

## LIFE IN FERNIE

Dan Alton was in the city last week. M. Young, of Lethbridge was in town last week.

W. Hoffman has recovered from his late illness.

It is reported that Spokane milk is to be sold in Fernie.

Mrs. Arnold Wallinger, of Cranbrook is in the hospital.

A bicycle for sale at a bargain. Apply at this office.

A. H. Wallbridge was here with cash registers this week.

L. P. Eckstein made a business trip to Nelson this week.

Wm. Handley is selling this week coal from Carbonado.

F. J. Mitchell will have his store plastered and remodelled.

Nearly 90 miners have built and will build in West Fernie.

Ralph Lawrence is clerking in a dry goods store in Golden.

J. L. Gates has been afflicted lately with a slight attack of pleurisy.

Willie Turner is much improved in health since he went to California.

D. V. Mott made a business trip to Elko and Daynes Lake last week.

A registry of the Supreme Court will be established at Fernie on April 1st.

A rock slide at the Loop east of Michel last Sunday delayed traffic for over a day.

E. Ennerson, of Spokane was in the city last week upon local railroad business.

A carload of trunks, valises and bags arrived in Fernie last week.

Bob Wade, Jimmy Sullivan and Chicky Kanouse have gone to work at Frank.

Mrs. Ralph Lawrence is on a year's visit to friends in Boston and Nova Scotia.

Respectable boarders wanted. Apply at Mrs. W. J. Davis, Palet avenue, next hospital.

Bargains in old newspapers at this office. Must be sold to make room for new stock.

A. M. Wilmut leaves today for Harrison where he will spend a few days at the springs.

Father Cocola has been 22 years in East Kootenay and is beloved by all his followers.

A Joyce has been appointed District Registrar of the Fernie Registry of the Supreme Court.

S. P. Dawson and his bride returned from the east last week, and will make their home in Fernie.

Mrs. R. Hammond and children have gone for a three months visit with Mrs. Reid at Pincher Creek.

Manager Bielly of the Medicine Hat hockey team was in Fernie last week on his way to the Coast.

Willie Miller was bitten in the face yesterday by a dog. The wound was cauterized by Dr. Corsan.

Otto H. Becker, travelling freight agent for the C. P. R. has just spent a week in Fernie on official business.

When the fire broke out at Coal Creek Jack Hunt ran nearly all the way from Fernie to the scene of the conflagration.

N. A. McKellar, who has been in New Westminster for several months will return next month, and it is said not alone.

If you want to buy a newspaper, printing plant, gasoline engine, road estate or old newspapers drop a line to the editor of this paper.

Miss Johnson returned to her home in Spokane last Thursday. For the past six months she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Tuttle.

The mine train pulled out on Sunday afternoon and left a coach laden with sightseers dead on the track. The sightseers should have walked or gone up by balloon.

Nat Darling came in with a rush last week, and filled the city with choice cigars and his cheery smile. Nat is the greatest drummer in the world from our point of view.

Don't fool with your duty to your family, but see to it that once that your next policy will be with the Mutual Life of Canada where you get 100 cents on the dollar of profits.

A convention of delegates from the various coal unions is being held in Fernie this week. The session will decide the future policy of the coal miners in this section and Alberta.

Manager Lindsay, of the Coal Co. returned from a six weeks trip in the east on Saturday, and witnessed the dying flames of the big Coal Creek fire. He will probably remain in Fernie for three months.

Charles Edwards of Cranbrook was in the city on Saturday. Charley does not feel at home in large cities. Like all frontier men he prefers a camp before it becomes too densely populated with pianos, canary birds, bolted shirts, prayer books and hypocrisy.

Large samples of Lubric and Lethbridge coal can be seen in the windows of the Fernie Cartage Co. Lubric coal comes from the Brickbridge and Lund

mine between Frank and Cowley, and is sold in Fernie at \$5 a ton. It is free from coke, clinkers, and runs low in ashes. The Fernie Cartage Co. have the agency for the sale of both Lubric and Lethbridge coal.

## A BOXING CONTEST.

Kid Scaler of Spokane, and D. McCarthy, of Coal Creek will box 15 rounds Marquis of Queensbury rules for a purse of \$100 hung up by T. H. Whelan. The contest will take place at Stork's Opera House on the evening of March 22nd, and the winner will take the stake and purse. A referee will be chosen at the ringide.

## CONTRACT AT FRANK.

Wm. Handley has secured the contract for supplying the sand and rock for the smelter buildings at Frank, and is sending four teams there this week to commence work. He is also shipping lumber to Frank for the purpose of erecting a livery stable at that town. Until it is running smoothly Mr. Handley will have charge of his Frank branch while his brother will look after the Fernie end of the business.

## A SLIGHT BLAZE.

The fire brigade had a run on Monday. Between the ceiling and the roof, the residence of E. H. Holmes caught fire from the stovepipe. No blaze could be seen, and water done the greatest damage. The captain of the Salvation Army, who is making quite a reputation as a fighter of material fire was on hand, and hoisted the water out with a shovel. This slight blaze plainly showed that practice is highly essential to the efficiency of a fire brigade. No one was drowned.

## STILL IN THE RING

Jack Overdorf, the fighter who lost in the sixth round of a scheduled 20 round fight with Jim Burrows in North Yakima last week, on a foul has issued another challenge to Burrows to fight for a side bet of \$500 either in Spokane or in North Yakima. Overdorf says that he has backing for \$2,000, all of which he is willing to put up. Burrows will leave for Fernie, B.C., this morning, and will return to Spokane next week, when the match will be made.—Spokane Review.

## ONE OF THE FIRST

Arnold Wallinger, late assayer for the North Star at Kimberley, was in the city last week. He is a mining expert of high merit and it is twenty years ago since he settled in East Kootenay and became interested in the first quartz mine of the district. He was in West Kootenay in '88 for a short time, but did not like that district owing to the difficulty of riding a horse through it. Mr. Wallinger's stories of Wild Horse and other points are exceedingly interesting to the lover of mining camp life. He thinks that the great copper mines in B. C. will be developed on White Fish creek and the country adjacent to it.

