Provincial Library
Victoria

Nelson Daily Miner.

Daily Edition No. 600. NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1899. Tenth Year

OFFICIAL INQUIRY ON MINING MATTERS

Highly Important Evidence Adduced on the Labor Question.

INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES.

Practical Miners Give Their Experience and Managers Testify.—Statistical Information as to the Work of the Eight-Hour Law in This Division.

Commissioner Clute yesterday continued his enquiry into the conditions affecting the mining interests of British Columbia, the alleged importation of alien labor, etc. There was a large attendance of intrested parties and considerable evidence was adduced. The interests of the Miners' Union were looked after by Walter Smith and J. Wilks, the organizer of the Union. A great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings.

R. W. Graham was the first witness examined. He said he was a miner at the Silver King and had been working there for twelve months. "The last month on contract work under the ten hour system we made $5.90 a day, and that August $6.40. The first three months I worked we made $4 a day. The least we made was $3.20 a day. We are doing contract work, and divide the proceeds between us. We work eight hours a shift—three shifts a day. We are engaged in shaft work 5x4 clear of timber. The rock is a slate formation."

"Can you take out ore by contract to the satisfaction of the mine owners?" asked Mr. Clute.

The witness said it could not always be done. Personally speaking he could do as much in eight hours as in ten.

"Can the rest of you do as much in eight hours as in ten?"

"We don't average as much. Our work is machine work, and we cannot get as much out of a machine in eight hours as in ten."

"You say that you personally can do as much in eight hours as in ten?"

"Yes, and the others could do the same if they kept at it continuously. I would do as much if I was employed by the day as on the contract system."

"Would an ordinary man, in the ordinary way do as much work in eight hours as in ten?"

"In my opinion a company will get more work out of a gang of men working ten hours than if they only work eight." Witness continued to say that he did not think that the feeling between mine-owners and miners was altogether satisfactory. He was not a member of the Miners' Union, and there was a big demand for good miners.

"What was the relation between the owners and the men before the eight-hour law?"

"Very satisfactory."

Mr. Campbell asked the witness what was the feeling among the miners before the eight hour law.

Witness replied that he had heard the question discussed and the miners did not appear to be particularly anxious for it. We were aware of the passage of the eight-hour law before it was enforced. They did not appear to take any interest in it. He believed the machine drill would work continuously for ten hours if properly attended to. He considered it pretty hard work to attend a steam drill—harder than hand drilling. He thought a man might attend to a drill from 4½ to five hours and that after meals he might work another 4½ or five hours again. This wond be reasonable work.

To Mr. Clute—"I don't know that a man could do this continuously. He would use his judgment.

To Mr. Campbell—"If I were working under contract I would certainly work steadily for ten hours. At present we work shifts. I go on at 7 o'clock in the morning and work till three. Then the other shift comes on promptly, and works a straight eight hours.

To Mr. Clute—"There is not much time lost in waiting for powder fumes to clear out—about ten minutes. We blast about four times in six shifts. In the ordinary stope perhaps it would take from twenty minutes to half an hour.

To. Mr. Campbell—"Before the eight-hour law, and working under contract we always worked ten hours." Continuing witness said: "I was working under contract when the change in law was made, and I continued it with the same crew and at the same price. My earnings per day differed 35 cents per man less under the eight-hour than under the ten hour. We didn't work any harder under the new system than the old."

To Mr. Clute—"A man ought to make a dollar a day more at contract work."

To Mr. Chapman—"Before the change in the law there were a number of men at the Silver King who had been there for years, but they left as soon as the law was enforced. Some of these men worked under contract and were not able to make as much under the new system as the old."

Witness described the accommodation provided for the men at the Silver King. The men paid $26 per month in one part of the house and $1 per day extra in the other part. A comfortable bunk house was provided for the $26 men, and those who paid the extra dollar had a double bedded room. There were bath rooms, drying rooms, dining and sitting rooms, reading room and every accommodation. The food supplied was good. There were cottages provided for married men and their families. There is but a small proportion of the men employed who are British subjects—probably not more than a third."

Walter Smith, a member of the Miners' Union, proceeded to cross-examine the witness. In reply to questions witness said that he works eight hours without stoppage. He believed those who were not working on contract took an hour off the day shift for lunch and half an hour at night. This did not count as part of the eight-hours.

"How many dead men did they bring out there last winter owing to the bad ventilation?" asked the examiner.

Mr. Clute objected to the question. It inferred that men had died from the effects of bad ventilation, which should be borne out by evidence.

Witness said he knew that several men had died—five in one week—from what the doctors said was pneumonia, but as far as he was concerned, he never enjoyed better health. The place was well ventilated. Two of the men who died, witness considered, had killed themselves. They took a contract mucking and worked very hard. When they would get into a big perspiration they would stand in a draft to cool off. They both were taken sick and died.

To Mr. Smith—"The air is bad in some places—smoke and gas, but a little longer time would clear it off. The ventilation was good in the mine as a whole—better than in many mines in which I have worked at the same level."

In relpy to Mr. Wilks witness said that during the eight hour shift he took his lunch with him, but it only took him a few minutes to eat it. Under the ten hour system he went to work at 7 o'clock in the morning and came out at 12 o'clock. A man working a company account is always slow getting in and fast at getting out.

Evidence was continued on this line with the object of showing that there was considerable lost time. Witness explained that perhaps about half an hour each shift would be lost under the ten hour system. Under the present system men were promptly on time and at work, and put in their full eight hours.

"How many hours were actually worked under the ten hour system?" asked Mr. Wilks.

Witness replied that he thought about nine hours a day. At present there was an eight hour working day. He thought the average practical miner did as much in the eight hour shift as he did when working nine hours out of ten. He did not think the average miner at the King a good miner.

"Why?" asked Mr. Clute.

"Because they are not experienced men," replied the witness. "Not more than half of them could be considered good, practical miners."

Mr. Wilks asked "If the Silver King paid $3.50 per day instead of $3 would they get better men?"

Witness replied that he saw no reason why they should not.

To Mr. Croasdaile—"I believe a good man will do as much in nine hours or nine and a half. Of course a machine will not do as much in the limited time."

To Mr. Cambpell—"Since the eight hour law I have been doing contract work, and have no opportunity of judging of the work done by the other men."

Mr. Clute: "Will the ordinary average miner do as much work in an eight hour shift as he formerly did in ten?"

Witness: "If he is a good man, working on the hammer he will, but if he is working a machine he will not, nor cannot do as much work in eight hours."

William Harvey, a miner in the Silver King was examined. He had been forty years a miner, and believed that the majority of good miners on hammer work would do as much in eight hours as in ten. The old system was satisfactory, but the new one was his favorite. (Laughter).

James Doherty, a miner at the Silver King, who said that he had 45 years, experience all over the world, testified that in his private opinion the average practical miner does as much under the eight hour system as he formerly did in ten hours. Unfortunately soldiers, sailors and all classes were now getting in, calling themselves miners, and the man who is a miner suffers for them. Higher wages would command better men. To Mr. Wilks witness explained that at present the miners worked full time.

To Mr. Campbell witness said he was not aware where a supply of good miners could be had. He believed there were some of them in Nelson worknig on the streets.

To Mr. Croasdaile—"If all the mines in the country were to pay $3.50 per day, I don't know that they would get the best men."

