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That hangs his head, an' a' that;
The coward slave, we pass him by,
We dare be poor for a' that!
For a' that, an' a' that,
Our toils obscure, an' a' that,
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that.
—BURNS.

Thursday last being the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's one great national poet, Robbie Burns, his humble but enthusiastic admirers in this town determined to celebrate the event as becometh all good Scotchmen. To this end arrangements were made with D. A. McDougall, of the Leland House, for the holding of a banquet at his hostelry. Invitations were then widely circulated, but unfortunately, at the last moment, a number of those invited were unable to attend, because of the Lytton going out in the morning, necessitating the speedy transaction of important business. Those who did attend, however, put in a gay time.

As seated round the festive board, the guests answered to their names as follows:—Chairman, W. C. Muirhead; Dr. Williamson, Messrs. McFarlane, Nault, Dancereau, Vice Chairman McDougall, Corning, THE LEDGE Young Man, Jordan and T. Abriell.

The collation was ample and varied embracing all the delicacies obtainable at this season of the year, not forgetting even "ye oaten scone," all gotten up in a tasty manner, as was demonstrated by the quickness with which the tempting viands disappeared.

Shortly after nine the chairman introduced the first toast, that of "Our Gracious Sovereign and the Royal Family," followed by "Our Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen," both of which were duly honored.

Then came the toast of the evening, "Scotland's National Poet, Robbie Burns." The chairman in introducing this, gave a brief outline of Burns' life, from the cradle to the grave; also detailing the poet's first literary efforts, which were gradually improved upon till the country was thrilled and electrified with those magnificent productions, "The Cotter's Saturday Night" and "Tam O'Shanter." The several selections given were received with spirit and acclaim, terminating in applause as Mr. Muirhead feelingly sung Burns' eulogy of his wife, "Jean Calder."

Vice-chairman McDougall introduced the toast, "Canada, Our Home." Mr. McDougall, in his capable way, faithfully delineated the greatness and majesty of this Dominion of ours, detailing in succession the scope and wealth of her vast natural resources, the proud eminence to which her statesmen had attained, notably Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Edward Blake, etc., concluding with expressions of praise for those brave Scotchmen who had left their native land by entire clans to found a new home in the trackless wastes of Canada, thus in a great measure laying the foundation for the magnificent structure of today, the Dominion—the brightest gem in Britain's diadem of colonies.

Mr. McDougall was followed on the same topic by Messrs. Nault and Smitheringale.

"The Guests of the Evening" found a worthy exponent in the person of Dr. Williamson, who convulsed the company with his characteristic humorous utterances. In a jocular manner he criticised the remarks of Mr. McDougall and the other speakers upon the previous toast, adding that "he had no use for a country that kept its citizens six weeks without mail."

Messrs. McFarlane and Dancereau also spoke to the toast, Mr. Jordan helping out by giving the rollicking chorus, "Way Down in the Deep Atlantic."

Songs were contributed by Messrs. McDougall, Muirhead, and Smitheringale, the latter responding to an encore for "O Fond Dove" with "Thy Voice is Near."

"Our Host and Hostess," was suitably replied to by Mr. McDougall, who also sang "Bluebells of Scotland."

Mr. Jordan was prevailed on to give, in his customary pleasing style, the old favorite, "Sailing," the company joining heartily in the chorus.

Of course, as in all great events like this, the roast list would have been sadly deficient had "The Press" been omitted. THE LEDGE Young Man was there to attend to his duty.

At midnight the company broke up with the inevitable but ever-appropriate "Auld Lang Syne," coupled with the National Anthem, thus terminating what had proved to be an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Wide Tire Act.

The provincial act, better known as the Wide Tire Act, came into force on January 1. The act requires that every wagon or vehicle carrying a load of 2,000 pounds or more, on any public road in British Columbia west of the Cascades, shall have tires at least four inches wide. The object of the act is to save the roads, which are so easily destroyed by the narrow tires.

CORBETT-MITCHELL FIGHT.

Gentleman Jim Wins an Easy Victory in Nine Minutes.

