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LIFE IN FERNIE

Local Happenings in and About the City

Interesting Items About Many People You Know

The Elk river bridge is sadly in need of repairs.

C. P. Hill and wife will return to Hillcrest next month

People wonder how much Jim Hill makes out of Fernie water

There is rejoicing in New Denver Its bank manager is being removed to Nicola.

There is no boycott on the Royal Seal. You can smoke it any old time you have the price.

Before becoming incorporated Cranbrook would do well to look at the fate of Fernie or Slocan City.

Beware of the politician who says his hands are clean: Ananias was put out of business for less than that.

John Heenan has been missing from Fort Steele since July 9th, and searching parties are looking for him.

At times the street in front of Handley's livery stable is almost covered with wagons and other vehicles.

If the sweet graduate girl knows how to half sole the dome of her future husband's trousers she hasn't graduated in vain.

The fire is still burning in the Frank mine, and as it is above water level it may result in the abandonment of the mine.

The stone trimmings over the windows and on the front of the Trites-Wood Co. block present a very attractive appearance.

In Chinatown there is a little Chink lad just three months from China. He wears knee pants and has already learned how to play ball.

One of the finest patches of potatoes in Fernie can be seen in the garden of the Methodist parsonage. It is a credit to the man with the hoe.

One by two the roses fade. Graham, a Sunday School superintendent at Boikirk, Man., skipped out the other day with the church funds.

A $50,000 tipple is to be built at the Frank mine, and a box car loader installed. The mine supplies the C. P. R. with 600 tons of coal a day.

Golden is wild with joy over the commencement of work on the Kootenay Central, and over at Windermere the local editor is putting butter on his bread.

Fernie coal is being sold in Winnipeg and H. E. Croasdaile has been appointed general selling agent. He is advertising for agents in Manitoba and the Northwest.

The storm of last Friday evening caused falling trees to knock out the C. P. R. telegraph service and put a dead silence to a portion of the local telephone line.

The only real "Colonel" in Fernie did not receive an invitation to the rifle range demonstration last week. The ways of amateur army officers are peculiar and seem to prevail.

The Football club have received a handsome medal presented to them by J. Fleishman of Vancouver on the occasion of their winning their recent match against Cranbrook.

J. C. Fernau of the Frank smelter has bonded two zinc properties in Ainsworth camp, West Kootenay, and George Fernau has been placed in charge of their development.

The spots on the sun are larger than ever. Judging from the recent weather they act upon this earth much the same as this paper does upon the local agitators who think it a smart trick to boycott it.

Wilfrid Morand has disposed of his hotel business n Marysville He was in Fernie looking for an opening, but without success. At present he is visiting his brothers in Kalispell while his wife is on a visit to the east.

The city police requires another patrolman, as the present force cannot watch the city every hour of the 24. To leave the city in the early hours of morning without protection may look like economy, but it is not. We need another policeman, and we need him right away.

J. F. Spalding has taken a beautiful photograph of the Elk Lumber Co's mill and yards; also the Lizard range of mountains showing Mts. Hosmer, Fernie, Campbell and Three Sisters. The picture shows the Elk river and the full bend, and is 7½ by 27 inches in size. O. L. Boynton will have a half-tone made from it for the pages of the American Lumberman's Journal.

S. B. Shun catches it going and coming. While on his way west from Ottawa to Fernie last winter he was seriously injured in a wreck near Medicine Hat for which the C. P. R. paid him damages. Near the same place while returning east a few weeks ago he was robbed of his purse while asleep in the car, thus meeting with more adventures than most people do in a lifetime.

The Coal Creek ball team picked from the Pittsburg bridge men and the miners will play the Fernie team here on Sunday. They are a strong team and a good game is looked for. Fernie will play the same team that beat Kalispell. The game will take place on the recreation grounds and an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged Proceeds to go towards paying for uniforms

PERSONALS

W. F. Vance and wife are in Winnipeg.

Mark Varty is visiting the Portland fair.

Mrs. J. Huby is recovering from her late illness.

Augustus Carney, of Kaslo, was in the city last week.

Fred Mitchell and Charles Wilson left for Port Arthur last Friday.

Arthur Mott and W. J. Blundell are looking at the horses in Winnipeg.

L. Atkinson, the cigar merchant, is in the hospital with typhoid fever.

Miss Jean Anderson will spend her holidays at Elko and Michel. Miss Whimster will assist in the postoffice during her absence.

The Honorable R. F. Green's wife and family are visiting Mrs A T Garland in Kaslo. Mrs. Garland is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie E. Harris, who is at present in Fernie

Bishop Dart came in from New Westminster on Saturday evening, and confirmation services were held in the English church on Sunday. On Monday afternoon a reception was given the bishop at the residence of Ald. Herchmer. He returned to the coast on Tuesday morning.

We Can't ask George

The Fernie LEDGE wonders why it is that the Nelson Daily News is absolutely silent on the water-works question, with which the Fernie people are laboring. The LEDGE should put that query to the great-grandson of William Lyon Mackenzie, Ontario's first and last great rebel —Nelson Tribune.

ON THE DIAMOND.

Fernie and Coal Creek will play ball next Sunday On the 8th August the Fernie team will leave for Calgary to take part in the baseball tournament in that city. Subscriptions are now being taken up to assist the local team, and the offering should be liberal for nothing beats a live baseball team to advertise a city

ANOTHER FOOL GONE.

At Dog Creek, 40 miles from Ashcroft, another fool last week took a trip over the gun route. Because a young lady refused him the last dance and gave it to his rival at a party held at his ranch, Frank Gaspard, a rancher, aged 25, took his rifle and stepped to the door during the dance and put a bullet through his brain, his body falling on to the floor among the dancers.

The Roar of Voices

Passing through Chinatown on a Sunday afternoon is liable to make you think that Bedlam had broken loose and butted into Fernie. Gambling is the order of the day, and between it and the effect of hop the sounds that float in the air resemble somewhat those of the New York Stock Exchange when a panic is raging and the bears and bulls are screeching like the inmates of a lunatic asylum at a picnic party.

BEFORE THE BEAK

An Italian by the name of Ventura was fined $25 and costs for shooting at a target on the public highway

Albert Little was assessed $15 and costs for carrying an overload of booze

Edward Harris was charged with supplying spirits to Johnny Hunter, who is Siwashed. The case was dismissed.

Morris Evans. James Simmons and James Sanderson were all liberated on suspended sentence. They are all hard working men somewhat out of luck upon account of an abnormal thirst.

Frank Salisbury got ten days at easy hard labor in order to allay the irritable condition of his nervous system.

George Wood, alias Thomas got two months at hard labor for looking in people's windows and doing other naughty acts.