Mr. H. E. Croasdaile, general manager of the Hall Mines was examined. He deposed that since 1893 he had managed the mine. He said: "It has been stated that the eight-hour law has not been given a fair trial by the mine owners. I can give positive evidence that it has. At our mine we have never stopped work since the eight-hour law came into force, although we had to work short handed since the enforcement of the law. I wish to state that the act effects different mines in different ways. For instance where mines employ only hammermen the evil effects of the act may not be so great as in the case of our mine, where nearly all the work is done by machine drills. Probably the best evidence I can give of the effect of the eight-hour law in regard to the earning capacity of the miners is to take the amount earned by contractors at our mine for the first five months of this year and then for the five months following the 1st of June. I may state that the same rate per foot for work was almost uniformly paid. The only case I remember of any difference was in one upraise. The average earning per man for the five months prior to June was $4 48 per day. The average earning for the subsequent five months was $3.48, so that so far as our mine is concerned I can prove that, as far as dollars and cents go, there has been a difference of $1 per day against the contractors, and as far as I am aware there was no change in the character of the ground worked. As to the amount of money actually invested in the mine, the figures are $1,351,147, and in the smelter $190,381. When running full blast we employ about 200. The present force is about 126. Ninety-two of these are British subjects and the rest are aliens. A great number of our best men left the country as they did not wish to be interfered with by the unions."

Mr. Croasdaile proceeded to quote figures as to the output of the mine. From October 1897, to September 1898, it was 53,470 tons, from October 1898 to September 1899 it was only 30,757 tons. The pay roll to September 1898, was $212,458; for the first six months of the year it was $102,143, and from April 1st to September 30, 1899, it was but $88,220. He attributed this falling off partly to the shortening of the hours of labor, and to the fact that they were not able to secure a sufficient number of competent miners. The value of the smelter output for the half year ending September, 1898, was $783,347; from 1st of October, 1898 to March, 1899, it was $700,224, and from April last to September 30, it was but $375,300. This market falling off was due to the fact that the mines of the Slocan are not working. For the year ending September 30, 1898, the smelter pay roll was $117,536, and to September last it was only $91,555. During the year the amount paid for coal, general fuel, etc., etc., was $113,714.

Mr. Clute asked what effect the eight-hour law has had upon the investment of foreign capital.

Mr. Croasdaile replied that in his opinion the law had certainly retarded foreign capital. He was not speaking from personal experience, but it had been so reported to him. Its effect upon the general interests of the country were decidedly disadvantageous. Such towns as Nelson did not feel the effects so much as other centres, inasmuch as there was a good deal of railway construction, building, etc., going on which gave employment.

To Mr. Wilks witness said he did not know of any change in the rock within the past twelve months. There had been difficulty in getting labor. There was no strike, but there had been efforts to get one up which were not successful. His explanation as to good men leaving was that the unions prevented them from working. The men left because they did not wish to incur labor troubles.

Mr. Nelson Fell was the first witness called in the afternoon. He testified that when the dispute arose his men showed themselves amenable to reason and willing to accept a compromise. The Nelson Union wrote him asking for a conference. He replied that he was willing to confer with the men, but not with the union as he did not consider it represented them. He got an answer to the effect that if he would not consent to a conference he must take the consequences.

In answer to Mr. Campbell the witness stated that such a conflict always had a great effect on British capital. He had had dealings with British capital, and thought its attention had to some extent been diverted from this country by the strike.

Replying to Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Fell said he had a good lot of men and was perfectly satisfied with their work. The conditions had so changed that he could not give a definite opinion as to the comparative amount of work done in eight and ten hour shifts.

He thought the latter, but had not been able to give the matter a definite test.

Mr. S. S. Fowler, consulting engineer for the London and B. C. Goldfields, operating the Ymir mine, said that the expenditure on capital account for this year up to December 1 had been $195,000, while the expenditure on revenue account, chargeable to output, had amounted to $55,000. About 60 men were now employed at the Ymir mine, ten at the mill, and about 60 on construction and outside work. He could not say what the nationality of the men was now, but during the last bye-election out of 27 miners, three had votes and three more were unregistered British subjects. The rest were mostly Americans with some Scandinavians. Before June 1, they paid $3.50 and $3 00 per ten hours, and had a splendid crew of men, and no one seem dissatisfied. They were now paying $3 and $2.50 for eight hours.

When the strike came all the men quit except six or eight. They said they were afraid on account of threats made by the union men. About June 10 a few men returned, and the force gradually increased until on Dec. 12 there were 42 men at work, a force just large enough to keep the 40 stamps going. They were building another 40 stamps and the total cost of the two would be about $100,000.

Before June 1 no stoping was done, and since then no development had been done, so a final test of the new law had not been made at the mine. Before the law came into force a shaft had been sunk with two ten hour shifts, and then continued under the same conditions with three eight-hour shifts. With the eight-hour shifts the work was 15 per cent. more expensive. This instance sufficed to satisfy the witness of the comparative merits of the two systems. The Whitewater and the Enterprise mines for which the

(Continued on Fourth Page.)

FURTHER DETAILS COMING TO HAND

The Boer Losses Again Reported to Have Been Terrible.

STORY THAT GUIDES WERE TO BLAME

Supposed to Have Misled the Highland Brigade and so Lost the Battle.—French's Successful Skirmish. Another Sortie From Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 15.—(4:45 a. m.)—The War Office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the larger forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return. The newspapers are calling upon the Government to employ the Cunarders as well as the the Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service. The militia effective is 100,000 men, and from this body 20,000 carefully selected men could be spared easily for South Africa. Moreover the Colonies are again proffering assistance. The greatest need therefore is speedy transports.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Capetown yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Daily Chronicle's Modder River dispatch, which is at variance with all other reports, represent Lord Methuen's forces as retiring on Tuesday on the camp at Modder River, as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says:

"Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his forces out of range and concentrated at Modder River."

Orders have been issued at Woolwich to prepare another siege train to go out with the seventh division.

Frere Camp, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso and an artillery duel is expected today.

London, Dec. 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following General Gatacre's repulse," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily News has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch dissaffection is rapidly growing.

A large section is restless, and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers. There are disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony, where many secret meetings have been held. The Imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Keiroad districts."

TERRIBLE CARNAGE.

London, Dec. 15.—The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight at Magersfontein, says:

"Six miles had to be covered before the Highland brigade could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance this force, which was led by guides, came upon the Boers trenches unexpectedly and so suddenly.

"Beyond question, the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to one version two Highlanders through nervousness discharged their rifles prematurely, but it is equally probable that the advance Boer scouts conveyed the intelligence.

"Our men were wholly unprepared. They had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that had the brigades been extended and with bayonets fixed, the trench might have been successfully rushed with far less loss of life."

Modder River, Dec. 13.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein. Brigadier-General Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trenches shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches.

Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital. The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about.

One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and prisoners taken in different parts of the field the Boer loss must exceed seven hundred. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous. Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at night fall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

The British troops have returned to Modder River owing to lack of water near the position held yesterday.

SUCCESSFUL SKIRMISH.

London, Dec. 15.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker at Capetown:

"General French wires under date of December 13, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'clock in the morning with 1,800 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmish continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded, including one officer, and two missing."

FIGHT ON.

London, Dec. 14.—The Globe says: "The country is prepared for any sacrifice. In the famous words of General Sheridan, 'All must now go in.'"

The St. James' Gazette says: "When we have retrieved our defeats and have restored the supremacy of our flag we can criticize and investigate. Today we must act."

Continuing it urges the Government to take the White Star steamships from the Oceanic down and send another army corps to South Africa.

The Westminster Gazette (Liberal), which has actively opposed the war, says: "We are bound to carry the campaign to a successful issue," and adds, "the reckoning with the Government will come later."

London, Dec. 14.—Speaking at a Unionist meeting in Hackney, London, this evening Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford said that he long ago told the Secretary of State for War, Lord Lansdowne, that the Government was not sending enough troops to the Transvaal.

"I must say, I have never thought that we are sending out enough men. When once it was known that we had to send an army corps, I told Lord Lansdowne, as far back as November 2, that he would not be sending enough.

"In the fire department it is a wise plan to send eight engines, although four may cope with the fire.

"This war is one of the biggest upon which we have ever embarked owing to the surrounding political circumstances, and, if necessary, every

Continued on Fourth Page.

