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The Federal Capital.

Ottawa, July 25.—Judge Bole, of New Westminster, is here on private business.

Sergt. Davies, 1st V.B., Welsh regiment, won the Queen's Prize at Bisley with a score of 274. Capt. Boville, Ottawa, was 4 ith, with a score of 253 the nearest any of our boys got to it.

John Bryson, M.P., for Pontia, left for the Pacific coast last night

Hon. John Haggart and Chief Engineer Schreiber have gone to inspect all the St. Lawrence canal work now under construction.

A. K. Blackadar, actuary of the insurance branch of the Finance Department, is among the successful honor candidates at the second year's examination of the British Institute of Actuaries.

Bank Failures.

The Indianapolis National Band and the Bank of Commerce of the same city both failed to opn this morning.

The Wisconsin Fire and Insurance bank, Milwaukee, closed to-day.

The Merchants' Nrtional bank of Louisville, Ky., suspended this morning and the National closed its doors yesterday.

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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Mr. John McKay from Sinclair was in town thiy week.

Mr. W. C. Slade left for the Upper Country on Tuesday.

Mr. G McCabe returned on Thursday from the Upper Country.

Mr. Collins and wife, from Glasgow, came in from the coast on Tuesday last.

Miss Brady came in from Cochrane on Monday and proceeded to her home on Tuesday's boat.

The Government dredge, which has been built here, was taken up the river this week.

Several prospectors have gone up river this week. Gold mining is assuming vast proportions here.

Mr. A. W. R. Markley, of Calgary, insurance agent for the Confederation Life Co., was in town this week.

Messrs. Askwith and McCabe returned from the coast on Monday last and have had a very pleasant trip.

Good copper ore and an abundance of it too has, we are informed been struck on the Canal Flat copper mine.

Will Mr. N. Hanson be so good as to oblige us by sending a few notes concerning the development on Wolf Creek?

There is a rush of gold seekers from Donald to Quartz creek. We saw some very nice colors from that locality this week.

Among the visitors this week were Henry M Douglas, Innisfail; A. B. Townsend, Idaho; H. J. Brown, Toronto.

The hospital subscription list was sent in too late for publication this week, but will be given in our next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, Messrs. Chas. Cartwright, and H. L. Cummins came in on Thursday's boat from the Upper Country.

Messrs. Wells and Henderson returned from a prospecting trip to Quartz Creek in the vicinity of Donald on Monday.

Mr. Geo. Alexander returned from a trip up country this week and is much pleased, in fact delighted with the turn things are taking.

No. 2 on Sunday was delayed for some time by a wash out, which occurred a little distance East of Illecillewaet on Saturday night last.

General mining reports are good throughout the camp and in consequence many people are coming in to investigate for themselves.

Mr. W. C. Bennett, from Field, and wife, were in Golden this week. Mrs. Bennett left on Friday's boat for Adela on a visit to Mrs. Bargett.

The church services in St. Paul's are growing very much in point of the attendance. Last Sunday evening no less than fifty-one people being present.

Thank you, Mr. Moodie! The strawberries were excellent. We feelingly speak in the past tense, and reluctantly utter the words, "Sic transit gloria mundi."

Judge Rouleau, of Calgary, Mr. T. B. H. Cochrane and D. Dick, Victoria, came in from the East on Thursday and left for the Upper Country on Friday's steamer

Mr. John Pratt undoubtedly has a very prolific garden and knows how to look after it. The showing of potatoes is indicative of a fine soil and ample returns for labor spent.

Work on the Wild Horse placer works is going along nicely. Mr. McVittie deserves credit for the work he is doing there. Mr. D. Griffith is also doing it fine in mining, so we hear.

Messrs. Phillips and Browne came down as far as Windermere on last Monday's steamer. They will there look over a copper property for some English people. We hope they will strike it rich.

We hear there is an agitation on foot to stop the Stoney Indians form coming into the shooting grounds up river. This sort of thing should be seen to without any delay. Another case for the authorities that be.

We hear there are some sports coming off at Windermere shortly, we should be glad of a programme form the committee and a little job work if they have no objections. Home industry should be patronised.

We had the pleasure of seeing some splendid looking concentrates from the Thunder Hill mines this week. It is a fact that the mill is now running regularly and that the whole of the machinery is working like oil.