## CITY COUNCIL

Council met on Monday evening, minutes of previous meeting were adopted. Ald. Cree gave notice that at the next meeting he will introduce a bylaw to repeal Sec. 8 of bylaw 1. The hotel men with the hour of closing bars on Saturday extended to midnight. There was considerable discussion over the salary of the police magistrate. It was shown that the police court fines average \$800 a month. The salary was finally fixed at \$50 a month.

H. W. Hurelmer gave notice of introducing a bylaw to inflict a road tax of \$2 per annum upon all persons not otherwise assessed.

Some progress was made on by law No. 10. It relates to health and contains many pages of type written matter.

The Fernie Lumber Co. gave a price of \$14 a thousand on spruce and tamarac lumber.

The Elk Lumber Co. gave prices of lumber from \$12 to \$14.50 per M.

Ald. Tuttle reported on dumping ground, and Trites borrowing money.

## JIM WAS HERE.

Tamworth Wall dropped off a Pullman last week to see his brother Frank for a few hours. Jim is on his way from White Horse to spend a few weeks with his folks at Napanee, Ontario. After that he will come west again and probably grow up with a fortune and Vancouver. Jim spent several years of his frolicsome career around New Denver beloved by all. His laugh was always cheery and could be heard for 20 miles on a clear day. Jim went north three winters ago and made a small fortune which he had in his jeans last week. He states that White Horse and Dawson are not what they have been, and that the crowd is headed for Fairbanks. From what Jim says White Horse is not a desirable locality for farmers. In the middle of last July when the potatoes

## CONFLAGRATION AT COAL CREEK

had just got their noses about an inch above ground the frost hit the camp killed the spuds and made every rain barrel look like a skating rink. About the only things that can be successfully raised around white Horse are Cain and the fellow who opens a jack pot with two jacks. It is cold there once in a while and Jim says the thermometer once sank so low that even the parson gave it up and would not recognize it for a long time. However if Jim escapes from Napanee without an attack of matrimony he will come back with the flowers in May and dry up the rain in Vancouver with the sunshine of his merry smile, and the warmth of his winsome manner. "Good-bye, Jim, and take care of yourself."

## MINE MANAGERS PASS

NANAIMO.—At the recent examinations for coal mine managers, held at Nanaimo, Fernie and Cumberland, the following were successful and will be granted certificates according to their classification by the minister of mines:

First class—Elijah Heathcote, Norman Fraser and Robert Strachan.

Second class—A. Summerville, S. F. Webb, Thomas R. Jackson, Charles Grahame, Evan Evans, and David Neil.

Third class—William McLellan, R. H. Hodgson, James W. Jensen, John Doi, James Perry, Joseph Smith, John Weeks, David Crawford, C. M. Taylor, Duncan Thomas, A. G. Watson, John McAlpine, T. A. Spruston, W. A. Jones, Joseph Cook, Joseph Thomson and John Biggs.

The examiners were E. Priest, T. Boyce, Thomas Budge, A. Dick, F. H. Shepherd, Thomas Morgan and John Morgan.

## LOVES EXCITEMENT

The captain of the Salvation Army likes to be where there is excitement and something to eat. On Saturday night after the fire alarm was turned in the captain had just taken up the collection. He deposited his drum and tam, bounine on the street, asked God to take care of them, put the collection in his pocket, and on the mine train rushed to the scene of the conflagration. The drum beat its way back to the barracks and everything ended serenely.

## A NEW BUSINESS

Scott & Ross are adding an undertaking establishment to their other business. They have purchased a fine house, and a large stock of caskets, coffins and metallic linings which will enable the firm to preserve bodies for shipment to distant parts. An undertaking parlor will be opened in a short time, and Mr. Scott will take charge of all funerals.

One carload of supplies, including the horse, have already arrived and another car will be in shortly. A first-class embalming and undertaking parlor will be opened next week in the store formerly occupied by A. Mathison in the T. Beck block.

## QUITE A DIFFERENCE

At Fernie Galt, coal, the best article on the Western market for all domestic purposes, is delivered anywhere in the city limits for six dollars per ton. In Golden, coal from the Bankhead collieries, about eighty miles east of here on the C. P. R. is delivered to you at a price ranging anywhere from ten to twelve dollars, and you are in tremendously good luck if it is not half lime rock. Discrimination is all right in its place, but this is carrying it too far.—Golden Star.

## MICHEL IN SYMPATHY

Michel, B. C., March 4. Messrs. Hawthornthwaite, Houston, Williams, Davidson, McIlven, Henderson, Jones, Clifford, Fraser, McGowan, Stratford and Gifford, members of Provincial Parliament, Victoria, B.C.—Gentlemen: At a regular meeting of Michel Miners' Union, U. M. A., held on the above date, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That the members of this union, now assembled, would fall in our duty if we did not refer to and express our appreciation of the noble stand taken by you, gentlemen, in supporting the bill in favor of an eight-hour working day for smeltermen."

"We are satisfied that when the bill was drafted and presented, that you gentlemen gave it your careful consideration, and supported it upon its merits alone."

"We are of opinion, and feel that it is a duty incumbent on every voter who has the workman's cause at heart, to take a firm stand hereafter in the selection of a candidate to represent the cause of labor."

"Resolved, That we deprecate the action of the opponents of the measure, and particularly so those of Mr. William Ross, the present representative of the Fernie district."

"Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the Fernie Ledge, Nelson Tribune and Nelson News."

JOHN S. LAWRENSEN, President.

JAMES WYLIE, Secretary Michel Miners' Union, U. M. A.

TIPPLE AND TRESTLE BURN  
POWER HOUSE SAVED

## \$200,000 LOSS

Temporary Chutes Being Built  
For Shipping Coal

A disastrous fire occurred at Coal Creek, five miles from Fernie on Saturday evening causing a direct damage of \$200,000, upon which there is an insurance of about \$100,000. The indirect loss to the company may possibly run the figures up to nearly half a million. The fire broke out in the weigh house, and its cause will be investigated by the C. N. P. Coal Co. The last man left the weigh house at 5:15 p.m., and the doors locked and windows fastened. About two hours later Mr. Strachan noticed that something was the matter. He broke a window and saw a blaze near the steam coil, and tried to extinguish it with his coat, but had to run for his life, as owing to the oil saturated condition of the trestle the flames swept along almost faster than a man could run.

