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CALLS FOR ATTENTION.

Voters Should Have Their Names on the Dominion List.

Various papers throughout the province are calling attention to the fact that no effort is being made towards having all eligible persons attach their signatures to the Dominion voter's list. Now that it has been so vividly demonstrated that the provincial list is notoriously at fault, more especially in West Kootenay, it is incumbent upon all those who have the weal of the country at heart to see to it that a similar state of affairs shall not exist under the Federal jurisdiction.

The Dominion Franchise Act stipulates that every person shall be entitled to be registered in any year upon the list of voters for the proper polling district of any electoral district, or any portion of an electoral district, if such person

(1) Is of the full age of 21 years, and by this act or by any law of the Dominion of Canada not disqualified from voting;

(2) And is a British subject by birth or naturalization;

(3) And is the owner of real property in a city of an actual value of $300, or within a town of an actual value of $200, or in any other place of the electoral district of an actual value of $150;

(4) Or is a tenant of any real property within the electoral district paying a rental of $2 per month or $20 per year, one year before being placed on the list of voters, or one year before his application to be placed on the list of voters. In this respect a change of tenantcy does not disqualify a voter provided no time is lost in making the changes.

(5) Or is a bona fide occupier of real property similar to that described in clause No. 3, having such for one year previous to the placing of his name on the voters' list or making his application to be placed on such list of voters.

It is also provided that on or soon after the 1st of June in each year the revising officer shall cause the list of voters of the preceding year to be compared with the last assessment list, and secure all the information he can obtain from that or any other source, and proceed to revise the list of voters then in service, entering thereupon the names of all persons not already on such lists who are entitled by the act to have their names entered.

Mr. Justice Walkem is the revising officer for this district, and, as it is improbable that he will honor this section of the province with his august presence before the holding of the County Court on May 21, there is time sufficient and to spare to correct both the provincial and Dominion lists.

Fractured a Rib.

Two weeks ago J. Ehrmanntraut, butcher, while skating on the bay, fell heavily on his right side, and a day or so later received a chilly immersion and a severe strain by the ice breaking away under his feet. The effect of this double treatment was noticeable in a painful stiffness, which apparently passed away. Last week, while assisting in cleaning up the Lytton for the St. Valentine dance he realized very forcibly how disastrous the mishaps had been, Stooping to remove a small skiff, one of the ribs on the right side parted with a rasping sound, at the same time causing acute agony. Mr. Ehrmanntraut was at once taken home and tightly swathed in bandages. He is gradually recovering, the fracture having knit together very well, but he is unable to do any work.

New Denverites in Session.

At a meeting held in the Windsor Hotel, New Denver, last week, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "To the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: This petition of the undersigned citizens of New Denver humbly sheweth that, whereas the sum of $1,000 was appropriated by the Legislature at its last session for the purpose of building a wharf at New Denver, this money has not yet been used for the purpose for which it was appropriated; and that it is a public work of great and urgent necessity that a wharf should be built at New Denver while Slocan Lake is still at low water, your petitioners therefore present to you the advisability of having the work finished without delay." A committee of three—Messrs. Gething, Aylwin and Bogle—was also appointed to confer with the parties interested in the townsite in reference to keeping the wagon road open immediately after sleighing ceases. The meeting afterwards drifted into a discussion of provincial politics and the Nelson convention.

Nakusp is sadly in need of a shoemaker. But this and all other accessories of modern civilization, including even the semblance of a mail service, may be expected in the sweet bye and bye.

AN UNIQUE PLATFORM

For a Political Candidate in West Kootenay.