To ease the perturbed minds of the citizens, who have been for a week enduring all the agonies of acute uncertainty regarding the outcome of Mitchell-Corbett fight last Thursday, THE LEDGE has obtained the following interesting budget for its readers:

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 25, 12 p.m.—At this time several thousand persons are in the Arena Club. The officials say there is no danger of interference. Neither of the principals have arrived but all confidently believe they will appear in the ring at the appointed time. Corbett continues the hot favorite. The crowd in the arena is very orderly. Time for fight, 1:30.

Later.—Both men came into the ring smiling, each appearing confident. Particulars:

First round.—Corbett led off with his right on Mitchell's chin. They clinched and exchanged body blows. Jim reached Charley's left eye heavily. Mitchell reached the ribs. Another exchange and Mitchell clinched in on Corbett's neck. Jim lands left and right just as time is called. Mitchell gets in a sounding body blow. Honors easy.

Second round.—A wild exchange and clinch. Corbett uppercuts his man as they come together. Mitchell lands hard on the ribs, and as he comes in Corbett catches him savagely on the head, staggering him. Corbett uppercuts Mitchell again, also landing heavily on Charley's ribs. The latter reaches Corbett's chin. A sharp rally ensues, Jim having the best of it. Mitchell hits Corbett twice on the neck, but is knocked down twice by the latter. Then Jim follows his man and knocks him down again as he attempts to rise. The gong saves Mitchell

Third round.—Mitchell is rather groggy. Corbett rushed at him hitting with his right and left on the neck. Mitchell was knocked down and he took the full time allowed to rise, and then rushed at Corbett, both clinching. Corbett threw him off and floored him with a blow on the face. Again he took all the time to rise, and when he advanced Jim swung his right and Mitchell fell on his face in a helpless condition. The referee counted Mitchell out, and then declared Corbett the winner of the match and the champion of the world. Mitchell's face was covered with blood. He was carried to his corner perfectly helpless. Time of fight just nine minutes.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

Advanced for the Fostering of Our Mining Industry.

From a recent issue of the Toronto Daily Empire is taken the subjoined interesting letter, the writer evidently being W. B. Strathern, late of the city of Kaslo:—

SIR,—Permit me to present to your readers, and all who take an interest in the welfare and prosperity of our Dominion, for consideration, the necessity of developing and fostering our mines and minerals. Few can form an idea of the wealth therein contained.

First, let me say that one great drawback to the development of our mines is the distance the ore has to be shipped to the reduction and smelting works for treatment, the whole of our mineral, I may say, having either to go to the United States or England for treatment. This involves a cash expenditure which small mine owners are not in a position to meet. Hence the mineral is left in its natural bed, they only doing the necessary development work to make their claims good.

Then there are the larger and wealthier owners. What a benefit it would be to them also to have their ore treated at a reasonable distance from the mining camp.

Now, sir, as we Canadians are new at the mining business, and very few of our capitalists care to invest their money in building reduction and smelting works, on account of our not having done enough at it and we are not of so speculative turn as the natives across the line, it is hard to get a company to undertake the building of such works, which cost a large sum of money and a large outlay to operate them.

But could we get three such companies to build, say one company in British Columbia, another company in Ontario, and the third in the maritime provinces, this would bring the shipping of ore within a reasonable distance, and have all our ore treated at home and all the labor done in our midst. And this large sum of money from building and operating being paid out weekly or monthly as the case might be, would be a great benefit to the machine shops, farmers, merchants, and other classes, but to get these companies formed and the capital is where the difficulty comes in.

Now, sir, to endeavor to overcome this difficulty, for some time past I have been carefully studying the subject, and, after arranging and rearranging plan after plan, have come to the conclusion that the Dominion Government is in duty bound to take a hand in this matter. Not that I say they should spend public money and get nothing definite in return, but in

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this way, if you will allow me to be short in the matter:

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The first company who have their works completed and in operation to receive $500,000, the second company $300,000, and the third $200,000; they to have the use of the respective sums free for five years, and at the end of the sixth year to pay back to the Government, either in bar silver or legal tender, one-fifth of the loan, with one year's interest, and each year thereafter the same instalment with interest, until the whole sum be paid.

