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OUR MEMBER AT WORK.

J. M. Kellie Looking After the Interests of His Constituents.

Never before has the Local Legislature taken so much interest in West Kootenay as during the present session. Not only was attention directed to it in the speech from the throne, but Hon. Col. Baker has since brought the district prominently to the front by reason of his resolution in favor of the free coinage of silver. J. M. Kellie, the member for the district, apparently not wishing to be left out in the cold, has made his presence in the Legislature known by moving the subjoined resolutions:

1. Whereas there is a vast extent of country lying north of Revelstoke rich in timber and mineral resources, that for want of cheap communication is practically inaccessible; and whereas the removal of obstructions to navigation between Revelstoke and the mouth of Canoe river would give access to that vast timber and mineral region; and whereas it has been demonstrated by a competent engineer that the obstructions to navigation at Death Rapids can be removed at a small expenditure; and whereas the encroachment of the Columbia river on the townsite of Revelstoke has destroyed and carried away a considerable portion of that townsite; therefore be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to his honor the Lieutenant Governor requesting that strong representations be made to the Dominion Government to have the obstructions to navigation removed between Revelstoke and Canoe river, Big Bend; and further, that prompt steps be taken to protect the townsite of Revelstoke from the encroachments of the Columbia river.

2. Whereas the population of West Kootenay is now very considerable and is rapidly increasing, by reason of the rapid development of its timber, mineral and agricultural resources; and whereas there are towns at Revelstoke, Nelson, Kaslo, Ainsworth, New Denver and Nakusp, and outlying settlements and mining camps at Illecillewaet, Hall's Landing, Lardeau, Thompson's Landing, Trout Lake City, Fire Valley, Robson, Trail Creek, Toad Mountain, Goat River, Three Forks, Balfour, Pilot Bay, Four Mile Creek and Big Bend; and whereas the judicial work is already great and rapidly increasing; therefore be it resolved that an humble address be presented to his honor the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that strong representations be made to the Dominion Government to appoint a resident county judge for the district of West Kootenay.

3. Whereas locators of mineral in the 20-mile belt labor under great disadvantages in comparison with locators of mineral claims in other portions of the province; and whereas the payment of $5 per acre on a mineral claim before a crown grant can be acquired is a heavy burden on the prospector or miner; and whereas the payment of $5 per acre only applies to the 20-mile belt; therefore be it resolved, that an humble address be presented his honor the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that strong representations be made to the Dominion Government requesting that this payment of $5 per acre be cancelled within the 25-mile belt.

Mr. Kellie is also looking after a bill entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of Tramway, Telegraph and Telephone Companies, West Kootenay District."

Besides this Mr. Kellie seconded an amendment introduced by Mr. Watt to the following important resolution, fathered by Messrs. Adams and Smith, but afterwards repented and the motion carried:

Whereas the reduction of the import duties on rubber goods generally, agricultural implements and machinery, mining machinery, and other goods not manufactured in the province, would be of great advantage to those engaged in the various industries in the province; therefore be it resolved that an humble address be presented the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that strong representations be made to the Dominion Government to have the duty on rubber goods, agricultural implements and machinery, mining machinery and other goods not manufactured in the province modified.

Lost. Strayed or Stolen.

Provincial Officer Fauquier has been notified of the mysterious disappearance of a Swede answering to the name of Jensen. The last seen of the man was a little over a week ago, when he entered the Leland House bar, where he remained but a few minutes, afterwards proceeding up the street to the Prospect House. There he drew from Mr. Nault a sum of money, amounting to upwards of $40, and then left, going towards the centre of the town. Since then all trace of him has been lost. He was perfectly sober at the time, but whether he has left town by other than the established routes, or wandered off into the woods and so perished cannot be stated.

NEW DENVER TOWNSITE

The Famous Dispute Comes up in the Victoria Courts.