Nelson Daily Miner

Published Daily except Monday,

NELSON MINER PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO.
D. J. BEATON, Editor and Manager.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Daily per month by carrier	$ 1 00
per half year	5 00
per year	10 00
per year by mail	6 00
per year foreign	10 00

NELSON WEEKLY MINER.

Weekly, per half year	$ 1 25
per year	2 00
per year, foreign	2 50

Subscriptions invariably in advance.

Nelson Miner Printing & Publishing Co
NELSON, B. C.

TELEPHONE No. 144.

WHICH IS CHEAPER?

The evidence adduced at yesterday's session of Mr. Clute's inquiry was chiefly directed to the question of whether the ten hour or the eight hour system was in the long run the more economical. Much that was interesting was brought out on this point, and Mr. Croasdaile's evidence incidentally refuted The Tribune's statement, reiterated ad nauseam, that the mine owners of this district have never given the Eight-Hour law a fair trial. While no Union men gave evidence yesterday, the organization was represented by Mr. Wilks and Mr. Smith who lost no opportunity of emphasizing every point in their favor, so the evidence is peculiarly instructive.

Mr R. W. Graham who, though not a Union man, has the reputation of being one of the best miners at the Silver King, appears to have lost money on the eight hour law to the extent of 35 cents a day for each man working on his contract. He also said: "In my opinion a company will get more work out of a gang of men working ten hours than if they only work eight." This goes to the root of the matter, and bears out Mr. Fowler's statement later on that human nature made men do a certain amount of loafing when working eight hours, though their opportunities are possibly not so great as on the longer shift.

The working witnesses all said they could personally do as much hammer work in eight hours as in ten. Possibly they could, though that does not prove that the average man either could, would or does. One thing, however, was undisputed, and that is a machine cannot do as much in eight hours as in ten. One would think that this was self-evident, but anyhow it goes far to prove the whole case. Outside of the Slocan, the developed mines are nearly all worked by machines, which shows that the capacity of the machine should be considered as much as that of the man, if not more, in considering the economic effects of the law.

Mr. Croasdaile gave some interesting, not to say conclusive, figures on this point. A large portion of the work at the Silver King is let out to the men by contract, and the company's books show that for the five months prior to the enforcement of the act they earned an avecage of $4.48 cents a day, as against $3.48 during the subsequent five months. Men on a contract usually work at high pressure, yet during five months the extra two hours' rest do not seem to have increased their earning capacity. After their assertions, it is now in order for the Union to explain away these figures if they can.

The only evidence as to a trial by hammer-men was Mr. Fowler's experience in the shaft at the Ymir Mine, which cost 15 per cent. more to sink by three eight hour shifts than by two ten hour shifts. These figures also require a great deal of explaining away.

This question is being brought before the public in an impartial investigation for the first time; and now they have an opportunity, people should look into it dispassionately, and refuse to be led away by baseless statements about oppression and extortion. The Miners' Union wanted the investigation. Let them bide by it.

Fuller accounts of the reverse at Magersfontein are beginning to be received, but they add but little to what was known before. The correspondent of the Standard suggests that the guides of the Highland brigade were responsible for the failure of the attack. However this may be, there was mismanagement somewhere, of which Tommy Atkins had to bear the brunt. The defeat seems to have depressed the Stock Exchange but nothing else. All over the Empire is the one idea of but setting the teeth the more grimly for the temporary reverse. There seems a prospect of more troops being asked for from the Colonies. If this is done Canada will answer the second call as heartily as she did the first. There is no such thing thought of as hanging back at such a time. The reports of the Boer losses are still further substantiated, and their casualty list seems to have been enormous. This is the one advantage that England has, and in the long run it will outweigh those of knowledge of the country, choice of position and superior marksmanship. The Boers have practically no reserves to fall back on. A man killed is a man gone. Great Britain can fill up her thinned ranks almost indefinitely.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

Editor Miner:

Dear Sir—Shortly before noon today, Mrs. Hedley was on her way to town and had passed the gate of Mr. Brougham's house, when a small boy with a sled ran into and knocked her down. Fortunately, the boy broke her fall, and she escaped injury. Nevertheless it is time a stop was put to this practice on the part of the small boy, and I beg that some action be taken by the authorities. An arrest, with a fine would appeal to the pocket of the parent and make the culprit a hero among his fellows. I would suggest that a few of the citizens who live up Stanley Street be enrolled as special policemen, empowered to destroy the sleds and belabor the persons of any boys coasting on the sidewalks. I shall be most happy to offer myself for the service.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT R. HEDLEY.

Nelson, December 14, 1899.

PRESCRIPTIONS

The purity of the Drugs and Medicines administered to the patient is the most essential element in the successful treatment of disease. Prescriptions are compounded by us from absolutely Pure Drugs in perfect condition, and the physician's skill will not be nullified by old and impotent drugs.
Our stocks of requisites for

The Toilet
The Nursery
The Sick Room

Are complete. Your patronage solicited.

Nurses' Directory.

For the convenience of Physicians and Nurses, we have established a Nurses' Directory, and in order to have it complete, request all Nurses to send in or call and leave their names and addresses.

H. F. M'LEAN
Dispensing Chemist
Telephone 115. P. O. Box 225. Baker Street.
Mail Orders Promptly Attended To.

THOMSON'S

SEE
OUR
DOLLS
and
TOYS

Thomson Stationery Co., Ltd.
NELSON, B. C.

Waverly Hotel
NELSON, B. C.

BOARD AND ROOMS AT REASONABLE PRICES,

NEXT DOOR TO OPERA HOUSE.

C. A. PROSSER, Manager.

Undertaking and Embalming

By the only first class undertaker in Nelson, MR. A. W. PURDY. Address
NELSON FURNITURE CO.
Applewhaite Block. Baker st. cor. Kootenay
Or at residence on Silica street, East of Josephine.

A. R. BARROW, A. M. I. C. E.
Provincial Land Surveyor,
Corner Victoria and Kootenay Sts.
P. O. Box 559. Telephone No. 95

F. C. GREEN, B. A., C. E., PROVINCIAL Land Surveyor. Surveys of mineral claims lands, etc. Agent for obtaining Crown Grants. Office Turner-Boeckh block Nelson, B. C.

E. J. SCOVIL
MINING BROKER, NOTARY PUBLIC.
Windermere Mines. Correspondence Solicited
WINDERMERE, B. C.

DOLLS
DOLLS
DOLLS

—OUR—

Doll Sale

Is now on, and wise buyers will look through the stock

EARLY

And make their selections. "There is not another like it."

Prices Lower Than Ever

Select your

TOYS

This Week

We will store them for you till Xmas Eve.

Canada Drug & Book Co.
Opera House Store

LUMBER.

Delivered to an any point on Kootenay Lake.

I have a complete stock on hand of

ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER,
SHINGLES,
MOULDINGS, SASH DOORS
INSIDE FINISH.
COAST FLOORING
and
FINISHED LUMBER.

Mill at PILOT BAY.
Yards, NELSON and LARDO
HEAD OFFICE
NELSON.
J. A. SAYWARD.

"Joy cometh in the morn."

JOY, THE STAR BAKER. . .

Comes any time of the day with his specialty,

Home Made Bread

Ask your Grocer for it. These Grocers carry it:

KIRKPATRICK & WILSON.
J. A. IRVING & CO.
MORRISON & CALDWELL.
EAST END GROCERY.
GEO. BELL & CO.
T. A. SCANLAN.
COLE'S GROCERY, Hume Add,
HUMPHREYS & PITTOCK.

PATENT VAPOR AND MEDICAL BATH

most efficacious in checking disease and preserving health, highly recommended by the Medical Faculty and professional nurses. One bath will break up the most severe cold.

Imperial Silverware

The best goods on the market, beautiful designs, and every article guaranteed for ten years.

Chautauqua Combination Writing Desk and Drawing Board.

