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NOT FOR A YEAR OR TWO AT LEAST

Cubans Must Wait for Self Government.

ARE UNFIT FOR IT NOW

Admiral Sampson Tells of the Conditions Prevailing on the Island at Present.

New York, Dec. 23.—Referring to the situation in Havana, Admiral Sampson, who has just returned to the United States from Cuba, said that the perfecting of the custom house service and the official police in the Island were two most important features in connection with Cuba. When General Green and Chief McCullough had established their police force Admiral Sampson thought there would be little disorder.

"Do you think the people of Cuba will prove amiable to the American Government."

"It does not make any difference whether they do or not," the admiral replied. "We are down *there and our* Government will go on as long as it is necessary."

Reverting to the question of the future of Cuba, Admiral Sampson said:

"The wealthiest and most influential people in Cuba want the island annexted to the United States, whether as a state or teritrory, they do not much care, but there are many Cubans who think they are able to govern themselves. Cuba at present certainly is in no condition to govern itself. The question of what shall become of Cuba will not be settled for a year at least and possibly for two or three. In the meanwhile military Government by the United States will go on.

PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

Ceremonies in Connection With the Transfer of Authority.

Havana, Dec. 23.—At the joint meeting of the United States and Spanish Military Commissioner today, the programme was finally agreed upon for the change of flag on January 1 at noon. Promptly at 12 o'clock the Spanish flag on the various public buildings will be lowered and immediately therefater the Stars and Stripes will be hoisted over El Morro and the public buildings of the city, while Spanish artillerists at Cabinas fortress will salute the American flag with 21 guns, the Spanish warships in the harbor participating in the salute. At the same hour the Spanish troops, if any then remain in the city, will be paraded in the barracks and will render proper salutes to the American forces passing. Just before noon the United States and military Commissioners, General Jiminez Castellasos, the Spanish Captain-General, and the ranking American *officer in Cuba*, Major General John R. Brooks, will assemble at the palace. The Spanish Commissioners will then formally surrender the Government to the United States Commissioners who will transfer it to the American General commanding. After this, the various functionaries will remain awhile to receive those who may wish to pay their respects to the incoming authorities.

It was agreed at the joint meeting that the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after Janury 1, should be considered in the light of foreign troops in a friendly country and be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order consequent upon their presence Matanzas and Cienfugos will doubt less be the only places where Spanish troops will remain after January 1, and Cienfuegos will be evacuated last. The Spanish *sick in the hospitals* will remain under the safeguard of the Americans, the Spanish authorities providing medicines and attendance with food and repatriating them on recovery.

RIGHTS OR FRANCHISES.

They Will Be Handled Carefully in American Colonies.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The War Department today made public the following order which has been sent by the Secretary of War to the commanding officers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines: Until otherwise ordered no grant or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchise for the construction of public or quasi-public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, water works, gas works, electric light lines, etc., shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines except upon the approval of the Major General commanding the military *forces of he United States* in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall before approving any such grant or concession, be specially authorized by the Secretary of War.

ELECTION PETITIONS.

Seventy Three of Them Have Finally Been Disposed of.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Judges Osler and McLennan this morning formally dismissed the election petitions in the cases of North Gray, where Boyd Conservatve, respondent and Ottawa where Lumsden, Liberal and Bowell, Conservative, respectively are respondents. No evidence was offered and none asked for. The Ottawa cases had been previously dismissed but through some technical omisson the porcedure was irregular. This practically closes out 73 protests filed after the general election in March last, there remaining only the decision of the judges in the case of East Elgin. In South Perth, however, and in North Waterloo appeals have been taken and there may be several additional protests arising out of bye elections.

ONE BARREN ISLE

IT IS BADLY NEEDED BY THE UNITED STATES.

Is Situated in the Pacific and Will be Used for a Cable Station.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Government has determined to hoist the United States flag over another island far out in the Pacific Ocean, and orders were sent out late this afternoon to the Commander of the Bennington, Capt. Tussig, to proceed at once to take possession in the name of the Government of United States of Wake *Island, lying in latitude* 19 north longitude, 188 east. It is distant about 2,000 miles from Nihua, the westernmost point of the Hawaiian Islands, and 1,300 miles from Guam. It is almost in a direct line between these possessions of the United States and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawaii and the United States. It is about three miles in length and encloses a lagoon of salt water. The average height of land is eight feet above high tide. It is scarcely capable of sustaining life but it is expected that a cable station can be maintained without difficulty by the erection of a condenser to supply fresh water.

SLOCAN WANTS.

R. F. Green, M. P. P., Promises to do What He Can.

Mr. Geo. Nichol, secretary of the Slocan City Miner's Exchange writes The Miner as follows: R. F. Green, M. P. P., visited Slocan City last week and a meeting of the Miners Exchange was held at the Arlington Hotel to discuss a few of the urgent wants of this district for the coming year. Several of the business men attended the meeting and gave their views on the different requirements of the town and surrounding district. Mr. Green listened attentively to the several speakers and made a favorable impression on his hearers and gave his assurance that justice would be done in regard to our share of appropriations for roads and trails, etc. A vote of thanks was tendered him at the close of the meeting.

KOOTENAY IMRPOVEMENTS.

After Years of Patient Waiting Work Has Commenced.

