come in, as yet they have remained quite or have been afraid to exhibit. The only serious offence that has been reported has been a case of "claim jumping" and warrents have been issued for their arrest. There have been a few cases of minor larceny, probably committed by "dead beats." The International Transportation Coy's new steamer "The North Star" is keeping good time, leaving a considerable number of passengers and merchandise both at Wardner and Fort Steele. The Gwendoline is not much behind her in punctuality. The service on the river is now all that could be desired. Numbers of people are flocking in weekly from the south and north by boat and stage, some remaining but the greater number passing onward. Prospectors predominate, but all are not prospectors. Some are for the new towns that are rising up and are forming the nucleus of the future populations. Wardner City is going rapidly ahead and already boasts of twn hotels, a store and a newspaper, "The Intercolonial". Moyie City has a pleasant position on Moyie Lake, and also boasts of its hotels and stores; it has a good wagon road. Perry and Kimberley will be great mining centres when the claims in the neighborhood are developed, their wealth proved and the mines operating. Already the stamp-mill that has gone into Perry Creek is fully employed. The best water power on the creek is at Perry.

Development of Southern East Kootenay.

Not only is the mining wealth of this district being developed, but the country is being opened up by new routes and new conveyances; and the district will in a short time assume the appearance of an old established country, with well-traversed roads. Development work is going on in all parts of the district, but principally up Perry Creek and down the Moyie. A stamp-mill is now at work on Perry Creek to thoroughly test the quartz there and find out its gold-bearing capabilities for free-milling. Large parties are now in the neigeborhood of the Moyie Lake opening up claims. This means considerable traffic and in order to cope with this and meet future traffic, a regular line of stage and wagons has been established between Fort Steele and Moyie City, proceeding by the way of West Port, Cranbrook and Sefton. The stage runs twice a week and already there is considerable traffic to Moyie City which is rapidly coming to the front. In a short time there will be constructed a route between Wardner and Sefton and Moyie, which will shorten the transportation of goods to Moyie about 50 miles. The goods instead of being disembarked at West Port will now be disembarked at Wardner and sent along the new wagon-road.

But these are not the new enterprises that are helping out the country. Wardner has now a weekly newspaper, "The Intercolonial" and in a very short time Cranbrook will also possess its weekly sheet. It is not a mining population only that is coming into the district. Many preemptions have recently been taken up in the neighborhood of Cranbrook and other towns; and farmers are sure to do well as there is now a great demand for the produce that farmers raise and cultivate. The new townsites are absorbing quite a number of tradesmen, who have come to stay. The construction of the railway will give a big pay roll to the district, and it will soon be full of activity, which will be maintained as soon as our mines become producers, as they will also have big pay rolls.

Mors Stage Routes.

South East Kootenay is now being well opened up by stage routes. Two additional routes have been arranged, one is from Wardner, and the stage is to be run three times a week, the route being at the west side of the Kootenay, from Wardner to West Port and thence to Fort Steele. The other is from Kalispel in Montana, by Wardner to Fort Steele, a distance of about 140 miles and is run once a week. Both stages are the private enterprises of citizens in Wardner and Kalispel, and it is to be hoped both stages will be well patronized during the remainder of the season. Kalispel is reached on the third day after leaving Fort Steele, while Wordner can be reached the same day. Kalispel is the favorite winter route for leaving Fort Steele mining division, but the preferable route in the summer time is by steamer on the Kootenay to Jenning's Landing.

Railway Construction.

Construction work on the railway is now fairly under way and grading is rapidly proceeding at its eastern end. The surveys are now nearly finished and as soon as these are completed work will be commenced from various centres, going east and west and meeting. Cranbrook will be one of these and work will go from there east and west, or rather south-east and south-west toward Wardner and Moyie, meeting similar parties working from there. Depots have already been constructed for holding supplies and provisions at West Port, Wardner and Sand Creek. The depot at West Port consists of a large warehouse built close to the Kootenay river, near the custom-house warehouse, and available for steamers to come alongside to discharge and receive goods. Large quantities of provisions are arriving. Mr. Lumsden, chief engineer, and his assistant have been at Moyie and visited Wardner. It is expected there will be some very heavy rock-work along the sides of the Moyie lake which may necessitate the construction of two tunnels. Should construction reach there before tuk fall of snow work will be easily carried on all winter which will give employment to a large body of men The bridge over the Kootenay river at Wardner is also to be built this winter, and this work alone will give a good pay-roll to the town.