One of the citizens present at the farewell banquet given to F. Wilson, in the Fashion restaurant, Saturday night, was D. A. McDougald, the aspirant for political honors for Nakusp. Called upon by the chairman during the course of the evening to make a few remarks bearing on provincial matters, Mr. McDougald responded with a burst of eloquence, commenting on several interesting topics, but chiefly upon the proposed Nelson convention. In brief his platform outlined is:—

1. I'm agin the Government.
2. I am in favor of the franchise being extended to women in West Kootenay.
3. That the proposed convention be held in Nakusp, a central point, instead of in an inaccessible town like Nelson, and that it be held for the selection of a candidate either for or against the Government.
4. To establish a mail service in West Kootenay, and to employ intelligent men to superintend the same.
5. Free silver coinage and a national mint at Nakusp, this place being convenient for the silver from the Slocan district.
6. To create Nakusp a port of entry.
7. To pension off Government fossils, who years ago, up in Cariboo, out-lived their usefulness.
9. To transact all parliamentary business in Gaelic, and translate the National Anthem into that talk.

The conclusion was reached with the hope that if not elected his friends would find him a good fat Government situation, a J.P.-ship, or at any rate another railway contract with a good partner. Mr. McDougald took his seat amid great applause and promises of support.

St. Valentine Dance.

The dance given on the steamer Lytton last night was eminently successful, much of which was attributable to Captain Smith and his assistants, who did all in their power to help the affair. The boat was tastefully decorated, while the cold supper provided by the ladies was excellent. Dancing commenced shortly after 9 and was continued till 3:45 a.m. To Mr. and Mrs. Ehrmanntraut, Mrs. Hesketh and F. Conway is due the honor of carrying the affair through to so successful an issue.

THE TRUTH ABOUT COOLGARDIE.

TOLD BY ONE WHO WAS IN THE COUNTRY.

Something That Will Interest Intending Emigrants to the Latest Gold Fields in West Australia.

A returned pilgrim from the Coolgardie gold fields in Western Australia unburdens himself to the Melbourne Bulletin in the subjoined graphic manner:

Coolgardie! The name that has been in so many mouths as the coming El Dorado—which is even now quickening the pulses of the Adelaide and Melbourne stock exchanges and causing the brokers to smile once more.

A land of wearisome monotony of crooked scrub, of sad colored bushes, of low, flat-crested ridges, of an all pervading and penetrating smell (something like roasting coffee), which no one who sojourns in South-western Australia ever forgets. A land of melancholy, but, strange to say, a glory of wild flowers. A blaze of exaggerated marguerites, of wondrous immortelles. Yellow, white and red, they mock the starving stock with a semblance of verdure. For it is a fodderless land, this grassless, waterless waste, hanging on to the skirts of the greater desert to the eastward.

Even in paradoxical Australia it seems like a cynical criticism of fate that this unpromising area should have been selected as the scene of the latest gold craze. Even more paradoxical is the fact that every where confronts the visitor from the east, that, whilst in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, etc., hundreds believe that a sure fortune awaits them in this nursling of the wilds, hundreds are there wondering how they will get out of it

Good men, tried pioneers who have braved the dangers of the fever-haunted gullies of the Palmer, and the diamond fields of South Africa, are there. Fresh-faced chums, with wondrous outfits, including soft leather bags with numberless pockets, to hold the gold they were certain to pick up within 24 hours of their arrival, are there—all anxious to leave the place. At the present moment, in this field of shreds and patches, for one lucky man there are more than 100 unfortunates. The few finds of undeniable richness, which can be counted on the fingers, have exercised the usual false glamour, and somewhere about 4,000 people are now wondering why they ever came to such a God-forsaken country.

Bear this fact in mind, the province is being well and carefully advertised. The farmers of Northam and York are getting dream prices for horse feed, for, between Doodlekine and Coolgardie you could flog the proverbial grasshopper. No Westralian would say a word in depreciation of the gold fields, yet, as a rule, he does not go there himself, but talks big about the "other siders" coming in; meantime, he makes them pay.

Doodlekine, the present terminus of the railway, is somewhere about 100 miles from York. Most travellers are familiar with the appearance of the temporary termini of railways in the course of construction. Doodlekine is like all others, only a little worse.

The horse teams carrying between here and Southern Cross make it their depot. As a rule, the teams are good, and the roads since the people of this district are at last leaving off the old custom of driving six horses tandem, are passable.