Fort Steele, B. C., Dec. 23.—After three years of patient waiting on the part of the people of East Kooteny, the Dominion authorities have at last commenced work on the permanent improvement of the Kootenay river. James R. Roy, Dominion resident engineer for the Province, is in the city and has completed arrangements for the immediate expenditure of an appropriation of $5000 for the improvements between here and Wardner. The work mainly consists of removing the worst bars, thereby lenthening the season of navigation.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Wardsville, Dec. 23.—While attending a shooting match at Will Downies, *Aldborough*, A. B. Flag was fatally shot, he was asked by one of men present to go and erase the target and unknown to him a loaded rifle was placed upon the rest, pointing towards the target. The unfortunate man was bending over in the act of adjusting the target when in some unaccountable way the contents of the rifle were discharged. The bullet struck Flag in the back below his heart. Flag will likely not live through the night.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

London, Dec. 23.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Several hundred Montenegrin soldiers who were recently overtaken by a snow storm in the Lara Pass were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snow drifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them."

PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN

Anglo-American Feeling Still in Evidence.

NEW YORK--GIBRALTAR

In the Former the Queen's Health Was Drunk—Americans Entertained at Latter.

New York, Dec. 23.—A toast to the health of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, was an unexpected feature at the annual dinner of the Society of New England held at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. Judge Henry S. Howland ex-president of the society, was in the chair and around the tables were gathered a large number of distinguished gentlemen. At the conclusion of the chairman's opening address, a cablegram was read from Sir Thomas J. Lipton regretting his inability to be present at the banquet, and adding: "Upon the friendship of our race depends the permanent peace and prosperity of the whole world. May the *friendship grow and increase; may* shadow never fall upon it, may the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack ever float together."

"I think it is due to our great friend and ally on the other side of the water that we should drink the health of Her Majesty, the Queen" said Judge Howland. While the band played "God Save the Queen" the diners joined in singing the words of the song.

BRITISH HOSPITALITY.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Evidence of British friendliness towards the United States are being constantly reported to the Government. The *latest is told in the following letter* received at the Navy Department from Commander W. T. Sineburn of the Gunboat Helen, dated Gibralter December 8. "The cordial hospitality to us by *English officers* at this port, both afloat and ashore, has been most marked. As we entered the harbor on Saturday last, while passing the line of battleships, the crews were drawn and bands played the American National airs. I had the pleasure of dining with the Governor of Gibralter, General Sir Robert Biddulph, and invitations for dinner were received from the Colonel and officers of the Second Grenadier Guards and from the officers of the flagship Magnificent."

TROUBLE FOR KRUGER.

Outrages on British Residents May Result Seriously.

Capetown, Dec. 23.—A new row is brewing for President Kruger because of alleged outrages on British residents in the Transvaal. In a recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman named Edgar. No efforts to punish the policemen who did the shooting have been made and a number of Uitlanders have organized to push the case. A similar reform committee was formed before the time of the Jameson raid.

RILEY GRANNAN IS BACK.

New York, 23.—Riley Grannan was reinstated by the stewards of the Jockey Club at a meeting held this afternoon. His pardon is a voluntary act of clemency on the part of the Jockey Club. Grannan was was ruled off in 1896 on the charge of having violated that rule which prevents the giving of presents to jockeys by any one other than the owner for whom the jockey rides. He gave $500 to Fred Taral and on another occasion offered $500 to Henry Griffin. He admitted the latter offence and on it the Jockey Club decided to rest its action.

A JOINT STOCK COMPANY.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the owners and agents of the Victoria sealing vessels *held yesterday in the* Board of Trade rooms, there being a full attendance, it was unanimously resolved, subject to the conclusion of the International Commissioners at Washington, that the sealing business be formed into a joint stock, limited liability company, with a capital of $265,000 to be known as "the British Columbia Sealing Company, Limited. Liability.

CONTRACT FOR POWER HOUSE.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Canadian General Electric Company of Ottawa, has been awarded the contract for the erection of an electric power house for the canal gates at Soulanges.

MAC HAD THE BEST OF IT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Tom Broderick, of Yonkers, and Charley McKeever, of this city, fought a rattling strong bout at the arena today. McKeever had the best of the fight.

Rock and Rye—Go to The Office.

NICARAGUAN CANAL BEING DISCUSSED

England and America Will Investigate at Once.

THE U. S. WOULD PROFIT

London Papers Urge Lord Salisbury Not to Give Everything for Nothing.

London, Dec. 24.—The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely iscussed in the morning papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle published editorials asserting that Lord Salisbury "ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation." The Daily Chronicle points out that the Nicaraguan canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far East, increase America's strength in the Atlantic and alter, to England's disadvantage, the carrying of trade to the far East.

AT WASHINGTON.

Washingbton, Dec. 23.—The State Department originally did not contemplate a formal opening of negotiations to secure the desired amendment of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty until Congress should have made some progress, at least, towards the enactment of the Nicaraguan canal bill, the department wishing not to be placed in the false position of negotiaitng for an object which *Congress might, before its conclusion*, deem to be undesirable. After the experience it had with the General Arbitration treaty there is a particularly strong disinclination to be again placed *in this attitude*.

However, now that the matter has been brought into such prominence, the negotiations may be opened at an earlier date, than was originally contemplated, though it may be taken for granted that their initiation will be an evidence of the Presidents' convictions that Congress will passs some acceptable canal bill before adjourning.