The Canadian Alien law is to be strictly enforced, and no workmen employed but Canadians. Inspectors are to be appointed to see that the law is enforced. A detachment of the North West mounted police has already left Fort Macleod to preserve law and order among the workmen working on the line near the Crnw's Nest Pass. East Kootenay even in the days of the big rushes has always been noted for its law-abiding papulation, and is still retaining its reputation notwithstanding the crowds that are coming in.

Water Works for Fort Steele.

Fort Steele is at last to have a system of water works introduced into town. A committee of its citizens have been engaged since the month of May in maturing a scheme. Several have been reported upon but these have been rejected. These were for introducing water into town by a system of gravitation. The two most favorable schemes were to fetch the water either from Brewery Creek or Four Mile Creek—two fine mountain streams a short distance from town and whose supplies are unexhaustable. There is a splendid fall in both cases and the cost of construction would not be expensive, and the town would have been supplied for years and there would have been a sufficiency to supply the town also with motor power for an electrical plant so that it could have been lit up with the electrical light.

These schemes have been rejected in favor of the Holly System, whereby the water is to be pumped up out of a well to be sunk in Wild Horse creek. The water is to be pumped up a height of about 100 feet on to the plateau on which the town is situated and then distributed through the mains. This will necesstate the employment of a steam engine day and night, as pressure will always require to be kept up in the event of a fire breaking out at any time. The Holly System has never been an unqualified success in any place it has been in operation. When a drainage system becomes a necessity the Wild Horse creek will be one of the outlets for sewage, and although sewage has the effect of sweetening water it does not add to its wholesomeness or its purity. Sufficient precautions have been taken to prevent any such contamination.

The well in the Wild Horse creek is now being sunk and the promoters of the scheme, who are Dr. Watt, Mr. Barnes, Constable; Mr. McInnes, butcher; and Mr. Keep of the Deposit and Exchange Company, are confident that they will have their scheme completed and a supply of water put in ready for the use of the inhaditants within the next thirty days. Mr. Barnes one of the promoters has given notice of his intention to purchase from the Provincial Government a piece of ground about three acres in extent, presently occupied by a Chineman as a market-garden. This ground is at the foot of Wild Horse creek and at the bottom of the bluff near the government offices. The well is being sunk on the ground close to the bottom of the bluff and it is difficult to imagine what the water syndicate is going to do with the whole three acres. The ground is considered as vacant ground as John Chinaman, who is not supposed to possess any soul, is a mere squatter and has no rights to consider although he has brought the barren acres into a state of fertility and does a good marketing business. It is to be presumed that the reason for sinking the well here, that it was the only suitable place in the whole of the Wild Horse creek. The well is now down some distance and the water has commenced to flow. It is understood that Mr. Gilpin, of Messrs. Gilpin & Lindsay, hardware merchants, Fort Steele, have gone south to secure the necessary pumping plant and piping. The committee deserve great credit for having at last made up its mind both as to a scheme and system, and we hope that the water will soon be flowing. It can not flow any too soon.

HOW TO MAKE MINING INVESTMENTS.

Mining is now an industry and can be as profitably conducted as any other industry, if conducted in a legitimate manner and sufficient caution is exercised in putting your money into the industry. Mining can only be cuccessfully conducted by combination of individuals and combination of capital, forming companies to carry on the industry. The profits are sometimes so immense as to tempt individuals to buy shares in companies, which are not formed in a legitimate manner for conducting the business. There are mining sharer and mining shares. Mining shares, well bought in reliable companies, are almost certain to bring large returns. Mining shares bought in "wildcat" companies are certain to prove ruinous investments.