The best Kindergarten Combination ever invented for children or young people. Fully furnished with instruction book, crayons, etc., invaluable for home education.

The Silverware and Desks are most suitable for Christmas presents. Call and inspect goods at my office, Hall street between Baker and Vernon.

JOHN BLANEY, Agent for British Columbia.

Every Man

likes to dress in Fashionable and Nice Fitting Garments if he can do so at a reasonable price. My Fall and Winter Samples are now complete in Suitings, Overcoatings and Fancy Vestings, Give me a call and I will quote you prices that will astonish you.

Ladies' Tailoring in all its branches, a specialty.

Stevens The Tailor
Rooms 1 and 11
Clements-Hillyer Block

We have several snaps in House property:

3 Rooms and attic, 2 lots, corner Stanley	$1,500
4 Rooms, 2 lots, lovely situation	1,000
4 Rooms, nice cottage, improved lot	900
5 Rooms, stone foundation, cellar full size	1,550
6 Rooms Vernon street, 2 lots, excellent value	1,950
6 Rooms, down town new, all conveniences, rented at $30	2,150
8 Rooms, large verandah, 2 lots, dead cheap	3,300
8 Rooms, all conveniences, 2 lots, new	2,600

GEORGE GURD,
With F. L. OSLER,
MARA BLOCK BAKER ST.

Real Estate & Mines.

BANKERS AND BROKERS.

GEO. SKALLER & CO.
CONSOL. STOCK EXCHANGE BLDG.
60-62 Brodway, New York

LOTS OF MONEY

can be made through speculation with deposit of $30.00 [thirty dollars] upward [or 3 per cent. margin upward] on Stock Exchange.

The greatest fortunes have been made through speculations in Stocks, Wheat or Cotton.

If you are interested to know how speculations are conducted notify us and we will send you information and market letter free of charge.

Usual commissions charged for executing orders.

Government, Municipal and Railroad bonds quotations furnished on application for purchase, sale or exchange.

Nelson Cleaning and Dyeing Establishment.
S. D. PIERRE Prop.
Ladies' and Gents' Clothing cleaned dyed, altered and repaired.
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Rear of Clarke Hotel. NELSON

Fraternity Hall
Cor Baker & Kootenay Sts.
can be rented for Concerts, Lectures, Dances, Banquets and every kind of entertainment. Good ante-rooms, cloak rooms, Kitchen and dining room furnished. For terms apply
DR. E. C. ARTHUR City

Wholesale Houses.
NELSON, B. C.

AERATED AND MINERAL WATERS

THORPE & CO., LIMITED.—Corner Vernon and Cedar Streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in aerated waters and fruit syrups. Sole agents for Halcyon Springs mineral water.

NELSON SODA WATER FACTORY—N. M. Cummings, Lessee. Every known variety of soft drinks. P. O. Box 88. Telephone No. 81. Hoover Street. Nelson. Bottlers of the Famous St. Leon Hot Springs Mineral Water.

CIGARS

KOOTENAY CIGAR MFG. CO.—Corner Baker and Hall Streets, Nelson, manufacturers of "Royal Seal" and "Kootenay Belle" brand of cigars.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

H. J. EVANS & CO.—Victoria Block, Nelson, wholesale dealers in lime, cement, fire brick and fire clay, water pipe and steel rails and general commission merchants.

GRAIN, HAY AND CEREALS

BRACKMAN & KER MILLING CO. LIMITED. Front Street, Nelson. Wholesale dealers in flour, meals, etc., and hay and grain. Mills at Edmonton, Victoria and New Westminster. Elevators on Calgary & Edmonton Railway.

GEO. F. MOTION.—Wholesale Hay, Grain and Feed. Special quotation on carload lots to all Kootenay points.

GROCERIES

A. MACDONALD & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine Streets, wholesale grocers and jobbers in blankets, gloves, mitts, boots, rubbers, mackinaws and miners' sundries.

KOOTENAY SUPPLY CO. LIMITED—Vernon Street, Nelson, importers, wholesale grocers.

FRESH AND SALT MEATS

P. BURNS & CO.—Baker Street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in fresh and cured meats. Cold storage.

WEST KOOTENAY BUTCHER CO.—Baker Street Nelson. Wholesale dealers in fresh and cured meats.

HARDWARE & MINING SUPPLIES

H. BYERS & CO.—Corner Baker and Josephine Streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies. Agents for Giant Powder Co.

VANCOUVER HARDWARE CO'Y LIMITED—Baker Street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies, plumbers' and tinsmith's supplies.

NELSON HARDWARE CO.—Wholesale paints and oils.

LIQUORS AND DRY GOODS.

TURNER, BEETON & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine Streets, Nelson wholesale dealers in liquors cigars and dry goods. Agents for Pabst Brewing Co. of Milwaukee and Calgary Brewing Co. of Calgary.

HUDSON'S BAY CO.—Wholesale groceries and liquors, etc., Baker St., Nelson

PROVISIONS, PRODUCE & FRUITS

J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine Streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, cured meats, butter and eggs.

SASH AND DOORS

NELSON SAW AND PLANING MILLS, LIMITED—Corner Front and Hall Streets, Nelson manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in sash and doors; all kinds of factory work made to order.

ACETYLENE GAS

VANSTONE'S DRUG STORE.—Corner Josephine and Baker Streets. Agts. for Calcium Carbide and Welland Acetylene Gas Machine Co.

ASSAYER'S SUPPLIES

W. F. TEETZEL & CO—Corner Baker and Josephine Streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in assayer's supplies. Agents for Denver Fire Clay Co. of Denver, Colorado.

Bennett's Improved Safety Fuse
As Supplied British Admiralty.
White Countered Gutta Percha.
Will Not Crack or Break.
Absolutely safe in all weather conditions.
Pope's Miners' Safety Match
Minimizes risk from firing fuse
Everything to recommend it.
Ask your dealer for them.
Manufactured by
William Bennett Sons & Co.
Cambourne, Cornwall, England.
ROWLAND MACHIN,
General Agent for Canada.
LAWRENCE HARDWARE CO.
Distributing Agents.

C. D. J. CHRISTIE
GENERAL BROKER
Money to Loan
Collections Solicited

FOR SALE.

A 14 room house (new), rented at $40 per month	$3,000
An 8-room house (new), two corner lots (Both A1 buys.)	2,700

4 Doors West Dominion Express Office

TAILORING
CLEANING
REPAIRING
ARTHUR GEE,
Opposite Clarke Hotel. Merchant Tailor.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.
INCORPORATED 1670

We Hope

You will not be without the necessary liquids to brighten up Xmas.

Just Received

Direct shipment from Europe.
150 Cases Pommery Champagne.
200 Cases of Assorted Liqueurs.

Ask for our Special Christmas Hamper List.

Hudson's Bay Stores
West Baker St., Nelson.
Telephone 13.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY
AND SOO LINE.
The direct route from
KOOTENAY COUNTRY.
to all points
EAST and WEST.

First-Class Sleepers on all trains from REVELSTOKE & KOOTENAY LDG.

TOURIST CARS pass Medicine Hat daily for St. Paul, Sundays and Wednesdays for Toronto, Fridays for Montreal and Boston.
Same cars pass Revelstoke one day earlier

CONNECTIONS

To and from Robson, Rossland.

Ex. Sun.		Ex. Sun.
7.10 Lv.	NELSON	Arr 10.40
18.00 Lv. daily	NELSON	daily Arr. 21.40

Morning train connects from all points in BOUNDARY COUNTRY.
Evening train connects to and from Main Line and points north, and (ex. Sun.) from all points in BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

KOOTENAY RIVER ROUTE.

Daily.		Daily.
23.00 Lv.	NELSON	Arr. 16.20

Connects Kootenay Landing with Crow's Nest Branch trains both ways.

