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FOUND GUILTY.

John Sandholm Gets Six Months for Using a Knife.

Monday afternoon a party of Finns and Swedes, who had recently been employed on the railway grade, commenced drinking heavily, and, besides a number of fisticuff encounters, the carousal terminated in a stabbing affray, whereby J. Hector, bartender at the Prospect House, received an ugly gash in the left shoulder.

The wound was inflicted by John Sandholm, who had been quarreling with a man named Anderson, natives of Finland and Sweden respectively. Hector, who is also a Swede, attempted to restore order, and was attacked by Sandholm, who used a pocket knife, with which the deed was done. The latter was at once secured, and medical assistance summoned to attend Hector. Dr. Williamson found it necessary to put three stitches in the gash.

On the way to the jail the prisoner attempted to escape, at the same time making an effort to draw a second knife, but in this he was checkmated and promptly disarmed.

His trial took place Tuesday afternoon, before F. W. Jordan, J.P. Several witnesses testified as to the occurrence, and it was adduced that the prisoner was a professional at the knifing business, having scored his mark on several occasions elsewhere. Sandholm pleaded extenuating circumstances, inasmuch as he was intoxicated and knew not what he was doing.

However much he believed that, the Court certainly did not for, after after weighing the evidence submitted, a sentence of six months' imprisonment in the common jail with hard labor was imposed.

As an indication of the prisoner's fierce nature, it is but necessary to look at his cell door, the inner side of which, to the depth of an inch, has been stripped off with his teeth, notwithstanding that, to judge by the stains on the wood, his lips must have bled freely.

NELSON CONVENTION.

Circular Issued Calling for Election of Necessary Delegates.

The electors in West Kootenay who favor the nomination of a candidate (or candidates if the district should be given more than one member) for member of the Legislature Assembly, at the next general election, are requested to elect delegates to a nominating convention, to be held at Nelson, on Saturday, April 14th, at 2 p. m.; the primary meeting for the election of delegates, to be held on Saturday, February 24th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Citizens whose names are on the voters' list to be alone permitted to vote for the delegates. Representatives in the convention are to be as follows:—

Precinct.	Delegates.
Glacier House	1
Illecillewaet	2
Revelstoke Station	2
Revelstoke	4
Big Bend	1
Hall's Landing	1
Lardeau City	1
Trout Lake City	1
Fire Valley	1
Nakusp	2
Robson	1
Trail	2
Waneta	1
Toad Mountain	1
Nelson	5
Balfour	1
Pilot Bay	1
Rykert's Custom House	1
Ainsworth	2
Kaslo	5
Watson	1
Three Forks	2
New Denver	3
Silverton	1

Delegates elect, if unable to attend the convention shall have the privilege of transferring their credentials to proxies who can attend. Delegates' credentials must be signed by two judges and the clerk of the primary election, the judges and clerk to be chosen by the voters present at their respective polling places immediately previous the hour of opening the polls. Delegates and their proxies must be registered voters.

West Kootenay Voters' List.

All eligible persons in the vicinity desirous of registering a vote at the next provincial elections should get their names placed on the voters' list without delay. To facilitate this D. A. McDougall, of the Leland House, has obtained a supply of blanks from the Government offices at Nelson, and anyone calling at his place can have the necessary document drawn up. The law governing such action requires the prospective voter to be of the full age of 21 years, a British subject, a resident in the province for 12 months and to have been in the district two months immediately before the time of signing.

Discovered a Body.

Just before the Lytton pulled out from the head of the lake on Tuesday morning, three unknown men came alongside in a rowboat and stated that they had discovered the body of a man but a few hours before. Pressed for particulars they said that the body was lying close to the water's edge, at Albert point, several miles distant. It was that of a middle-aged man, of medium height and somewhat dark in complexion. He was in his shirt sleeves, his coat being wrapped up as a pillow under his head. Nothing was found in his clothes to identify him in any way, but from appearances it was thought he was a railroad grader. It is surmised that the poor fellow had attempted to walk from here to the head of the lake, and, becoming exhausted, had lain down to rest, being frozen to death as he lay. The Lytton attempted to make a landing at the point, but the water was too rough to permit of a near approach, consequently nothing could be done about removing the body. Provincial Officer Fauquier purposes going up in the Arrow and bring the remains down for interment.

LOCAL BREEZES.

New Denver has a dramatic club.