At Southern Cross there are a very passable hotel, five quartz batteries, and the dregs of a fast disappearing community. When the railway arrives at the Cross, the "patient" camel comes on the scene. Between the Cross and Doodlekine grow poisonous shrubs, but not to his system, so the patient one does not carry there.

The camel in Western Australia is an ill-conditioned, mangy horror, with a temper as short as his coat. At any time of the day, if he can bite a piece out of you, or kick you in the stomach, he will do so at once. At dawn he commences to whine and curse profanely in his own language, and continues his blasphemy all through the process of loading. Put a postage stamp on his back over and above the load he usually carries, and he would sooner die and give you the trouble of disposing of his carcase than get up. It is only when you become acquainted with a camel that you appreciate the loveable qualities of the horse, bullock, or dog.

Everything is salt. The land is impregnated with it throughout. One can easily imagine that Coolgardie was but recently the bottom of an extremely salt sea. The water struck at Bayley's is at the 160 feet level, which strike was telegraphed widely and triumphantly, but it is salt and a condenser is at work. All round are strings of salt pans and chains of salt lakes, and if gold were as plentiful as salt, the most exaggerated stories about the country would not attest the true state of the case.

And the gold! Bayley's, as the show reef of the country, naturally comes first. There are here comfortable buildings for men, a modest machine capable of putting through two or three hundred weight of rock per day, which has, up to now, averaged 500 ounces per ton. It is a Ball mill, worked by means of wood fuel. The mine is no doubt a phenomenal one. On top there is a big outblow of white quartz; the reef, averaging seven feet in width, can be traced half a mile. The underlie is to the eastward,

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which is a peculiar feature of this part of West Australia.

Where the reef has been opened up there is little change in the formation visible, only veins of ironstone are found along the outside, and patches of the same intrude in places. This now world-famous reef has been opened up by means of an open cutting, and there is gold showing plainly in all the faces, in some places of marvellous richness. Still, the accounts wired east have grown rather in transit. The statement that there is 1,000 at grass is absurd, and anyone who would assert that there was £100,000 worth of gold in sight would be—of a confident disposition. There are upwards of 30 men employed on it at present.

At Tindall's, two and one-half miles from Bayley's, there is a rich reef being worked, and at Hannan's Rush three reefs are being opened out. The rest of the country is simply pegged out, and the owners of the claims are loitering around with sheath knives waiting to sell. This is emphatically Coolgardie.

Right away to Cashman's, 45 miles distant, to the shores of Lake Barlee, 95 miles to the north-east, the more or less thirsty or hard up population are distributing. That gold is there cannot be gainsaid, but the prizes are small and the blanks infinite. It has been commonly asserted east that two and three ounce reefs are lying idle, waiting for some one to come and take them up. In reality there are more men there hanging on to poorer reef showings than are to be found in any other gold-field in Australia. There is practically no alluvial wash, properly so called, throughout the country. The gold is shed about the surface uninfluenced by the presence of water. All the alluvial work is done by dry blowing. A man with two dishes, a strong wind and a cloud of dust, has usurped the old convential picture of the prospector panning out at a waterhole.

The formation of the country and its contour differ greatly from the ordinary run of Australian fields. It appears to have been a low tableland covered with cement; the denudation caused by the scanty rainfall has been only sufficient to hollow out shallow valleys in which there are neither creeks nor watercourses; the drainage of the country is simply represented by saline bogs.

Away to the north of Coolgardie is a wide expanse of flat granite rock, all over which are circular hollows, sometimes three feet in diameter and eight or 10 in depth, in every way resembling the wave-worn holes in a rocky coast. In fact everything about Coolgardie suggests a later submergence than the rest of Australia. Throughout the gold belts, clay slates with veins of horn-blend schist mark the formation.

The question of water supply is just

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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.

Silver has dropped to 63¾ cents an ounce and the markets of the world are in a panic.