A Great Piano Man

J. G. Whiteacre was in Fernie last week. He has been connected for nine years with the Mason and Risch Piano Co., and has sold pianos from ocean to ocean. About five years ago the company discarded the wholesale trade and now sell direct to those who desire pianos, and establish warerooms for the storing and exhibition of their goods all over Canada. The company employs its own tuners. The rules of the company are very strict with its employees, and even a $10,000 man will lose his position if he violates them Mr Whiteacre is western manager for the company with his headquarters at Nelson while his territory extends from Fleming, Man., to Alaska. He is an able manager and as a piano salesman has no superior in the great west Many flattering offers have been made him by piano firms in some of the largest United States cities, but he prefers to stay with Canada, and the Mason & Risch, one of the greatest pianos in the musical world.

THE WORKING MAN

The working man is the backbone of every land. It is upon his broad back that everything rides, and it is his horny hands that produce all the wealth The rest of the world may work but it is to handle the wealth made by the sons of toil. Without the working man Fernie would still be a virgin wilderness. It is the miners who daily risk their lives underground, at a lower wage than is paid other miners in the interior of B. C., who are keeping up the city of Fernie. To them the business men look for trade, for without them there would be no commercial life in Fernie. The Coal Co. merely directs affairs and sends the profits to eastern stockholders most of whom would scorn to touch garments with the men from whose labor their fortunes are built. These stockholders are principally greedy individuals who have no interest in Fernie or its mines except to squeeze all they can out of it. If possible they would grind the miner down to a wage scale that would barely keep his soul and body from becoming divorced. And yet to a great extent the business men overlook the importance of the miner, lumber jacks and other working men to the best interests of this city. They have myopia when a son of toil passes by, but need no specs to see a Coal Co. official, and yet if the trade of the Coal Co. was all there was in Fernie one hotel and store might get a lean living. The more kindly you treat the working man the more likely he will be to do business with you, and speak sweet words about your city when he goes to distant parts Show him by every courtesy that you appreciate his worth to the community, and it will eventually pay better than too much gazing at one star.

ANOTHER COAL FIELD

Development work is being commenced in the Bulkley valley upon an immense coal area in the northern part of British Columbia for the purpose of supplying the Grand Trunk Pacific railway with its fuel. The area consists of 26 square miles, and it is estimated that there is 90 million of tons of coal in sight. Speaking about the coal the Province says.

The Bulkley coalfields were examined on behalf of the Grand Trunk company by Mr. J. E. McEvoy, geologist of the Crows Nest company, and formerly a member of the geological survey of Canada. It was upon his favorable report that the Grand Trunk concluded the purchase of the land from the syndicate which controlled them all the members of which are residents of Victoria and Vancouver.

While it is possible to take tens of thousands of tons of coal from the nature-developed coal beds, it is stated to be the intention of the company to thoroughly investigate the coal areas and make early preparation for the coal supply of the Grand Trunk Pacific in British Columbia, a preliminary of which is the work to be carried on this year under the superintendence of Mr. Williscroft.

A Valuable Discovery.

A scientific discovery has recently been made which may have an important influence on the future of southern British Columbia. An English company has apparently solved the problem of manufacturing coke from a non-coking coal. It has supplied the natural deficency artificially, and the result is said to be perfectly successful. The process is not unlike the "briquetting," which has been resorted to for nearly half a century to produce domestic and steam fuel from coal dust. The home of the later plant is Swansea, and later South Wales ports. The fine coal from the screenings is collected, 10 per cent. of pitch added, the mixture superheated in a huge revolving cylinder until it becomes a semi-plastic mass. It is then expelled in the same way in which clay is forced from pug mill, moulded into briquettes, and after drying and cooling, becomes a marketable and profitable fuel. So prosperous has the industry become, and so well adapted is the fuel, especially for hot countries that it is a matter for wonder that it has not extended to Canada.

DESERVES SUPPORT.

The Ladies Benevolent Society of Fernie is richly deserving of support and encouragement from every citizen in East Kootenay. They have been tireless in their efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunates of Fernie and surrounding country. They have been instrumental, through Mr. South, of the Children's Home, of Vancouver, in saving no less than eight helpless children. They have lent a helping hand to unfortunate women who evinced a desire to abandon their former lives, and earn an honest living. As a slight recognition of the valuable aid rendered this part of the province these ladies have undertaken to raise as large a sum as possible to be placed at the disposal of Mr. South in aid of this noble work Nothing can be of more benefit to us than the good work of rescuing the helpless from evil surroundings, and placing them on the road to worthy citizenship It is to be hoped that our ladies at their coming entertainment will have the agreeable surprise of the largest turnout, coupled with the greatest financial proceeds that has been offered by a generous public in the history of the city.

FRENZIED FERNIE

The evil of a greedy company having its paw upon a city is plainly seen in Fernie where the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. seeks to bend all to its will, and crush anyone who dares to think or act for themselves It wants obedience of the people to its demands, and its officials probably think a man insane who dares to express an opinion contrary to their way of doing business. The C. N. P. E. L. & P. Co is a subsidiary company of this big coal corporation and supplies Fernie at present with water, light and telephonic communication. Just what relation the little company is to the larger we do not know, but in this article for the sake of brevity we will designate the twain as the Coal Co, and turn the limelight onto the methods of collecting tribute.

The light furnished is fairly good, although the price is high in comparison to that paid in the majority of towns. It would pay the city to own and operate its own electric light works.

Last winter when the B. C. Telephone company sought an entrance into this city the Coal Co. put up a great fight against it aided by the City Council. The Coal Co. finally settled the contention by buying out the B. C. company. Through the zeal of the Mayor and his confreres upon behalf of the Coal Co. the city ran up against some litigation with the B. C. Telephone Co. that has cost the city hundreds of dollars, and although the fight was to benefit the Coal Co. the city has had to bear the expense of the mistakes made by its Mayor and alderman. The mean side of such a spirit may have been overlooked by our indulgent and long suffering citizens. After the telephones are put in it is found that they run nowhere outside of Fernie, and are of little use to many subscribers, except to help the doctors by increasing indigestion through lack of exercise. Then those who failed to get in when the general installation took place have to pay $12.50 for installing an instrument as against $5 in the high-priced town of Nelson Thus is frenzy increased in Fernie.

The company supplies Fernie with water at $2.50 a tap or house, but as far as has been learned charges nothing for the sediment. This it evidently throws in as a kind of rebate on the price. This paper would like to know how many cities on earth pay such an enormous price for such a wretched quality of water. Many people in Fernie are afraid to drink it, and it is feared that large numbers have been driven into the booze arena. The water supply is none too plentiful, and recently at certain times in the day some taps went dry. Certainly, a fine service at $2 50 per.

Last winter the company was guilty of an act that would almost hang a private individual. Owing to low water above the town of Coal Creek it turned on the water from below the town and furnished the polluted stuff to its Fernie patrons. Imagine what water would be like that contained the waste water from coal mines and the sewage from a town of several hundred people. All the warning the company gave was the printing of a few hand bills advising the people to boil the water. This warning was of little use as so many people in Fernie cannot read. It is hard to think of a company doing such a thing, and later on coming to the city with one of the nerviest propositions on record Such an atrocious act will always be a black mark against the company that holds Fernie apparently in the shadow of its bank account. In some communities the act would have caused a rebellion.