In buying mining shares at 10 or 20 cents a share, whose par value is $1.00, do not look for dividends in six months. It may be a year, or even two years before there are any returns. If dividends could be paid, honestly in six months you could not buy $1.00 shares at 20 cents nor at 50 cents.

In purchasing shares in a development company, the buyer knows his money will be used for the purchase and development of new claims, and buys with that understanding. This form of investment offers excellent chances for profit if the managers be men of standing and integrity. These companies use the the shareholders' money to make money and the promoters make nothing until their purchases become paying mines. Some of our best producing and large paying dividend mining companies have been formed on such basis.

There is another kind of investment, which is the safest and surest, namely investments in established companies.

Established companies differ from speculative companies, in that the former have fully paid for their claim and hold a crown grant for it, thereby establishing beyond a doubt their title to all mineral found on their claims.

When a co'y can show a clear complete title to a mine fully developed before floating shares, it is the best possible evidence that the organizers of the company have full faith in the value of their mine. When a company of promoters want outside parties to buy stock to help them to pay for a mine or claim, they are either unable financially to pay for tho mine, or they are unwilling to assume the risk of their own money.

Many companies, however, who have not yet paid for their mines in full, are honestly and conservatively managed; their claims are valuable and every dollar they receive goes into the development of the mine. Shares bought in such a company, being sold at a less price than those of an established company, offer a good investment.

In considering the standing of a mining company the first requisite is the character of the men comprising the officers. Then, as a secondary consideration, is the value, real or supposed, of the mine itself.

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Kootenay Officials.

The last issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the following announcements: James Ferguson Armstrong, of the town of Fort Steele, Esq., S. M., to be gold commissioner, government agent assistant commissioner of lands and works, judge of the court of revision and appeal under the assessment act, and to receive applications for registrations and record under the provisions of the land registry act, for the southern division of the East Kootenay District.

John E. Griffith, of the town of Donald, Esq., C. E., to be stipendiary magistrate, gold commissioner, government agent, assistant commissioner of lands and works, judge of the court of revision and appeal under the assessment act, and to receive applications for registration and record under the provisions of the land registry act. for the northern division of the East Kootenay district.

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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, 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 illnesss 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.

ANNUAL LABOR.

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

MINING OFFICIALS.

Complete Directory of the Recorders.

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Provincial Mineralogist—W. A. Carlyle.
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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
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MINING NEWS.

Lots of Development Work Going on--Scarcity of Labor

Major Clohcey has gone up the Columbia River in the Steamer Duchess to visit his properties in Carbonate Basin and ascertain how the development work is proceeding.

Mr. James Brady, M. E., who has some mining interests at Canal Flat near the Upper Columbia Lake, came down the river this week after visiting those interests and departed on No. 1 train westward bound.

H. G. Low came into town this week from Prairie Mountain district, near the head of the North Fork of the Spillimacheen, where he has been doing assessment work on claims held by him and Messrs. Langlands, Hatch and Healey. He reports cariboo very plentiful and succeded in killing two for fresh meat.

Messrs. Townsend and Stacey have located and recorded a very fine claim in the McMurdo district which they have called the "Fair-View." This claim was originally staked by George Hoffener in 1887. The claim is copper and galena and there is a lead from four feet to six feet wide. Its trend is north-east and south-west and there are various stringers leading from the main lead. No assays have yet been obtained.

Ben Abel, a well-known mining man in East Kootenay, says there are changed times since the year 1896. In that year store-keepers would not give the prospectors credit for a single sack of flour on any of their prospects on any conditions, but the state of matters is entirely different now—store-keepers have more faith in the country. They now know that there is wealth which must be discovered and developed, and that can only be done in the first place by the man who as a rule has not much money, the prospector. Store-keepers will not lose in the long run by the system of credit to the prospector. When the prospector gets the wealth he pays up honestly and faithfully. That is our experience of the man.

There is considerable development work going on now all over East Kootenay. Prospectors in order to hold their claims must do the necessary assessment work; while investors whether individuals or syndicates who have acquired claims are desirous of finding out by proper development work the precise nature and value of their investment.