FORMAL OPENING.

Chemistry and Mining Building of McGill—W. C. McDonald Knighted.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The formal opening of the new chemistry and mining building at McGill university Wednesday was signaled by the announcement that the generous donor, W. C. McDonald, had been knighted, and was also memorable for the first visit of the Governor-General and Lady Minto to the institution.

Lord Strathcona, chancellor, occupied the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Sidney Fisher, Sir Sanford Fleming, Canon Racicot, of Laval University; Chancellor Heneker, of Bishop's College, and G. R. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada College, Toronto, and the governors of the faculty of the university and the judges. Lord Strathcona referred to the fact that McGill was not aided by the state, and was therefore more dependent on voluntary gifts. He referred in eulogistic terms to the gift of Mr. W. C. McDonald. He then presented the Governor-General with a congratulatory address from the University.

BARON ROTHSCHILD BURIED.

Body of the Great Financier Interred in London Yesterday.

London, Dec. 23.—The funeral service over Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild who died at his country seat Weddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, last Saturday was held in great Portland Street Synagogue in London yesterday. The burial took place privately in the family vault in the cementery at Westhan the floral offerings included a wreath from the Prince and Princess of Wales. The London busmen, who were always *remembered* by the Baron at Christmas time with presents of turkeys, appeared today wearing the Rothschild racing colors of blue and orange bound with crape.

SMELTER TO CLOSE.

An Unconfirmed Statement That Operations Will Cease Tonight.

A Miner reporter was informed last night that it had been decided to shut down the Hall Mines Smelter tonight for a period of about three months. This move was stated to be an outcome of the recent decision of the meeting of shareholders held in London about a week ago, when it was decided to issue debentures for the sum of £60,000, the proceeds of which will be devoted to extensive development work of the large ore bodies as yet unexploited, which are known to exist. During this time the mine would probably cease shipping, hence the closing down of the smelter. This informaiton which came from an apparantly reliable source, was obtained at an hour which made its official confirmation or denial impossible. It is also asserted that the financial statement issued at the meeting of shareholders referred to, showed a profit of £1,000 on the operations of the company since the last meeting.

MR. HAYES' SUGGESTIONS.

He Would Like to Settle the Differences With the Telegraphers.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—General Manager Hayes of the Grand Trunk in a letter addresed to Grand Chief Powell of the Order of Telegraphers, reviews the strike situation and the general terms and conditions and says: I suggest that if the committee still declines to accept the fair terms offered by the company that the question of difference as to hours and pay be referred either to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council or be determined by arbitration, the committee to select one person, the company another, and they, between them a third party. A decision of two out of three to be binding.

THREATENED SUIT.

London, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Street Railway Company threatens to sue city for $20,000 damages for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street railway employes.

IT MAKES A STIR

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH'S LETTER TO THE LONDON TIMES.

He Defends Cobdenism and the Times Gives Cobdenites Credit for Good Work.

London, Dec. 23.—Prof. Goldwin Smith's letter to The Times defending Cobdenism, is attracting much attention. The Times in a leader acknowledges the benefits which free *trade has conferred upon Great Britain*, while stating it is not without its disadvantages, and admits our present system of British Colonization is due to Cobdenites. The Westminster Gazette finds fault with Goldwin Smith's statement that self government in Ireland would mean dismemberment and defends the growth of Imperialism, but calls Cobdenism, "Our spiritual fathers."

OLINDE IS FREE.

Charleston, Dec. 23.—In the United States district court here today Judge Brawley handed down a decision discharging the Olinde Rodriguez, the French steamship made a prize of war by the Cruiser New Orleans on July 17. The ship belonged to the Trans-Atlantic line. Judge Brawley releases *the ship on the ground* that the blockade of San Juan was not effective on the 5th of July in the sense of which the term is accepted by the nations.

WOULD FINALLY YIELD.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—At the annual convention of the Conservative party *in East Prussia* today, Count Klinkowstroer, referring to the meat inspection law, said that when Dr. Von Hollenben, German ambassador to the United States was asked during his *recent visit how the United States* would receive the bill, he replied no petty vexations, but that if a strong law were adopted they would quietly yield."

SPANISH SOLDIERS MOVING.

Havana, Dec. 23.—The Spanish Transport Darmstadt sailed today for Cadiz with 2,727 *officers and men*. About 8,000 Spanish troops have embarked this week for Spain and some 8,000 others are left in Havana. It is estimated that there are 15,000 Spanish soldiers at *Matanazas and there are* about 30,000 Spanish troops in Cienfuegos. The Spanish troops here will withdraw at Matanzas and Cienfuegos after January 1.

GIVEN UP FOR LOST.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—The Underwriters have given up as lost the *three masted schooner Howard H.* Hanscome formerly hailing from this port. It is believed that the vessel foundered in the November blizzard and that the eight members of her crew were lost. She was bound from Philadelphia to Providence.

RYAN A WINNER.

Hartford, *Conn., Dec. 23.—Tommy* Ryan, of Syracuse, proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston tonight. The police interferred in the fourteenth round and saved O'Brien from an actual knock out. The fight was scheduled for twenty rounds for the middleweight championship of the world.

GAS COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE.