KOOTENAY LAKE-KASLO ROUTE

Ex. Sun.		Ex. Sun
16.00 Lv.	NELSON	Arr. 11.00

Tue., Thur., Sat., to Argenta and ret., leaving Kaslo at 20k.

SANDON AND SLOCAN POINTS.

Ex. Sun.		Ex. Sun.
9.00 Lv.	NELSON	Ar. 14.20

4 hrs NELSON to ROSSLAND hrs 4

For rates and full information address nearest local agent, or

C. E. BEASLEY City Passenger Agent
R. W. DREW, Agent, Nelson
W. F. ANDERSON, Trav. Pass. Agent, Nelson
E. J. COYLE, A. G. P. Agent Vancouver

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the matter of the "Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited," in liquidation.

Notice is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited, held November 17th, 1899, duly convened, a special resolution requiring the said company to be wound up was duly passed; which resolution at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the said company, also duly convened, and held on December 5th, 1899, was duly confirmed.

At such last mentioned meeting the appointments of William Murray Botsford of the City of Vancouver Province of British Columbia, as liquidator and Charles C. Bennett of the same place as inspector, for the purposes of the Winding up were confirmed.

Notice is also given pursuant to "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898" section 10, that the creditors of and others having claims upon the said company, are required on or before the 10th day of January, A. D. 1900 to send their names and addresses, the particulars of their debts or claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them to William Murray Botsford, Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Vancouver, B. C., the liquidator of the said company.

Notice is further given that after such last mentioned date the said liquidator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said company among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6th, 1899.

OSBORNE PLUNKETT,
Mackinnon Building, Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.
Solicitor for the said Liquidator.

Shareholders in the said company are requested to forthwith forward their share certificates to the said liquidator in order that the distribution accuring thereon may be speedily adjusted.

Parisian Hair Dressing Parlors

Are now open. A large assortment of Hair Goods, Facial Treatments and Hair Tonic. Ladies should not be without our Rose Cream. Room 1, Victoria Building.

A PRESENTATION

TO CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY OFFICIALS OF NELSON.

F. W. Peters, H. E. Beasley and J. W. Troup the Recipients of Pieces of Plate and Addresses.

A large gathering of those who enjoyed the excursion over the Columbia & Western branch of the C. P. R. through the Boundary Country, assembled at the Phair Hotel yesterday evening and presented, F. W. Peters, assistant general freight agent; H. E. Beasley, superintendent Kootenay branches, and Captain J. W. Troup, superintendent C. P. R. steamer service, with three pieces of plate, each and the accompanying addresses:

"F. W. Peters, Esq., Assistant General Freight Agent, C. P. R., Nelson, B. C.:

"Dear sir,—We all appreciate the enterprise exhibited by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Southern British Columbia, and more especially in lately extending its system at a great cost into the Boundary Country We consider that it was a happy thought that the railroad into that district should be opened up by an excursion attended by the business men of the Pacific Coast and the Kootenays. It is hardly necessary for us to say that the excursion thus inaugurated and carried out under your management on behalf of your company was a very pleasant one, and we believe that it will be provocative not only of benefit to our City and increase the avenues of trade already existing between Nelson and the Boundary district, but will bring the different portions of the Province into closer touch.

"We, as excursionists, enjoyed the trip, and were more than pleased at the beautiful scenery en route, and amazed at the wonderful railroad work undertaken and so successfully carried out.

"We wish one and all to thank you for your watchful care and extreme kindness towards us, and to accept the accompanying gift as a momento of the excursion and as an expression of our esteem.

"On behalf of the Nelson excursionists, we remain, yours sincerely,

P. Chapman, D. M. McFarland, J. K. Strachan, Geo. Kydd, R. W. Brigstoke, G. V. Holt, W. A Galliher, H. Byers, A. G. Gamble, Robert Frew, Geo. Johnstone, W. A. Macdonald, G. C. Hodge."

The other address was as follows:

"H. E. Beasley, Esq., Superintendent Kootenay Branches, C. P. R., Nelson, and J. W. Troup, Esq., Superintendent, C.P.R., Steamer Service, Nelson, B. C.:

"Dear Sirs—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has been particularly fortunate in its choice of officials to carry out the work pertaining to its system in the different parts of Canada, and we believe that in no part of the Dominion has the choice fallen on men better adapted to perform their respective duties than in the Kootenay District.

"Both of you are striking examples of the fact that officials may be employed by a great corporation and do their duty, and at the same time merit the approval and esteem of the general public.

"We feel that the late excursion to the Boundary Country, towards which you both assisted so materially, owes a large portion of its success to your efforts.

"It doubtless is a source of satisfaction to the operating department of your company to know that an excursion, to which were invited by your company a large number of citizens over a new road, was conducted without a hitch and came to a successful conclusion without the slightest mishap of any kind.

"We wish, as excursionists and brother citizens, to express to you our esteem, and beg of you to accept the accompanying gifts as a remembrance of our very pleasant trip.

"On behalf of the Nelson excursionists, we are, yours faithfully."—(Here follow names as in other address.)

The social bowl was passed round and the recipients toasted and avowed in song "Jolly Good Fellows."

Mr. Peters, Mr. Beasley and Capt. Troup in turn briefly acknowledged the honor conferred upon them, assuring their auditors that anything they had contributed to the success of the recent excursion was a pleasure to them.

In connection with the excursion it may be as well to append the following telegram from the president of the C. P. R., Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy. It was addressed to J. Roderick Robertson, president of the Nelson Board of Trade:

'Montreal, 12th Dec., 1899.

"Very much gratified to learn that you had such a pleasant and successful trip. This company's investment in the Boundary Country gives evidence of its faith in the future of that section, the development of which will, as you say, be an important factor in the commercial advancement of the Province of British Columbia. With your prudent and reasonable support and encourgement we hope to provide additional factors in the future. (Signed) T. G. SHAUGHNESSY."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Daily Mail to Boundary point begins tomorrow.

Roland Hay and Marie Christensin, both of Nelson, were yesterday made man and wife by Rev. C. W. Rose, Baptist minister.

J. E. Annable yesterday sold the semi-detached house and lots 13, 14, Block 3, Addition "A" owned by Allan Bros., to Harry Bird. The price paid was $2,800.

A recognized garbage dumping ground for Nelson has been a "long-felt want." It is now arranged to set apart an isolated portion of the new park grounds as a garbage dump.

Dr. Stoddart has returned from the Coast where he passed a highly successful examination before the B. C. Board of Dental Examiners, and has opened an office in the Turner Block.

The Provincial Board of Licensing Commissioners will hold a meeting this morning at 10 o'clock. There are nineteen applications to be heard, the great majority of which are for renewals.

It is contemplated to introduce the electric meter system on a larger scale in Nelson. Arrangements are being made for the purchase of a supply, and the intention is to rent them to consumers.

J. K. Strachan yesterday received his commission as a Justice of the Peace. The fact that the City Clerk can act as a magistrate will be a great public convenience as there are so many affidavits to be made in the City Hall.

A few men were yesterday engaged in scattering sawdust over the steeper of the City sidewalks. It is to be hoped the work will be continued until all the steep grades are coated, and the young coasting fraternity are banished to less dangerous quarters.

In response to the advertisement for the sale of City debentures, some score and a half of queries have been received at the City Hall. Two of these came from Chicago. There are several from Toronto and Montreal, all going to show that Nelson is well and favorably known in financial circles.

Word reached the Provincial Police at Nelson yesterday that the dead body of a man was lying on a rock on the banks of the Slocan River, near Park Siding. Constable Forrester was telegraphed to, to look after the case, and at once proceeded to the scene. It is not as yet known who the dead man is, or how he was lost.

Mrs. Hedley had a very narrow escape on Stanley Street yesterday. While walking down to town, a few youngsters coasting down the sidewalk, approached and before the lady could get out of ther way, she was knocked down by one of the sleds. Fortunately Mrs. Hedley escaped without serious injury, but that accidents of the kind are not more serious and frequent is a matter of surprise.