Only one case, that of Fletcher vs. McGillivray, was set down for hearing before the full court at Victoria a week ago Friday. The action was brought respecting lot 549, group 1, Kootenay district, New Denver townsite, by Fletcher & Farwell, against McGillivray and Henry Croft, claiming that McGillivray be declared trustee of two-thirds of the property for the plaintiffs, and claiming damages against Croft for misrepresenting that he was the agent of McGillivray, and that McGillivray accepted trust in lands of two-thirds of the property for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Crease granted an injunction preventing McGillivray from dealing with the property in any way. An appeal came before Mr. Justice Crease, who refused to dissolve the injunction granted by him, and the defendant McGillivray now appeals. A consent decree was entered whereby the injunction is dissolved and the lis pendens vacated, and the plaintiff gets eight lots in each block—each block containing 28 lots. Each party to bear its own costs, the defendant to bear the cost of surveying.

Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., and A. E. McPhillips appeared for the defendant McGillivray, Mr. Luxton for defendant Croft, and Mr. Helmcken for the plaintiffs.

Committed for Trial.

On Friday last J. Hector, the prosecutor in the assault case against Sandholm, who was recently given six months for the crime by F. W. Jordan, J.P., returned from Nelson, where he had been attending the new trial against the prisoner. With him returned T. Peterson and A. Carlson, the chief witnesses. Sandholm appeared before G. M. Sproatt, Stipendiary Magistrate, last Monday. The evidence submitted was practically the same as adduced at the trial here, but the result was slightly different, Judge Sproatt deeming the case sufficiently serious to commit the prisoner to stand his trial at the next Assizes, which will take place next June. So long as the Government neglects to furnish its J.P.'s with a complete equipment of legal literature, just so long may the people of the district expect to hear of the judgments of the local officials being annulled. Verily an excellent manner to uphold the majesty of the law

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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.

Vancouver had not sought much after the trade, the business men having overlooked their opportunity, and they would have to fight for it now, especially against Winnipeg, which had made strenuous endeavors for the grocery, butter and egg business. Spokane would remain an active competitor in some lines, flour and fruit for instance. It behooved Canada to inform herself as to what was contained in the Kootenay country.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson, which J. B. Lovell seconded, and the meeting dispersed.

MIDWINTER FAIR.

Comfortable Headquarters for the Canadians.

The Canadian Association has had erected, in honor of Canada, a building to be used expressly as Canadian headquarters during the San Francisco exposition. Here both exhibitors and visitors may meet, receive their friends and fellow-countrymen, have their mail directed, and otherwise make it the social rendezvous intended.

It has been deemed most appropriate to decorate the interior of the building with the portraits of Canadian public men, views of public buildings and scenery, and other souvenirs and characteristics of Canada. With this end in view communications have been sent to the various provincial governments and boards of trade in the principal cities, asking them to exhibit such portraits, views, etc., as pertain to their particular locality.

The committee being called upon to select a "Canadian Day," have decided on April 2nd as the only date at their disposal early enough in the season to be available. This day has accordingly been set apart for the purpose and will be appropriately celebrated. Lacrosse and other Canadian games will be arranged for, the director-general having promised to contribute trophies and medals to be competed for, as well as a fine display of fireworks in the evening.

Every effort will be put forth to make this the occasion of a grand re union among the many sons and daughters of Canada in California and their visiting friends. Proper notification by Canadian papers will doubtless enable many tourists to so time their visit as to be present on that date, April and May being the pleasantest months in California, when flowers and vegetation are at their best.

Canadians being also expected to participate in celebrating the 24th of May, as "British empire day," have the assurance of co-operation from English residents and visitors in celebrating the special day for the Dominion.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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.

The Dominion Parliament is now billed to assemble about March 15. Last year the House prorogued about the beginning of April.

The Constantinople correspondent of a Brussels paper telegraphs that Russia is making preparations to seize Herat in Afghanistan. The correspondent says that 40,000 troops, mostly Cossacks, are concealed close to the frontier.