The exposing of this great injustice to the people and other things in connection with city affairs has brought down the enmity of such minions as Mayor Stork, Ald. Robins and others who have exerted themselves unduly to boycott THE LEDGE and ruin its editor. Stork and Robins have both attempted to use their influence to induce our customers to withdraw their patronage from this paper. Such men must have a deep hatred of the truth, and little regard for the rights of the masses. These men would crush freedom of honest speech, and make slaves of anyone who differed from them in thought or action, and their place is in Russia and not under the folds of the British flag Wherever that flag flies men love freedom and they will not stand by and see bullies and liars, even attempt to steal the bread from an editor whose pen has always been on the side of right and justice. A man who has fought the battles of working men for 25 years cannot be downed by such unprincipled schemers as Stork, Robins and a few others in this city. The day of the boomerang is not yet obsolete.

NOT SIFTON'S FAULT

Queer stories float over the mountains about the Doukhobors. The Douks are said to be experts at tearing up survey line stakes, and using them, when made of iron, for harrow teeth. They also have a tyee whom they trust implicity much to the material increase of his wealth, and the diminution of their own. It is said that the big one keeps a harem in which 15 to 20 young women are domiciled. The Douks are certainly an interesting class of people, and more are on their way to the cosmopolitan Northwest.

CITY COUNCIL

After the reading of the minutes had been disposed of, the report of the roads and street committee was brought in. It was to the effect that the bridge over the river was in pretty bad shape, and that timber for re-covering had been ordered and would be laid at once.—Accepted.

Mayor Stork suggested that the city buy a horse.

Several communications supposed to be tenders for bonds were opened, one from E. R. Peacock, of the Dominion Securities Co., declining to tender for waterworks bonds stating that the city was too small and they were going too fast but suggesting that sewer bonds be issued in sums of $500 and $1,000 as that was the ordinary and most convenient form for investors. A tender from the Bank of Commerce was unopened, as it was considered unfair to Manager May to have his tender made public, and as it was the only tender, it was decided to extend the time for two weeks, and open then. From the general conversation that followed our reporter gleaned that it was a conditional bid, and for sewers only It appeared to be the feeling of some of the aldermen that the bank bid should be accepted if possible and it was whispered that Lindsey wanted it so.

Tenders to build sewers are to be called for and Ald. Cree and Wallace were appointed a committee to look after the same.

The solicitor was instructed to have Broley Bros. complete the sidewalk contract and to insert a clause that contractor be responsible for all lumber received from mills.

The waterworks proposition was brought up by Ald. Robins who thought the Council should accept Lindsey's proposition and do business at once with the Coal Co. and attach hydrants to the work now being done and save tearing up the streets again.

The Mayor stated that the alternative suggestions offered at the public meetings had been laid before the Coal Co. by Mr. McEvoy.

Ald. Wallace thought they were compelled to have a vote of the people before they could deal with the Coal Co. He thought a deal should be made with the Coal Co. now and that more people were in favor of doing business with the Coal Co. than before the agitation started. Ald. Robins said that the agitators were some few Liberals but that no person paid any attention to them, that the party was in bad shape anyway.

Ald. Wallace again reiterated that it was best to do business with the Coal Co. and that if the interests of the principal ratepayers were consulted they would do so.

Ald. Robins said that the main agitators had said that it was against Stork principally they were fighting. He said he would swear to it.

The solicitor gave it as his opinion that before anything definite could be done, an agreement would have to be entered into with the Coal Co. and a by-law submitted to the people for ratification.

One of the aldermen wondered when Lindsey would be back, and received the assurance that Mr. McEvoy would be able to treat on his return.

Council adjourned to meet Aug. 2 at 8 p. m.

The Result of Fire

Eight writs were issued out of the Fernie Registry of the Supreme Court last Saturday against the Crows Nest Southern Railway. J. W. Stewart and R. Quaife The plaintiffs are: The Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance company, John Turner, Richard Rallison, Thomas Plante, John Beaumont, William Clifford and William Handley. Each claim is for damages caused by fire alleged to have escaped at West Fernie from the right of way of the Crows Nest Southern railway during the construction of that line last July.

In addition to the actions commenced on Saturday there are pending the cases of the Fernie Lumber Co., the Elk Lumber Co., and the Union Bank of Canada against the same parties. The first suit commenced was that of the Fernie Lumber Co. which claims $93,000. In that case the respective sides have been diligently working for some time, and expect to have a trial at Nelson in October. The best legal talent of the province will gather at the trial, which will be one of the most important ever held in the interior of B. C and will practically be a test case upon the result of which may depend the abandonment or prosecution of all the other suits. Messrs Ross and Alexander represent the claimants while Mr. L. P. Eckstein is acting for the contractors.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Duncan, late housekeeper of the Hotel Fernie, was agreeably surprised, when, upon behalf of the roomers and employees, Mrs. J. E. Harris, and Misses McKellar and Best, presented her with a beautiful chatelaine bag in which was contained a tidy sum of money. The purse was accompanied by an address in which this estimable young lady was wished joy and sunshine during her approaching married life. She left Sunday morning for a short visit to her parents at Creston, and will soon marry the sweetheart of her school days, who is a resident of California.

A Bear Ad

British Columbia might increase its business by capturing wild animals and selling them to fanciers in the east. Arthur Cody, a clever young trapper in Kaslo captured a grizzly bear cub this spring, and the other day he sold it to President Roosevelt, who will place it in his collection at Washington. Thousands will view this cub and it will be a great advertisement for Kaslo. In fact the appearance of the cub might induce Roosevelt some day to come out and take a shot at the big game in the Slocan.

BLAIRMORE

From the Times

The Fernie LEDGE is putting up a fight for the rights of that city as against the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. that is a credit to Lowery, its editor. The people of Fernie will reap all of the benefit of this fight and the Ledge will take all of the kicks, but then Lowery knows before hand that running a paper in the interests of the people is a thankless task.

The Spring Creek coal mines at Lewiston, Mont., lately purchased by S. W. Gebo, formerly of Frank, is now being opened up and equipped with an entire new plant. Work has begun upon a new tipple, chutes for loading cars, office buildings, etc., all of which will be model's of convenience. The railway from Lewiston to the mines, a distance of two miles, will be put in at once. These improvements will enable Mr. Gebo to largely increase the out put of his new purchase

At the McLaren Co's saw mill above the town, employment is given to some 30 men and this mill is now turning out over 30,000 feet of lumber a day. The quality of the lumber turned out here is of the best and as a consequence it keeps the mill and men hustling to supply the many orders received. The company still have in the river some 55,000 logs which will be ample to keep the mill running until late in the fall. During the last winter the mill was remodeled and brought thoroughly up to date and is now recognized as one of the best equipped mills in the west. Under the management of D. G. McPhail this mill besides giving steady employment to a large number of men has been a dividend paying proposition for its owner.

AROUND COLEMAN.