Mr. John McRae is still busy on the Jubilee Mountain, taking out copper ore, which he intends shipping to England this fall. The average is 50 per cent copper. This will take a lot of beating. Hurry up ye western scribes.

Mr. Stacey has also a very fine potatoe crop in view. Last year this gentleman drew from a 33 feet square patch, no less than seventeen bushels. On looking around for crops of all descriptions we conclude that the harvest will be a plentiful one.

The usual summer loafers are coming in rapidly. The poor fellows are in most cases to be pitied, but to encourage them will be to increase the number of shady characters in the town. If they will work O.K., if they do not want occupation, out with them.

The hospital subscription list was only out Tuesday for a very short time in the afternoon and about $200 were added to the list. If one day can do so much, how much will seven do? leaving alone Beaver, Donald, Upper Country, Field, Palliser and other points.

Mr. D. Ker, one of the directors of the Thunder Hill Mining Co., came back from the mines on Monday and left in the evening on No. 1 for Victoria. We are sorry that there was no time to interview this gentleman. The steamboat and train made the connexion rather too fine for our purpose and desire.

Mr. Allan Granger came back from Fort Steele on Monday. He says that there is considerable activity in that camp and likely to continue. Up to date 72 records have been made for 1893, as against last year from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, there were only 60. This great increase speaks well for development in hand.

Rev. J. C. C. Kemm came in on No. 2 last Tuesday. He leaves for the Upper Country on an extended tour visiting his parishoners at Windermere and Thunder Hill. Mr. Kemm leaves B.C. in October next for the old country, to work in the Salisbury diocese. He will remain there for a period of about two years and hopes to return at the expiration of same.

A Splendid Offer.

The Smelter Townsite company have come forward splendidly in connection with the hospital scheme now on foot here. They have not only given a good sum of money towards the erection of the building but also have made an offer of 20 lots, free. The only stipulation being that the selection is not made on the Fourth Avenue. Great praise is therefore due this Co., as well as thanks from the public and committee.

"BOBBIE BURNS."

A Company will be Formed With a Capital of $300,000.

Mr. John E. Askwith, who has for such a long time been known as the owner of the Bobbie Burns gold mine, McMurdo basin, East Kootenay, has returned this week from the coast, where he has succeeded in forming a syndicate, composed of some of the leading mining men in Victoria, with a capital of $300,000. The usual legal formalities have to be gone through, after which active operations will take place on the mill which is now in position on the mine.

Hector.

Mr. Dawson, C.E., is at Hector, looking into the matter of introducing electricity for the purpose of obtaining power for hauling the trains from Field up the heavy grade of the big hill. Another electrician, has also been there recently with Mr. Dawson for the same purpose.

The Golden Era

The GOLDEN ERA is published every Saturday morning in time to catch the east and west mail trains, also the mail for the upper country, Windermere, Fort Steele etc It is the only advertising medium in the East Kootenay district.

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SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1893.

A Trip Into West Kootenay

The Columbia & Kootenay Co.

The Great Mineral Resource of the Camp.

Some little time since we had the pleasure of taking in one of those very enjoyable trips down the Columbia river to Nelson and vicinity, which gives such a change to the ordinary routine of daily life and at the same time impresses one with the marvellous beauty of the water ways and mountains of the province. Nature has truly been lavish in her bestowal of scenery combined with such a fine climate, each perhaps as fine as can be obtained in the world.

Starting from Golden on Friday evening we arrived after enjoying some of the excellent preps available along the line of the C.P.R. and a sumptuous supper at the grand hotel "The Glacier House," at Revelstoke. Here on the evenings before the sailing of the boats for the south, there is unusual activity and on our trip there was no exception to this rule. We were kindly invited by various hotel proprietors to visit them for the night and go down to our steamer in the morning, but as the management of the boat is so good, there is no necessity for doing this The traveller can at his desire go on board on arrival and once having secured a good state room, he is comfortably stowed away and saved the trouble of an early rise. On arrival on board the Lytton, there was a tremendous hurrying, significant of good traffic, this was kept up until about 11 p.m. when the mate, a jovial sort of a man declared everything O.K. and the crowd of assistants engaged in loading from the cars of the railway Co which run alongside of the steamers, very soon found themselves in their resting quarters, also in the morning, after having had an exceedingly comfortable bed and a good night's rest, we were aroused by the welcome sound of the breakfast bell. In the saloon where there is ample accommodation for about 25 passengers to partake of meals, we found a great many hungry ones, they however soon were satisfied. The menu was excellent and the steward with his ever watchful eye was a safe guard against anyone being neglected, but in this respect there was not any kick coming on account of the attention and politeness of the two waiters.