In the Legislature last Thursday afternoon Hon. Mr. Vernon, in answer to a question, said the total cost of land expropriated for the new Parliament buildings, construction of same, and partial fittings, according to contracts let, was $630,219.75.

Hon. Mr. Beaven's motion of censure on Hon. Col. Baker, in regard to his effort to dispose of his Cranbrook estate, was brought up in the Local House last week, the debate lasting all afternoon and well on into the night. The resolution, however, was defeated 21 to 10.

J.C. Rykert, collector of customs at the international boundary on the Kootenay river, is numbered among the legion of aspirants for political honors in the next provincial election. The Bonner's Ferry Herald is inclined to the opinion that he is truly deserving of the position. Perhaps so, but what about the other poor fellows? Are their claims to be disregarded, particularly those of our own indomitable Mac?

The Dominion Cabinet has adopted a minute in council advising the Governor-General, that the Northwest School Bill of September, 1892, be not interfered with, as it is clearly within the competency of the Legislative Assembly to deal with; but it is suggested to the Northwest Assembly that they look into the matter, and if they find any just cause for complaint on the part of the minority, they should take such steps as are necessary to redress the grievances or allay the apprehension of the minority.

The following excellent bit of spread-eagleism is taken from the Spokane Chronicle: "Poor old England. We whip her upon the battle field, whip her upon the high seas, whip her in her yachting contests, and whip her in the prize ring. Get off the earth, England; get off the earth!" Perhaps our boastful contemporary had in mind when penning the above such brilliant episodes as the Trent affair, and the Chesapeake and Shannon encounter, or the playful passage of arms at Queenston Heights and Detroit.

Journalism has lost a warm friend and comrade by the death of G. W. Childs, which lamentable occurrence transpired at Philadelphia a fortnight or so ago. His philanthropy was very widely diversified, while his annual contributions to charity, public and private, amounted to a small fortune. No worthy case of need was ever turned away by him, and the typographical fraternity in particular have just cause to hold his name in blessed and revered memory. Mr. Childs in his early life worked at the "case," and in after years, with the accession of wealth and affluence, ever maintained his interest in the welfare of his fellow-typos, constantly endeavoring to ameliorate their hardships and advance their position.

An Enterprising Citizen.

J. T. Nault's business interests will be manifold and diversified during the ensuing season. Besides his own hostelry here, he will have a second at Wilson Creek, together with a large store. It also understood that he will receive the contract to clear that townsite and build the large wharf now under contemplation for that place. With the disappearance of the snow Mr. Nault will establish a number of camps along the right of way of the N.&S.R. wherein to board the workmen who will be engaged laying the rails, he having been given that privilege. It is generally understood also that the Inland Construction Co. will turn their mercantile interests in Nakusp over to Mr. Nault, who will assume the management so soon as the company commences work on the Nicola Valley Railroad. With these numerous enterprises in operation, Mr. Nault will be one of the largest employers of labor in the district, and the wages paid out will to a large extent be expended in this town.

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OVER THE DIVIDE.

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

To ride behind Jack Walsh's four bays for 20 miles is a pleasant and swift experience. We had this experience on our last trip from Nakusp to Bonanza. Jack puts his passengers through on time, and, as he is a splendid conversationalist, to travel with him is a treat not often met with on a mountain stage route.

Dan Dunn was in the party that morning and entertained us with many stories of frontier life. Dan has a tender, sweet voice that always attracts attention in an ordinary community.

At Slocan lake we found the steamer W. Hunter bringing over McMartin's railroad outfit for shipment to Nicola Valley. The grading to Three Forks was completed on Feb. 3rd, and the road is now ready for the ironing gang.

At New Denver we took a seat on one of Scott, Baker & Co.'s fast stages and made a flying trip to Kaslo. We were not bothered with any snow slides, although we had several narrow escapes from running over ore teams. Some of these teams haul very large loads. One of these had on 9,300 pounds of the raw material, it being the heaviest load ever hauled down the hill into Kaslo.