While Coleman may not be said to be booming, the town is climbing steadily to the front rank of the Pass towns and we think it is safe to say that no other town in this section has accomplished as much as Coleman in the same length of time. Although not yet two years old Coleman has the best class of buildings and some of the finest and best stocked business establishments in the Pass. That her citizens are of a most enterprising class is evidenced by the fact that they have a fine church, a bank, are building a good school, have waterworks and electric lights and have the only live board of trade in this section. Coleman was brought into existence by the opening up of the mines by the International Coal and Coke Co. at that point and the building of their large plant and coke ovens there. This company, while conservative, has accomplished a most stupendous amount of development work in their mines besides installing a complete and modern coal mining plant, more than capable of handling 2000 tons of coal per day, in less than two years. They have 100 coke ovens in operation and the ground prepared for a large number more. Employment is given by this company to a large number of men thus insuring the business men of the town a steady pay-roll. That Coleman is assured of a bright future no one who is the least familiar with operations of the coal company or their magnificent property, doubts for one moment.—Blairmore Times.

MOYIE

From the Leader

D. J. Elmer, who was down to Yahk and the International boundary this week, reports work on the new line progressing favorably. At Yahk, Frank Clapp has his new hotel running in full swing and is doing a good business. At Spokane Junction, two miles below Yahk, J. F. Pringle is opening a hotel, and Sam Spears has a neat little store and is carrying a good stock of goods suitable for railway construction. Both are in a position to do a good business and make some money. Then at the town of Hamilton on the boundary line Jack Swinnerton is opening a hotel. Considerable land has been located along the line and several mineral claims staked.

The new mammoth 30-drill air compressor at the St. Eugene was set in motion this week. It is one of the largest pieces of mining machinery in East Kootenay, and makes the other two compressors in the same building look like infants. The new plant was made by the Jenckes Machine Co. of Sherbrooke, Que., and has a capacity of 3,000 feet of air per minute. It will furnish power for 30 Rand machine drills, bringing the number of these drills used in the mine up to 50. The two old compressors together only furnish power for 20 drills, so it will be seen that the new plant is a third larger than the two old ones combined It required an addition to the building of 60x60 feet to make room for the new compressor and the two new boilers, which have a capacity of 500 horse power.

Unfortunately the carload of Rand drills and some other equipment for the mine has been delayed on the road, and until it arrives the working force will not be materially increased. When these machines arrive another 100 men will be put to work, mostly on development.

NEWSY NOTES

Culled from Exchanges Along The Crow

General Progress and Prosperity All Along The Line

FRANK

From the Frank Paper.

The lime kilns to the west of the town are shipping a large amount of finished product.

Lime rock is being shipped from the deposits west of the town to the sugar refinery at Raymond.

According to L. D. Kean, of the Rocky Mountain Development Co., there is much activity this year in the Alberta Oilfields to the south He states that a townsite is being laid out at the junction of Sespape and Oil Creeks, and that a hotel, sawmill and refining plant are being erected.

Saturday was payday in Frank and in various camps surrounding and tributary towns The amount of money disbursed was in excess of the month previous, upwards of $37,000 having been handled through the local branch of the Union Bank. The pay sheet of the Canadian American Coal Co. was fully $3000 larger than in June, constituting the largest payroll in months. All the merchants report doing good business, with monthly accounts paid freely.

Pincher Creek is to have a water system and will be provided by Frank people. The Municipal Water & Light Co. is the name of the company putting in the system, and J. E Woods and J. F. Fleutot are the promotors of the enterprise. The company will procure its supply of water from Pincher Creek, and it will be filtered before distributed through the town. Mr. Woods has been at Pincher Creek the past week, superintending the work of getting the construction under way.

If the reports coming from the south are well founded, the Americans are likely to beat the people on this side of the line into the Flathead with a railroad. The report is to the effect that a scheme has been successfuly floated to build a road north from the Northern Pacific through central Montana, connecting the Northern Pacific with the Great Northern and extending into the Flathead country. The present plan does not appear to be to cross the line into the Canadian Flathead but if the road is built into the country on the American side it will no doubt be but a short time before it will be extended across the line.

From all accounts there seems to be a peuliar condition of affairs existing in connection with the recently disclosed land office scandal at McLeod. Some time ago discrepancies in the accounts at the office were discovered and the office was closed Shortly after Joseph Nixon, the former land agent, was given another Government position. This raised a howl and something had to be done. Nixon laid the blame on his son, as he was said to have made good the defalcation, the Ottawa authorities appeared indisposed to prosecute. Finally under pressure from the opposition in the commons the government announced that the case was being investigated by a commission. When this word was telegraphed west, the Calgary Herald sent a special man to Macleod and he reports that no such investigation is in progress. Young Nixon recently spent considerable time in this vicinity, but has returned to Macleod.

Nicola Coal

The Nicola Valley iron and Coal Co. will start active operations on their property in the fall and be ready to load on the first cars that come through on the Spences bridge in about a year from now. So says S. Tingley of Ashcroft who is heavily interested in the field. Mr. Tingley staked this field 28 years ago and has hung on ever since waiting for a road. He has great hopes of the future of the property.

The Spokane Fair

More and stronger premiums are offered this year by the Spokane Interstate Fair, which meets October 9 to 13. The premium list is out and can be secured by addressing Robert H. Cosgrove, secretary and manager. All prizes offered are as strong or stronger than before and new premiums have been added. The premium list including the race programme, is a neater piece of work than ever before, and is illustrated with views of last year's success-ful fair Farmers, fruit growers, stock men, mining men, dog fanciers, lovers of art and those interested in horse racing should send for the premium list, even if they have nothing themselves to exhibit.

THE LEDGE.

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THE LEDGE is published every Wednesday in Fernie, B.C. The price is $2 a year. Advertising rates given upon application.

Italy goes us one better. Milan has tramcars that water the streets.

Those who worship the dollar will always be dominated by its baleful influence.

Feed some dogs and they will bite your hand. Kick them and they will whine at your feet.

The Boundary may yet rival Butte in the production of ore, and take the copper off British Columbia.

Although this is July the ice is rather thick between this office and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.

Love is like candy or champagne when taken to excess. This is why so many marriages are failures.

Last year in London there were 3,626 outbreaks of fire. That many would have put Fernie out of business.

Spokane must be a nice place to die judging from the number of suicides. Some weeks there is nearly one a day.

Labor is the backbone of every town just as much as the capital which directs its movements and pockets the big end of the wealth produced.

Fear, ignorance and selfishness are the three curses of the world. If the three were dead it would not be necessary to wait for death in order to view the scenery of heaven.

The newspapers fight against the lowness of the tariff on lumber, and get rewarded by seeing some of the big lumber mills in East Kootenay send east for their job printing.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. does not do business in the good old way spoken of in the bible, It does not heap coals of fire on your head Probably can't spare them from the coke ovens at $4.50 per.

In the papers we notice that in the east, cotton yarns have advanced in price. Here in the west fish yarns are ranging in price from two to eight drinks each. Extra good yarns may bring a little more.