New York, Dec. 23.—It is announced today that a consolidation of all the local gas light and heating companies of Pittsburg, Pa, has been successfully accomplished. The consolidation was managed by Brown Bros., bankers of this city. The capital invested is $26,000,000.

SAGASTA IS ILL.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—The conditions of Senor Sagasta who is sufferings from bronchial pneumonia, now causes grave anxiety. The newspapers express great smypathy.

THANK OFFERING OF LARGE DIMENSIONS

Methodists Will Raise Two Million Dollars.

HALF FOR EDUCATION

A Fund Intended to Commemorate the Incoming of the Twentieth Century.

New York, Dec. 23.—A movement has been set on foot among Methodists to celebrate the incoming of the Twentieth Century by the raising of a thanks offering fund to the amount of $20,000,000. Of this sum it is proposed that $10,000,000 be devoted to educational purposes. The Methodist Board of Education took action at yesterday's meeting favoring this and proposing that one of the objects of the fund should be the assistance of struggling institutions of learning both by a loan and a gift.

TO TAKE THE HOTEL.

A Dream of Editor Wood of the Macleod Gazette.

Editor C. E. D. Wood, of the Macleod Gazette, has the following in regard to the Crow's Nest Pass contractors who have made their headquarters at Macleod for some weeks past:

It is rumored that the Crow's Nest contractors who have been putting in the past couple of months awaiting a final settlement with the construction department, intend to organize a joint stock company an take over the Macleod hotel. Of course, the details have not as yet been worked out, but it is part of the plan that the company shall be capitalized to the extent of the board bills of the members. At the meeting which will no doubt take place after organization is complete, the member of the company who has the biggest board bill will be elected manager. Billy Reid will manage the bar, reserving all perquisites, and the right to drink every time anyone comes in, Major Bowles will have charge of the dining room. He will also meet all creditors at the door and talk them into thinking that their bills were paid long ago. The editor of the Gazette will help Billy Reid. The new company should be a great institution. It is expected that a third story will have to be added to accommodate the members of the company. Charlie Wellman has been retained at a large salary to keep order among the members. The operations of the new company may be extended to include the purchase of Bob Whitney's wholesale liquor store.

HOCKEY OPENING.

The First Game of the Season Will Take Place on Monday.

The hockey season opens on Monday afternoon when the Nelson Hockey Club's senior team will cross sticks with a seven representing the Fire Brigade of the city. A very exciting match will surely result and those that attend may safely anticipate a good afternoon's sport.

The Nelson club will probably play the Rossland team here on the afternoon of Monday, January 2. The game will take place in the new skating rink which will be open by that time. Efforts have been made by the Nelson club to have a league organized in West Kootenay. Rossland has expressed its willingness to enter a team but no reponse has been heard from Kaslo and Sandon, which would indicate that these two towns will not have teams this winter. Revelstoke and Golden, however, are in the game and it is possible that they will be seen on Nelson ice this winter. It is now too late to have a league organized this season but the Nelson club will arrange all the games it can and *as it is now* open for business challenges will be cheerfully accepted. The team will visit the Rossland carnival on the 26th of January.

MR. HILL SUSTAINED.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Conservatives threw up the sponge this morning in the West York election case after 14 days effort to unseat W. J. Hill, Liberal member. Judge Falconbridge in commenting on the case said it was a gratifying feature that although offers, seemingly corrupt, had apparently been made, in not a single instance had they been acted on. This should, he said, be gratifying to the constituency.

WILLIAM'S WHEREABOUTS.

London, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Despite the official announcement that Emperor William started for Potsdam at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon it is asserted that he appeared suddenly at that hour at a meeting of the Prussian Cabinet which was being held at the residence of Dr. Von Miguel, Prussian Minister of Finance and remained until after 7 o'clock."

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CHRISTMAS.

The legal observance of Christmas Day falling on Monday, there will be no issue of The Daily Miner on that morning.

The Miner embraces this occasion to wish all its readers, all Kootenaians who are not its readers, for that matter, a Merry Christmas. And in their mirth, it would enjoin them to give a serious thought or two to that joyous message born of the event at Bethlehem, Glory to God in the Highest; on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men.

A LITTLE SHOP TALK.

The columns of The Daily Miner bear evidence every morning that it is receiving a fairly liberal advertising patronage, proof that the business men of Nelson are alive to the opportunity it offers to bring them to the notice of the public. Our subscription list bears evidence that the paper has a fairly liberal circulation. Yet we have no doubt there are many who regard it with a sort of contempt, because of its size. They think that a four-page, six-column paper is too small to deserve their support. A word or two to these latter may be appropriately said just now, to the advantage of both sides.

We desire the citizens of Nelson and Miner readers generally to understand that we publish daily as much of the news of the world as any newspaper in British Columbia. Precisely the same telegraphic service supplied to the leading morning dailies of Vancouver and Victoria is supplied to the Nelson Daily Miner. Of what is transpiring in the world beyond, therefore, readers in Nelson have the same opportunity to be informed as those of the Coast cities. Local events of interest and importance are daily chronicled, nothing of consequence being omitted. News of the surrounding districts and the Province generally is given as fully as present means will admit. This service we shall improve as fast and as amply as the patronage extended to The Miner will justify.