This should give us three first-class reduction and smelting works of our own, and place them on a solid footing. And I do not think any reasonable person or political party either, could have anything to say against aid given in this way. I hope this matter will not be let drop here, but that it will be taken up and thoroughly discussed and commented upon. Yours, etc.,

Orillia, Ont. W.B.S.

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It Will Undoubtedly be Built During the Summer.

Early in 1893 President Hill of the Great Northern Railway stated that he did not think his road would build any branches during that year. He kept his word faithfully. This year, however, the policy seems different. Unless the people of Kalispell are much mistaken they will have a railway into British Columbia before the snow falls again. So said J. Kennedy of that town, who was in Spokane last week, on his way to the Pacific coast.

"There can be no doubt about the intentions of the Great Northern," said Mr. Kennedy. "President Hill is determined to reach the coal fields in the vicinity of the Crow's Nest Pass, through which the Canadian Pacific is now clearing the right of way. The coal mines now reached by the Great Northern are not proving as satisfactory as expected and a new supply must be obtained.

"The plan is to run from Kalispell up the Flathead valley and across the Tobacco plains, taking almost a north and south direction to the pass. The entire distance, after allowing for the curves, need not be more than 125 miles, and by striking the main line at Columbia Falls instead of Kalispell part of this distance might be saved.

"The engineers came in last month having completed almost the entire survey. For several weeks the company has been piling up rails and ties at Kalispell and other stations, until they must have on hand now sufficient to build nearly 100 miles of road. The expectation is that construction will begin as early as possible in the spring. The upper half of the line is rough and will require heavy grading, but the first fifty miles from Kalispell will require very little work."

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1894.

HISTORY OF THE KOOTENAY.

A complete history of the Kootenay country, from the earliest days to the present time, is being compiled by R. T. Lowery. Experienced men with valuable information would confer a favor by sending their address to this office.

SPEECH FROM THRONE.

With Tuesday's mail we received a copy of Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney's speech from the throne at the opening of the Local Legislature on Jan. 18. Lack of space forbids the publishing of it in our columns, a contingency we deeply deplore. The programme outlined by the Government to occupy the attention of the members during the session is comparatively short, but the various numbers thereon are of vital importance to the province.

The speech bears on: Redistribution bill; guarantee of interest on bonds of Nakusp & Slocan Railway; completion of Nelson & Fort Sheppard road; gold, silver and coal mining industries; agricultural and horticultural reports; fishing industry; ownership of gold lands in Alberni; Provincial home at Kamloops; aid to new municipalities; new parliament buildings; estimates of expenditures and receipts; title of disputed railway lands; census returns; amendments to Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Act; consolidation of law of evidence; a partnership act; labor bureau act; succession duties act.

It will be seen from the above that the list is sufficiently comprehensive to make the members earn their sessional allowance at all events. Of chief import to Nakusp is the promised legislation regarding our railway to the mines, and the progress of the measure through the House and the ensuing debate will be watched with the keenest interest here.

One word relative to those new Parliament buildings at Victoria. The three per cent. debentures, authorized by the Legislature at its last session to defray the costs, have been disposed of at 92 per cent. a gratifying indication of the increased value of our provincial securities. However much their opponents may censure the Government for that outlay, it cannot be claimed that our credit abroad has been in the least effected thereby.

In parting from the subject we trust, gentlemen of the Legislature, you will do your duty by West Kootenay and grant her a liberal supply of the needful.

Premier Davie has introduced a bill into the Legislature exempting the property of lodgers from distraint for landlord's liabilities. This measure will be appreciated greatly throughout the province.

Hon. Col. Baker proposes that the Provincial Parliament shall adopt a resolution favoring bimetallism and endorsing the coinage of unlimited quantities of silver. Rather mean of the gallant Colonel to remove the ground from under the feet of his opponents in this district, but it emphatically is a measure we should delight in seeing adopted, as it will demonstrate to the world that the province is prepared to stand by what promises to be her chief industry.