Kaslo is not as lively as it was last winter, and a pilgrim can get across the streets without being run over by a cab. Commercial business is fair, but the proprietors of the 17 hotels do not have any roseate hue to their existence. About seven hotels are enough for the city at this time.

A system of waterworks, to cost $15,000, is being arranged for. This will be a great assistance in case of fire, provided the pressure is of sufficient strength.

Curly Robinson has returned to town. Curly made $40,000 by running a restaurant here last winter. It cost him $42,000 to make it.

An apology for a newspaper is still being published in Kaslo. It is a high class journal, being noted particularly for the depth of its editorials. It is also a humorous journal and the flashes of wit in its local columns would make a man laugh at his mother-in-law's funeral. The editor is wasting his time in this community. The citizens are not sufficiently advanced to understand the productions of his pen. He would make more money sawing wood, or "slinging hash" and washing dishes in a Spokane chop house—an occupation at which he was an eminent success. Poor youth! We hate to see a man waste his energies on the desert air. In addition to this he runs a great risk of being arrested for murdering the Queen's English, and afterwards sent to school. Let him R.I.P.

Martin Conway, who died at the Washington mine of pneumonia, was buried here last week.

There is quite a little talk here among railroad men about the proposed line through the Crow's Nest Pass, which is expected to be built this summer. Quite a number have expressed their intention of removing thither.

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An Enthusiastic Three Forker Tells of Its Vast Wealth.

A. D. Wilson, of Three Forks, who, by reason of personal observation, is an enthusiast respecting the now famous Slocan country, lectured on that subject the other evening in the City Hall, Victoria, which was pretty well filled—at least, so says the Colonist. By request W. J. Sutton took the chair, and he introduced the lecturer as a gentleman well posted on the resources of West Kootenay.

Mr. Wilson opened with the announcement that he was not interested in any mines or mining company, but his object was to state what he knew about what was undoubtedly the richest mining country in North America, with the prospect of being the richest in the world. He had been a resident in the country for the past 17 months.

Lying as it did in the heart of the Selkirks, this country was supposed for a considerable time to be inaccessible, but it was not till the discovery of the Silver King and Toad Mountain mines that general attention was attracted to it. There were two lines of communication, one from the north by the Columbia river, and in a short time by the completion of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway and the railroad from Revelstoke to the head of Arrow Lake, there would be direct communication at all seasons of the year. The other route was from the south, by the Columbia river, Kootenay lake and Salmon arm, where connection is made with the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway. There is now direct communication by telegraph with all points. The action of the great railroad corporations in pushing in there was abundant evidence of the value of the country.

West Kootenay is essentially a mining region, though there are strips or benches of level land which may be utilized for ranching purposes. On the Columbia and other streams were stretches of level land. The Kootenay district, however, would have to depend mainly on the outside for supplies. He described the location of the present chief city—Nelson, back of which lies Toad Mountain with the famous Silver King mine, and other valuable properties. The Silver King ore ran 400 or 500 ounces of silver per ton, with 38 per cent. in copper, and this mine alone would give support to a considerable town.

Nelson, he was informed, has now a population of 1,500. Proceeding up Kootenay lake the next town is Balfour, opposite which is Pilot Bay, where the Hendryx Smelting Co. had been proceeding with the erection of a smelter, but though only a month's work was required to finish it, nothing had been done for more than a year, and he thought the location would have to be changed. Proceeding up the lake the next town, on the opposite side of the lake, is Ainsworth, whose mines were reckoned valuable properties before the discovery of the Slocan country.