It is said that our article in THE LEDGE last week on water has driven many to beer and whiskey, proving that this paper is an organ of the liquor traffic. Might be so, although the imaginary snake that comes out of old rye is no worse than the real typhoid devil that comes out of some water.

Fernie would be much more prosperous than it is if the business people would pay more attention to the miners and other working men. The man who works with his hands and back is the one who is keeping up this city. The money sent to stockholders in the east stays away a long time.

The people in the east have been complaining about the heat this month. They should come to British Columbia where no one dies from the heat, and where by climbing a few thousand feet you can cool your feet on the snow any day of the year. It certainly gets hot in B. C. but the air is so pure that at 100 in the shade it is cooler than New York at 80.

Finding other business dull Nelson is continually talking about advertising the scenic attractions and working up a tourist trade. When a proposition is laid before them that would make the city known in every land, they go to sleep, and dream that they have done something to attract tourists. Nelson like a few other Canadian towns cannot rise above the small things of life.

For a time last winter the C. N. P. E. L. & P. Co., a subsidiary company of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Co., furnished water to Fernie taken from a stream polluted with the sewage of another town, stable ammonia and drainings of coal mines. If a private individual had committed such an atrocious act against the health of a community he would have been arrested for attempting to murder the people and rob them at the same time. And yet this company has the nerve to ask for the privilege of furnishing Fernie for ten years more with its aqua which is not always pura.

THE DISTANT GREEN

We do not appreciate as a rule anything close to hand, and far away fields are still green. This even applies to capital judging from the following remarks from the Hamilton Herald:

"In one of his speeches in England President George, of the Canadian Manufacturers' association made complaint that British capitalists have been too neglectful of Canada. While many millions of American capital have been coming in to the Dominion to develop its resources, Mr George said, hardly a million of British capital that he knew of had been invested in Canadian manufacturing industries.

That complaint would have been more appropriately made against Canadian capitalists. They appear to have no end of money to invest abroad. They took several millions of the Japanese loan floated early this year and now they are taking all they can get of the Japanese loan now floating. Canadian capital is developing Cuba, Antigua, Mexico, Honduras. Canadian bank capital is poured across the line for the accommodation of Wall street operators. It is estimated that more than a hundred millions of Canadian capital are invested in America outside of Canada.

Why reproach British capitalists with lack of interest in Canada when Canadian capitalists show so little faith in the productive capacity of their own country ?"

A SLAVISH PRESS

A newspaper that dare not speak in defence of the masses for fear that it will lose some job printing or be crushed by the corporation that holds the whip is worse than a coon in slavery days, and of little use to the people. The Nelson Tribune makes the following remarks upon the subject:

"The people of Fernie are confronted with a question of great importance to them collectively. The question is an adequate water supply and the ownership of the supplying system. It is generally admitted that the water supply of a town or a city should be owned by the people themselves; and there are few towns and cities in Canada supplied with water by private companies. At Fernie, the people have voted the money to buy a waterworks system. An adequate water supply is available. All that is necessary is to "do things." But in steps a private corporation and says No! And every resident of Fernie who is dependent on the private corporation for a share of his business, hesitates, and either says "No" or is silent. The private corporation has a daily newspaper mouthpiece. It boasts of its circulation in the town of Fernie. It carries advertisements of Fernie business men. Every time the manager of the private corporation sneezes, the sneeze is recorded in its columns. But when a question that concerns the people of Fernie as a community arises, it is silent for fear that its master will sneeze—and foreclose a mortgage. The daily newspaper organ is printed in Nelson, and is named "The Daily News."

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Senator Clark is building in New York what is said to be the finest residence in the world. It has already cost $15,000,000 and is yet far from a state of completion. The building stone is a pink marble found in Virginia, and in order to get all that he wanted the Senator bought the quarry. He also purchasd a bronze foundry that there may be no delay in getting all the bronze he wants.

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The Pythian Chronicle

A Frenchman went to a brother member of his lodge and said to him.

"What does a polar bear do?"

The brother answered:

"What does a polar bear do? Why he sits on the ice.

"Yes" said the brother, "there's nothing else to sit on."

"Vell, vot he do too?"

"What does he also do? Why he eats fish."

"Eat fish—sits on zee ice and eats fish. Then I not accept."

"You don't accept? What do you mean?"

"On, non. non. I does not accept. I was appointed to act as polar bear to zee funeral.

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NOTES ON MINING

The largest deposits of anthracite coal in the world are in Pennsylvania.

The largest mass of solid iron in the world is Iron mountain of Missouri.

The Banner quartz mine, Nevada County, California, has a record of gold production of about $2,000,000.

The Seattle, Wash., assay office since being established in 1898 has handled $100,159,030 in gold dust, principally from Alaska.

It is calculated that considerably over 15 tons weight of diamonds has been obtained from the diamondiferous of South Africa.

The American & Refining Co. has distributed a bonus of $200,000 among its employees in accordance to its profit sharing plan. Last year $91,000 was distributed. The larger distribution is due to the increased earnings.

In the Western Golusa county, California, natural gas escapes from a fissure in the side of a mountain. It has been confined and used in lighting up a hotel and furnishing fuel gas for the kitchen range. Of recent date it has been piped to a boiler and found in such quantity as to keep up a pressure of forty pounds of steam.

A large sandhill crane recently flew against the electric wires carrying the power from the Trukee River to the Comstock mines and shut off all power to the mines. The pumping plant and hoisting machinery in the mines were out of commission for over an hour. The bird had struck two of wires, forming a circut. It was burnt to a crisp and one of the copper wires, the size of a lead pencil, was burnt in two.

It would seem a risky speculation to invest in the rarer metals. One day they may be $100 or $500 an ounce, and the next day they may be placed on the market by the ton. Something like this has happened in the case of the once rare metal calcium. Calcium was first made in minute quantities by Humphry Davy. In the new process chloride of calcium is placed in a receptable and fused by electrolysis. An iron cathode forms basis upon which the molten calcium deposits itself, and once rare metal builds itself up into an irregular rod resembling a cabbage stalk. When the stalk has grown to the right length, it is chipped off and dipped in paraffin wax to preserve it from the action of the air. A curious point proved by the new process is that the metalic calcium is white and not yellow. So rapidly does it change its color—owing to the action of the air—from white to yellow that the white tinge has not previously been observed.

Near Kumara, in the greenstone district, New Zealand, a cute storekeeper of the town, passing a miner's hut near a gold dredge, was attracted by a large stone lying near by, which he suspected was greenstone. On chipping a few pieces off the boulder he found it to be pure greenstone, and on being weighed it turned the scale at three tons As the commodity is worth from 10 to 50 cents a pound, according to the quality, the find was a valuable one. It was afterwards split in two and found to be of excellent quality, netting the storekeeper a comfortable little fortune. For some time the dredge had one of her mooring lines tied to this stone, yet those on the dredge and others passing the stone day after day never imagined that the barren looking rock was of any value.