That is one way of putting it. Another is to say that no town of the size of Nelson anywhere in the Dominion of Canada publishes a Daily paper in the least comparable with The Miner. No other similar town, outside of Nelson and Rossland, would dream of expending the amount of money for telegraphic news that is spent here for the benefit of Nelson readers. The Miner, it is not too much to say, is a long way ahead of the town. Judges of newspapers would testify that it bears a character of all-round excellence, remarkably so considering the field.

No doubt there are many who never thought of it in this light. We wish them to think of it, not only in justice to The Miner, but for the credit of the town itself. It can be made better, and the intention is to make it better; but this cannot be done without the co-operation of the citizens of Nelson and surrounding districts. The Miner is already deserving the favorable consideration of every person who has a stake in this section of the country, and if supported as it deserves we promise that it shall grow in the public confidence and respect.

THE CITY LIGHTING.

Members of the City Council are quite right in supposing that the electric light service needs mending. The entire community will go with them that far, especially those householders who have been cut off from it entirely, and also those other householders who for long weeks have been obliged to grope around in a sort of twilight at certain hours every night. It certainly needs mending; but the citizens will not be so unanimous in saying that the method of improvement, as adopted by the Council, is the proper or most advantageous one.

There may be municipal works in respect to which it would be advisable to employ day labor; it is not certain that this is one of them. It is proposed to build a flume. Building a flume requires expert work, and experts should be engaged in superintending its construction. To put work of this kind into the hands of the Council seems on the face of it to be a mistake. This is precisely the kind of work a contractor could handle to best advantage. There is every reason to believe that it could be done more economically and quite as expeditiously if turned over to some person who had knowlege of work of that kind, and who would be held responsible for its completion. A large quantity of lumber will be required; it does not appear that even for this tenders will be asked. Members who regard their good name should be slow to give to the work the appearance of a job. All that by any possibility could be got out of it for them would not be worth the reproach of a single honest man. It is suggested that it will be used as an electioneering agency in the approaching municipal elections. In some quarters this may be regarded as legitimate, but those who have correcter ideas of municipal ethics would advise that all these devices be left to the professionals.

The indifference displayed by ratepayers to civic affairs in Nelson is most remarkable. We are within a fortnight of the election of the next Council, and not a word is heard as to who will or may or ought to be the candidates. This is not a healthy condition of affairs. Continued long enough, and our civic government would fall into the hands of designing men to exploit for their own purposes. It is understood that one or more of the present Council will not offer for re-election. Would it not be well if the citizens were to assemble in public meeting, discuss the situation, and bring out candidates where or as required? Perhaps His Worship the Mayor would take the lead, if it were suggested to him. Let us at least show that the city is not without some public spirit.

A year ago the prospect was supposed to be bright for an all-British cable line to Australia, beginning in Cornwall and touching at Gibraltar, Sierra Leone, St. Helena, Ascension, Cape Town, Durban, the Mauritius, Rodriguez, and Cocos, reaching Australia at Perth. Today there is little or no prospect, and the St. James's Gazette complains that it is due to the apathy of the Australian Colonies. It is the same apathy that has left the Canadian scheme of a Pacific cable on the rocks. Australia is too much engaged in playing cricket to think of such paltry matters as better cable communication with the heart of the Empire.

The Great Eastern did not prove a success, and failure was attributed to her size, 679 feet long, with beam in proportion. She was too unwieldy, and in a few years was relegated to the show list of curiosities. Next month an Atlantic liner, the Oceanic, 25 feet longer than the Great Eastern, will be launched from a Belfast yard, and will do regular passenger service at a speed of 21 knots an hour. We build little bigger than was the Great Eastern, but in the years that have intervened we have gained the knowledge to handle large craft which was lacking in the old days. The world do move, even in the making of big ships.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

(St. John, N. B., Sun.)

It is not many years since William Black was almost the favorite novelist of the time. This was before the advent of Stevenson, Barrie and Crockett, while Kipling was a lad, and Mrs. Ward and the mad modern women of fiction had not appeared. There came a time when Scotch mists and Scotch coast lines, seafaring gentry from the Islands of the North, and the simple but noble lass of the Caledonian shores, began to pall upon an overtaxed generation. But even yet the Princess of Thule remains one of the most charming creations of modern fiction. The memory of this Princess transplanted from her native soil, and of many another sweet heoine, will cling to those who at one time followed Black through his devious journeys and among his extraordinary cloud effects. William Black has passed away, leaving a library of books, whereot the first two or three which a new-comer takes up will furnish wholesome enjoyment.

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(Winnipeg Free Press.)

It is the intention of the Ottawa Government to offer at public competition the alternate mining claims reserved in the Yukon for the benefit of the public exchequer. The claims will be sold to the highest bidder and a considerable sum is likely to be received from this source. The Yukon must pay for the Yukon, and if there is a little surplus it will only be in line with the general policy of the Government which is producing a surplus between the general revenue and the expenditure.

The Swells all do it—buy their cigars at Nelson Cigar Co's Store and save 2½ cents each. Opposite Dover's.

"A Happy Christmas to all," is the wish of The Office.

Fancy Drinks of all kinds mixed by the only artists—Ed and Charley.

The Time For Selecting

Suitable Gifts for the Holiday Season has arrived. We heralded its approach some time ago and told how well prepared we were to supply all demands. We are doubly prepared now. Each day has added something new to our stock of CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, BOOKS, XMAS CARDS and CALENDARS.