The fire burned 800 feet of trestle across the valley, tipple, weigh house, one stable, 75 mine cars, and coal, 6 railroad slack cars, 4 G. N. and 2 C. P. box cars, and the hoisting plants of No. 2 and 3 tunnels.

Owing to the destruction of the steam connections the electric lights went out, but in four hours through temporary arrangements they were again turned on, and the candles abandoned in Fernie.

The mouth of No. 2 tunnel caught fire but the flames were extinguished. No. 1 was saved by the use of explosives.

The saving of the power house was a grand and heroic piece of work that deserves the highest praise from every citizen of Fernie. Its destruction would have meant a direct and indirect loss to the company and this city of over a million dollars. Under the direction of chief engineer Wright and Andy Colville, G. C. Hodge and his telephone men, the train crew of the M. F. & M. Ry., Messrs. J. B. Turney, McDougall, the captain of the S. A. and others the building with its magnificent plant, the very heart of the entire works, was saved from the flames which looks to the writer as though Fernie was not always entirely out of luck. There should be nothing too good in the coal metropolis for the brave men who have saved this city from months of more than one kind of darkness.

At a conference of all the local officials of the company it was decided to make the best of the circumstances and produce all the coal possible by the use of horse power, jury machinery and other temporary arrangements. The material to replace the trestle, tipple, etc., has already been ordered, but it will be July before everything can be replaced. A temporary bridge will be thrown across the creek between No. 2 and 3 tunnels. No. 1, 5 and 9 will be worked with temporary chutes, although with a mine producing 2000 tons a day and many orders ahead it is easily seen the difficulty of keeping pace with the demand under the wrecked condition of necessary adjuncts to a large production.

Work is being prosecuted on the temporary chute on the No. 1 side of the valley, day and night, and a mine run of coal for the coke ovens will be going over it before Friday.

The officials are taxed to the utmost with the strain of the situation but expect to make quite a showing by the end of the week. A few miners are digging boiler coal in No. 9 No coal can be taken out of Nos. 2 and 3 until a temporary bridge is built over Coal Creek. The small bridge over Coal Creek was not destroyed.

The scene of the disaster has been visited by large crowds all week, many of whom were seeking work as carpenters and bridge men. Men are being put to work wherever it is possible for them to do anything. The wires in Fernie are kept hot with orders for supplies of all kinds, and on the surface Coal Creek is a great hive of activity.

The alarm was turned into Fernie about 7:40 p. m., Saturday evening. By 8 p. m. the mine train with Chief Engineer Wright and his corps of gallant fire fighters pulled out of the city at a furious speed, and reached the mines in 7 minutes. Attention was immediately given to the saving of the power house. It was a hard job with the flames shooting at them through the timbers of the tipple, backed by a stiff breeze, but there

was no flinching for the men behind the hose stood pat until the fire demon faded with quick consumption, and the S. A. captain above all the din waved his red banded cap, and ejaculated, "Praise the Lord."

Serious as the loss is by this great fire it carries with it one redeeming feature. Not a single life was lost, much in contrast to the other great calamity which not so many years ago killed Coal Creek with tears and broken hearts.

## WORK IN SMELTERS.

Smelter men must have read with amusement, if nothing more, the statement of one of the legislators at Victoria against the eight hour law that the employees really work five or six hours instead of twelve, and have their waiting rooms where they may retire and smoke and read their magazines during their hours of labor. Less than six months ago the Granby smelter management threatened any employee found reading a paper while on shift at their work here with instant discharge, and even the shift boss had to sneak in some out-of-the-way corner to read the war news. And there is not a job up there where the employee must not always be present to prevent anything going wrong, and every employee is personally responsible for his special department during every minute of his twelve hour shift, as the frequent ten days lay-off demonstrate.—Grand Forks Sun.

## LATEST BY WIRE.

Montreal, March 14th.—The Rat Portage hockey team defeated the Wanderers of this city in an exhibition game tonight by a score of 14 to 5.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—General Sukhomlinoff will probably succeed General Kuropatkin.

Tokio, March 14.—The newspapers here scoff at the idea of the [Czar] raising a new army of 400,000 men in a short time.

## THE ZINC SMELTER

Nearly 100 men are pushing work on the building of the zinc smelter at Frank. The foundations for the boiler and engine rooms are laid and work has commenced upon the foundations of the main buildings. These buildings will be 80 feet wide and 350 feet in length. Winchester & Wriglesworth, of Fernie, have a contract for most of the brick and stone work. The smelter will require five high chimneys, and is being built under the direction of Thomas Jones, the father of the zinc industry in British Columbia.

## SWEET WORDS ABOUT ROSS

In a letter from a correspondent in Victoria the following appears:

Respecting the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, very favorable comment has been made, both in and out of the House, on the manner in which the mover, Mr. Ross (Fernie) acquitted himself, and on the marked way in which he is fulfilling the high promise he showed in the House last session. Mr. Ross holds the responsible position of Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, and in that capacity has already this session done the country excellent service by weeding out a number of those useless and often injurious pieces of private legislation, which, if not carefully attended to, are apt to delay business and harm public interests.

In moving the second reading of the bill to carry out the agreement respecting the incorporation of the City of Fernie, the Premier took occasion to refer in very complimentary terms to the marked and rapid growth of that city. It was owing, he said, to this satisfactory development that the bill now before the House had become necessary, in order to give effect to an agreement, agreeable to both parties, already made between the city and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.

## NEVADA.

A dispatch from Tonopah is to the effect that McLean and McSweeney have been awarded the contract to build a railroad from Tonopah to Goldfield. The work will commence within the next ten days and will be finished in four months. The road will be between seven miles long. It is not settled yet whether the road will go to Diamondfield, as at first planned, or direct. The probability is that the Diamondfield camp will be taken in on the route.