One of the largest electric generating companies in California has been organized at Ukiah, with a fully subscribed capital stock of half a million dollars. The new company will occupy the upper part of Potter Valley as a storage reservoir, and will utalize the waters of the Eel river for a generating current. It is contemplated to run a tunnel a mile and a half long through the mountains, bringing the water of the river to the head of the valley, and then give it a fall of 470 ft. into the motors which will generate the current of electricity. A plant 2,500 horse power will be installed at the earliest possible time, and this will be augmented as fast as the service lines shall have been carried to other places. It is expected that a full electrical supply can be furnished all coast towns and cities, and carried into the interior. The directors of the new company are F. D. Madison, San Francisco, W. F. Van Arsdale, H. B. Muir, R. F. Donahoe and W. P. Thomas of Ukiah. Muir is the lumber king of Mendocino county. The company is to be known as the Eel River Power and Irrigation Co. Ukiah will be the first city supplied with the current, and in addition to lighting the city electricity will be supplied for the purpose of operating the city's pumping plant.—Sunset Magazine.

The greatest masses of native copper known were extracted from the the old Minnesota copper mines in Michigan. The following report furnishes an idea of the immensity of one mass and its difficult exploitation. Besides the masses in the regular veins, which was also extremely rich at this point, they had taken only 40 or 50 tons out of the conglomerate. The footwall was perfect, as in the other case, and the stringers leading into the conglomerate were quite small and very lightly attached. But by trifling labor they uncovered a series of masses going up and down, with an eastward inclination, for the height of 70 or 80 feet, and going out of sight both above and below. It was at once apparent they had no conception of the immense thing which a few days' work disclosed At one convenient point they broke away behind the copper so as to get in a sand blast of five or six kegs of powder. Then they striped the mass farther and fired again, without result. Again they fired nine kegs, and the mass remained unmoved. Breaking the rock around for a considerable distance, 18 kegs were shot off without effect, and again 22 kegs and the copper entirely undisturbed at any point. After further clearing, 25 kegs were shot off under the copper, and it was thought with some effect. But a final blast of 30 kegs, or 750 pounds, was securely damped beneath the mass and fired. As soon as the hot air and powder smoke had time to clear away, a mass of copper some 45 feet in height and from three to five feet in thickness, apparently very pure, and which probably weighed 300 tons, had been shot out and was ready for cutting up. The blast had torn the immense body from its bed without exhibiting a sign of bending or cracking it in any place, so great was its thickness and its strength. It was torn off from other masses, which still remain in solid rock.

FINE CUT FACTS

Yorkshire has 115 clubs which have have been formed for the promotion of long-distance pigeon flying.

Society in Egypt, especialy Cairo, has a curious craze for being photographed in mummy frames.

The statues on the outer walls and in the corridors of the British Houses of Parliament number over 450.

In some Italian towns, instead of giving books as prizes in school, they give savings bank books, with a small sum entered to the credit of the prize winners.

What is said to be the only clock in London, or perhaps in the Kingdom without a face is at St. Vedast's Foster lane, which tells the time by a small bell.

RARITIES

The stamp was round It bore the plain inscription, British Guiana; two cents. There was no ornamentation on it of any kind.

A thousand dollars, said the dealer. The last one I sold brought twenty more than that. If you want it you can have it for a thousand. A bargain.

Thanks, said the collector, I'm not looking for bargains today.

The dealer produced another stamp Hawaiin Postage. Two cents, it said, and in the middle,, in a scrollwork square, the figure 2 appeared.

I can put no value on this stamp, the dealer said. Only four copies of it are said to be in existence. To say it is worth its weight in gold would be nonsense. It would be nonsense to say it is worth its weight in diamonds. Nonsense even to say it is worth its weight in radium. It is probably the most valuable stamp in the world.

He took down a New Haven stamp, attached to its original envelope.

These New Havens, he said. issued by the New Haven postmaster before the government began to issue postal stationery are very rare,. I sold a New Haven last year for $1300. Will you have this one at the same figure?

Not today, said the collector

Perhaps you'd like these two Mauritius, the Post Office Pair, the penny and the two-penny stamp? No collection is complete without the Mauritius Post Office pair. Their market price is $3,900.

The collector shook his head.

Then you'll excuse me, won't you? said the dealer. A red half-anna has just arrived from India and an insurance agent is waiting in my office to insure it. He insures all my stamps.

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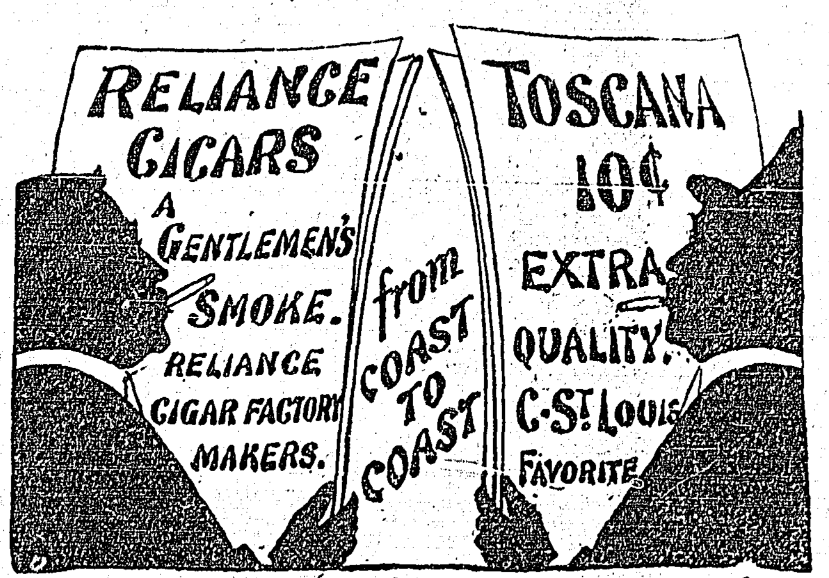

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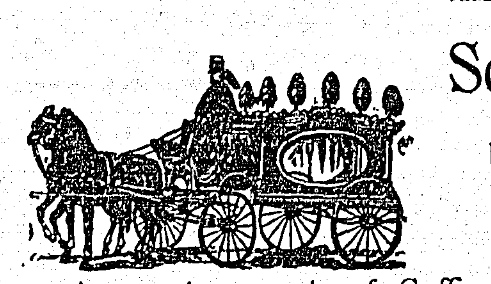

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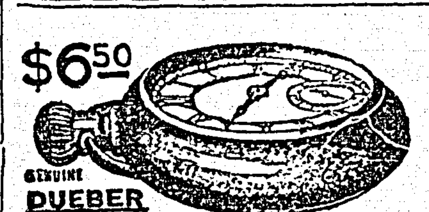

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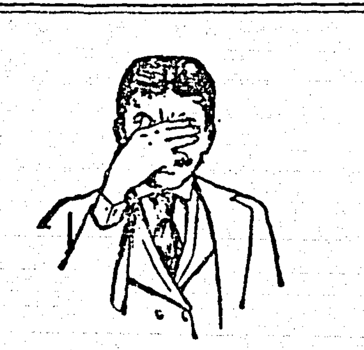