What a huge joke it would be if the Local Government, after rushing through the redistribution bill, should bring on the elections before the sitting of the court of revision! In such an emergency but four persons would be entitled to vote from this place. The howl of dismay that would arise from the disappointed legions that have forwarded their names to be added to the voters' list would easily outclass the noises contributed by the unfortunate Jews when Jerusalem was destroyed. We cannot tell what a day or a moment may bring forth.

Our readers will kindly pardon a reference again being made to that much-vexed question, the mail service, but we are in a hurry to subscribe an idea that has just occurred to—this may be news to some, who have in the past firmly believed us innocent of such a grave misdemeanor—which, if acted upon by the postal authorities, would materially assist in solving satisfactorily the difficult problem in this district. Intead of having all our mail forwarded to Victoria and then sorted for the Kootenay country, to be forwarded via Seattle and Spokane, why not arrange for its distribution from Eastern Canadian and American points at Winnipeg, to be despatched over the Great Northern Railway via St. Paul to Spokane? In this way much needless delay, worry, and travel could be dispensed with. Again: let all mail matter west of Winnipeg to Vancouver, be despatched to Kootenay points via Mission City Junction and the Great Northern Railway to Spokane. We think the suggestions offered would fill the bill exactly.

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LIFE ON THE COAST.

The Downs and Ups of a Traveling Editor's Life.

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To a man from the Slocan it is like a glimpse of Paradise. Electric cars to ride on instead of bucking mules. Feather beds to sleep in and turkey every day. Then it rains every other day, not a harsh, tough rain accompanied by heavenly artillery, but a gentle, steady and moist rain. The rain is beneficial to harmony of homes. The wives of Vancouver men always have plenty of soft water on washing day.

At present the city is dull, and we noticed quite a number of empty buildings in different parts of the city. The hotel business is very dull and jags are rarely seen. We hear complaints on all sides of hard times. Real estate is quiet as the grave, but the city is safe and will some day be a high grade proposition. Living is cheap and you can get a meal for 20 cents. You can also get a meal for a dollar. We have had several meals lately. Baths are 15 cents. We are going to bring some back with us. We are also loading up with a stock of shaves at 10 cents each. It costs 10 cents to wash a white shirt. We have our shirt washed every day. We bought 12 cigars for two bits, and gave them to a man who would not advertise. He was arrested for contaminating the atmosphere.

Vancouver has many pretty ladies, and although most of them passed us by as though we were a white check, still they could not help admiring our mountain complexion, and the diamonds we wore. Owing to the distant look of resignation on our benign countenance we are frequently taken for a parson. This is no news to our neighbors.

The Metropolitan Club is a grand and successful institution, but the limit in the grand old game of poker is too small for an enterprising man to tackle. Otherwise we have no objection to this popular club, which is in a most prosperous condition.

We leave for Victoria to-morrow to see Parliament opened. Less than two kings will open it, and we will stay if we have anything to draw to. We will now turn off the gas, retire to our luxurious couch and dream of the wonderful rapidity with which the Government handles the Kootenay mail service. Good-bye gentle readers and remember us when you say your prayers.

The International Hotel in Nelson has been burned down. Loss $6,000, insured for $3,000.

The Lytton Tied Up.

Saturday last the steamer Lytton made her last voyage down from the head of the lake till navigation reopens in the spring. She brought about 20 tons of freight in all for local parties. Monday morning Captain Nesbitt and crew left overland for Nelson and Puget Sound points. In the meantime the Lytton is tied up at the head of the bay in charge of a watchman.

Messrs. McFarlane, Betts, McDonald and Tierney, who have been employed on the railway engineer's staff during the summer, departed for the coast on the Lytton Friday morning, accompanied by a host of others.

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With the completion of the Nakusp & Slocan Railroad, Thousands of tons of ore will be brought to Nakusp from the rich mines of the Slocan, and loaded on the steamer for Revelstoke.

Gold and Silver Ledges have been discovered within three miles of Nakusp.