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NELSON MARKETS.

The following are the prices of groceries, provisions, etc., as quoted by our local dealers. It is the intention of The Miner to have these prices corrected every week by trustworthy dealers, so that residents of the city and others may be informed as to the cost of living in the city:

Flour.	
Ogilvie's Hungarian per 50 lb sack	1 50
Lake of the Woods "	1 50
Snow Flake per 50 lb sack	1 25
Grain	
Wheat per ton	$2 00@40 00
Bran per ton	20 00@22 00
Ground feed per ton	25 00@28 00
Corn (cracked) "	27 00@30 00
Oats "	28 00@30 00
Oatmeal per 10 lbs	40@ 50
Rolled oats (B & K) 8lb sack	40
Feed.	
Hay (baled) per ton	22 00@24 00
Vegetables.	
Potatoes per 100 lbs	1 25
Beets per lb	2½
Cabbage per lb	2½
Onions per lb	03
Fish.	
Salmon (smoked) per lb	12½@ 15
Oysters (Olympian) per qt	80
Oysters (Eastern) per tin	50
Cod per lb	12½
Halibut per lb	12½@ 15
Smelts per lb	12½@ 15
Farm Produce.	
Eggs per doz	25 35
Butter (Creamery)	25@ 30
Butter (Dairy)	20@ 25
Cheese (Canadian)	13@ 17½
Cheese Swiss)	20@ 30
Meats.	
Ham (American) per lb	15
Ham (Canadian) per lb	15
Bacon (American) per lb	15
Bacon (Canadian) per lb	14@ 16
Bacon (rolled) per lb	10@ 12½
Bacon (long clear) per lb	12½
Shoulders per lb	12½
Lard per lb	12½
Beef per lb	8@ 15
Mutton per lb	10@ 18
Veal per lb	15@ 18
Pork per lb	12½@ 15

IMPORTANT SUIT

ARGUMENTS IN THE BRIGHT PROSPECTS MINING CASE.

An Outline of the Points Raised by Counsel on Interesting Legal Questions.

The whole time of the court yesterday was occupied with the argument of counsel in the Bright Prospects, and, as the case is of peculiar interest to all miners an outline of the arguments used should be of interest. It will be remembered that this case arises out of the defalcation of a contractor who drew all his money and went off without paying his men. The miners are now endeavoring to recover the wages due them under the Mechanic's Lien Act.

Mr. S. S. Taylor, counsel for the Bright Prospects Mining Company, argued that in suing under the Mechanics Lien Act the laborers were claiming extraordinary statutory remedies, and that accordingly the act should be strictly construed against them, and cited several cases in support of his contention. He then raised several objections to the affidavit filed in support of the plaintiff's claim:

(1) The Act prescribed that an oath should be taken, and that consequently an affidavit sworn before a commissioner was not sufficient.

(2) The time that the work was finished or discontinued was not definitely stated in the affidavit.

(3) The kind of work done was not specified.

(4) The interest or estate of the owner in the property was not stated.

Mr. Taylor then went to the root of the matter, and proceeded to argue that the mechanics' Lien Act does not apply to miners or to mineral claims for several reasons:

(1) The description given in Section 2, Subsection 5, of the Act of those entitled to relief dose not apply to miners.

(2) No lien can be filed under the Act in respect of such work as was alleged to be done, as the Act speaks of work done "upon the property," and that therefore underground mining was out of the question.

(3) An uncrown granted mineral claim is not subject to a lien under this Act, which speaks of "land, premises or interest therein."

In reply Mr. W. A. Macdonald Q. C., argued that if the Act is to be strictly construed against the workmen, it must also be strictly construed against the company He then replied to Mr. Taylor's objections senatim:

(1) No affidavits can be taken without an oath and Section 15 of the Oath's Act provides that a commissioner can take any affidavit required by any statute.

(2) The schedule referred to in Section 8 of the Act has been strictly followed which provides that the time "on or about" when the work was finished should be stated.

(3) The affidavit clearly shows the kind of work done.

(4) Section 8 calls for a description of the property only, and not of the estate or property of the owners therein.

Mr. Macdonald then went on to say that Section 9 of the Act required a statement of the work to be done to be filed in the Government Agent's office in the case of contracts over $500, but that "when no such certificate is filed, no affidavit shall be adjudged to be insufficient if it describes the owners, contractor, if any, and works of or improvements so as to leave no doubt upon the mind of the Court or judge as to who or what are intended to be described," and that therefore no objections could be raised to the affidavit.

In reply to Mr. Taylor's objection as to the application of the act Mr. Macdonald argued:

(1) That those entitled to benefits under the act are "mechanics, artisans, builders or other persons" which by the laws of interpretation of statutes should apply to miners.

(2) That Section 4 of the Act speaks of "work done upon or in connection therewith."

(3) He then cited decisions to show than a mineral claim was an interest in land.

He also quoted Section 43 of the Mineral Act which says that a "crown grant will not prejudice any lien which may have attached to any mineral claim previous to the issue of the crown grant.

THAT BANQUET AT FORT STEELE.

