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SETTLERS COMING IN.

Many Foreigners Becoming Naturalized and Taking up Land.

Scarcely a day passes but what F. W. Jordan, J.P., receives an application for naturalization papers from foreigners, who are desirous of pre-empting land in the rich bottoms and valleys adjacent to Nakusp. During the past month the numbers so applying have been truly astonishing, and by spring there will be but little good land left for settlement between here and Robson.

In Fire Valley the land is being taken up rapidly, numerous settlers having but recently gone in. Not a few of these men are preparing to move in their families, and by summer there will be a population of close to 100. This valley has been opened up during the last year, and those who are located there are satisfied with their lot and confident for the future, the land being well adapted for mixed farming and market gardening.

The same may be said of Mosquito Valley, several miles nearer Nakusp. For the first mile inland the forest growth is heavy, but there the valley widens, the trees are more scattered and the soil improves. A few homesteads have been staked out since fall, but the spring will witness quite an influx of settlers.

Each of the valleys mentioned contains several thousand square acres of good land, well watered and admirably sheltered. The climate is mild and even, no sudden changes in the temperature occurring. Trails are to be run in various directions through the valleys, all diverging towards the lake, on the shore of which wharves are to be built to enable the steamers to call for the farm produce and to unload supplies. As this land is all tributary to Nakusp, it can easily be seen how beneficial the effect will be upon the general business of the town.

Our Wandering Financier.

R. T. Lowery, proprietor of this journal, shuffled into town on Friday, after a three weeks' sojourn in the city of Kaslo and way points. He only stopped here sufficiently long to scare up enough coin to keep his man Friday, who runs the show during the financier's sudden flights, out of a debtor's cell. R. T. left on the Arrow next morning en route to the coast, resplendant in a new rubber coat and primed full of anecdotes and legendary lore anent the Kootenay country wherewith to gull the verdant scribes on the city dailies during the next few weeks.

Religious Matters.

Rev. Jas. Turner held divine service in the schoolhouse on Sunday last, preaching a stirring sermon to a large congregatiou. In the afternoon he addressed the Sabbath School, congratulating the members upon their successful organization. The school showed a decided increase in numbers and collection over the previous Sunday. Rev. E. Robson has contributed $5 towards procuring supplies for the school. While here Mr. Turner collected a tidy sum of money to help pay for the church at New Denver.

New Year's Ball.

The ball given by the Messrs. Nault at the Prospect House on New year's night was a perfect success in every particular. Thanks to the exertions of Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead and Mrs. Sasshaw the hall had been tastefully decorated with evergreens and mottos of welcome and good cheer while the floor was in the best possible condition. Almost the entire population turned out and they had a glorious time, the dance being kept up till 2.30 a.m. The numbers on the programme were choice and varied and proved satisfactory. At midnight refreshments were served, followed by a few vocal and instrumental selections by members of the company. It was the first dance that had been given in the Prospect for almost a year, but it is to be hoped it will not be the last.

This Looks Encouraging.

From a reliable source it has been learned that the C. & K. S. N. Co. purpose erecting very large wharves here in the spring, the cost of which will total up several thousand dollars. The wharf will be extended out from the shore over 100 feet, so as to have sufficient depth to float the vessels at low water. The approach and drive way to the main part of the wharf is to be of solid plank, laid upon substantial piling; while the landing is to be so arranged that two or more boats can load or unload at the same time, at either high or low water. A large warehouse will be erected on the wharf, as well as general offices for the company. The entire structure will be built of first-class material and capable of withstanding any storm. This undertaking has been rendered necessary in view of the contemplated heavy traffic to and from the Slocan over the Nakusp & Slocan Railway. By this arrangement the large shipments of ores can be handled on the boats from the cars with convenience and despatch. The building of such large wharves here is conclusive evidence of the prosperity of the place, and the prospects for a busy season in the spring are exceedingly bright.

The staff of the Lytton has been reduced.

The public school will re-open on Monday.

The Arrew carried about 30 passengers to the head of the lake on Saturday morning.

J. Serson, who had been visiting his family in Kamloops during the month, returned on Saturday.

The hired help at the Leland House feel deeply thankful to Mr. and Mrs. McDougall for the exceeding kindness extended to them during the festive season.