The town already contains Six Hotels, Several Dwelling Houses, Stores, Sawmill, with a capacity of 30,000 feet per diem, a substantial Wharf, Warehouses, Blacksmith Shop and many other buildings.

THE TOWN OF NAKUSP

Its Present and Future Concisely Pourtrayed.

Something of Interest to the Outside World Concerning This Place. Beautiful Situation. Climate, Etc.

But few towns within the province can lay claim to such a fine and imposing townsite as does the future metropolitan city of Nakusp. Situated for the most part on an extensive and exceedingly level bench of land, about 80 feet above the surface of the upper Arrow Lake which it overlooks, the location of the town is at once healthful and commanding. To the south is a magnificent view of as fine a stretch of placid water of ever-changing beauty as one could wish to behold, while on the other borders of the town are thousands of acres of undulating land, only awaiting the axe of the industrious settler to clear it of its forest growth, and raise in place of the fir and hemlock bountiful crops of cereals and roots from the rich soil. The larger portion of the townsite has been denuded of trees and the ground platted into residential and business blocks, through which run wide parallel streets and lanes.

HEALTHFUL SURROUNDINGS.

So far as health is concerned, the citizens of the town are peculiarly blessed. The elevation of the land gives an easy and perfect drainage into the lake, and it is a noted fact that no matter how heavy the rainfall may be, the soil readily absorbs the moisture, leaving nothing more to be desired. The strip of beach land between the lake and bench, several hundred feet in width, has a gradual slope, that easily carries off any overflow. Just north-west of the town are a number of springs, from whence is derived its water supply, by carriers, and which, if properly developed, could furnish a large city with complete protection against fire, as well as being amply sufficient for domestic requirements. More to the west is the rapid running mountain stream, bearing the name of Koos-kanacc, a second water resource for the town. Sufficient water flows between the creek's high banks to run any number of mills and electric dynamos, and this when the opportune moment arrives, will be made use of to furnish electricity to the town for lighting and motive purposes. A mile or so away are a number of little lakes of pure spring water; so that it will be seen that Nakusp is particularly well off in that respect.

CLIMATE.

The climate of Nakusp is very moderate aud even. The summers are warm and dry, tempered always with delightful breezes from mountain and lake; the wet season in the fall and spring short and by no means as disagreeable as on the coast; and with winters to a marked degree devoid of intense cold, but inclined rather to the open and mild. Owing to its elevation and its distance from the mountains the town is a pleasant one to live in at all seasons of the year, and it is peculiarly free from the disadvantages of the average mountain town.

POPULATION AND BUILDINGS.

Though founded but a year or so ago, Nakusp has made rapid strides, and now boasts of a population many times greater than was here even last spring. Its citizens are wide awake and enterprising, and they never lose an opportunity to advance the interests of the place. The buildings are chiefly frame, built in a substantial manner, generally painted, and kept in good repair. There are a number of log structures scattered here and there throughout the town, but they will soon be replaced with frame. Indications point to a great building boom in the spring.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

Within the confines of the town are a number of first class business houses, chief among which are Jordan & Co., Inland Construction Co., Cummings & Co., Bourne Bros., Nakusp News Co., J. Ehrmanntraut, etc. Of hotels there are five, each having accommodation for many guests; the bars are well stocked and the dining rooms well managed. These hostelries are named: Nakusp House, U. S. Thomas, proprietor; Madden House, owned by H. Madden; Leland House, by D. A. McDougall; Columbia, by Corning & Rodd; and Prospect, by J. T. Nault. There is also a large and well equipped sawmill, which has an extensive trade. Last, but not least, Nakusp has a good live newspaper, as the present issue demonstrates, and the citizens are proud of it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Under this head comes first the Nakusp & Slocan railway, now being built into the heart of the rich and famous Slocan mining district less than two score miles away. Many hundreds of men have been employed on this road during the past season, and more will be in the spring when the melting snows will permit of the work being resumed. Nakusp has been made the base of operations by the construction company, of which D. McGillivray is head, and the vast sums of money paid out have materially helped the progress of the town. In less than a year thousands of tons of ore will be handled weekly over this road, thus affording employment to numbers of hands at the local steamboat wharves. By this road the bulk of general business will travel, as affording the cheapest and speediest avenue of ingress and egress. The large wharves owned by the company here are covered by the general offices and warehouses, in the latter being stored many thousand dollars' worth of supplies. The company have also located here a hospital, presided over by Dr. Williamson. For the railway there have already arrived a locomotive and several flat cars, now housed till spring, when their number will be increased. Secondly Nakusp has connection with the outside world by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to the south at Nelson via Robson and the C. & K. R.; also connection on the north with the main line of the C. P. R. at Revelstoke. In another year this place may be reached by rail from the latter place over the R. & A. L. R., now under construction. Then there is the wagon road to the head of Slocan lake from whence New Denver and all other interior points may be reached easily and quickly. The C. P. R. have lately put in a branch of the telegraph line, and messages may be sent out either north and south. Six steamers ply here in the summer with but two in winter.