The Cranbrook Herald in telling of the recent visit of the Crow's Nest excursionists to East Kootenay says:

The West Kootenay excursionists, who arrived in Cranbrook Wednesday of last week and were entertained by the business men of Cranbrook, left the next day for Fernie, where they met with a royal reception at the hands of the Crow's Nest Coal Company. They were given a luncheon and shown the coke ovens, the mines and the great sawmill, and one and all were most favorably impressed with the bright prospects of that town. Returning from Fernie to Doris, the switch at the nearest point on the railroad to Fort Steele, they were met by sleighs from our neighboring town and taken to the original town of South East Kootenay, where they were wined and dined to their heart's content at the Venosta restaurant, a most elegant spread having been prepared for them in Harry Reineman's best style. Toasts were prepared and responded to by the visitors and residents of Fort Steele. R. L. T. Galbraith gave an entertaining account of Fort Steele from the time Noah bought pelts from the Kootenay Indians. "Little Willie" Ross extended a cordial welcome to the guests with that seductive smile of his and assured them that Fort Steele was the coming metropolis of Canada. Dr. Watt, in his ex-legislative tone and winning manner, jollied the visitors, West Kootenay as a whole, East Kootenay, the Dominion, and said a good word on the side for Divine Providence. The docter, as an artistic jollier, cannot be equalled. J. T. Harvey, with his sonorious voice and dignified mien, as chairman, spoke often and spoke well, and each time the fame of Fort Steele grew greater and the town larger until it appeared like a cheese in its wire case—the whole thing There were two eloquent speeches that embodied the good feeling that existed between the towns of South East Kootenay; speeches that were thrilling as well as interesting, filled with brotherly love and neighborly kindness, but they were not delivered for the reason that either J. W. H. Smythe or Judge Hutchison, who represented Cranbrook at the banquet, were called upon.

Both at Fernie and Fort Steel the visitors were loud in their praise of East Kootenay and the people of Cranbrook, and when they returned to Cranbrook they had many words of praise for the treatment they had received at Fort Steele. But one remark that caused The Herald man to feel good that he lived in Cranbrook was made by a Nelson man. Speaking of the trip, he said: "I noticed at the Cranbrook banquet your people had little to say of Cranbrook. In fact, you scarcely mentioned it. You all talked of East Kootenay as a whole, and at no time held up Cranbrook as the best town. That speaks well for your town and your people. You left us to judge for ourselves, and the visitors noticed this. Cranbrook made a host of friends by the manner in which the people entertained their visitors." That expresses the spirit of Cranbrook. There is nothing small about the town or her people. They are for East Kootenay as a whole, and are perfectly willing to take their chances in the growth of this valley without saying anything that would tend to injure any other town in the same section.

Tom and Jerry—Go to The Office for such.

CHRISTMAS WINDOWS.

Some Novel Attractions to Be Seen on Nelson's Streets.

This is the season when good cheer and jollity are supposed to prevail, and when the heads of families are expected to dive down deep into their pockets. To give the streets the proper festive appearance, and to more effectively cause the aforesaid parties to "dig," merchants are wont to decorate the windows of their stores and there to display the most attractive of their wares.

As might be expected in a progressive town like Nelson, the merchants are not one whit behind their compeers in other cities in the attractions which grace their houses of business, and the various articles sold have been tastefully and ingeniously made use of to enhance the effects.

A very clever and novel device is the combination of holly wreaths and ball room slippers of various hues, which adorns the window of Lillie Bros., store, while next door J. Dover, the popular jeweler has artistically arranged some of his choice goods in a manner to make the months of the impecunious water. M. Des Brisay & Co., also makes a fine show with a very handsome and ambitious design. The windows of this firm are always worth seeing. The toy store belonging to the Canada Book and Drug store is very prettily tricked out, while F. Irvine & Co., have adorned the front of their premises with a selection of dainty fabrics of varied and delicate hues.

The West Kootenay Butcher Company have decked their shop with elaborate and seasonable decorations, while in the window of the Nelson Wine Company is an up-to-date Red Riding Hood bringing a flask of the best rye to a bed ridden wolf. The candy and fruit store next door is also prettily decorated. Another pretty window is W. F. Teetzel's and the Lawrence Hardware Co., have also dainty articles displayed.

Beef Tea—Go to The Office.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Nelson skating rink opens this afternoon at 2:30.

A Christmas Carol service will be held this evening in St. Saviour's church.

There will be a turkey shoot this afternoon on the lake shore below the Provincial Jail.

The Rev J. Robson, B. A., will fill his pulpit in the Methodist Church tomorrow, after having been laid up with typhoid fever for six months

A large number of young people of both sexes were present at the dance given last night at the Club Hotel. Everything passed off successfully and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

There will be special music at the evening service in the Presbyterian church tomorrow, and Mrs. W. F. Brougham will sing the well known solo by Gounod, "Hail Christmas Morn."

The Nelson Musical Society will hold their final rehearsal for the Carol Service at St. Savious's Church this afternoon at 2:30. Mr. Brougham particularly requests the attendance of all members.

One of the workmen employed at the Nelson Ship Yards met with a nasty accident yesterday afternoon, dislocating and otherwise injuring his shoulder. He was taken to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital.

The men engaged in the construction of the new spur to the C. P. R wharf knocked off yesterday afternoon till Tuesday. Mr. Moss, the C. P. R. inspector of the work, left for the Coast last night accompanied by Mrs. Moss.