A company, possessed of unlimited capital and backed by some of the leading mining men of America, has just secured control of the Richmond and Con Eureka mines, two of the leading properties in Nevada, located at Eureka, in the eastern portion of the state. The deal was made through the agency of Mr. Giroux, now of White Pine county, but formerly interested with Senator Clark in the copper properties around Jerome, Arizona.—Nevada State Journal.

## ALONG THE CROW

## EAST KOOTENAY MINING

(From Fort Steele Prospector).

Work will shortly be resumed at Bull River.

Development work is shortly to commence on several Wild Horse creek properties. These properties were accounted rich several years ago.

Great activity prevails in the Kimberley district. The Sullivan Group Mining Company, composed of Spokane people is doing fine work on its property.

The general preparatory work now going on at wild Horse creek continues to be satisfactory. It is expected that the placer season will open about March 30th.

All indications point to an unusually active season in the mining camps around Fort Steele, with more men at work and more new and old properties developed and worked than for many years before.

The Imperial Coal & Coke company which owns an extensive area of coal lands at Fording River, has found that certain of its seams carry a good grade of gas coal. Tests show a production of about ten thousand cubic feet per ton, which would qualify this coal for gas production when the western country needs gas.

## CRANBROOK

(From the Herald.)

A picture of Cranbrook's court house and government office should grace the walls of parliament. They are the worst in Canada today.

John McNeill, Jim Hickman and J. McDonald, who have been working all winter on the old Ridgeway tunnel on the upper Moyie, are making their cleanup this week and it is reported that they will make a good showing.

As soon as the smelter at Marysville flows in it will be necessary to put in a daily service on the Marysville branch, and the people are praying that sufficient accommodation will be given the passengers so that they can get some return for the fare paid.

The license commission met today in Cranbrook. Ed. Hill of Moyie, W. Edwards and A. Doyle of Cranbrook, members were present with chief Inspector McMullin, of Fernie. There were three new applications, L. Chenette, for Fort Steele Junction, and J. S. Carroll and W. Forsyth for Kimberley. All three were refused. In the application for Fort Steele Junction there were protests from the lumber companies located there. In the Kimberley applications the board held that there was no demand for any additional hotel there at this time.

## MOYIE

From the Leader

Mr. and Mrs. Dill, who run a dairy north of town, had the misfortune to lose three of their cows this week. The cows were poisoned in some unaccountable manner.

Twenty-four thousand dollars was distributed yesterday by the St. Eugene company as the payroll for the month of February. This is \$1,000 less than was paid out on the tenth of last month. The difference is on account of February being a short month and the closing down of the mine for a day or two.

The regular semi-annual election of the Moyie Miners Union No. 71 was held last Saturday and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Chas. Hastings, President;  
John Morrison, Vice-President;  
Thos. Kelly, Financial Sec'y;  
James Lemmon, Recording Sec'y;  
John Blackburn, Treasurer;  
John Powers, Conductor;  
Phillip Summers, Warden,  
Trustees—Wm. Stephenson, Ed. Walsh, Alex. Cameron, John Kirk, Dan B. Sullivan.

Finance committee—Con. Lynch, J. P. Hennessey, G. A. M. Young.

## BLAIRMORE.

From the Times

The new head officials of the Frank Miners' Union are R. Llewlin, president and J. A. McDonald, secretary.

The International Coal & Coke company, at Coleman, has now 75 miners at work and about 50 men on repair and construction work and this force will be largely added to in the new future. The main entry on this property is now in on the coal vein a depth of 8,000 feet and gives a vertical depth on the coal of 325 feet

below the main entry, will give plenty of room for miners and allow of the management largely increasing the output. At present the company is working but the one shift are getting out for shipment some 300 tons of coal per day. The output of these mines from now on need not be limited by the facilities for handling and loading the output after it leaves the mine as they have a most complete and up-to-date plant capable of easily handling 2000 tons of coal per day. The elevator at the tipple can hoist and load into the bins 150 tons an hour, while the compressed air locomotive, that handles the cars from the mine to the tipple can easily handle that amount of coal to the tipple. The output of coke from this property will soon again reach 125 tons per day, as about half the coke ovens are already making coke and the balance of them will all be in operation by next week. The electric larry cars, which are used for bringing the slack coal from the tipple to the coke ovens and also in charging the ovens, is in operation and giving every satisfaction. The best of harmony prevails between the company and their employees, and a contract has been entered into between them that does away with any fear of trouble for some time to come.

## COPPER

Thomas Lawson in his last installment on Frenzied Finance, has this to say about copper mines.

It requires, even today, with all of today's facilities and rush, \$5,000,000 in money and five years of spending it, after a copper deposit has been found, before it can be made to yield returns.

## UNCLEAN MILK

For the benefit of those who drink milk the following remarks by professors are printed.

C. L. Smith, editor of the Inland Farmer, spoke on the "Economic Feeding of Domestic Animals." He compared the modern stock raising with the old-fashioned, and showed that as close watch should be kept over the amount of food given the animal as is kept over the amount of coal that is fed to a locomotive.

Professor E. E. Elliott, in charge of the agricultural department at Pullman spoke on the "Good and Bad Bacteria in Milk," and said in part: "The common idea that all bacteria in milk are bad is a mistake. Under certain conditions pure milk contains a certain amount of bacteria, which come from plants and other herbage, and is not harmful. As a rule the milk that comes from a cow in an unclean stable, or which is milked by an unclean person, contains bacteria which is full of disease. There is milk, though, which might contain from 50,000 to 1,000,000 bacteria and not be harmful. The harmful bacteria do not usually come from the cow herself, but are caused by conditions which surround the animal."

"An arrangement should be made whereby no dairymen be allowed to sell milk which comes from a poorly arranged stable or one in an unsanitary or dirty condition. The agricultural college professors have proven to the dairymen beyond a doubt that it is not only unprofitable to produce milk under unsanitary conditions, but that it would add largely to the profits if stables were kept clean and pure milk produced."