After having made a good meal, we became inquisitive and strolled up to the office of the purser, Mr. G. W. Caton, who gave us the following information which may be useful and therefore worthy of publication.

The steamers of the Columbia & Kootenay Company are numerous and consist of the Columbia, which plies from Robson to North Port; the Lytton and Illecillewaet from Revelstoke to Robson; the Spokane from Nelson to Balfour. Pilot Bay. Ainsworth. Kaslo. Lardo. and Duncan; and the Nelson to the same places, as well as from Nelson to Bonner's Ferry. Altogether these steamers with the usual number of smaller craft keep the trade of the country, as far as freight is concerned pretty well on the move.

As we sailed on the Lytton we know more about her than the other steamers and append the following:—

Her indicated horse power is 120.

The Captain is A. E. Lindgust; Chief Engineer, T. H. Hatherly; 2nd Engineer, J. Church; Purser, G. W. Caton; Steward, B. Tomkins; Mate, P. Wilson; Pilot, Capt. Smith. Besides these she carries two waiters, three cooks, two firemen and nine seamen. The freight rates from Revelstoke to Nakusp are $1 per ton, and from Revelstoke to Robson $3 per ton. The passenger rate is $5 from Revelstoke to Robson, a distance of 154 miles. After having got fairly on the way, our eyes were open to the magnificence of the scenery, at one minute we are in the river, steaming along in close proximity to mountains, forests and creeks, and then we suddenly emerge from this and enter the lake "Upper Arrow." We cruise along for many many miles, disturbing waters which until the Lytton's arrival, resemble a big mirror, the mountains are now a considerable distance on the right and left and most of the scenery is changed. The capping of snow however is distinct and rather too much so for the month of July, for usually at this period of the year it has all disappeared. The usual on deck scene is in hand, strangers become friends through the medium of a friendly pipe and I may we say it, "a wee drap of the national drink." Conversation is turned from one subject to another, all bearing on the same thing viz., the great mineral wealth of British Columbia. At about mid-day Nakusp is reached, this is a pretty spot, situated on the South East of the Upper Arrow lake, facing it and such a water way too as is rarely witnessed. Nakusp is a young town, but a promising one, the site is we may say, perfect. The C.P.R. are said to have decided to bring their railway system into this place, pass through the Pass and tap the Slocan country, if this is correct, we should say that Nakusp will shortly become a big town, just as many others have already done in the neighborhood. The hotels noticeable from the boat when passing Nakusp are the Leland House Madden House and Hotel Nakusp, also the post office and Boaze Bros. store. The freight landed was principally nails, shewing that extensive building is contemplated, and many barrels of beer. Will our readers be surprised to hear that the freighters removed the beer to the town first and nails second. So much for the wisdom of ye Nakuspites.

From Nakusp to Forks of Carpenter Creek it is 35 miles, and from the former, after passing through the Pass to Slocan Lake, you connect for New Denver by steamer, which leaves daily at 5 p.m.

From Nakusp, New Denver is reached, this is situated on Slocan Lake, across which we have Carpenter creek, through which source and by which connection on the part of the Canadian Pacific, they will be assured of the bulk of the mineral production of the Eldorado of the West. What Canada wants is the treatment of her own ores, why should they all be shipped into the States, when nature and enterprise combined will assist in bringing them our way?

Leaving Nakusp we again blow the whistle which means a farewell to the various store keepers and hotel keepers of the town and proceed on our way to the narrows, passing these we enter another lake, the Lower Arrow. Still gliding along we reach Fire Valley, Deer Park, etc., all scenes en route which are worthy of more attention than that which we have given, at last our journey is at an end as far as the Lytton is concerned for Robson is reached and here we take the C. & K. train which carrys us to Nelson, a distance of about 28 miles. The scenery along this branch is really exceedingly grand. Leaving the Columbia we follow the Kootenay, a rough tho' magnificent bit of water, into which many small rivers are constantly flowing and adding to the beauties of the spot. At about 10 p.m. Nelson is reached, and for the time our abiding place. On arrival at Nelson we found the town was en fete, horse racing had been the order of the day (Dominion) and many were flush with excitement over their winnings and more, sore on account of losses. We were met at the depot by the usual hosses and porters seeking customers. We settled on the Phair and were pleased with the selection. The Hotel Phair is run on good lines by the manager: Mr. E. Phair, a little man with a big mind, ready at all times to please his friends.