DISTRIBUTING CENTRE.

Nakusp is bound to be the distributing and supply centre for the entire Slocan region from the west. Here, not only will the Government make its headquarters for mail and judicial business, but the great wholesale merchants of the land will erect their warehouses and wharves. A glance at the map of the district will convince anyone that this must of necessity be the case. Here, too, the railroad and navigation companies will have their main offices, and the heads of families employed by them will locate their families in this place.

AGRICULTURE AND MINING.

In both these contingencies Nakusp is pre-eminently blessed above her neighbors. Surrounding the town are many thousands of acres of good farming land, well watered and but sparsely covered with forest growth. Around the shore of the lake are an abundance of rich alluvial deposits, suitable for mixed farming and market gardening purposes, all of which is open for settlement and certain to yield big returns. While all this is directly tributary to Nakusp and bound to substantiate her growth in coming years, there is the famou Fire Valley, to the south, the rancher of which must come to this place for their supplies and to dispose of their produce. As to mining, the mountains, situated a few miles off, are known to be full of mineral, both gold and silver. Not later than a few weeks ago, a wide ledge of galena was located not above four miles from town, an assay of which went close to 200 ounces in silver and 80 per cent lead per ton. This will be developed in the spring and the ore handled here. Numerous other strikes have been reported close to town, but the mountains have been but partially prospected as yet. In the river bottoms gold has been discovered in paying quantities, by washing, as also at the foot of the hills to the south. Thus it will be seen that Nakusp does not depend solely upon the rich Slocan district for support, for she has enough mineral wealth lying dormant around her to build up a large city.

PROSPECTS.

Information gleaned from various sources elicits the fact that considerable capital will be forthcoming ere long to develope the latent mineral wealth in the mountains hard by and it will not be in mere development work alone that this money will show itself but in a manner calculated to be of still greater benefit to the town. Arrangements are about complete for the establishment of large sampling works here by an English party of means and experience during the coming season. This in itself is important, but when this is followed by other works for the treatment of ores on a much larger scale, the benefits accruing cannot be estimated. It is known, too, that several industrial establishments of a varied nature are keeping an eye on Nakusp, with a view to locating—American parties chiefly—and who can foretell the size and affluence of the city of a few years hence that will have taken the place of the infantile town of today? In Nakusp will be erected the repair and machine shops of not one railway, but of several, for the success of one must result in the drafting of others, and there will be traffic enough for all. With its unlimited water power only waiting to be harnessed, this place offers special inducements to manufacturers, and they will not be slow to grasp them. No other place in this country gives better proof of stability and progress than does this town, and those who have invested here are confident that their money has been well placed; and no other place presents such excellent opportunities to capital for profitable enterprises.

Fifteen Mile

HOUSE.

This hotel is five miles from Watson and has good accommodations for man and beast. The bar goods are excellent and the table first class.

WILLIS & SPROULE, Proprietors.

Blue Ridge Hotel,

10 MILES FROM KASLO.

Accommodations for travellers. Good stables. The bar is stocked with choice liquors and cigars. Pack train in connection with the house. Goods taken to any part of the mountains,

McDONALD BROS., Props.