A map of the new park has been prepared by Assistant City Engineer Dill. It shows the 140 acre plot to be taken over from the C. P. R. as very conveniently situated and admirably adapted for park purposes. The grounds adjoin the City on the south west, and are here and there well timbered, with an occasional creek. The park site includes McLeod's ranch and some garden plots cleared by Chinamen, who are squatters. The old Hall Mines Road runs through the ground.

A meeting of the Nelson Dramatic Club was held in Manager Annable's office on Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. A. Gervan; Vice-President and Stage Manager, Harry Marshall; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles A. Prosser; Executive Committee, J. E. Annable, W. J. Coldwell, Fred Lynch, W. Martin, R. H. Thompson and elected officers. It is the intention of the club to put on either drama or minstrel shows at different periods of the winter, so that the people of the City will have amusement when the Opera House might be otherwise closed. The club wishes to thank the citizens of Nelson for the hearty support and appreciation of their last concert.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Saviour's wish to thank their many patrons who helped to render Tuesday's sale so successful, and at the same time to make the following announcements in connection with it. The clock guessing competition was won by Mrs Croasdaile and Miss Barnfather who tied at 37 hours. The clock having run down at 36 hours, and 20 minutes. The two successful ladies will probably draw for first prize, the clock, and second prize a pair of shoes. Mr. G.W. Clark won the prize, a bottle of perfume, in the Literary Salad. The Bean Jar competition is not yet completed, the jar being in Mr. S. Neeland's Shoe Emporium where guesses may still be purchased at 10 cents each. Mr. Neelands will give the winner of this competition, which will be closed in a few days, a fine pair of shoes.

AT THE HOTEL HUME.

Geo A. McIntyre, Vancouver; G.A. Mitchell, Rossland; J J. Southcott, Victoria; Andrew J. Snyder, Chicago; F. M 'OBrien, Spokane; John Smith, F. J. Aldrich, Walla Walla; H. Stevenson, Ainsworth; John T. Lawrence, Silverton; H. E. Mason, Spokane; C. C. Donnell, Mrs. R. Delamy, Kaslo; D. J. McNally, Granite; John Philbert, James Boyer, Ymir; Thomas B. Gray, wife and children, Vancouver; Miss Harriet Calpitts, Moncton, N. B.

Patenaude Bros.

For Fine Clocks and Watches

We have received a lot of Beautiful China Clocks at remarkably low figures. The are timekeepers and will make useful presents

Patenaude Bros

Watchmakers, and Opticians.

NELSON, - B. C.

CHRISTMAS PRICES COMMENCE TODAY!

WINTER FOOT COVERING OF ALL KINDS

AT OUR STORE.

ICE CREEPERS MAKE WALKING EASY!

Why not get a pair from us?

LILLIE BROTHERS, THE LEADING SHOEISTS.

Santa Claus Suggestions

FANCY FLOWER POTS
TOILET SETS
5 O'CLOCK TEA SETS
SALAD BOWLS
GLASS PITCHERS
CHINA TEA SETS

DINNER SETS
FANCY JAP TEA SETS
PORRIDGE SETS
BERRY SETS
FANCY PITCHERS
CUPS & SAUCERS

All New and Choice Lines of Confectionery

Our leaders: Mixed Candy 15c. lb., Chocolates 25c., Fancy Bon Bons 50c. Box, Extra Fancy Bon Bons 60c. Box, Cream Almonds, Sugar Almonds, Chocolate Burnt Almonds, Chocolate Dipped Nuts, Cocoanut Cream Dates, Cocoanut Ice, Italian Cream, etc. French Fruits, Dates, Figs, Nuts, Shelled Almonds, London Layer Raisins.

Ontario Apples: Spies, Baldwins

Jap Oranges Lemons Navel Oranges

GEO. BELL & CO. Baker St.

GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERY, CROCKERY.

The Nelson Electric Tramway Co. Ltd.

LOTS FOR SALE ON EASY TERMS

Large number Choice Building Lots adjacent to the line of their Tramway. For price and terms of sale apply at the office of the Company, Macdonald Block, Corner of Josephine and Vernon Streets.

T. C. DUNCAN, Secretary

QUESTION: What shall I buy for a Xmas Present?

ANSWER: Just go down to KIRKPATRICK & WILSON'S, and you can find articles too numerous to mention.

Our Xmas Stock of Glassware, Crockery, etc., has been so well bought that we now have sheives heavily laden with Gifts already put away for the coming 25th of December, 1899.

Christmas Prices! Goods must be sold! Inspection solicited.

P. O. Box K and W. Telephone 10. Baker Street

KIRKPATRICK & WILSON.

SMOKE "ROYAL SEAL" CIGARS.

There is a tide in the affairs of man which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.—Shakespeare.

DO YOU FULLY REALIZE

That you are today in the most likely part of the world in which to make a fortune? Why not stop and consider this?

Mining Stocks

Bought and Sold.

Big Horn, One of the most promising prospects in the Ymir District. A limited amount pooled stock now on sale.

Tena and Mary Belle and others worked by the Western Canada Gold Mining Co., is one of the safest buys on the market. Thorough inspection cordially invited.

House and lot for sale, close to business part of city. Price $2,000.

—CALL ON—

H. A. PROSSER,

BROKER.

Ward Street, and get in on the ground floor. Correspondence Solicited. No Wild Cats.

NOTICE.

The Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the conditions affecting the mining interests of British Columbia; the alleged importation of alien labour, etc., etc., will be held in the Court House, in Nelson, today, the 14th December instant, at 10 o'clock a m.

R. C. CLUTE, Commissioner.

Prospectors, Attention!

Young Men, Become Your Own Assayers.

Three months will teach you Assaying for Gold, Silver, Copper. This department is in charge of Prof. Suter, Honor Graduate of McGill University.

Live and learn how, cheaper than you now live.

COLUMBIAN COLLEGE

Board and Instruction in Assaying, all for twenty-six dollars per month.

Write to the Prinoipal,

Rev. J. W. SIPPRELL, B.A.B.D.
New Westminster.

All classes of learning may be had in this, he only College of its kind in the West.

A SNAP!

Machinery and Stores of the

Doratha Morton

MINE FOR SALE.

For particulars apply to

J. C. T. CROFTS, M.I.MECH.E.
Baker Street, Nelson

Nelson Business College

Will Open on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1900.

BOOKKEEPING, SHORTHAND, TYPEWRITING.

The leading features. Intending students may register at once.

THE COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT will be under the control of M. L. Rattray, a teacher of eighteen years' experience.

THE SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING DEPARTMENT will be conducted by Miss B. E Merrill, late of "The Expositor" staff, Brantford.

Victoria Street, near City Hall.

RATTRAY & MERRILL.

W. P. DICKSON E. H. H. APPLEWHAITE J. McPHEE

Kootenay Electric Supply and Construction Co.

ELECTRIC SUPPLIES

Complete Electric Equipments for Electric Power Transmission and lighting for mines, towns, etc Electric Fixtures, Lamps Bells, Telephones, Annunciators, etc.

Josephine St NELSON, B. C.

P. BURNS & CO.

Wholesale and Retail Meat Merchants

HEAD OFFICE NELSON, B. C.

Branch Markets in Rossland, Trail, Nelson, Kaslo Sandon, Three Forks, New Denver and Slocan City.

Orders by mail to any branch will have careful and prompt attention.

Mark Twain's advice to those who lack bread "Eat cake" was good, but they should drink Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea with it.

MINING NEWS.