There are however several nice hotels in Nelson, all deserving of mention. The International and Victoria being two we noticed in particular. Nelson is a very nice town, well situated on the side of the Lake. There are many natural advantages and many points needing improvement, but in all small places there are the same "wantings" with such an energetic lot of citizens this will come. There are many good stores in Nelson, two newspapers, and some nice jeweller shops, the chief of which is the one owned by our old friends from Donald, Hunt & Dover. During our short stop in this town we met many very kind people, all anxious to give any information which was in their power. We have to thank the Gold Commissioner, Capt. Fitz-Stubbs, for his kindness in particular and for the very pleasant interview permitted by him. Such able government agents are invaluable to the industry of which he is the head in West Kootenay. The Captain's flower garden was a picture and the button hole presented a very smart one. Messrs. Chadburn & Jowett too, were very glad to impart any information concerning the country, and Mr. Rehvich of the Miner entertained us right well. The resident mining engineer and assayer, Mr. M. S. Davis, was a busy man, but not too much so to show us many fine specimens obtained from the neighborhood. We met many old friends and renewed many acquaintances, Messrs. Frank Fletcher, W. L. Drewry, E. Walton, and O. G. Dennis being amongst them. O. G. is looking well and shews plainly that a Doctor may be mistaken at times in his judgement of his patient's vital force.

The Silver King on Toad Mountain, 5,500 ft. high. To reach this we started from Nelson accompanied by Mr. Palmer & Mr. Hooker. The mine now so famous is only about two hours ride by wagon road from Nelson. When we arrived we found a pretty thick covering of snow, but managed to see enough of the nature of the ore, to convince us that it was good stuff. As far as the quantity is concerned there need be no doubt as too many well known experts have reported on it and favorably, for it to need any opinion from us. There are several hundred tons of rich argentiferous copper ore on the dump ready for treatment. The position of the property and the surroundings make it altogether one perhaps, of the most promising mines in the country. The English Co. has, we hear, been floated to work this and adjoining claims. The capital is $1,500,000, enough when handled by such good men as those named in the prospectus, to warrant a permanent and great success. The opening up of this camp at Toad Mountain, will give to Nelson such an impetus as that which the Anaconda mines did to the town of Anaconda. The Silver King ore is very rich in silver and copper. The Kootenai Chief has similar ore. The Grizzly, Dandy and several other claims are situated on the same mountain, each and all will probably contribute their share to the mining future of the country. Accross the hills, from the wagon road, is to be seen the work of construction in connection with the Nelson & Fort Shepherd railway, which will run in from Spokane. With this, the mines success; and the many projects in hand, Nelson is sure to be a pretty fine place one of these odd days.

(Continued next week.)

Admiral Tryon Admitted His Blunder Before Going Down.

Valetta, July 25.—In the court martial which is trying the officer of the battleship Victoria, Capt. Bourke resumed his testimony to-day. He said that he became aware of a collision almost directly the Victoria began to turn. He did not think that Staff Commander Hawkens-Smith had ever been consulted by Vice-Admiral Tryon in regard to the manoeuvres, indeed nobody had been consulted. When Vice-Admiral Tryon hoisted his flag on the Victoria it was customary to use a thirty degree helm. Vice-Admiral Tryon altered this to 28 degrees.

Lord Gillford, flag lieutenant of the Mediterranean squadron testified that after the collision Vice-Admiral Tryon said to him:—"It was all my fault."

Staff Commander Hawkins-Smith also gave evidence showing that Vice-Admiral Tryon took upon himself the responsibility for the disaster. The Staff Commander said that immediately after the Camperdown rammed the Victoria, the Vice-Admiral said to him: "It was entirely my doing, it was entirely my fault."

BOURKE'S DEFENCE.