## BURIED TREASURE.

Tuttleton Tuolumne county, has a "buried treasure" story that has been revived of late and the finding of which would make someone comfortable for life. In the early fifties, when the rush of gold seekers flocked to Mormon Creek among them was "one who afterwards became known as 'Old Man Campbell.' He built a cabin at the point where Long Gulch meets the creek, which at that time was very rich and is said to have yielded \$2,500,000. The old man who remained on the creek over forty years was industrious, always being at work and very thrifty, never spending anything more than for clothes and the necessities of life, says the Mother Lode Magnet. From his cabin he had a view up and down the creek a quarter of a mile on each side, and when at work he never got beyond the limit, always keeping the building in sight. If anyone approached it, he would stop work, return home and keep watch until the party left. About ten years ago he was found dead in his cabin. After his death it was reported that he had \$70,000 worth of gold buried near his place. He is said to have shown one nugget that weighed 82 ounces. His cabin was torn down and the ground around it staked and \$3,000 worth of gold found. Of late several parties, some of them with diving rods, have been working around the site of the old cabin trying to run on to the balance of the buried treasure.

The King Edward has become one of the best known hotels in East Kootenay.



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### CREED AND CANADA.

CANADA has been shaken from sea to sea over the separate school question, and the life of Laurier's party looked for a while as though it had quick consumption. In order to escape the frost Laurier has had the bill modified, and the danger of rebellion has faded to a faint flush. Just as long as the church seeks to dominate the schools of the Dominion we will have discord and expense. There should be one national school all over Canada, and only one language. A nation divided will always be subject to heart failure. Let the children of Canada study in one school, and get their creed at home or in the particular church to which their parents adhere. Separate schools are a matter of unnecessary expense and tend to breed hatred and strife amongst children. In addition to this separate schools are granted to Protestants and Roman Catholics we must in justice grant the same privilege to Jews, Mormons, Greek Catholics and the many other creeds found in Canada. To be a free country, ungoverned by the force of might all shades of religious opinion must be respected and have equal rights.

Laurier stated that schools without dogmatic teaching are nurseries of crime. For such a clever man to make such a wild statement shows the inflated from whence he draws his inspiration, and like a flash we can see the narrow streak in the gray matter of his upper workings. It is the same with nearly all men who have had their intellects cramped in youth by dogmatic teaching. All over the world denominational education of any kind is conducive to ignorance, hatred, tyranny and crime. The national school system is the parent of freedom, intelligence and morality.

Morality is a thing apart from religion. A man may be without belief in any creed, dogma or religion, and yet be the most moral and high-minded citizen in the community, or he may pray every hour, and repent every day, and be a Satan personified. The Christian world is full of churches and schools teaching forms of worship almost without number while the village is poor indeed where some theological exponent does not drum trade for his route to heaven. In spite of all our boasted civilization, our churches, our creeds, and our brainy persons the Christian world is deeper today in the mire of sin than it was before the rise of Judaism and the birth of Him who came to save the world. Christ is needed today more than He was 2000 years ago, especially in such places as Ottawa. In America the jails, lunatic asylums and dens of infamy are full to repletion, while moral, social, financial and political corruption never sleeps. Examine the register of every police station, jail, asylum and poorhouse in the land, and you will find more than 99 per cent of the inmates are adherents of some denominational religion. In the light of all these facts we think that wise men will admit that it is time the world changed its systems of religious teaching, and introduced something that will make us all good. Man as a rule wishes to be good, but how can he be so when he is taught in his youth that no matter what he does he is sure of heaven, provided he loves Jesus, and gets sorry, even after the clock strikes eleven.

### THE CURSE OF PAP.

PAP is the greatest curse of politics in Canada. The majority of voters support the party for what there is in it, and not for any particular principle or love for the greatest good to the greatest number. Nearly everybody is after the dollar, and that is what they vote for. The present government at Ottawa is a hybrid affair. It has some planks of its own and some from the Tories. To hold votes it is free trade in some sections, and protective in others. It runs useless ads in papers that lie for it, and wastes public money in order to keep graters from getting sore throats. Pap should be eliminated from politics entirely, and the government

run entirely on business lines. When we arrive at that stage political corruption will become very lean. Politicians should be educated in the profession of politics just the same as men study law, medicine, etc. No man thinks of making a success of any other profession without years of toil and study, yet almost any Yahoo or cheap-raised Canadian will bump into the political arena and think he is it. Politicians should be honest, educated, clever and above bribery. In Canada they are just the reverse. Their great aim is to feather their nests and help their relatives at the expense of the country. No gentleman will descend to such dirty tactics, but it is the rule, and not the exception in Canada.

A City divided against itself must fall.

MOVIE will soon have a night of tears. A local minstrel company is about to perform in that camp.

LARGE numbers of Russian Jews have settled in the west. Soon as they learn Canadian they will probably be asking for separate schools.

A woman in Boston has invented a whipping machine for wife beaters. It whips a man without inflicting any permanent injury, and should come into universal use.

A VANCOUVER man recently married a woman he saw in a dream. This is the latest way of getting a wife, and should appeal to students of physis phenomena.

A BAPTIST church, burned down in Calgary the other day. This is doubly strange as one would not think that God would destroy a temple in which water is such a strong factor.

The birthday of the saint who drove the snakes out of Ireland will be celebrated on Friday. The birthday of the saints Walker, Sengram and others who drove the snakes into Canada are celebrated every day.

PERCY Gidenrath has again hit the trail. This time it is for the Week, a lively publication of Victoria. Percy is the well-known author of the Romance of Poplar Creek and other stories, and should eventually do well in this country.

In Toronto a dog has been exempted from taxes for the balance of his life because he gave the alarm when an hotel was on fire. The wave of generosity has at last reached Toronto. Fernie would have appreciated such a dog last April.

The city council has money to burn for a write-up in a gilt paper on the Coast, but not a cent for the local piper. That is the way some people build up a town. Send he cash out of town and expect the local papers to puff the city for nothing, except at a loss.

The papers have recently been full of reports about Jim Wardner being surrounded by Indians in Mexico. Probably the red men came out of the mesquite and attacked Jim. The pulque and mesquite in Mexico is always full of Indians especially to those who have been brought up on bourbon.

As a rule women buy in the cheapest market. If a Jap or Chink will sew, wash, or cook cheaper than white labor, nine out of ten women will give their work to the brown and yellow boys. Even if working for their own living women have little regard for those who slave in other spheres of labor. Price rules and not sentiment.