Mr. Richard Russell, managing director of the Fairview Corporation is in the City from Fairview. The corporation has very large holdings in the way of mining property, sawmill, townsite, coal deposits and timber limits. The principal mine is the Stemwinder and Mr. Russell reports that at no time in its history has it shown such remarkable richness. Development has been going on rapidly and everywhere where tunnels, shafts, upraises and drifts have been run, large bodies of ore have been disclosed. It is a low grade free milling proposition and probably the biggest property of its kind in Canada. It is very easy rock to mine and with a mill on the premises can be mined and milled at a total cost of less than two dollars a ton. With the enormous ore bodies in sight, it is only a matter of getting it out and treating it, to produce big dividends on four or five dollar ore. This is all Mr. Russell claims for it, but it is a very conservative estimate as the average ore will undoubtedly go better than that. It would, of course, require a large mill, at least fifty or sixty stamps, to do the property justice and with this installed there can be no doubt, judging by the ore already in sight, that the Stemwinder would be one of the biggest dividend payers in the country. The mine has been equipped with the latest machinery and is in excellent shape for rapid and extensive development. Mr. Russell will be in the City for a couple of days.

* * *

These are the official returns for the November run of the Athabasca mill:

Number of days run, 29 days, three hours.

Number of tons crushed, 388

Value of bullion recovered	$ 9,203 03
Gross value of concentrates recovered	2,385 25
Total	$11,588 28
Value of bullion recovered per ton of ore crushed	$ 23 72
Value (gross) of concentrates recovered per ton of ore crushed	6 14
Total values recovered per ton of ore crushed	$ 29 86

OFFICIAL INQUIRY ON MINING MATTERS

Continued from First Page.

witness was also engineer, had not been worked since June 1.

As an instance of the effect of the law on capital, Mr. Fowler said that his company's London directors were negotiating for the Enterprise mine when the law was passed. When they were informed thereof, they wrote regretting that they had gone too far in the negotiations to draw back then.

The witness stated that men working machines in the big C. P. R. tunnel on the Columbia & Western had informed him they were getting $2.75 a day for 10 hours. The Commissioner asked for more direct evidence.

In answer to questions Mr. Fowler stated that he had examined a very large number of ore deposits in the Province, and that there were many that could only be worked at a profit under the most favorable conditions, and where an additional cost of 25 or 50 cents a ton would absorb a small but reasonable profit.

In answer to Mr. Clute witness said he knew of no instance of a breach of the Alien Labor Law or of the importation of aliens. The Ymir mines had obtained 11 miners from Sudbury, Ont., and had two or three still in their employ.

Mr. Fowler was closely questioned by Mr. Clute and Mr. Smith as to his exact reasons for believing that the ten hour shift was cheaper than the eight, but nothing fresh was elicited except the statement that while an hour was very probably lost in the ten hour shift, the same human nature which induced them to loaf then, would also make them loaf in the eight-hour shift.

Just before the court rose the Commissioner was shown the issue of The Miner of June 16, which contained a copy of the resolution passed by the Silverton Miners' Union sympathizing with the Bunsker Hill outrages in the Coeur d'Alenes, and containing veiled threats. The Commissioner expressed himself rather strongly on the resolution, and intimated a wish for direct evidence of its authenticity.

FROM GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 12.—O. M. Rosendale, of Nelson, B. C., is considering the advisability of establishing extensive sampling works here. During a recent visit he inspected various sites, and before his departure announced his intention of returning within a few days.

Alexander Dick, the well known Rossland mining expert, on behalf of prominent capitalists, made a complete examination last week of the Pathfinder mine on the North Fork of Kettle River. A deal for the purchase of the property, it is understood, is impending. Mr. Dick stated that it would be premature to give any details at this juncture.

Grand Forks will have a music hall early in the new year. The franchise has already been secured, and the work of constructing suitable buildings will be commenced without delay.

J. P. Graves, general manager of the Granby Smelter Co., and the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill Mining Companies, has left for Montreal, where he will spend the next six weeks.

Owing to the impassable condition of the roads, the stage service between here and Bossburg has been temporarily suspended.

Major R. C. Edward Leckie, general manager of the Republic mine, on behalf of McCuaig, Rykert & Co., of Montreal, has purchased from E. Spraggott, the Yankee Girl and Yankee Boy mine on Hardy Mountain, two and a half miles from Grand Forks. The consideration involved was $25,000.

FURTHER DETAILS COMING TO HAND

(Continued From First Page.)

mother's son must go to the front. British pluck and money will win, and then, with equal rights for all, the British flag will fly over the whole of South Africa."

Modder River, Dec. 12.—Tuesday.—While the Guards were advancing on the plain which the Boers were shelling from an adjoining ridge, they encountered and cut up a strong Boer picket posted on a hill for purposes of observation. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded, or taken prisoners.

London, Dec. 14.—The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council of Ministers, speaking in the city this evening, congratulated the country upon the calm it was displaying during a serious crisis and upon the fact that despite the diversity of political opinion, there was only one voice regarding the duty of the Government to prosecute the war.

"The longer and more arduous the struggle becomes," said His Grace, "the more fixed should be our determination never again to let our African Colonies bear the suffering and loss which they are now experiencing."

ON 'CHANGE.

London, Dec. 14.—There was an emotional day on the Stock Exchange here. It began flat, on the news of the losses suffered by General Methuen and dear money. Liquidation was stopped at noon by the rumor that Ladysmith has now been relieved, and the market hardened slightly. Money was in strong demand early for exchange operation. The bank did a good business in loans. Discount houses raised the deposit rates one-half. Three small exchange failures were caused by the fall in West African loans.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The Bank of Montreal received a cable this morning from London stating that Ladysmith had been relieved.

MISCELLANEOUS

Advertisements inserted under this head at the rate of one cent a word per insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents.

LOST.—Black pocket book, containing some money and notes. Return to Prosser's store for reward. T. G. Nelson.

WANTED.—By young man, a position in store or office. First class bookkeeper. Apply, Miner Office.

FOR SALE—The furnishings of one furnished room, suitable for light housekeeping. Apply Room 10, over Teetzels.

GIRL WANTED—To help servant during Xmas week. Apply before noon Mrs Barrow, corner Josephine and Robson Streets.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—Six roomed House, modern conveniences. Pleasant location. Address P. O. Box 684.

NOTICE.—Dr. Stoddart, dentist, is opening a dental office in Room 8, Turner Block. 5t.

F. J. BRADLEY & CO.

PAINTERS and DECORATORS.

SIGN WORK A SPECIALTY.

Builders will find it to their advantage to figure with Bradley & Co. on Painting.

NELSON WINE CO.,

where you can depend on getting the best brands in the market and any quantity from 10c. up. Prices cannot be disputed.

'PHONE 93.

FRANK A. TAMBLYN, Mgr.,

BAKER STREET, NELSON

Atlantic S. S. Lines

From Portland, Me.

Allan Line "Californian" ..... Dec. 27
Allan Line "Laurentian" ..... Jan. 6
Dominion Line "Cambroman" ..... Dec. 30
Dominion Line "Vancouver" ..... Jan. 13

From New York

White Star Line "Teutonic" ..... Dec. 27
North German Lloyd "Saale" ..... Jan. 2
American Line "St. Paul" ..... Dec. 27
White Star Line "Cymric" ..... Jan. 3
Red Star Line "Westernland" ..... Dec. 27
Cunard Line "Umbria" ..... Jan. 6
Anchor Line "Anchoria" ..... Dec. 30
Allan State Line "State of Nebraska" ..... Jan. 20
Cunard Line "Campania" ..... Dec 30

From Boston, Mass.

Dominion Line "New England" ..... Jan. 3

Passages arranged to and from all European points. For rates, tickets and full information apply to C. P. R. depot agent or C. E. Beasley, City Passenger Agent, Nelson, B. C.