Twelve miles from Ainsworth, on the same side of the lake, is Kaslo, at the mouth of Kaslo creek. This place took its main start in September or October, 1892, and is now incorporated as a city and beautifully laid out. The people of Kaslo inaugurated the building of a wagon road to the mines and by private energy got it built to Watson, on Bear Lake, and thus secured the trade from the mines. To secure the permanent location of the place, he advocated the building of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway. About 20 miles up Kaslo creek is Watson, at the summit, about 1,750 feet above Kaslo, which is about the same above sea level. Thirty miles from Kaslo by wagon road is New Denver. Kaslo creek, Bear lake, Fish lake, Seaton and Carpenter creeks form a natural pass to New Denver.

At the summit Three Forks is the centre of the mining region. On the north fork of Carpenter creek is the dry ore belt, and on the south fork the wet ore belt. In the last mentioned the principal development has been made. Up the south fork are the principal mines of the region. In one of these alone, the Slocan Star, there is $1,000,000 worth of ore in sight, and there is as much more to be seen in the new drifts of the Noble Five. In the Washington mine, in June last, there was found a solid body of ore 75 feet long and averaging 53 inches in thickness, and 355 tons were taken out during the summer.

The shipments from the lead ore mines up to the first of January had been 2,935 tons, and in three weeks, up to the 10th of January, there had been shipped from Kaslo ore valued at $113,336. The owners of these mines are, as a rule, comparatively poor men, there being as yet but little capital in the country. Few sales had been made to companies with capital sufficient for development. The Washington had been worked more like a mine than any other proposition and had been more fully developed, having some capital behind it.

The beauty of most of the prospects in the Slocan was that pay ore could be mined from the grass roots down. Those located so far had been mostly on the higher levels, discovered by superficial indications, but on the lower levels, where drifting would have to be done there had been little prospecting. Not one-tenth of the ground had yet been gone over. The mines can be worked at a good profit notwithstanding the low price of silver.

All the trade of the Slocan at present goes to the States. Victoria and

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SPEAKS WELL OF SLOCAN.

E. W. Rowe, of Spokane, is Favorably Impressed.

The Slocan country is in better shape and its prospects look better than at any time during the past year," said E. W. Rowe, a well-known business man, who has returned to his home in Spokane. "Over 2,000 tons have been shipped and much larger shipments are expected in the spring. Kaslo is making many improvements, while permanent development is being made on the mines. Over 20 good silver properties are producing at present and there are as many more in the immediate neighborhood which will soon begin. These are the reports sent out and the people of the district are confident of the future.

"The new concentrator at Ainsworth will be completed in the spring and this will benefit the country much. Then the Kaslo-Slocan Railway is expected to be finished by August. The road will connect Kaslo with the mines and will handle large quantities of ore when completed. The original charter was for a standard guage but application has been made to make it narrow guage instead.

"The ore now has to be shipped from Kaslo to Five Mile Point and then over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway. All want Spokane to start her smelter.

"The St. Mary's country is to be opened up next season. That is the latest report in Kaslo. A new townsite has been laid out about 25 miles from Kaslo, on the opposite side of the lake. It is named Davie, after the premier of the province."

Great Northern Movements.

C. H. Weeks, of the Great Northern Railway, has just returned to Spokane from a business trip to the Slocan mining district. He says that at least 75 tons of high grade ore are being brought into Kaslo every day and is being brought across the lake to near Nelson and shipped. He believed the ore would run from 150 to 1,000 oz. in silver and 35 to 75 per cent. in lead. It costs from $25 to $40 per ton to haul the ore from the mines into Kaslo. Next spring it is expected the railroad will be built from Kaslo to Three Forks, a distance of 28 miles. This road will be either directly or indirectly under the control of the Great Northern, and it will make the transportation of ore at least 30 per cent. cheaper. If the Great Northern does not build a branch from Bonner's Ferry to Kootenay lake, it will put boats on the river and thus have a good route for ore shipments.

The union miners in the Cœur d'Alenes threaten to strike again because of the employment of dagos.

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LEDGE CROPPINGS

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Several social events, of the usual pleasing nature, are on the tapis.

J. T. Nault returned from Kaslo on Tuesday with a fine team of horses.

Rev. Mr. Berks will hold divine service in the schoolhouse next Sabbath evening.