IN OHIO the natives can swallow almost anything. A two year old child in that state swallowed a doll, fully dressed, and coughed it up after a few days without receiving any damage. If that child grows up and comes to Canada it should have no difficulty in swallowing that story about the Grand Trunk Pacific starting work in B. C. this summer.

MANY theatrical companies that charge 10 and 25 cents admission at the Coast raise the prices from 50 cents to \$1 when they saw the air in Fernie. The majority of the actors are only proficient in gait, and would make better muckers than exponents

of the dramatic art. As a rule, they have little else in their upper stapes except cigarette smoke, and know as much about literature, as a stork knows about the political economy of the early Romans.

CANADA should be careful as to the kind of immigrants it allows in the country. You cannot make cream out of the contents of a slop bucket any more than you can build a great country out of the scum of Europe. We want plenty of emigrants in Canada but nothing that will lower the grade of the people already here. Cheap foreign labor is not wanted, and those who settle on our lands must be the right sort if we would be free from trouble in the future.

THE Nelson Tribune says that the McBride government narrowly escaped destruction over the school bill because some of its supporters prefer playing poker to attending to their duties in the House. This is a terrible state of affairs. The fate of a government hanging upon the fact that some of its members could not get cold feet and break away from the hypnotism of a jackpot. If poker is so dangerous to the stability of a government McBride should pass a bill prohibiting all members from handling the chips while they are on shift in Victoria.

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## ARSENIC EATERS

It is rather surprising to find confirmed arsenic eaters among the lumbermen of the North woods of Canada writes a Quebec correspondent of the New York Sun. It appears that a middle aged foreigner, who passed for a Galician and worked as an expert axeman in one of the shanties, attracted the attention of his fellows by his youthful appearance, freedom from sickness at all times, and ability to endure fatigue and to keep his wind upon long tramps through deep snow, or in the teeth of gales.

He attributed these virtues to the use of a tiny bit of white substance with which he dosed himself three or four times a week. The name he gave the stuff, hidrak, communicated nothing of its character to the others.

Adventurous companions were soon willing, indeed anxious, to buy the drug from the owner, but found they could obtain only a minute portion at a time. They were strictly cautioned as to the use of it, and began with a little morsel the size of a pin's head. Gradually the dose was increased until double that amount was taken. The Galician himself took a bit the size of a large garden pea.

All the men who had been questioned report that the first dose produced burning pains in the stomach, sore mouths, vomiting and feverishness. When these symptoms passed a feeling of exhilaration and strength was experienced, and greater zest was added to the appetite.

It was noticed that when the grip became epidemic in its intestinal form the hidrak eaters, and they alone, escaped its ravages altogether. So with other ailments. The fame of the medicine consequently spread in the district.

Andrak Minskine, the Galician was the only source known for the drug and though his charge was high, he was not at all anxious to dispose of any of it. The probabilities are that he had in some surreptitious manner, obtained possession of a large quantity of the drug in his own land, and feared lest he should not be able to get more in this country.

Men who used it for some time found that without it they became subject to violent palpitation of the heart, depression and irritability. The craving for it would not be satisfied.

So long as they used it the most intemperately disposed had no desire for

intoxicating liquors. They experienced again all the buoyancy of youth, their countenance had all the bloom of health. They could work without fatigue. The most quarrelsome among them had no desire to be unamiable.

As it happened, one of these men had a warm regard for the medical man, who attended his family, and told him of the precious drug he had discovered. The doctor looked into the matter and found that the man was an arsenic fiend, who in his two year's use of the drug had trained himself to take something over six grains daily of pure arsenious acid—more than a deadly dose to one not habituated to its use. Most of the men used a similar quantity daily, or every other day, as the case might be, as each one felt the need of it. The doctor has taken steps to put a stop to arsenic eating in that neighborhood.

There is a stream in Cumberland in Great Britain, which still bears its ancient name of Whitbeck, or the Brook of Wisdom, which contains arsenic in appreciable quantities. The water is fatal to fish and ducks soon die if allowed regular access to it. The children living near it are said to be remarkable for their rosy faces and the people for their extreme longevity.

In Northern Ontario or New Ontario as it has come to be called, there is a deep lake which seems to possess some what similar properties. Though of great clearness, it contains no fish, and is never visited by fowl. A family living near the outlet of this lake attracts the attention of the hunters who pass that way because of the beautiful complexion of the children and the mother. An amateur chemist thinks he has discovered traces of arsenic in the lake, and the writer has no doubt that all the members of that beautiful family are unconscious arsenic eaters.

A little while ago one of the boys was sent to a boarding school near Sault St. Marie, where he sickened mysteriously and died, the doctors thought of nostalgia, but more probably from being suddenly deprived of the arsenical water which he had been all his life accustomed to use.

The State of Illinois has an appropriation of \$5,000 to feed the birds of the state during the winter. This act speaks volumes for the refinement and humanity of the good people of Illinois.

### A CONFUSION OF WIVES.

Occasionally this excess of wives in Utah leads to amusing consequences, as when one of the apostles invited a visiting gentile to dinner. The guest lost the address, and looked up the apostle in the directory. He observed that his hostess, though she answered to the proper name, seemed unprepared for him, and presently he heard her at the telephone. "Oh Emma! Is John living at your house, this week? Is he expecting somebody to dinner today? Very well. The gentleman will be there in a few minutes." Then, returning to the stranger she handed him a paper slip. "You came to the wrong house sir. This is the address you want." On another occasion, a little girl came running into the parlor while a visitor was calling. "Mama, mama papa wants his suit case packed. He is going to live with Aunt Emma this week."—Leslie's Monthly.

### THEY'RE EVERYWHERE.

This most foolish creature that lives in the air and force the first sheep to jump over it, you can withdraw the stick and every other sheep in the flock will jump just as high when he comes to that place, without asking any questions. Now there's a great many sheep, men and women in Denison; they have no minds of their own, they will follow any fool that comes along. Get one started and the rest are sure to follow. One woman in Denison can set the fashion for the entire town. Everybody wants to have something just like hers. It is the spirit of envy which prompts women to follow the fashions. They can't bear to have their neighbors dress better than they do, and they won't either if they can help it, and to carry out their foolish notions a great many men have to suffer and keep their noses to the grindstone.—Denison Gazette.