W. P. F. CUMMINGS,
General Agent, C P. R. Offices Winnipeg

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

A meeting of a number of ladies and gentlemen interested in local charities was held in the office of Police Magistrate Crease yesterday afternoon for the purpose of devising some scheme by which the generosity of the public should not be imposed upon and at the same time to see that no deserving case went without help. Mr. Crease was moved to the chair and Mr. J. K. Strachan acted as secretary. The objects of the meeting were freely discussed after which the meeting adjourned to Thursday next. In the meantime the various church associations will be invited to attend. Mrs. Roderick Robertson, Mrs. Beer and Mrs. J. L. Stocks were appointed a committee to collect subscriptions, articles of clothing, etc. So worthy a cause is bound to meet with a liberal response.

MEETING OF BOARD OF WORKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Works yesterday a letter was read from G. W. Hall, asking that Gore Street, west of Kootenay Street be opened. The application was granted. E. Kilby asked that a crossing be laid on Vernon Street to his place, and the matter was referred to the City Engineer as were also an application from J. L. Stocks to have sewerage connections made with his houses on Josephine Street, between Latimer and Hoover Streets. C. H. Leicester asked that a sewer be put in on the lane between Latimer and Mill Streets, crossing Cedar Street and that a sidewalk be laid. It was decided to put down the sidewalk and ask the City Engineer to give an estimate as to cost of sewer. Mr. W. G. Gellett asked that the lane at the rear of his premises be opened up and drained. The board considered the work a necessary one, and ordered that it be carried out.

I BUY ANYTHING

From a steam boat to a baby's rattle. Everything has a value at my store.

PROSSER,
Ward St., Bet. Baker and Victoria.

GLAZING KALSOMINING

W. STARMER SMITH & CO.

Painting and Paperhanging

Chimney Sweeping,

Houses, Offices and Stores Cleaned. All work done by us is guaranteed first class.

Leave orders at office. Ward Street, opposite Postoffice.

St. Leon Water

Is an Experiment that has been proven to possess high medicinal values, is also properly

AERATED and Bottled

COAL! COAL!

Great Reduction!

HARD COAL (ANTHRACITE) $9.65 per Ton

CROW'S NEST COAL $6.15 per Ton

DELIVERED.

C. W. WEST & CO.

TELEPHONE 33.

To Contractors and Builders

You can save money by buying your

Plate, Sheet and Ornamental Glass from

R. H. WILLIAMS, NELSON, Agent for

J. W. MELLOR,
VICTORIA, B.C.

REISTERER & CO.,

Brewers of Fine Lager Beer and Porter.
Drop in and see us.

NELSON, B C

Spokane Falls & Northern R'y.

Nelson & Fort Sheppard R'y

Red Mountain R'y.

The only all rail route without change of cars between Nelson and Rossland and Spokane and Rossland

(DAILY.

Lv. 9.15 a.m. NELSON, Ar. 5.20 p.m.
Lv. 11.25 a.m. ROSSLAND Ar 3 00 p.m.
Lv. 8.15 a.m. SPOKANE Ar. 6.15 p.m.

Train that leaves Nelson at 9:15 a.m. makes close connections at Spokane for all Coast Points.

Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek, connect at Marcus with Stage Daily.

H. A. JACKSON, G. P. & T.A.
Spokane Wash

G. K. TACKABURY,
Agent, Nelson, B. C

FOR SALE CHEAP

10,000 Big Horn treasury stock.
5,000 Noonday-Curley stock, at low prices for a few days.
SEE ANNABLE

Two lots for sale, close in good residence site.
SEE ANNABLE

House Furniture for 5 roomed house for sale, and house to rent.
SEE ANNABLE.

Insure your life and property with Annable who represents only Canadian Companies Who is it that shouts encourage home industries and says buy your goods at home, don't send your money to outside towns? Ask the same man about his insurance and you often find he has it placed with a foreign company. Ask him about his Fire Insurance and you find it all in Foreign companies. Canada has over 25 Insurance Companies, organized with Canadian Capital, by Canadian men, who pay losses as promptly as Foreign Companies. Be loyal Canada for Canadians, first, last and always.

See ANNABLE

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

FOR MACHINERY

WIRE ROPE AND ROPEWAYS
Bleichert and Hallidie Systems.

WATER TUBE BOILERS
Babcock and Wilcox, etc.

GAS and OIL ENGINES,
FLEXIBLE METALLIC TUBING, etc.

Apply to J. C. T. CROFTS, M.I.M.E.
BEALEY BLOCK, Baker Street, NELSON, B. C.
Or to FERGUSSON & CROFTS, Vancouver
ENGINEERS AND AGENTS.
ESTIMATES. PLANS. REPORTS

..L. POGUE...

—FOR—

Harness and Saddlery

The leading shop. Large stock. Best assorted stock on hand. Harness, Collars of best makes, Saddles, Blankets, Bells, Whips, Brushes, Combs, etc.
Prices satisfactory.
Call and see.
Cor. Ward and Baker streets.

THE Bank of British Columbia, NELSON.

Is now prepared to issue Drafts and Letters of Credit on Skaguay, U.S., Atlin, B. C., and Dawson City, Yukon District.

Nelson Harness Shop

The largest stock and greatest variety of Harness, Saddles, Collars, Blankets, etc, kept in the Kootenay. A call always convinces. Hall Street, Nelson.
J. M. LUDWIG.

Nelson Employment Agency

WANTED.

Twenty Laborers. Cook. Two Girls for Housework. Three Waitresses.

Young Girl Wants Situation.

CONTRACTS TAKEN FOR DIAMOND CORE DRILLING.

J. H. LOVE, Ag't Baker St.

CLEARANCE SALE

Must go to make room for New Goods.

Mrs. McLaughlin's

Will sell below cost her large stock of Millinery and Childrens Headwear, Dress Goods, Laces, etc., to make room for new goods.

We are showing a First-Class Line of

Cooking Stoves & Ranges

Which we are offering at VERY LOW PRICES.

CALL AND INSPECT OUR STOCK.

VANCOUVER HARDWARE CO. LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF

Shelf & Heavy Hardware, Etc., Etc., Etc.

PLUMBING and TINSMITHING A SPECIALTY.

CHRISTMAS HINTS

A first class Confectionery Store is the proper place to find an appropriate Xmas gift. We would suggest a box of . . . .

G. B. CHOCOLATES
Our stock is the largest in the city.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUIT
from London, England,

LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATES AND BON BONS
from New York.

Fruit, Nuts of All Kinds, Toys for the Little Ones, at

PALACE CONFECTIONERY. J. A. M'DONALD.
Corner Ward and Baker Streets.

AGAIN

We are before you with a Christmas Stock of Groceries, a stock well worthy the inspection of any housekeeper, a stock we take a great pleasure in showing you because the goods are good. We have all the Latest, Newest, Freshest and Most Modern Goods that money can buy and the Eastern houses can offer. Also goods from France, Germany, Spain, England and New South Wales.

Leave us your Christmas order and we will guarantee satisfaction.

Roquefort and Swiss Cheese now in stock.

M. DES BRISAY & CO.

Merchants' Bank of Halifax.

Incorporated 1869.

Capital Authorized - - - - $2,000,000
Capital Paid Up, $1,500,000, Reserve, $1,250,000.

Head Office: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

General Banking Business transacted; Sterling Bills of Exchange Bought and Sold, Letters of Credit, Etc., Negotiated.

Accounts received on the most favorable terms. Interest allowed on special deposits and on Saving Bank accounts.

BRANCHES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Atlin, Bennett, Grand Forks, Nanaimo, Nelson, Rossland, Vancouver, Vancouver East End, Victoria, Ymir.

Geo. Kydd, Manager, Nelson, B.C.

SMOKE

WILLS'S

TAKE NO OTHER.

SMOKE "ROYAL SEAL" CIGARS

West Kootenay Butcher Co.

ALL KINDS OF

Fresh and Salted Meats

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Fish and Poultry in Season

E. C. TRAVES, MANAGER,
BAKER STREET, NELSON.

Orders by mail receive careful and prompt attention.

SMOKE "ROYAL SEAL" CIGARS.