It appears that the famous Junius letters were written by Sir Philip Francis, whose grandson has just offered the explanatory papers for sale in Australia. This, if true, will settle a long discussed and much vexed question.

The Wilson Tariff Bill has passed the American House of Representatives with a big majority. It is believed the Senate will affirm it also, but not without a great struggle, 17 Democrats having voted against its first reading. Its passage will undoubtedly encourage Slocan miners, making a difference of about $20 per ton in the ore shipped.

The list of voters who had registered up to September 1, 1893, has been laid before the members of the Local Legislature. There are 19,907 names on the list, divided thus:—Alberni, 111; Cariboo, 491; Cassiar, 132; Comox, 326; Cowichan, 430; East Kootenay, 579; Esquimalt, 466; Lillooet, 266; Nanaimo, 678; Nanaimo City, 767; New Westminster City, 1,436; the Islands, 188; Vancouver City, 4,591; Victoria, 560; Victoria City, 4,111; Westminster, 2,466; West Kootenay, 520; Yale, 1,789.

The Governor of Sierra Leone has telegraphed the British Foreign Office a confirmation of the report of another engagement between the French and English forces on the frontier of Sierra Leone, and says that several were killed on either side. The French again attacked the British, whose force consisted entirely of native. Touching upon the affair the Pall Mall Gazette says, "We cannot have these things happening weekly. No time should be lost in settling this fracas with France."

Ernest Bodwell, of Victoria, a brother of F. Bodwell, of this town, is spoken of as a candidate for the Legislature for Cowichan, Premier Davie's present constituency, at the approaching general elections. This is taken to mean that Mr. Davie will contest one of the seats in Victoria City, and that in the event of a Government victory, Mr. Bodwell will be the new attorney general, the Premier taking other portfolios. Mr. Bodwell, though young as a lawyer, ranks second to none in the province. He has not as yet sought political distinction, but he comes of a family prominently identified with public affairs in the Dominion.

The first move towards organizing for the coming provincial elections has been made by the supporters of the Government in Victoria. Premier Davie stated at the preliminary meeting that his object was to form a provincial association to assist the present Government. After various remarks by several prominent persons, a committee, comprising all present, was appointed to draft a constitution and bylaws. It is understood the Government has already decided upon its candidates to contest Victoria, they being Hon. Theodore Davie, Hon. J. H. Turner and Captain John Irving. The fourth candidate is not announced.

We wish to correct an erroneous idea which seems to have taken possession of a recent contributor to the Nelson Tribune from New Denver, as well as enlightening the bright genius who conducts that estimable organ, regarding Nakusp's avenues of communication with the outside world. It is not true that we have but one open highway and that by Kaslo, for the Revelstoke route is still open, the steamer Arrow making regular trips to the head of the lake with passengers and freight, while several teams connect with the boat to Revelstoke. The bay is full of ice, we acknowledge, but from the point, half a mile from town, everything is plain sailing. The Tribune's correspondent need not worry himself to an untimely death because of the all-year-round shipment of ore through this place from the Slocan, when the N.&S.R. is completed, for we can assure him that the C.P.R. are fully capable of managing their business satisfactorily at all times and in all seasons.

Danny McPherson, the wild man of the Slocan, came in on the stage on Tuesday from New Denver. He has lately secured possession of some coin and is letting people know it.

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EXIT ROY WILSON.

Nakusp Loses One of Her Foremost Citizens.

Fitzroy Wilson, the popular clerk at Bourne Bros'., left on Tuesday for his old home in Ipswich, Eng., going out by way of Spokane. Mr. Wilson came to Nakusp almost two years ago, when the place was in its infancy and ever since has been prominently identified with its advancement. It is his intention to proceed later on to South Africa, there to permanently settle.

When it became known on Saturday last that Mr. Wilson was about to leave, Mr. Bourne determined not to let the occasion pass without showing, in some degree, the esteem in which he was held at large. A complimentary banquet was hastily arranged for at the Fashion restaurant, at which the following persons were in attendance: Messrs. Bourne, Wilson, Abriel, Jordan, Fauquier, McDougald, Muirhead, Smitheringale, and Risdale.