Mrs. W. C. Muirhead very kindly entertained the juvenile portion of the community at her residence last Thursday. The fun was kept up till about 10 o'clock. The youngsters report having had a huge time.

It is stated that the C.P.R. will ere long invite tenders for the construction of the connecting link between Nakusp and the terminus of the R. & A.L.R., and that a prominent contractor recognized by them is about to figure on the necessary rock work.

Friday the town was invaded by the workmen from O'Leary's camp, he having finished his contract on the railway the other side of Slocan Lake. While here the men spent their cash freely and business hummed. The men left next day for the Green Slide in the neighborhood of which Mr. O'Leary has a contract to grade one and a-half miles of road for the R. & A. L. R.

1894 was ushered in here with a diversity of sounds, from the blood-curdling Blackfeet warwhoop uttered by the bookkeeper at the Madden House to the prolonged howl of distress issuing from the otherwise respectable musical organ attached to the fifth rib of the steam boiler on the Lytton. The accentuation to this delightful serenade was supplied by sundry salutes from Nakusp's batteries of pocket Gatlings--the whole making pleasing harmony with the calliope disturbers of rest possessed by the local inhabitants of the canine persuasion.

NEW DENVER NUGGETS.

Con Doherty is cooking at the Dardanelles mine.

The concert in the church last Tuesday night was a grand success.

Business has been lively lately, owing to the visit of the paymaster.

Mr. Tobin is managing the Prospector in the absence ef the proprietor, Mr. Pratt.

Captain Estabrook injured himself the other day while loading wood on the steamer Wm. Hunter. He expects to be all right again in a few days.

NELSON & FT. SHEPPARD.

Schedule of Rates Imposed on the New Railway.

Conductor C. B. Drennan and Engineer Charles Sherwood have been placed on the run on the upper end of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway. Marcus is the division point, and the trains will not go through to Northport at all until the day schedule goes into effect. The rotary plow recently purchased is now kept constantly employed clearing the track of snow. It is thought that the success attending the first round trip over the road from Spokane will induce many people to make the same excursion.

The freight tariff now in effect is practically the same to Kaslo as by the Bonner's Ferry route, but slightly reduced to and from Nelson. The rate on ore from Kaslo to Tacoma is $9 per ton and to San Francisco $11. The rates to Nelson from Spokane are as follows:—

Merchandise, per 100 pounds, class 1, 69 cents; 2, 61 cents; 3, 54 cents; 4, 50 cents. Special carload classes, A, 50; B, 48; C, 41; D, 36; E, 33.

Commodities in carloads of 20,000 pounds, agricultural implements, 50; beer, 45; grain, etc., 36; hay, lumber, shingles, etc., 33; packing house products, 50; salt, 41; wire, nails, spikes, etc., 50.

The passenger rate to Balfour, Pilot Bay, Ainsworth and Kaslo is $10.50, as formerly. The rate to Nelson, formerly $10.50, is now $9.50. The round trip between Spokane and Nelson, Kaslo and other Kootenay lake points is $17.80.

There is any amount of freight now ready for transportation and a prospect of plenty through the winter. It was an old custom of the merchants in Nelson and other points to lay in winter stocks in the fall, before the boats stopped running. In view of the prospective completion of the road this winter this practise was not followed. Merchants invested less cash at one time and will get in their supplies as they see fit. The special ore rate to Tacoma is a great saving and will generally be taken advantage of.

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KASLO FLOAT.

Two stage lines are in operation here.

Scotch caps were plentiful on Christmas day.

E. Baum has opened an hotel at the Mammoth restaurant.

Geo. T. Kane and R. Green are the candidates for the Mayoralty.

Andrew Hughes is acting as policeman in place of Cole Murchison.

The sitting of the County Court at Nelson has been adjourned until May 21st.

Kaslo needs a water works system more than any other place in British Columbia.

Over $180 was taken in at a church bazaar recently. This speaks well for the religious tendencies of the citizens.

The ore at present being shipped out will no doubt make a big improvement in trade when the returns come in.

J. C. Stills has charge of the cuisine department of the hostelry recently opened at Bear Lake by Bert Smith and Frank Harper.