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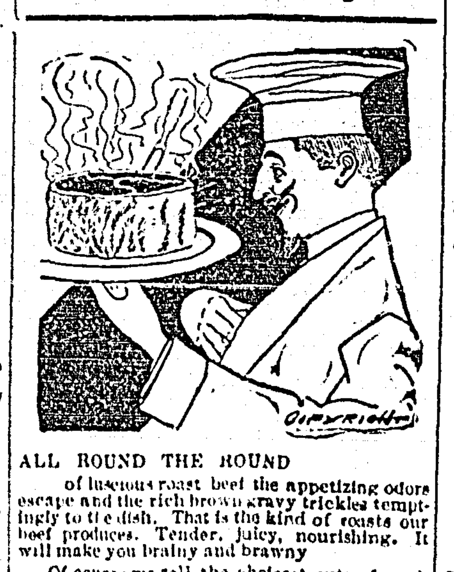

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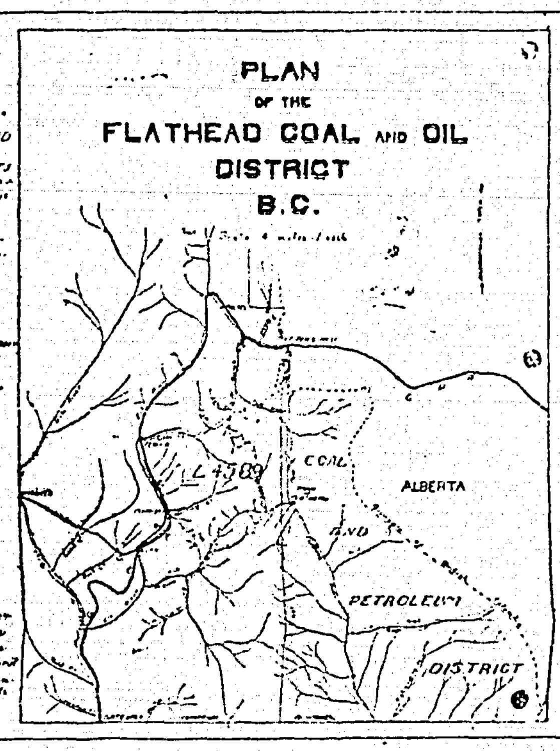

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James Gill accompanied Chief McMullin to Cranbrook yesterday.

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Geo. W. Carruthers can make you a suit of clothes that will just suit the picnic season.

The Coal Co, cottages have been improved by their contact with the paint brush.

The Royal Seal is one of the most celebrated cigars in B. C. Ask the barkeeper for one when next you line up to the bar.

The display of souvenir china in the Fernie Drug Store is a delight to the lovers of the beautiful.

The King Edward Hotel occupies a prominent position in Fernie only a step or two from the C. P. R. depot, and convenient to business houses in the city.

The Coal Co. is very busy just now with their water mains. The reservoir near the city will make a good swimming hole for the Slavs.

The Kootenay at Sandon has not locked the door for nine years. Right handy for strangers when they're out late, and cannot trade their thirst for anything.

The delivery team of the C. N. Trading Co. ran away yesterday and came to a standstill on the bank of the Elk. Probably they wanted a change of water.

The Hotel Strathcona at Nelson is crowded with tourists these days. This is little wonder as Colonel Tomkins has learned the art of making strangers feel at home under his roof.

Eastern Tourists

C K Hagedorn, wife and family of Berlin, Ont. were the guests last week of their old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. C Huntington. Mr. Hagedorn is a manufacturer of suspenders and has been out west to see the Portland fair and the scenic attractions. He was delighted with Portland and the way its citizens treat visitors. Mr. Hagedorn, who through his business does much to hold up the west is highly pleased with British Columbia and wonders how so many can keep away from it. The working of the coal mines near Fernie was a revelation to him, and before leaving he personally secured many kodak shots at the mines and mountains that surround the greatest coal town in the Rocky Mountains.

A Possible Vineyard.

Signor Stephen de Vita, of Sala Consilina, Italy, is at present in Victoria. The object of Signor de Vita's visit is to inspect on behalf of an Italian syndicate and report upon this country with regard to its suitability for vine culture and fruit farming and incidentally mulberry growing and silk-worm breeding. The proposition is to found on Vancouver Island an Italian agricultural colony for the purposes aforesaid, joined with the rearing of goats, especially Angora, the products of which in cheese and wool are an Italian specialty. The syndicate proposes first to inaugurate an experimental farm of about a thousand acres as the nucleus of an industry which it is hoped may eventually attain large proportions and form an outlet for the congested population of certain Italian agricultural districts. Mr. De Vita is now proceeding to New York to confer with his colleagues on the subject.

Not the Intercolonial

Big railroad accident on the Jimpown and Bunguille!

Give me a paper, boy. What was the accident?

Paid a dividend.—Cleveland Leader.

To Entertainment Promotors . .

Any entertainment of any kind at which an admission fee is charged and for which we have done the printing, will receive free notice in these columns, and if complimentary tickets are furnished THE LEDGE, a write-up of the occurrence will be given.

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Notice

We are authorized to announce that the

Ladies' Benevolent Society

will give an Entertainment in the Park, on Thursday Evening, August 3rd, for the purpose of raising funds in Aid of

The Children's Home,

of Vancouver.

LINDSEY IN TORONTO

From the Globe

Speaking of the mining interest in British Columbia, Mr. Lindsey states that they are much improved. Metalliferous mining was developing, he said, as indicated by work at the Granby smelter, which is now treating 1,900 tons of ore daily and will before the end of the month be treating 2,800 tons per day. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company has a contract with the Granby Smelter to deliver its entire requirements of coke for one year. It will require 400 tons per day.

A large production of ore is expected as the result of the reorganization of the Montreal and Boston Company. It is also hoped that the transfer of the War Eagle, Centre Star and St. Eugene properties to a new syndicate will largely increase tonage of these mines and consequently enhance the worth of the Trail smelter.

The business conditions of the province generally are good, said Mr. Lindsey. The lumber industry particulary is thriving, and the railroads are carrying large quantities into the Territories for building purposes. As a result the railroads are doing a large and profitable business. The difficulty we have experienced in getting cars brings this home to us rather forcibly.

How has the eight hour legislation affected the mining of coal? was asked.

With us, he replied, it has not been more than a grievance. On Vancouver Island, however, where the men enter the mines through shafts, the legislation has been a serious matter. The eight hour 'bank to bank' law has made the running of these mines impossible, and the older shafts of the Western Fuel Company have closed down.

Of the Crow's Nest property Mr. Lindsey said that conditions were never better. On the last day of June 4,000 tons of coal were moved.

We are now shipping coal from our mines to Seattle, he said, 600 miles across the Cascade Mountains, for the Northern Steamship Company's two new steamships, Minnesota and Dakota the largest in the Oriental trade. The Dakota makes her maiden voyage on July 24. It was the superiority of our coal that enabled us to secure this important contract. We produce about half the coal mined in British Columbia, where the output of all the collieries in 1904 was 1,685,698 long tons, an increase of 203,785 tons over the previous year. Our own lands could produce ten thousand tons per day for the next six thousand years and would not then be exhausted."