Short though the preparation had been, the spread was bounteous and well-selected. The wine list provided was especially good, and this tended materially to lubricate the guests' vocal organs and prepare them for the rich aftermath of songs and speeches.

The toasts honored were: "The Queen," "Army and Navy," "Canada Our Home," "The Guest of the Evening," "Commercial Interests of Nakusp," "Our Host," "The Landlord," and "The Press." Each number was accompanied by a suitable musical selection, heartily sung by all, while the speeches made by those whose names were coupled thereto were replete with interest and vivacity. All touched upon the approaching departure of Mr. Wilson, expressing sorrow thereat, but wishing him every prosperity in his new home. His ears must have tingled with the numerous platitudes of praise voiced, and in after years he cannot fail to find comforting satisfaction in the memory of his striking farewell to his friends in Nakusp.

Popular songs, rollicking choruses, enthusiastic jigs and break-downs, and side-splitting jokes followed in quick succession, and it is quite safe to assert that no jollier event has yet transpired in the neighborhood. It was past midnight ere Auld Lang Syne terminated the proceedings.

A striking feature of the affair was the responses made to a number of the toasts, revealing a great depth of confidence and trust in the town and its future, at the same time not forgetting a due meed of praise to the enviable position occupied by Canada among the nations of the world, and the fervent expressions of loyalty to Merrie Old England—the birthplace of a majority of those present.

A Bright Idea.

The Revelstoke Star states that a number of gentlemen have been trying to get up a regatta in West Kootenay for some years past, but have not been successful in taking the first step. Mr. Haskins has received a letter from Vancouver in which the writer offers to bring a crew here next summer, if the people can be got sufficiently interested in the matter to offer a suitable prize for all comers. It would be a great advertisement for this district if such an event took place. What's the matter with having a first-class regatta at Nakusp in June or July?—There is nothing the matter with the idea at all, Bre'r Northey, and the Nakuspians would assist it to their last dollar. Just keep the pot boiling, and if money and perseverence count for aught, the aching void shall receive a specific remedy.

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now the vital one. Even at one shilling a gallon there is an uncertainty of getting it when you want it, and the West Australian Government officials move with more than the usual exasperating apathy. To this there is one shining exception in the person of Mr. Renno, the chief hydraulic engineer. He has tackled the water question heart and soul, and vows if all else fails he will erect condensers on the shores of the salt lakes. The difficulty is no ordinary one, for the water got by sinking is salt, and to form reservoirs for possible showers would probably result in the water so caught soon turning salt. However, Mr. Renno has had a Queensland training, which has lifted him above the jog-trot of West Australia, so he may strike out something.

Socially, the field has an originality of its own. As beforesaid there is no drinking, and the common attraction of gold has brought together men from all parts of the world, so that the chances of meeting an acquaintance you have last dined with in London or Samoa are excellent. The rich but patchy nature of the deposits and the absence of any wide dispersion of the gold point to the fact that it is a stock broker's and not a miner's bonanza.

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Whatever hardships men have had to endure on other gold fields are only accentuated at Coolgardie. Every bite of horse feed and every drop of water has to be carried many miles, for the earth there yields nothing but salt. The mining regulations are more lenient than in the other provinces, and this, alas! will probably only heighten the gamble. Protection can be obtained on almost any excuse, which accounts for the great absence of work done. This is the staggerer that greets the stranger. What is the cause for this rush? Apparently none, when you get there.

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LEDGE CROPPINGS

Miss Aura Corning is rusticating in Nelson.

W. McLean left last week to join his relatives in Seattle.

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

T. Gordon came in Tuesday from a trip to Nelson and way points.

A herd of about 20 cariboo were observed across the lake on Monday.

The Fashion restaurant, J. Millard, proprietor, has closed down till spring.