A snowslide occurred at the Grady group last week, but no damage was done.

D. A. McDougall has been confined to his bed almost the entire week with his old enemy, bronchial catarrh.

D. McGillivray and W. C. Sampson returned last night on the Arrow from the coast, after a sojourn of several weeks.

J. Bates made the highest throw last night at the Madden House and consequently won a $100 English shot gun put up for raffle. His score was 50.

A special trip was to have been made today from Revelstoke to Green Slide by the train for the purpose of bringing down three carloads of cattle and one of fodder, consigned to McInnes, of Three Forks.

J. Milne came down from Revelstoke last eve. He and W. Murray are arranging to put a stage line in operation between the head of the lake and the former place. A special effort will be made to get permission to carry the mails, but it is extremely doubtful if the all-wise postal authorities will permit of their being moved from their present abiding place till navigation opens on the river.

GOLDEN JOHANNESBURG.

Breezy Letter From South Africa by J. F. Wardner.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 18, 9 a.m.—Temperature 72, clear, blue and breezy.—Arriving here at 6 a.m. on the 16th, I made the trip in just 38 days from Vancouver, B.C. Cost entire, first-class to London and second class to Johannesburg, $350.

The voyage from Southampton to Capetown is one of pleasure never to be forgotten. The great ship Scot is a floating palace hotel, with its ever changing programmes of instrumental concerts, vocal concerts, amateur performances, games of cricket and foot ball, and to finish up, two whole days were devoted to games and athletic exercises, everything from climbing the greased pole to the tug-of-war. Strange to say the first class team won over all competitors in the tug-of-war, which were as follows: firemen, sailors, second class and the third class. Pools on the run of the boat were made daily. One of £30 was captured by a very worthy and needy party, whom modesty forbids, etc.

The highest temperature experienced was near the equator, namely, 84. On all other days the temperature ranged from 70 to 80.

And now comes Cape Town. When the great ship struck the African dock the writer was the first ashore amid the cries of Kaffirs, Malays and Abyssinians, a mixed jargon not understandable, but not so bad indeed after two weeks in the same room with a Lancashire man, a Dutchman and an Englishman.

Cape Town—progressive and prosperous, beautiful beyond conception. Thermometer 90, breezy as a fan; beautiful park, with a thousand Kaffir and Malay girls camping; a thousand richly dressed white babies. At 3 p.m. a brass band of 20 pieces, alternating with the bagpipes of 12 big Highlanders.

Nine p.m. and we are off midst the hurrahs of hundreds (for the arrival and departure of the Scot's passengers is a marked occurrence) for Johannesburg. For the first 500 miles after leaving Cape Town the country resembles very closely the sage brush lands of Nevada and is equally as monotonous. The latter part of the journey, however, carries you through ostrich farms, millions of goats, sheep and oxen, and past a thousand estates of surpassing beauty.

At 5 p.m. we open our eyes at the Eland frontier, 10 miles from Johannesburg. What a sight! To see in the clear and cool African morning from the pinnacle the dumps and stacks of hundreds of mines and mills; the passing panorama, as we sped to our destination, of thousands of naked Kaffirs going hither and

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Well, here we are, 6 a.m., Nov. 16, in Johannesburg—golden Johannesbur , with her record of 136,682 ounces of pure gold for October, valued at $2,733,640. J. F. WARDNER.

A Big Scheme.

New Denver parties are making application to the Provincial Government for the passage of a private bill to enable them to erect and maintain a system of railway, tramway or aerial tramway, to be operated by steam, electricity or gravity, for the purpose of carrying passengers, freight and ores from a point at or near New Denver to the Mountain Chief, Slocan Star, Alpha, Freddie Lee, Blue Bird, Bonanza King, Washington, Dardanelles, Wellington, and any other mine or mines within a radius of 15 miles of New Denver, or to Three Forks, Silverton, Bear Lake City, Watson, Seaton, or any other town or towns within a radius of 15 miles of New Denver, West Kootenay district. They also desire to get control of the water in Carpenter creek for the purpose of furnishing electricity to the various mines, to provide a healthful beverage to the citizens of New Denver and ensure them protection against fire. Coupled with all this is the request for permission to expropriate the necessary lands for power houses, tramlines, etc., as also to erect all necessary buildings.

AFTER SLOCAN ORE.

Keen Competition Between Railways is Expected.