The expenditure of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and subsidiary companies on capital account for improvements this year will be $250,000, which amount does not include the cost of the new tipple. The new office building in Fernie, costing $28,000, will be completed by the end of September.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company property is 45 miles across from Carbonado on the west to the summit of the rockies, and the hardest coal is found to the west.

"At Carbonado," said Mr. Lindsey, "we are mining a semi-anthracite, which is nearly as good as Pennsylvania anthracite and quite free from the rock found in the same variety of coal found elsewhere in the west. This makes an excellent domestic fuel. Going east across our field you come to the summit of the Rockies, which is our eastern limit. On the east slope of the Rockies the bituminous coal appears to show a larger ash and lower fixed carbon till, passing through the lignite series in Alberta, they end in the low grade coal of the Souris area. The coals of Montana and Washington to the south of us are also of the lignite variety, which accounts for our supplying the Great Northern Railway System, where it runs through these States, with more than 1,000 tons daily. "In addition" said Mr. Lindsey, "we are making one thousand tons of coke daily, which supplies the smelters of British Columbia and Montana. The Amalgamated Copper Trust use a larger proportion of our coke at Anaconda than of others, and use it exclusively at their Great Falls smelter. The coke is in quality equal to the best Connellsville coke, which is standard,"

"No, we have no labor troubles," he added in reply to a question to that effect. "We have just signed a contract with our men for two years. Our wage scale is liberal, the men are a good class of miners, making good wages, mostly married men with families and are contented."

THE FUR BELT

Talking about fur, in the Minneapolis Journal, W. W. Jermane says:

The Hudson Bay company's men commit themselves to the wilderness The wife of the Governor of the Territories tells in her beautiful home in Regina, of her camping experiences. For five years she saw no white man except her husband. She lived in a tent, in crossing the Northwestern country, when it was so cold that the steam arising from boiling water would promply crystalize in the air of the tent.

Lord Strathcona, now the foremost man in Canada, and the Govenor of the Hudson Bay Company, was for thirty years one of its agents in Labrador. Lady Strathcona is a Cree Indian, or more strictly, about half Cree. The fur traders were the pioneers who opened the way for the settlement of the northwest, and many of the railroad towns today which are coming into activity in the new wheat era owe their start to the simpler needs of the period of "the gentlemen adventurers trading in the Hudson bay," to us its official title, still stamped on their wares.

Edmonton, the point furthest north reached by an American railway, connected with the other roads of the continent, has been a trading post for fifty years. The town today contains a low rambling loghouse which was used as the "hotel" in 1873, and is maintained as a relic of an age that is passed. The modern hotels here have electric lights and modern shower baths.

Half a million dollars' worth of furs are brought in here annually. This represents a vastly greater amount when the furs reach their destination and are prepared for market, since the Indians and halfbreeds who gather them in the northern wilds, receive but a small part of the ultimate price in payment for their efforts and privations. A trader here well expressed it when he said: There's a lot more money in furs than the Indian gets.

The unit of barter is a "skin" worth about 50 cents, and all trading is done on these basis, the more valuable ones being rated at so many skins according to their fineness and rarity. The goods which the halfbreeds and Indians take in exchange, are measured in these skins units, are extremely simple. Blankets come first, and tobacco is, perhaps, second. Tea and other groceries also figure, as well as guns and ammunition, and traps necessary to the pursuit of wild animals. Occasionally an Indian will get so extravagant as to buy some expensive article, for he is very improvident when he has, through peculiar good fortune, an exceptionaly fat pocketbook. One of them bought a piano not long ago in such a burst of opulence, drumming on it until he was tired and then decided to chop it to pieces to see where the sonnd came from. When the time came for him to return to the wilds for the coming hunt, the traders had to advance him the necessary supplies for the season.

Great simplicity prevails in the dealings between the responsible dealers and the aboriginal people, especially where they have not been contaminated by too much association with the white race, which is the case in this northern country. Not unfrequently the Indian will find an animal in the white mans trap; he will take the animal out, hanging its skin on a tree, and again setting the trap, thus doubling the strangers chance of gain, when there would not be the slighest evidence of theft were the simple red man to made off with the goods. A story was told here today of an Indian who came into a trading post and found it closed. He broke in, took a pair of trousers, setting against the place a fur which he regarded as sufficient payment. He took some tobacco and left some skins there, going around the post for his necessary supplies. He then left his remaining furs hanging there without a note or sign to indicate where they came from. It was full a year before he made himself known by returning to the post again, but so accurately are the books of the company kept that his original changes were understood and the value of his furs left on credit had been computed.

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Dated at Fernie this 20th day of June, 1905.

W. J. MOORE.

TIMBER NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Boundary Creek, West Kootenay District.

No. 1. Commencing about 10 miles west of Kootenay river at a post adjoining the northwest corner post of A. J. McGuire's No. 5 marked No. 1 E. Mallandaine northeast corner thence south 80 chains thence west along International boundary 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

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No. 3. Commencing at a post adjoining the northeast corner of No. 2, marked No. 3 E. Mallandaine southeast corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 4. Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 3, marked No. 4 E. Mallandaine southeast corner thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 5. Commencing at a post adjoining the southeast corner of No. 4, marked No. 5 E. Mallandaine northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence west along International boundary line 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning.

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Staked and dated June 30th.

E. MALLANDAINE
Agent for A. J. McGuire & Co.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on Boundary creek, West Kootenay District.

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No. 2. Commencing at a post due west 1 mile of the northwest corner of No. 1 marked No. 2 A. J. McGuire southwest corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post adjoining the southwest corner of No. 2, marked No. 3 A. J. McGuire northwest corner, thence south 80 chains, thence east along International boundary 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of beginning.

No. 4. Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 3, marked No. 4 A. J. McGuire northeast corner, thence south 80 chains, thence along International boundary west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 5. Commencing at a post due west 1 mile of the northwest corner of No. 4 marked No. 5 A. J. McGuire northwest corner, thence south 80 chains, thence east along International boundary line 80 chains thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 6. Commencing at a post adjoining the northwest corner of No. 5, marked No. 6, A. J. McGuire southwest corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

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R. E. McKECHNIE
July 12th, 1905. per J. B. Ferguson, agent

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R. A. WELSH
July 12th, 1905. per J. B. Ferguson, agent.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for licence to prospect for Coal and Petroleum on the following lands beginning at a post marked, "R. A Welsh's northwest corner" thence east one mile to the Elk river thence north one mile following the bank of the Elk river, thence west one mile, thence south one mile to point of commencement.

J. E. MILLER
July 12th, 1905. per J. B. Ferguson, agent.

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July 12th, 1905. J. B. FERGUSON.

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H. J. THORNE
July 12th, 1905. per J. B. Ferguson, agent.

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W. HART McHARG
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