### Ways of Modern Plunderers.

The amazing statement was made before the City club of New York recently that while the aggregate nominal capital of all the companies which entered into the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York in 1884 was \$17,000,000 on the same day of the consolidation this capital was raised to \$39,000,000, although no capital was contributed to the consolidated company except that which was transferred to it by the several constituent companies. In other words, \$22,000,000 was made in a day by those who manipulated the combination, and on this vast amount of water the citizens of New York who patronize the gas company must pay

interest, for all the Consolidated Gas company's stocks and bonds sell above par and pay good rates of dividends or interest. One of the constituent companies was allotted \$7,500,000 of the new capital stock, though the entire amount its stockholders had paid into the company was \$750,000 and they had taken out of it in dividends during the fifty years of its existence over \$15,000,000—that is, they had received their original investment back twenty times over.—Leslie's Weekly.

### Causes of Nervous Prostration.

Believe me, said a Spruce street physician who makes a specialty of treating nervous disorders, it isn't overwork that superinduces nervous prostration. The men who succumb to nervous strain are not the men who work continually under high pressure. The man who has no relaxation has no time to brood over his health, and brooding is fatal to a man whose nerves are high strung. If a man is constantly busy in mind from morning until night he isn't in any danger of nervous trouble. It's only when he relaxes and gives himself a certain amount of leisure that he is in danger. A man is a good bit like a piece of machinery. It's the relaxation that tells. Take Russell Sage, for instance. He celebrated his 88th birthday today, and he is in the harness all the time. Should he give up even a part of his daily routine the probabilities are that he would be a dead man in six months. The man whose nerves trouble him is the man of comparative leisure. Philadelphia Record.

### TRUE AS GOSPEL.

The dollar or that hundred dollars which you have in any way benten some fellow out of will do you mighty little good. You may think so and feel richer thereby, but there is a power that evens up things in this world, and what you gain in wealth by dishonest methods will be lost in some way. Things are measured back to you in about the same measure you use. Make it your inviolable rule to deal honestly with everyone. It will pay.—Brownwood Banner Bulletin.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reservation established in pursuance of the provisions of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act," 1894, and which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, and 5th June, 1896, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

Crown lands situated within the area embraced by the said reservation will be open to sale, settlement, lease or other disposition, under the provisions of the "Land Act," three months after the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette; provided, however, that in all cases where lands are so sold, presented, leased or otherwise alienated by the Government and are subsequently found, upon the survey of the Columbia and Western Railway Company's blocks, to be wholly or in part within such blocks, then the persons so acquiring such lands shall acquire their title thereto from the Railway Company, who have agreed to deal with such purchasers, pre-emptors, leasees, etc., on the same terms and conditions as the Government would under the provisions of the "Land Act," except in respect to timber lands on the Company's blocks, which shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Company relative to the cutting of timber on the Columbia and Western Railway Land Grant.

**W. S. GORE,**  
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works  
Lands and Works Department,  
Victoria, B.C., 23rd February, 1905.

## NOTICE OF TRANSFER

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Fernie for a transfer of my liquor license for the premises known as the Queen's Hotel situated on Lot 10, Block 2, in the said City from myself to William A. Ross.

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## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY

In the matter of the petitions of R. G. Edwards, Leckie, Frank W. Peters, Guy H. Kirkpatrick, and Sir Charles H. Tupper, under Section 9, of "The Coal Mines Act."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above mentioned parties have filed petitions to the Judge of this court to decide disputes as to the right or title to prospect for and to mine coal in certain lands, that is to say:

Situate in East Kootenay on the east side of the Flathead River, on Oil or Sage Creek and from about 2 to 3 miles north of the International Boundary Line. Description of land staked by the aforesaid R. G. Edwards, Leckie, Frank W. Peters, Guy H. Kirkpatrick, and Sir Charles H. Tupper, as follows:

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See our window for the finest and most up-to-date stock of glass ware ever shown in Fernie. We did not steal them but the prices would almost indicate that.

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These "uncalled for" goods are at the Express Office at Fernie.

SUIT—1863 worth \$15.00 will sell for	\$5.00
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The Express Agent has had instructions to change the C.O.D. to our advertised selling price. The goods are all custom made and rare bargains.

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**NOTICE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd. will be held in the Head Office of the Company, Nos. 35-37 Manning Avenue, Toronto, on Monday the 3rd day of April, 1905, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to receive the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1904, to elect Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be transacted at a General Meeting of the Shareholders.

Dated, Toronto, Canada, this 17th March, 1905.  
G. S. LINDSEY, Secretary.

**Dissolution of Partnership**

THE partnership heretofore existing between J. F. Spalding and Robert Strathern, as photographers, has, this day been dissolved by mutual consent. J. F. Spalding will collect all accounts and pay all liabilities.

Fernie, March 7, 1905. J. F. SPALDING  
R. STRATHERN

**An Easy to Take Emulsion**

To the many people who may require a course of treatment with Cod Liver Oil we would recommend our EMULSION with the hypophosphites of Lime and Soda.

It has none of the "fishy" odor, is pleasant to take, and on account of the special process by which it is emulsified, it is easily absorbed by the weakest stomach.

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**Price, 60c a bottle**  
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**ALL ROUND THE ROUND**

of luscious roast beef the appetizing odors escape and the rich brown gravy trickles temptingly to the dish. That is the kind of roast our beef produces. Tender, juicy, nourishing. It will make you brainy and brawny.

Of course we sell the choicest cuts of veal, lamb, pork, etc., also. But just now we are talking beef. Beware of our offerings.

**CALGARY CATTLE CO., LTD.**

**ADDITIONAL LOCALS**

E. J. Cann closed his store on Saturday.

West Fernie is full of bustle and business.

Blundell gives three dozen new-laid eggs for \$1.

Suddaby has a complete range of fishing tackle.

Stop at the Queen's Hotel when in Trout Lake City.

Sewing machines to rent at the B. C. Furniture Company.

In Fernie the slowest thing on wheels is a house a-moving.