In Golden division there has been a scarcity of labor and also inadequate means for transporting supplies: whereas in Fort Steele labor appears to be plentiful. Golden division could be doing with some of the surplus labor in Fort Steele. Laborers who are working claims have a tendency to over estimate the value of their service and expect a higher rate of remuneration than they can obtain elsewhere in any other employment; very few of them have any skill as practical miners, and if the country is to be opened up and developed they will require to be a little more moderate in their demands until the wealth has been actually obtained, or else it will mean, getting labor from elsewhere at more reasonable rates or the development on a more limited extent of the great mineral resources of the district. Capital can easily do without labor but labor cannot exist without capital.

On the Trueman group of claims situated 3 miles on the south side of Tracy Creek and about five miles from Wassa in Fort Steele mining division, there is to be $800 of development work expended. The claims are gold, silver and copper. Assays have been got of $19.60 per ton in gold, and 15 per cent for copper. There has been no assay for silver. The principal ledge is apparently eight feet thick from wall to wall and presents the appearance of a true fissure vein as it cuts the formation right in two. It can be traced through the whole claim. The work is to commence immediately and will consist in the first place of an open cut to ascertain the width of the vein, after which it shall be cross-cut to test its character. Then a shaft will be sunk of sufficient depth to find out the value of the property.

We have had two very interesting interviews this week from two prospectors formerly belonging to West Kootenay, but who are now psospecting through East Kootenay. They have brought in some very fine samples which are now on view at our office. P. H. Schulze, formerly of Rossland, has been a prospector for five years, two years in Washington State, two years in West Kootenay, the fifth is now being spent in East Kootenay. He has been here since April. Fort Steele division first attracted him and he went down as far as Elk River. Then northwards he turned and has been in the Windermere division for the last six weeks. He has found some good properties on Horse Thief Creek, and is now going to try his luck on Toby Creek. He considers Fort Steele a good district. The ground appears to be all run over and staked out, but for all that he considers that the best properties are yet to be found. Whether it is owing to his luck in Windermere division or no he thinks this a better division than Fort Steele. East Kootenay he declares is as good as West Kootenay, but it will take some years of development work before it is as far ahead as West Kootenay.

Our other visitor was an old friend, Mr. J. D. MacDonald, from Lardeau, in West Kootenay, better known among mining men and prospectors as "Lardeau Jack." Jack has been in our district for some time and also commenced the trial of his luck in the Fort Steele division. It was he who located the Trueman group on Tracy Creek. He has just succeeded in locating some claims, which he thinks of great promise, about fifteen miles up Horse Thief Creek, in the Windermere division. He has called the group of claims "The MacDonald" group, and they are on a fork of the creek which he in his simple complacincy has named in honor of himself—MacDonald Creek. The ore which he showed us were fine specimens, grey copper and steele galena but the grey copper predominates. The ore should assay high and carry gold. We tried to draw Jack upon the respective merits of the two Kootenays, and the respective merits of Fort Steele and Windermere divisions, but only partially succeeded. Jack was evidently mindful of truism of the proverb 'comparisons are odious. Jack however is not going to leave East Kootenay for some time and he is perfectly satisfied with his results in Windermere division.

Messrs. Mitchell-Innes Brothers have just come down from Windermere where they have been busy making preparations to commence development work on some very promising claims they possess in that mining division. On Toby Creek they have three claims: The Dragon, St. George and the Vulcan. The St. George and the Vulcan, which are adjoining claims, are on the opposite side of the Creek about two and a-half miles from the Columbia river. The Dragon is 12 miles higher up the Creek. The character of the ore of this claim is copper and silver with gold. An assay of 26 per cent of copper has been obtained and with the silver gives a yield of over $45 per ton. Part of the development work will consist of driving a tunnel six feet by four feet upon the main ledge which is already in thirty-eight feet. The St. George and the Vulcan contain similar ore.