George Paquin is now sole proprietor of the well-known Globe Cafe. His former proprietor, Mr. Kennedy, has gone to California. George is a thorough restaurant man having had 13 years' experience in the business. His house is open all the time and he never allows the flies to get into the butter. Mr. Paquin is popular with all who know him and strangers will do well to look up the Globe Cafe when visiting this city.

Favors Canadian Institutions.

Says the Chicago Interior:—We are not so anxious to annex Canada as we are to see some of her good ideas transplanted to this side of the border. Throughout the extent of her vast western dominions you will not find an outlaw, or hear of a case of lynching. It is not because she has to deal with a class of frontiersmen so different from those of our own western states, but because she has laws and executes them. You can go nowhere, not even in the fastnesses of the Rockies or in the isolation of the Selkirks, without finding the scarlet uniforms of her mounted police. You feel everywhere the presence of protecting law. You are made to realize that you are in a land of order, and that your person and property are under the care of the commonwealth. In too many of our communities we are fast relapsing into that state of barbarism in which private revenge becomes the miserable substitute for public justice. In so far as we do this we are centuries behind our age.

The British have suppressed the Matabeles after a short and decisive campaign. King Lobengula has surrendered.

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Leaves Northport, Tuesdays and Fridays, 1. p. m.

Arriving at Robson, Tuesdays and Fridays 7 p. m.

Arriving at Revelstoke, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4 p. m.

The steamer lands at Nakusp north bound on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 a. m., and south bound on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a. m.

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" " Saturdays 9 a. m. Arriving at Kaslo 1 p. m.

INWARD

Leaves Kaslo Mondays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.

" " Tuesdays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 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.

CANADIANS vs. AMERICANS.

In Kaslo the other day a man stepped into Chas. W. McAnn's office and asked him for a job to drive stage. In the course of conversation Mr. McAnn asked the man if he was a Canadian or American. The latter replied that he came from the land of the Stars and Stripes. Mr. McAnn not having a position vacant informed the man that he could not give him a job at present, but might do so at some future date.

The gentleman then informed people in town that he had been refused a situation on account of his nationality. This was entirely erroneous, as all the stage drivers are Americans, and as Dan Hunter says "Irish Americans at that."

Still the matter roused considerable feeling in Kaslo—a city in which Star Spangled talk is common, and might have a tendency to injure where it should not do so. Consequently we take this opportunity to say there is nothing in it. Few men would be so foolish as to object to a man's birthplace. This country is full of Americans, and we want more of them. They are hustlers and the grass never gets green under their feet. and no Canadian should go back on his cousin from across the line. We wouldn't and are dead certain Mr. McAnn wouldn't.

Let there be no sectional feeling in this glorious country. Let us work together to build up the greatest mining district in the world, and welcome everybody who comes under the folds of the Union Jack, and especially Uncle Sam's people, who know so well how to appreciate our natural wealth and to profit by it.

Silver is still holding its own in the money market.

The C.P.R. refuses to restore transcontinental rates to their former position unless paid a differential.

There will be more miles of railway built in British Columbia during the present year than in any other part of Canada.

The American authorities have extended the time four months wherein the Chinese are permitted to register. Registration is now favored by the Six Companies of San Francisco.

The celebrated Liberty bell of the United States is threatened with a chattel attachment of $2,000 and the 50 principal cities in the Republic have been asked to contribute $40 each to remove the danger.

Latest advices from Rio de Janeiro state that the insurgents, under Admiral Mello, have captured that city after two days' severe fighting and imprisoned President Peixotto. This virtually terminates the long and bloody civil war that has waged in Brazil.

Senator Shandler, Republican, of New Hampshire, is about to bring before the American Senate a new scheme for the remonetization of silver. He proposes a conference of all civilized countries on the question, at which the United States shall make a decided ultimatum in favor of the white metal. Hear, hear! May the good work continue. Canada can contribute her mite by redeeming her small bills in silver and establishing a national mint.

D. McGillivray has made a proposition to the post office officials that, if they will sort the mail for Nakusp at Revelstoke he will give it free transportation to the lake.

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Kaslo & Slocan Railway.