S. R. hand tailored clothing have no equal. See F. J. Mitchell.

For that tired feeling drop into the King Edward and swallow a Collins.

An hotel license has been refused to Mr. Caravetta, and his \$200 refunded.

In Fernie death is on the trail of every dog which does not carry a tag.

Fernie's best dressers wear Semi-Readys finished up by F. J. Mitchell.

R. Strathern has sold his interest in the photograph business to J. F. Spalding.

J. F. Spalding has bought R. Strathern's interest in the photographic business.

Contractors are busy making estimates for the Crows Nest Trading Co's building.

The licence for the Queens Hotel was transferred from A. P. Chenette to Ross Bros.

John Peterson has purchased the wood business formerly carried on by J. S. Beckitt.

We buy, sell or exchange new or second hand furniture. The B. C. Furniture Company.

Large numbers of settlers from Washington are passing through Fernie on their way to Alberta.

The old Hotel Fernie building is being changed into a number of sample-rooms for the use of the drummers stopping at the new Fernie.

At the Kootenay Saloon in Sandon you do not need an introduction to get a drink. Put the price on the bar and the mixer will do the rest.

Hugh Tucker, who drives the team for P. Bfrns & Co. knows how to keep horses from looking seedy. His team is one of the best groomed in the city.

The many friends of James Nicholson will regret to learn that his wife died on March 6th, in Spokane. Mr. Nicholson is proprietor of the Delmonico restaurant in Spokane.

The big fire at Coal Creek did not effect the spring suits now being made by J. C. Hutchison. He always has room for one more order, but do not leave yours to the last minute.

As usual the newspapers are being asked to puff the Dominion Exhibition in this province for glory. Glory is great stuff but it cannot be cashed at any bank that we have ever run against.

Mott, Son & Co. have been appointed agents for the sale of Spyglass Mining stock. This is one of the promising properties of the celebrated Lardeau district and is eleven miles from Poplar.

The Great Northern train now leaves Fernie at 9:45 a. m., and returns at 9:15 p. m. Passenger traffic is very heavy over this line and the outgoing freight from Fernie often amounts to 50 cars a day.

Safety first, profits next. These factors for 35 years have placed the Mutual Life of Canada as the true policy holders company in which to insure. Just investigate by calling on the agent at the Hotel Fernie.

L. Atkinson of the Fernie Cigar Store has added an English billiard table to his club room much to the delight of the many players of English billiards in this city. The table was made in Toronto.

The Todd block is one of the finest in Fernie. It is 60x60 feet with stone walls, and a basement. The Eagles and Miners Union have handsome halls in the upper storey, and the block is valued at \$12,000.

D. J. Robertson & Co., Nelson have received several carloads of spring and summer furniture recently that they are selling at prices compatible with the financial pulse of the country. Drop a line and catch their prices.

S. Slinn will soon make extensive improvements at his store in the Beck block. He will add an ice cream parlor, and soda water fountain. His father, S. B. Slinn will assist him. Slinn, Sr. was in business at Ottawa for 34 years.

**Lent is now here**

I can supply all requirements in the way of Salt and Canned Fish

**Salt Mackerel**  
**Salt Herring**  
**Holland Herring**  
**Whole Codfish**  
**Boneless Codfish**  
**Shredded Codfish**

Canned Herring, Herring in Tomato Sauce, Mackerel, Haddie, Smelts, Kipperd Herring, Sardines, Shrimps, Oysters, Blue Point Oysters, Anchovy Paste, Caviar, Bloater Paste, Lobsters, Salmon

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**Grand Hotel, Spokane**  
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Rates: 75c to \$2.00 per day

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FAST HORSES HANDSOME CARRIAGES  
Careful drivers furnished when required.

Teaming, draying and packing promptly attended to. Safes and pianos carefully handled. Supplies sent by pack-train to the Flathead or any part of the mountains.

Baggage transferred to any part of the city day or night. My city bus meets all trains.

I have the sole agency in Fernie for the sale of the coal of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., and the price per ton delivered is \$4. Clean coal and prompt attention to orders.

**Wm. Handley**

**Keep Your Other**

**On The Flathead**

**Special Sale of Granite Ware**  
NOW YOU SEE BABA

We are overstocked in some lines, also have a few odds and ends which must be cleared out.

**29c**

White Enamel Wash Basin

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Commencing on Thursday morning, March 16th we will place on sale at 29c each a big quantity of first quality Granite Ware, including Cuspidors, Preserving Kettles, Sauce Pans, Dippers, Round and Oval Pudding Pans, Covered Pails, Cream Pitchers, etc., ONLY 29c, guaranteed perfect, and of a quality and size that is generally sold at from 35c to 50c. It will pay you to come and come early.

**Sheppard & Elliott**  
Opposite the Post Office. Right in the centre of the city.

N. B.—The Free Press will have another list at 49 and 99 cents.

**Wood!**

JOHN PETERSON has bought out the business of J. S. Beckitt and is prepared to supply all customers with wood promptly.

Orders can be left at Fernie Carriage Co.'s office, P. O. block.

**NOTICE**

Re WATER SUPPLY.

THE Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, have submitted two samples of water, one from the dam above the mines, and the other from the lower dam, to Professor Rattan of McGill University, Montreal, for analysis. Dr. Rattan at the same time made a complete and thorough bacteriological examination of the water. Both reports are now to hand and state that in the water from the lower dam they say that no dangerous germs could be isolated. In view of this report made by the most competent authorities, the Company feel assured that the supply from the lower dam is safe to use as a potable water, and at any time after this date the water supply of the City of Fernie may be taken from that source.

J. S. McVIOU  
Land Commissioner.  
Fernie, B. C.  
March 14th, 1905.

**TELEPHONES!**

**Save Installation Charges by getting in on the Ground Floor.**

While the present staff of men are engaged in putting in the telephone system in Fernie no special charge will be made for installing phones.

Any order for phones sent in before the 25th inst. will be filled without this charge.

After that date as men will have to be specially engaged for making connections, the cost of installation will have to be met by a special arrangement with, and charge to the Subscriber.

**COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH**

**The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. Ltd.**