One feature of the Canadian Pacific's policy seems to be certain. That road proposes to control the Slocan ore shipments, and even the American mine owners are beginning to weaken and confess that, if the Great Northern or Northern Pacific want a share the traffic, it is time to begin hustling for it.

At present the Canadian Pacific offer to haul ore from Kaslo to Revelstoke, and thence to Swansea, Wales for $17 per ton. As soon as the Nakusp & Slocan railway is completed, it is hinted this rate will be cut down as low as necessary to break down all competition. The fact that the Swansea smelters save all parts of the ore gives them a great advantage in competing for everything but pure silver-lead propositions.

In regard to any action of the C.P.R., Spokane parties believe the Great Northern will meet her, and attempt to capture the ore for the smelter in that city, which is expected to start up again shortly, under the auspices of the latter road.

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Leaves Kaslo Mondays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.
" " Tuesdays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.
" " Thursdays 9 a. m. Arriving at Nelson 1 p. m.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 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.

D. A. McDOUGALL, M.P.P.

Yielding to the wishes of a host of friends and well wishers—as the story books say—D. A. McDougall, the proprietor of the well known Leland House, in this town, has consented to permit his name to be placed before the electors as a candidate for this district in the next provincial elections. Mr. McDougall believes he can secure sufficient votes to place him in the coveted position, and in that innocent belief we shall kindly let him rest undisturbed.

His plattorm will be decidedly antagonistic to that of Hon. Theodore Davie's Government, to which, he states, he is "opposed on principle." Among the planks in the aforesaid platform are: Canada for the Canadians, free silver coinage and a national mint, larger grants to roads and all necessary public works in West Kootenay, and a host of other beautiful and momentous subjects. He will also appeal to the convictions of all strictly honest Liberals, or Grits, in the country, and in this way bring to the front the old partyisms of Eastern Canada—a truly novel feature in British Columbia politics.

Mr. McDougall hails from the good old Scotch county of Bruce, in northwestern Ontario, and he emphatically asserts that he "will carry the Riding." He is a good stump speaker and when warmed to the subject can talk in a manner rivaling any son of Erin. In educational matters he is intensely interested, being at present one of our public school trustees, and in all affairs appertaining to the weal of the citizens he is always well to the front.

Such then is our local candidate's stand, and the worst we can wish him is that he will not be last in the great political race to be run in West Kootenay some time during the present year. As each town is to have its own candidate there is certain to be an abundance of excitement, which will be increased as new rivals appear on the scene—the eighth man having this week sent up his note of warning from the lower end of the district. That's right, gentlemen, don't be backward in proclaiming your political proclivities. NEXT!

The Local Legislature is summoned to meet today, but it will be quite a month before we will know anything about it, thanks to our excellent postal facilities.

It is hoped that the great canal built by the Dominion Government on the Canadian side of the Sault Ste. Marie rapids will be opened for traffic on July 1.

The London Times announces that the British Government will not be backward with substantial financial assistance to the proposed cable between Vancouver and Australia, when the opportune moment arrives. With this assurance definite steps for the inauguration and completion of this most important undertaking will be instituted without delay, and we may expect work to begin this year.

Rumors are rife as to the early completion of the Pilot Bay smelter, but, according to the recent statement of Dr. Hendryx, one of the shareholders, that contingency depends entirely upon the question of transportation. We believe the operating of those large works, much as it would benefit the Slocan country, will not begin until such times as the district is girded with railways for the conveyance of ores, but more particularly the C.P.R. through line to the Crow's Nest Pass, whence the smelter will draw its fuel supply.

When the Dominion Parliament assembles there will be laid on the table an immense amount of evidence relative to the impending revision of the fiscal tariff. For some past the committee, appointed at last session for the purpose, has been holding conferences with the various branches of the industrial and agricultural communities, and the data thus obtained will be utilized in the revision. Among the list of articles the new tariff will effect are: all raw materials used in manufactures, coal oil, lamber, saw logs, binder twine, coal, etc.

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LEDGE CROPPINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will entertain their friends at a ball, to be given at the Nakusp House during the coming week.

An election will probably take place in a few days for the purpose of electing school trustees for the ensuing year.

Nakusp's herds of vagrant swine have been sadly diminished during the past fortnight to provide fresh meat for the needy populace. Beef, veal or mutton are almost worth their weight in gold, and as for eggs—well, there are none.