Continuing Capt. Bourke said that had the Vice-Admiral been aft he certainly would not have sent to ask permission to alter the speed of the ship. When asked to explain how it was that the signal for "six cables" was flying after the Vice-Admiral had virtually assented to "eight cables," Capt. Bourke replied that it was after Staff Commander Hawkins-Smith had left the cabin that the Vice Admiral announced Flag-lieutenant Gillford and ordered him to signal "six cables." This order Capt. Bourke believed was a written one. About 30 seconds elapsed between Capt. Bourke's last appeal, and the reversal of the port screw by the Vice-Admiral's order.

Britain Interested.

London, July 21—Further questions were asked in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the Siamese troubles. Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary secretary of foreign office, replied in behalf of the government. He rehearsed the events that have occurred in Siam since the relations between that country and France had become strained, and said that the British government had neither such sufficient nor precise information as would enable it to form a conclusion as to the merits of the conflict. Sir Edward added that the only part of the French ultimatum to Siam which concerned Great Britain was that relating to territorial arrangements between France and Siam. The government had determined to send Lord Dufferin, the British ambassador to France, back to Paris with a view to securing an immediate exchange of views with the French government on this point. The matter would be conducted in an amicable spirit.

The Ring.

Chicago, July 21 - Corbett was seen at the fair to-day and said: "I agree to abide by Mitchell's choice, and as he has selected the Chicago club I have no objections to make. I suppose the $15-000 purse caught Mitchell. He is after the biggest purse. I am going to train near the city. Brady, when he signed the Coney island articles, stipulated that the matter would rest with Mitchell.

The Money Question.

New York, July 21.—The World this morning prints the replies it has received from governors and U. S. senators of every state south of Mason and Dixon's line and west of the Mississippi river for a statement of their views upon three questions, viz.: No. 1.—Whether or not they favor the repeal of the Sherman law. No. 2.—What measure should be substituted for the Sherman law if they do not favor its unconditional repeal. No. 3. Whether or not the extra session of congress should enact tariff legislation. Replies were not received to all queries because many of the addresses were taking their vacations at places beyond telegraphic communications, but so far as they have been heard from not a single southern or western governor or U. S. senator favor the Sherman law out and out. Some of the southerners favor its unconditional repeal and all are willing and many anxious that it should be repealed conditionally but they do not agree as to what should be substituted for it. Nearly all the western and some of the southern statesmen favor the absolute free coinage of silver. Several of them refer vaguely to a gold conspiracy and other condemn the crime of 1873, when silver was demonetized. Several of the replies from Republicans as well as Democrats, favor tariff legislation by the special session, but most of them say the tariff question has been dwarfed by the financial problem and ought to be left alone until congress could and should deal with both questions at once.

A Strike Inevitable.

London, July 21.—Action was taken to-day by the representatives of the coal miners that renders a prolonged strike an absolute certainty. The conference of the Miners' Federation at Birmingham yesterday appointed a deputation to meet the representatives of the Mine Owners' association. The meeting was held in this city to-day, and was fruitless of an amicable agreement. Benjamin Pickard, M.P., vice-president of the Miners' National union refused either to accept a reduction of wages - twenty-five per cent., or one penny—or to submit the question to arbitration. The mine owners, he said, in giving notice of their intention to make a 25 per cent cut in wages had thrown down the gauntlet and war was inevitable.

Metal Report.

We are indebted to the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York for the following quotations:—

NEW YORK, July 14, 1893.

Silver. The demand for silver for shipment has been very large for countries other than India. The supply has been increased as the mints declined to buy. Prices. London 33⅜d., New York 72c.

Copper. Market inactive at 10¼c. per lb. G.M.B.'s in London £43 to £43 7s. 6d.

Lead. Market has been irregular although there is very little of it to be had and smelters are firm in their ideas and hold back expecting prices to be higher. We have to quote 3.60c. to 3.62c. per lb.

He Seated.

Virden Chronicle: A pious old citizen of Moosomin went to the railway seation the other day to see his daughter off. Securing her a seat, he passed out of the car and went around to the car window to say a parting word. While he was passing out the daughter left the seat to speak to a friend, and at the same time a grim old maid took the seat and moved up to the window. Unaware of the important change he hurriedly put his head up to the window and said: "One more sweet kiss, pet." In another instant the point of a cotton umbrella was thrust from the window, followed by the wrathful injunction: "Seat you grey-headed wretch!" He seated.

Gold Nuggets.