W. C. McKinnon, of Hunter & McKinnon, New Denver, has spent the week in town.

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

A heavy crop of ice is being harvested by local parties. The ice is taken from the bay and is a foot thick with scarcely any waste.

The Arrow is completely frozen in at the point. Passengers wishing to come down from the head of the lake must needs use a rowboat.

Chief Engineer Osler, of the N. &S. R., purposes returning to his home in Kingston, Ont., in a few days, to be gone a month or six weeks.

H. Milton Martin will transfer his services from F. W. Jordan & Co. to J. T. Nault, having been engaged by the latter to look after his mercantile interests at Wilson Creek.

The weather has been intensely cold this week, the mercury going below zero each night. Sunday and Monday the wind blew strongly from the north, almost cutting one's flesh.

Nothing but words of praise and commendation have been expressed this week with the platform of Mr. McDougald, the next M.P.P. for the district, as outlined in the last issue.

P. O. Fauquier will start on his rounds collecting poll taxes and trade licenses shortly. For the last six months of 1893, he remitted to the Government from this town almost $1,900.

Piles are being hauled to the bay for the extension of the railway wharf into deep water, which work will be done ere the lake rises. The wharf will have an addition of at least 50 feet, carrying it out into deep water, thus enabling two or more boats, on either side, to load or unload at the same time.

The population of Perksville came up en masse this week, under the restraining guidance of Mayor Perks. They presented a woe-begone appearance when they came in late on Tuesday night, having had a wearisome journey. The rear guard turned up safely yesterday, apparently none the worse for his combat with the demon fatigue.

H. R. Hammond, of the Nakusp News Depot, who has been visiting his family in Seattle for the past six weeks, returned on Saturday last. He states that business on the other side is paralyzed, because of the low price of silver, particularly in Spokane. This has operated against the Slocan considerably, preventing the investment of capital. However, the country has established a good reputation and is universally spoken well of.

Receipts of Valentine Dance.

The committee who had charge of the St. Valentine dance, in aid of the public school, have prepared the following statement of receipts and expenditures of the affair. Receipts—Sale of tickets, $52; contributions, $3.-50; proceeds of booth, $18.50; total, $74. Expenditures—Music, $14; printing, $1.50; wood, $1; help, $2; F. W. Jordan & Co., $4.35; total, $22.85. This left a balance of $51.15, which has been turned over to the trustees, thus almost freeing the building of debt.

Nakusp & Slocan Railway.

Chief Engineer Osler stated last week that the most laborious part of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway had been completed. This comprised the clearing of the right of way, grading, rock cutting, and bridging. It is hoped track laying will recommence in April, or May at the latest, and the road be finished by the latter part of June or July. No danger is apprehended from snow slides in the spring, and what damage may be inflicted on the road bed can be easily repaired. There is still considerable work to be done by the engineers, in the plans and specifications for depots, freight sheds, section houses, etc. With the disappearance of the snow in town men will be engaged to put in the various sidings and the Y switch, probably at the beginning of April.

Mail Service Improvement.

The postal authorities having refused to better the mail facilities to and from Nakusp, the citizens have taken it upon themselves to make the desired improvements. A subscription list was circulated on Tuesday by T. Abriel, with the result that about $30 was collected. For this sum the steamer W. Hunter people and J. Walsh, stage driver, agree to carry an extra mail each way per week until April 1st. The incoming mails will now arrive on Tuesdays and Saturdays from New Denver and depart on Mondays and Fridays. This arrangement goes into force at once. The subscribers to the list were: The Nakusp News Co., THE LEDGE, F. W. Jordan & Co., I.C.&D.Co., Cummings & Co., D. A. McDougald, R. Madden, J. V. Perks, A. Nault, W. C. Muirhead, Corning & Rodd, G A. Edmiston, G. M. Spencer F. G. Fauquier.

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