The Mitchell-Innes Brothers' have also a very fine claim on Horse Thief Creek in the same mining division. It is called The Pretty Girl. It is a copper proposition carrying silver. The copper is as high as 58 per cent. From an assay made of the ore from this claim the very satisfactory result of $80 per ton was obtained. The necessary assessment work is now being done on this claim. There have been some very fine locations made on this Creek. It, and Toby Creek, a neighboring stream possess some of the finest mineral we have seen from the Windermere mining division. "THE MINER" wishes the Mitchell-Innes Bros.' every success. They evidently know and THE MINER knows they have got hold of a good thing in these properties.

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100 dozen Scotch wool underwear, direct import, at wonderfully low prices, arrived this week at McDermot's.

Jack Quincy

VERY MUCH WANTED

The whole of East and West Kootenay is being placarded with hand-bills enquiring for Jack Quincy, a mining prospector, who has worked in the Cariboo from the fall of '94 to the spring of '96 and was last seen in Rossland in November of last year. Quincy's testimony is desired to save the life of Harry Cramer, a saloon-keeper at Seattle, Washington, who has been condemned to death for murder and robbery. Respite has been obtained to produce Quincy to prove that the money found in Cramer's possession was money that Quincy paid him for a debt of $35 he was owing him. Quincy is supposed to have been in Fort Steele mining division in the spring of this year, but all trace of him has been lost. Should this meet the eye of Jack Quincy, or any person who can give any news about him, word should be sent at once to Cramer's agent **Mr. O. F. Wegener,** whose present address is P. O. Box 904, Rossland, B. C.

BOUND FOR THE FAR YUKON.

A Detachment of the Police on route for the Fabled Klondyke.

A detachment of the North West Mounted Police, consisting of 25 non-commissioned officers and men, under command of Major Harper, passed through East Kootenay the early part of this week bound for Victoria, where they embark for the far Yukon. This detachment is, only a forerunner going to prepare the way for a larger number that is to follow, composed of similar detachments. We had the pleasure of having a few minutes chat with members of the party while passing through Golden. We ascertained that this party takes with them 40 dogs which will form ten packing trains of four dogs each. They have also 20 horses to be used for packing purposes until the severe winter comes on, then as there will be an absence of feed the horses will be killed and their flesh utilized to feed the dogs of the packing trains. There is no other food for them unless fish, which is plentiful. This is the staple flesh food for man and dog—as game is scarce. The men were in high spirits and excellent health. They proceed by steamer to Juneau, then up to the head of the inlet, where they will land at Dyea, formerly known as Healey's store. It will be left to the discretion of the officer which pass he will cross to get into the Yukon Basin. The northern pass is Chilcat Pass leading out on to the Tahklenna Lake. The southern pass is the White Man's Pass leading out on to the Lindermann Lake. Whichever lake is reached by whichever pass, the men, on arriving, will whipsaw lumber and build boats, so as to descend the stream which empties into the Yukon River. Both lakes have large streams which go to form the headwaters of the Yukon. Then the Yukon is easily descended to Klondyke which is a tributary stream, between four and five hundred miles from these lakes. The men expect to get to their destination before the early winter sets in which commences in September.

News from Field.

(From our own correspondent.)

Two happy events have occurred during the past week, which intimately concern Field. The first event took place on Friday last when Mr. J. Blondin, fireman on the C. P. Railway, was united in marriage to Miss M. Turnbull. The marriage took place at Gleichen. The happy pair have gone down to the coast for their bridal trip, and will on their return make their home at Field.

The second happy event took place on Tuesday at Olds, Alberta, when Mr. Gallagher, C.P.R. brakeman, Field, entered into a matrimonial alliance with Miss G. Notely, of Olds. Their future home will also be at Field. Field is evidently proving an attractive place for future homes.

How is your Printing?

TRY "THE MINER."

Local and General News.

Another lot of those mining boots arrived this week at McDermot's.

Mr. J. Winn arrived from Calgary on Wednesday to plaster the cottage which has been erected by Mr. W. McNeish.

Professor Sutton and a noted Indian Doctor from the East will give an open air concert at Golden on Saturday evening.

Dan McDonald, engaged by the Golden Lumber Co., on their work at Canmore, came up on Sunday for treatment at the Hospital. He is suffering from injuries received by a kick from a horse.