One of the largest and most remarkable nuggets ever found was discovered in an Australian mine in 1877. It is flat and almost the exact counterpart in contour of a colossal human hand held open with the exception of the thumb and forfinger, which were closed together in a manner so as to make it appear that the thumb was holding the finger in place. Its greatest length was 12½ inches, and its greatest breadth 8 inches, says an exchange. It was of the very poorest gold, with but little of foreign substance adhering (mostly between the "fingers") and weighing 617 ounces. The famous "Lady Brassy" nugget, also found in Australia, weighing 51 pounds of pure gold, worth $225 per pound. In 1881 a nugget of 15 pounds weight, shaped exactly like a cross, with the exception of the right arm, was discovered in the Buriss mine near the same place.

Lansdowne and Silver.

Denver, Col., July 21.—The Rocky Mountain News to-day prints two letters, one from Sir Moreton Frewn, of London, to one of the editors of the News, and one other from Lord Lansdowne, viceroy of India, in which it appears, according to statements of Lord Lansdowne, that India suspended free coinage of silver at the time it did because the silver tone of the American eastern press, left no doubt under his mind that the U. S. congress would, as soon as it assembled, repeal the Sherman Purchasing act, and India found it necessary to be beforehand with the closing of its mints. This is an important addition to the history of the great financial controversy now convulsing the world.

Quicksilver Mining.

Mercury or quicksilver is one of the so-called noble metals, and is remarkable as being the metal that is fluid at ordinary temperature. It is of a silvery white color, with a striking metallic lustre. When pure it runs in small spherical drops over smooth surface, but when not pure, the drops assume an elongated or tailed form, and often leave gray stain on the surface of glass or porcelain

In California are large deposits of mercury or quicksilver. In the last century Mexico was almost entirely dependent upon Spain and Peru for the quicksilver needed for the amalgamation process. As this process was indigneous to Mexico and was also a national industry peculiarly suited to her resources, it was felt to be specially desirable that quicksilver mines should be developed on her own soil.

It would be supposed that with their natural acuteness in mineralogy and sharpened by a promised reward on every hundred weight of the metal produced, it would have been sooner discovered, but it was not untill late in 1845, when Andreas Castillero, a Mexican officer who was on his way to Sutter's Fort, passed through Santo Clara. The ore was shown to him by Indians who used it, in the crude state, to paint their huts and missions. Cassillero experimented with the ore and tested it, found out what it was and laid claim to the property as a mine. Work was begun almost immediately under Castilleros' direction, gun barrels being used for retorts. These insignificant reduction works have grown to very imposing dimensions, but the ore in sight is no longer so satisfactory. This is known as the New Almaden mine, near San Jose, Cala. The Guadalupe mine is also near Castillero's big find.

Private advices to Montreal shippers announce that the Yorkhill market at Glasgow will be in future open to receive Canadian cattle. This will do away with the trouble caused by Canadian animals being sent to another market or removed from the centre of trade.

Dominion Notes.

Geo. H. Bissionette, of Sharbot Lake, has assigned with liabilities of $22,000.

Mrs. Bolster, widow of the late Launcelot Bolster, manager of the Toronto water works before they were taken over by the city, is dead, aged 83.

The date for the opening of the Royal Victoria hospital, Montreal, has not been definitely fixed, but it is expected that the institution will be ready for the reception of patients about the middle of September.

A farmer named Bastine, of Maskimonge county, Que., was mowing with a machine, when his only child, a boy four years old, was sitting in the hay, whom he did not know to be there, was struck by the machine and had his head cut off.

The following arrangement has been made with the Imperial government respecting the Esquimalt fortifications: The Canadian government will purchase the sites, furnish a fixed sum of money to the Imperial government, and fortifications and sub-marine works are to be constructed by the Imperial government. The sum of $75,000 has already been voted by the Dominion parliament, but a further amount will be asked next session.

Down With High Prices For Electric Belts.

$1.55, $2.65, $3.70; former prices $5, $7, $10. Quality remains the same—16 different styles; dry battery and acid belts—mild or strong current. Less than half the price of any other company and more home testimonials than all the rest together. Full list free. Mention this paper. W. T. BAER & CO. Windsor, Ont.