The Nakusp House experienced an incipient blaze on Monday afternoon. The stovepipe, running through the second story from the kitchen, became disjointed, and the woodwork on the ceiling ignited. It was fortunately noticed in time and the fire extinguished before any damage had been done.

The Lytton arrived down on Tuesday, with a cargo of but five tons of merchandise. No freight has been brought down to the lake for several days past, the workmen on the road being engaged covering the railway bridges, to permit of freight teams using the grade to Revelstoke. When the several weeks' mail at that place will reach here is not known, but evidently not till spring.

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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

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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 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.

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LIFE IN NAKUSP.

F. Moore took his departure for Revelstoke on Monday.

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

The Lytton had a small passenger list up on Friday morning.

The sleigh road between New Denver and Kaslo is in bad shape.

Dr. Williamson was laid up the greater part of last week with la grippe.

J. Madden contemplates removing his hotel from the head of the lake to Wilson Creek.

Captain Estabrooks is again in command of the steamer W. Hunter, after several days' illness.

J. T. Nault's team of greys is engaged in the freighting business to the head of Slocan Lake.

Fire nearly destroyed the Bowen House at Three Forks last week. A portion of the roof was burned.

Bert Crane, of Three Forks, has been renewing his acquaintances in town during the past few days.

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

The heavy storms of last week played havoc with the telegraph wires, which were prostrated in every direction.

Three patients are at present receiving treatment in the hospital. None of the cases, however, are considered dangerous.

Many enquiries have been made during the week for vacant stores and houses. The hotels are full, and business generally is good.

R. Venner, erstwhile of the Madden House, put his house in order and departed for Perksville on Tuesday, intending to stay all winter.

A dance was to have taken place at the Columbia on Tuesday night, but much to the disappointment of the young people it did not transpire.

Still another hotel for Wilson Creek. This will be built by J. T. Nault in the spring. He is getting the necessary material into shape.

Kaslo's fire department has received a new hook and ladder truck. A hose house is to be built by the city council on corner of Front and Fourth streets.

The dump carts and other grading paraphernalia used by the various contractors on the railway, are being brought in and stored at the company's headquarters.

Game is reported to be scarce in the surrounding country. Trappers expect to make a haul of small fur-bearing animals in the latter part of February and March.

G. Hardy and a companion, who have been trapping on Hall creek, came in yesterday with a large and varied pack of furs, including some magnificent beaver pelts.

Early Saturday morning the ceiling in the sitting room of the Madden House caught fire from an overheated stovepipe. A few pails of water sufficed to remove the danger.

Almost the entire population of Perksville, a thriving little hamlet at the lower end of the Narrows, came up last Thursday evening, in charge of Commander J. Dawson.

A. Wilson, manager of Bourne Bros'. general store, will shortly pack his grip and depart for his old home in Merrie England, eventually winding up in the gold fields of South Africa.

J. G. McLean, contractor, has rented the office formerly occupied by T. Abriel, for a short time, so that those parties desirous of transacting business will have no trouble in locating him.

It is purposed to hold a number of political meetings in town during the ensuing months, to discuss the situation in the province. Delegates will also be appointed to attend the convention in Nelson next April.

Owing to the great mass of snow, the roof of the railway locomotive shed caved caved in Friday night. Workmen were at once employed and order quickly replaced chaos. No damage was done to the engine.

Friday and Saturday a determined thaw set in, followed by rain, causing the top layers of snow to disappear in short order; and, at the same time, making the hearts of the residenters quake lest a portion of their premises might collapse.

There are at present nine men employed on the Government works at the Narrows. They expect to complete the improvements for this year in about one week. Navigation will be benefited considerably by what has already been done.

J. G. McLean having finished his grading contract on the railway, his workmen have been crowding into town, awaiting the return of the paymaster. The men, who are mostly Swedes, have been making Rome howl with a vengeance.

THE LEDGE man, together with many of the habitants, has received a neatly printed invitation to attend a midwinter ball, to be given in Cheney's new hall, at Three Forks, tomorrow evening. Unfortunately the walking member of the staff is touring in another part of the province at present, else a determined effort would be made to attend. However, thanks are forthcoming nevertheless.

Application for Liquor License

NOTICE is hereby given that Thirty Days from date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a License to sell Liquor at Sandon, B.C.

A. COCHRANE.

New Denver, Dec. 29th, 1893.

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