Charles and Stanley Bubar left on Sunday's west bound express for a two months' visit to their home near Midway in the charming Okonagan valley. Many friends at the station wished them good-dye; a good time and a happy return.

Mrs. Dan McNeish, Fort Steele, has returned from the east with a son and heir. She was met at Golden by her joyful husband. Mr. and Mrs. McNeish are spending a few days in Golden e're returning to their home in Southern East Kootenay.

R. W. F. Lendrum arrived from Ottawa on Saturday and has accepted the position of shipper for the Golden Lumber Co. Mr. Lendrum is an old timer in British Columbia, having held a similar position with W. C. Wells, Palliser, some eight years ago.

Dr. Brett of Banff was in town the end of last week. He departed by No. 2 on Saturday night accompanied by Mr. G. S. McCarter for Banff. Mr. J. A. Bangs, the well know lawyer from Calgary, was also a passenger by the same train. He was returning from West Kootenay.

The friends of Harry Woodley of the Columbia House will rejoice to know that he has recovered from his severe attack of illness and is once more able to be about his business. Harry cheerfully declares he is all right and THE MINER sincerely hopes so. Harry has many friends.

Golden Public School was re-opened after the close of its holidays, last Monday. There has been a change in the Instructor, Miss McMillan has resigned. her place is now occupied by Mr. John A. Bates of Yale. Mr. Bates besides teaching the ordinary branches is a proficient teacher in shorthand. There was a good attendance of pupils, the average for the week being close upon 40.

Messrs. Hamilton & Skelton, livery stable keepers, Golden, have made extensive additions to their stud of horses. They have increased the number by fourteen animals. The large increase in the mining industry has rendered this additien necessary in order to enable this firm fully to cope with the demands made on their posting and packing branches.

The passenger traffic on the C.P.R. has been excessively heavy of late and the passenger trains passing through East Kootenay this week have been long and heavily laden, some of them composed of 16 and 18 cars. There are three large gatherings on at Detroit, Toronto and Montreal—the Arts Society, the British Association and the Medical Association, and delegates are hurrying thither from all parts of the world. The Christian Endeavor Association has closed its sittings at San Francisco, and thousands of its delegates are returning homeward through British Columbia. Forty thousand delegates attended the meeting and one-third of their number have elected to travel along the C.P.R., special accommodation being provided for them in specially appointed cars. Last Monday night over 500 delegates passed through, No. 2 was in consequence very late. These delegates were from all parts of the States, there being three car loads from Indiana, two from Illinois, and one from Wisconsin, besides representatives from other States. The train was broken into two sections in order to take it up the heavy incline to Field. More than one half of the number was able to spend some 30 minutes in Golden. THE MINER'S representative had some conversation with members of the party and they all expressed themselves charmed with their journey through British Columbia. They said there was much talk about the Kootenays all through the States. Our representative was able to give them some interesting information about East Kootenay, and several of them requested copies of THE MINER to be sent to them, which will be done. There were good vocalists in the party and the townspeople of Golden were entertained with some very pretty hymns. As the last section of the train pulled out hundreds of voices joined in the chorus of "God be with you till we meet again."

KLONDYKE.

Over the mountains and far away,
In the regions of ice and snow,
Many a pilgrim is trudging to-day
With a heart full of hope, and shouting:—"Yo ho
For Klondyke!"

Over the mountains, beyond the plains,
Where the great river winds to the sea,
Many a pioneer jingles his gains,
And sings in a frenzied ecstacy—
In Klondyke!

Thousands and thousands of miles away,
In the land of the polar bear,
Many a man is digging to-day,
Only to find that there's nothing there—
In Klondyke!

Many a husband, many a son,
And many a father, too;
Many a man who is dear to some one,
Is climbing the glaciers, leading through—
To Klondyke!

Many a mother and many a wife,
And many a one that is dear,
Is dreaming to-day of a happier life,
And hopefully waiting to hear—
From Klondyke!

And thousands of thousands of golden hopes,
And many a dream that is fair,
Are destined to die on the frozen slopes
And find their graves out there—
In Klondyke!

—Cleveland Leader.