Most Horrible Fate.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 23.—There was an explosion in No. 4 shaft of the Kingston Coal company, Edwardsville, yesterday afternoon. A gang of men were at work driving the slope when a naked lump came in contact with a large body of gas. The shock of the explosion tore away the timbers, smashed mine cars and horribly burned three men and a boy who is not expected to recover. The injured are:—Wm. Jones, Martin Brennan (driver boy), Benj. Wilson, Patrick Malia. A rescuing party in charge of Superintendent Roser went to the assistance of the victims, who were hurriedly brought to the surface. The flesh upon young Brennan and William Jones was literally cooked and presented a sickening sight.

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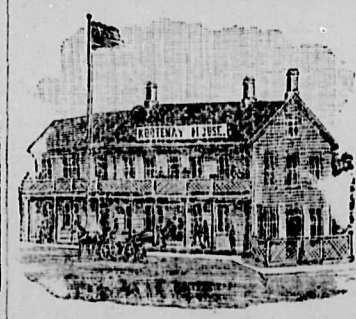

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	1st.	2nd.
One mile horse race, open..	$40	$15
600 yards " " ..	40	15
300 " " " ..	25	10
450 " Hurdle Race, 8 flights.....	30	10
Saddle Horse race.....	25	10
Entries 10 p.c. of purse.		
Hurdle Race, (every other hurdle).....	15	5
Wrestling on horseback...	10	5
Cigar Race.....	15	5
100 yards foot race.....	15	5
Pack Horse Race.....	10	5
Slow Race.....	15	5

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The Hospital Subscription List.

The committee, are now anxious for the co-operation of all those who are interested in this good cause. The government has transferred the offer they made to our Donald friends in this matter, (owing to the inability of the citizens there to comply with the stipulations) to Golden. Golden and her neighbours have now assumed the responsibility of erecting the hospital. This assumption means $1,000 in hard cash from voluntary sources, which we hope will be at once forthcoming, then the committee will be able to work with a free hand and greater confidence. Speaking of the committee, they should be reminded that "Procrastination is the thief of time," a continual putting off of business in connection with their duties will not assist the cause, but rather act in the reverse way. This week we open the list and shall be pleased to add to it week by week the names of those who make an offering no matter how small.

The Thunder Hill Mine.

Things generally this winter and spring have been impeded, on account of the unusual severity of the weather, and in this way the Thunder Hill has come in for its share of hardships. We hear however from the manager, Mr. Jas. Brady, M.E., that the concentrating works are now fairly started for steady work and that further delay is not looked for. The machinery is doing its work in a satisfactory manner and the mine is in first class shape and can furnish any quantity of ore required. Outsiders confirm the above condensed report and say that the plant is one of the nicest ever seen for the purpose used. This mine is so well situated on the side, one might say of the Upper Columbia Lake, that as soon as there are any concentrates ready to be sent for final treatment, the cost of transportation will not add very much to that already incurred. It is supposed that in a week or so, regular shipments of ore will be made, thus gladdening the hearts of shareholders as well as of the inhabitants of East Kootenay.

Strawberry Festival at Donald.

The strawberry festival given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church was probably the most successful ever held. The audience was large nd the strawberries and ice cream abundant. The floral decorations were superb, supplied from the gardens of the ladies. The programme consisting of readings by Messrs. Ross and Hungerford, and singing by Mr. J. Watson to the accompaniment of Miss Ross, were all well received. Mr. Ross gave a Scotch reading which elicited much merriment from the audience. The ladies of the congregation are to be congratulated on their successful efforts.

Donald Court.

There were several minor cases heard before Judge Spinks at Donald on Thursday the 27th inst., none of which would be of much interest to our readers. There was one however which is of great importance, concerning as it does the mining interests of the camp:

The International Has a Clear Title,

and this is the important decision arrived at, Cham McKay's claim that he had a kind of an interest in the property was struck out and he cannot again interfere with the mine or its sale. The only course open to him is to take proceedings in a civil court against Archie McMurdo, if he thinks he has any money coming to him. Therefore to buy this gold mine does not mean purchasing a law suit, as has so often been stated. The public are delighted with the Judge's decision.

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Presbyterian Church.

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CABLE NEWS.

London, July 25.—At the Goodwood race meeting the first race for the Steward's cup, was won by Henry Milner's filly Melora, Blan's Marly 2nd, Nobson's Quebec 3rd.

Paris, July 25.—It transpires that the reports current yesterday that the French government had notified the various powers of its intention to blockade the coast of Siam were premature. No such notification has been officially addressed to the powers.

The Long Ocean Race Over.