The work of clearing the right of way on this road is proceeding in a satisfactory manner. There are over 100 men employed thereon, and the contractors hope to have their task completed in a few days. Chief Engineer McMillan will then take a big gang of men out and proceed with the rock cutting. Grading and ironing is to be commenced in the early part of the spring. Application is to be made at the approaching session of the Legislature for permission to make the road a narrow guage.

J. Milne and E. Dupont have gone to Revelstoke.

Grading on the R.& A.L.R. to the head of the lake is to be completed by March 1.

J. T. Foley has secured a contract to drive a 170 foot tunnel on the Alpha.

Application for Liquor License

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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 town-ite 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-ka-nacc, 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 alw[illegible] 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. Erhmanntraut, 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 [illegible]ge wharves owned by the company [illegible]re are covered by the general of[illegible]es 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 famous Fire Valley, to the south, the ranchers 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.

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LIFE IN NAKUSP.

The shipment of ore from Kaslo has begun.

J. G. McLean, contractor, came down on Tuesday's boat.

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

The Citizens' National Bank of Spokane has resumed business.

Many orders for mining machinery have been sent out recently for the Slocan.

Mrs. Hugh Madden is under the doctor's care this week, suffering from la grippe.

Geo. Jordan, of Fire Valley, spent New Year's with his brother, F. W. Jordan, J.P.

J. A. McDonell, contractor, formerly of this place, is now located in Independence, Montana.

Monday night the mercury almost disappeared at Hall's Landing, so intense was the cold.

A fresh meat famine is threatened in town. Pork and mutton fetches 35 cents per pound now.

A big ball is to be given at the Nakusp House by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in about two weeks.

Capt. Short, late of the Lytton, has been placed in command of the Idaho on Kootenay Lake.

J. A. Finch has purchased the Cazubauza mine of F. Culver and Geo. Fairbairn for $5,500.

Forty mules are rawhiding ore from the Washington, the ore house of which is crammed full.

Chas. Miller and Caroline Anderson were married at New Denver on the 26th by Rev. Jas. Turner.

W. C. Sampson, paymaster of the construction company, is expected in from the coast on the 14th.

The millers' trust of Spokane has been broken and flour is now selling at $3 per barrel, retail price.

Pending official formalities, Nelson freight in bond over the N. & F. S. R. is being entered at Waneta.

D. A. McDougall expects to go up to the hot springs for a few weeks' treatment for bronchial catarrh.

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

The Nelson & Fort Sheppard subcontractors threaten suit, claiming the engineer's measurements have not been fair.

Over 40 names have been added to the voters' list from this place and application has been made for 100 more blanks.

Attention is directed to F. W. Jordan & Co.'s advertisement this week, it being of special interest to intending purchasers.

The Christmas edition of the Victoria Colonist was an exceedingly handsome number. The letter press was exceptionally good.

The stations on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway are named Waneta, Beaver, Meadows, Salmon, Hall, Summit, Nelson and Kootenay.

The Lytton came down on Tuesday with a cargo of flour and oats, the former being for Nelson and the latter for the Inland Construction Co.

The debt on the school has been reduced to $50, and it is hoped that this will be wiped out by the receipts of the next concert, to be held shortly.

Purser McPherson has, much to the regret of his friends, thrown up his position on the steamer Nelson and returned to his old home in Montreal.

The force of men at the Alamo is to be increased at once. Owing to the bondholders having gone back on their agreement the original owners will rush things.

Considerable opium has been passing into the States by way of Waneta from this province recently, and as a consequence an officer has been sent to guard that point.

J. Erhmanntraut, butcher, returned from Revelstoke on Tuesday, bringing with him two or three carcasses of mutton. He expects 10 head of cattle down this week.

H. R. Hammond, of the Nakusp News Depot, went out on Monday to spend a month with his family in Seattle. T. Abriel has charge of the Depot during his absence.

Superintendent Daly and Chief Engineer Osler left yesterday to inspect the grade of the railway as far as Three Forks, and to pass upon the work being done by the contractors.

Thursday next has been set as the date for the excurt of Nakusp's youth and beauty to New Denver, where they will be tendered a concert, ball and supper. The party will leave here in the afternoon, returning the next day.

Three of the local hotel men purpose going out of the business, one having caught the South African gold fever and the other two because of private reasons. Here is offered a splendid opportunity for some live business man with a surplus of the readv.

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