Last week's ore shipments from the Slocan were 359 tons, valued at $43,-080.

No less than 23 men are working on the Noble Five, averaging 13 tons per day.

Robin red breast, the harbinger of spring, put in its first appearance on Tuesday.

The Alpha shows an average width of 11 feet of clean ore for over 60 feet of a stripping.

J. Hector was telegraphed for last Thursday to attend the Sandholm trial at Nelson.

H. H. Pitts, of Three Forks, was married recently to Miss E. Stubbs, in Aultsville, Ont.

E. Corning departed Sunday on a business trip to Revelstoke, Kamloops and Spence's Bridge.

Fifteen men, under charge of F. J. Kelly, are taking out two tons of ore per day on the Rico.

A third butcher shop has opened in Kaslo, and as a result prices have dropped fully a third.

A big mail came in this week, the Nelson Tribune of Saturday last being included. Quick time.

Miss McKeown, sister of Mrs. Jack Madden, of the Bonanza City Hotel, is the guest of Mrs. E. Corning.

J. Walsh took a party from here straight through to Kaslo last Wednesday, returning on Tuesday.

F. Bodwell, of the railway engineering staff, contemplates leaving town for the provincial metropolis.

The Slocan Star has cut down its daily output to three tons, there being an insufficiency of storage room.

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

A. D. Emory, of the mercantile tailoring firm of Cole, Emory & Co., Winnipeg, will be in Nakusp between the 15th and 25th.

Twelve men find employment on the Freddie Lee and Noonday properties, while the Eureka and Alamo are working 10 each.

G. M. Spencer, tonsorial artist, is removing from the Madden House stand, to the vacant store next door to F. Locasto's shop.

Lent is now on, having commenced last Wednesday, but little attention is being paid to the solemn season here. Easter comes on March 25.

Business has been brisk in Kaslo during the past week, by reason of the large amount of money put in circulation by the Washington miners.

A contract has been awarded the Revelstoke Lumber Co. to get out 30,-000 ties for the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake Railway south of the Green Slide.

An effort is being made to induce a party from here to attend a dance at J. Madden's hotel, Bonanza City, there to be met by a party of New Denverites.

Danny McPherson has sold his quarter interest in the Mountain View mine to Neil Gething for $1,000. Messrs. Thomlinson and Butler own the remainder.

G. N. Dillman, who has been employed on the engineering staff of the N.&S.R., left on Wednesday last for Nicola Valley, in the employ of the Inland Construction Co.

Rev. Mr. Berks held forth to a fair congregation in the schoolhouse Sunday evening, it being the first service in almost two months. He will be back again in two weeks.

N. F. McNaught, owner of the Alpha, is building a large ore house at Silverton, wherein he will store 500 tons of ore, to be hauled by Cameron Bros., awaiting the completion of the N.&S.R.

U. S. Thomas, Postmaster, desires THE LEDGE to state that he had nothing whatever to do with the issuing of the warrants in the police court case reported last week, nor was he in any way interested in the prosecution.

On Tuesday H. Jones purchased a one-eighth interest in the mineral claim known as the Snow Cap, from M. Condon, paying therefor $150. The claim is situated on Glacier Creek, in the Lardo country, and is asserted to be a promising one.

According to the Star the snowfall at Revelstoke this winter has been the heaviest on record. Up to last week the snow guage measured 200 inches or more than 16 feet. The weather, however, has been fine on the whole, with nothing like the cold experienced last winter.

The Nelson Tribune of Saturday last had a comprehensive and accurate write-up of the Slocan country, giving the number of men employed and the extent of the work being done on the principal mines. The writer was R. H. Kemp and he is to be congratulated on his labor.

If William Macdonald, a Scotch miner, who left South Edmonton in the summer or fall of 1892, and is acquainted with one Tom Smith, will communicate with A. McLean, South Edmonton, Alberta, or with Geo. M. Spencer, Nakusp, B. C., he will hear of something to his advantage.

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