Queenstown, July 25.—The long distance ocean race from San Francisco to Queenstown is practically finished. The five vessels that took part in the race were all British. They were the bark Pinmore, Capt. Maxwell; and ships City of Athens, Capt. Morrison; Bowden, Capt. Law; Lochel, Capt. Barrett; and Lord Templemore, Capt. Walker. The Pinmore arrived here on July 17th, and the City of Athens, and Lochel arrived to-day. The Bowden will never arrive, having been wrecked on the 27th of April on Ono Island, one of the Friendly group. All the vessels, with the exception of the Athens, sailed on the following day. Each captain put up $250 of his share to the winner of the race, who takes $1,000 and the second to have his stake. The Pinmore won the $1,000, and the City of Athens, which was the first to arrive to-day, saved her Captain's $250. All the contestants that have arrived report having seen ice in the South Atlantic. The Lord Templemore has not been heard of since she left San Francisco.

Only a Fake of Course.

Washington, July 25.—A rumor reached Washington to-night that the arbitrators in the Behring Sea controversy between the United States and Great Britain, who have been in session at Paris since March listening to arguments in the case, had decided in favor of the United States. No confirmation nor denial of the report could be had here to-night, as Second Assistant Secretary Adee, who is in charge of the state department in the absence of Secretary Gresham, is at his country place in Maryland. It was learned, however, that some of the officials of the department did not leave the building until 7 o'clock this evening, which may or may not be of significance in this connection. But little credence was given to the rumor.

Washington, July 25.—The Treasury purchased 107,500 ounces of silver at 69.60 cents per ounce.

The Elopers Heard From.

San Francisco, July 25.—Arthur Turner, who eloped from Victoria with Mrs. Lockland P. Jamieson, arriving in San Francisco on Sunday last, has disappeared with his companion. When Turner was informed that Jamieson was probably in San Francisco looking for him, he said he was not in the least afraid of the Victorian. Mrs. Jamieson says she will marry Turner as soon as she obtains a divorce from her husband.

Our Cattle in England.

Toronto, July 25.—The following special cable from London appears in this morning's Globe: At Deptford to-day 800 Canadian animals were cleared. Trade was steadier and the best beasts made 4s. 2d., to 4s. 4d., per eight pounds; second class sold at 3s. 8d. to 3s. 10d.

Big Fire East.

Long Island, N.Y., July 22.—Two blocks of buildings in this city were destroyed by fire early this morning. The new St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, just completed at a cost of $30,000, is totally destroyed. The parsonage was one of the first buildings to go. It was thoroughly gutted by the flames and the costly new parochial school which had never been used was also destroyed. The flames started in Gray's refrigerator factory on 4th street, and spread rapidly through the large stock of dry timber. A southeasterly wind carried the flames and the whole block bounded by Jackson avenue on the west, by Vernon avenue and 4th on the south, and by 5th street on the north was in flames. Over 100 families are homeless and there is a total property loss of $800,000.

Record Breaker.

New York, July 22.—Once more the superb ocean greyhound City of Paris has broken the record from Southampton and earned her title to be queen of the seas. She not only broke the record from Southampton, beating the time of the Fuerst Bismarck, but she still retains her record from Queenstown of 5 days, 14 hours and 24 minutes. The time of passage was 6 days, 9 hours and 3 minutes, a total distance of 3,052 miles.

Blake Coming.

London, July 22.—Hon. Edward Blake will return to Canada for a short time as soon as the home rule bill is read a third time. He hopes to sail on August 24, or at the latest on September 1. He will return here for the autumn session not later than the first week in November.

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O'CLOCK.				O'CLOCK
Thrsday and Mon. 18:00	0	Golden, s. Duchess leave		Tuesday and Friday 7:00
" 12:00	50	Galena " arrive	$ 2 50	" 19:00
" 7:00	100	Windermere " "	5 00	Wed. and Saturday 10:00
" 4:00	113	Adela " "	5 50	" 15:00
Wed. and Sun. 18:00	118	" Tramway leave		" 15:30
" 10:00	128	Thunder Hill, s. Pert arr.	7 00	" 17:30
" 15:0	130	Canal Flat, " "	7 00	" 18:00
Sunday 15:00	"	" Stage leave		Thursday 7:00
" 7:00	165	Wasa "	11 00	Friday 7:00
Saturday 12:00	180	Fort Steele "	12 00	" 10:00

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