LIFE IN NAKUSP.

All outgoing mails now go via New Denver.

Fully six inches of the fleecy fell on Saturday.

Marion Aubury, late of Kaslo, is in White Oaks, N. M.

Freight teams are still hauling to the head of the lake.

P. Bernier came in from New Denver on Saturday night.

For anything in drugs write to the Slocan Drug Co., Kaslo. †

C. K. Brown, formerly of Kaslo, is living in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Moxley has been appointed postmaster at Hall's Landing.

The Burns supper in New Denver Thursday last was a big success.

J. M. McMartin expects to finish his contract on the railway in a few days.

C. B. Hume & Co. of Revelstoke keep a complete line of miners' goods.

Contractor McGregor is pushing work on the new public school at Kaslo.

A big dance is announced to take place at the Prospect House tomorrow evening.

The hotels in town are again being filled up, and business generally is improving.

A dance on the ice is one of the social events contemplated. But why not a carnival?

M. H. Norman has been appointed city clerk of Kaslo and A. W. Wright police magistrate.

Mayor Kane promises an elaborate system of electric lighting and water works for Kaslo.

Upwards of 500 men are now lodged in the camps between the head of the lake and Revelstoke.

Mrs. Sasshaw is able to be around again after a spell of illness, superinduced by a severe cold.

Mrs. D. A. McDougall has been under the weather during the week, suffering from a severe cold.

The Union Sabbath School has been enriched with a liberal supply of hymn books and reading matter.

J. T. Nault became possessed of a handsome fur-lined overcoat this week through the medium of a raffle.

The Arrow went north on Monday with a good passenger list. She experienced some trouble with ice.

When in Kaslo stop at the Great Northern Hotel. Rates reasonable. Headquarters for Hudson Bay Co.'s goods. †

Andy Graham of Three Forks is in town, on his way to the Coast. He has sold his interest in the restaurant at the Forks.

F. G. Stapleton-Cotton and W. Long departed for Perksville last Thursday, their example being imitated by Messrs. Perks and Barton, who left for the same place on Tuesday.

The frost of the last few days has congealed the water in the bay to a a sufficient thickness to permit of skating, a pastime much indulged in, though the surface is a little rough.

Philo & Co., of Vancouver, are turning out large quantities of cigars. Their traveller will be here in a short time and hotel men will do well to hold their orders for this popular factory.

A telegram was received in New Denver last week from Victoria stating that the townsite dispute had been settled in favor of Mr. McGillivray, and that the land would be cleared at once.

One day last week, W. Cleveland while driving from Lardeau to Hall's Landing lost two of his horses through the ice. Miss Williams, who was in the sleigh at the time, had to walk several miles on snow shoes before she reached the Landing.

It will be seen from this issue that quite a number of new advertisements find a place on the several pages of THE LEDGE. This is resultant upon the ramblings abroad of the financier of the concern, R. T. Lowery, who has just returned from a months' visit to the coast.

The Arrow made an attempt to go to the head of the lake yesterday with two horses on a scow for Mr. McInnes, the Calgary cattle man, who was returning to his home, but the effort failed. A rowboat was sent ahead in the bay to break the ice, after which it was plain sailing for a few miles. The ice was then found too solid and the boat had to return. She has been hauled out on the ways and is being sheathed, preparatory to making a second attempt to clear the passage tomorrow.

Public School Report.

Miss Caldwell, the efficient teacher of the Nakusp Public School, makes the initial monthly report as follows: 18 pupils were registered on the roll for the month of January, and of these six attended every day. The average attendance was 15.25. The maximum number of marks obtainable was 750, of which Julia Corning obtained 606; Kate McDougall, 605; Lyland McDougall, 541; N. Thomas, 540; Frankie Martyn, 478; Lida Corning, 453; John McDougall, 459; Jas. Kelly, 386.

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First class accommodations in both Room and Meals.

The Bar is well furnished with choice wines, liquors and cigars.

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Opposite - Prospect House.

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DEALERS IN

Dry Goods

Groceries

Hardware

Stoves

Powder

Hay, Feed

and so on.