Mr. Mallette had a carload of onions stored in the cellar under the undertaking rooms on Vernon street. Some pipes burst in the vicinity, and what Mr. Mallette now wants to know is, who will compensate him for his spoiled onions?

The services in St. Saviours' church on Christmas Day will be fully choral, in the morning Dykes in F. and in the evening the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Burnett in F. The anthem will be, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel" by Simper.

There were no prisoners yesterday before the Police Magistrate, but later on the Chief of Police came across Joe Needech on the street suffering from delirium tremens. He was taken up to the City Hall, and subsequently removed to the Provincial Jail.

The London Empire says: "Ex-Governor Mackintosh is on his way from Rossland to London. Mr. Mackintosh, it will be remembered, was in London early in the year. He is still the guiding spirit of the British America Corporation in Canada." As far as known Mr. Mackintosh has not yet got this side of Trail.

Although its headquarters are at the other side of the continent the fact is not allowed to prevent the Merchant's Bank of Halifax from extending their operations on this side. A few days ago the Bank's manager at Nanaimo, Mr. W. A. Spencer, left for Skagway, to establish branches at that place, at Bennett, and at Atlin. A full staff for each will follow on, as soon as arrangements are completed.

At the Christmas services at the Baptist church, Rev. C. W. Rose will preach in the morning on the subject of "Friends, I have called you friends,"—John XV: 15. At the New Hall in the Hume addition beginning at 2:30 there will be a service especially for the children. At four the general meeting which will be quite informal will commence. The subject of the evening service in the church will be "Gifts, give me thine heart." —Prov, 23:26.

Hot Scotch—Go to The Office for it.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Phair—Walter, Mono; J. Bryce, St. Catherines; P. A. Gallagher, Finsbury; E. A. Paterson, Victoria; Miss Mary Anderson, Spokane; W. F. Gurd, Macleod; C. J. Kettyle, Kuskonook; Mrs. and Miss. McLeod and F. Brice, Spokane; Miss W. Wood and R. H. McKee, Rossland.

The Hume—Charles Parker, Rossland; W. McMillan, Toronto; R. J. Broddy, Sandon; C. Parsons, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Crosskill, Brooklyn; J. L. Parker, Rossland; J. E. Benton, Brooklyn.

The Queens—A. P. Blandy and J. C. Blandy, Kaslo; R. E. Estabrook, Trail; Prov. Constable F. C. Ireland, Victoria; G. G. Thurman, Winnipeg.

Big reduction in cigars and pipes. Nelson Cigar Co., Opposite Dover's.

Meteorological Report.

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Dec 17	Saturday	35.0	30.0	0.01	28.00
Dec 18	Sunday	36.5	32.0	0.01	28.00
Dec 19	Monday	41.0	32.5	0.35	27.50
Dec 20	Tuesday	40.0	31.0	0.00	27.78
Dec 21	Wed'day	32.5	27.0	0.00	28.10
Dec 22	Thursday	31.0	22.0	1.00	28.30
Dec 16	Friday	25.0	16.0	0.00	28.45

Some people think that a Hardware store is a poor place to look for suitable HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Disabuse your mind of that idea. We have a line of goods amongst which will be found the most useful and appropriate articles for presentation purposes. Their value is not fleeting. Every day the receiver of one of these will have reason to praise your judgment in selecting a lasting gift.

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Currants, all cleaned, ready to throw in the cake.

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Charlottetown, P. E. I.	Montreal, West End	Sydney N. S.
Dorchester, N. B.	Montreal, Westmount	St. John, Nfld.
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Guysboro, N. S.	Nelson, B. C.	Vancouver, B. C.
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[Compiled by H. G. McCulloch, mining brok- Nelson, B. C., P. O. box 465.]

Name of Company	Par Value.	Price Asked
Nelson, Slocan and Ainsworth		
American Boy	1 00	6
Athabasca	1 00	43
Arlington Con	1 00	6
Dundee	1 00	28
Dardanelles	1 00	11
Dellie	1 00	10
Elsie	1 00	—
Exchequer	1 00	7½
Fern G. M. Co	25	55
Gibson	1 50	10
Hall Mines	£1	148
Idler	1 00	10
London Hill	25	25
Nelson-Poorman	25	45
Kaslo Montezuma	1 00	25
Noble Five	1 00	17
Rambler Con	1 00	25
Reco	1 00	1 20
Slocan Star	50	1 25
Two Friends	30	10
Wonderful	1 00	5
Washington	1 00	10
Trail Creek		
Butte	1 00	1½
Caledonia Con	1 00	5
Commander	1 00	13
Deer Park	1 00	19½
Enterprise	1 00	10
Eureka Consolidated	1 00	9
Evening Star	1 00	5½
Georgia	1 00	3
Good Hope	1 00	2
Grand Prize	1 00	4
Giant	1 00	5
High Ore	1 00	2½
Iron Mask	1 00	90
Iron Colt	1 00	10½
Jumbo	1 00	45
Lily May	5 00	19½
Mayflower	1 00	6
Monita	1 00	10
Monte Cristo	1 00	14
Mugwump	1 00	3
Novelty	1 00	5
Phoenix	1 00	5
Poorman	1 00	13
Red Mountain View	1 00	1
Rossland Homestake	1 00	5
Rossland Red Mountain	1 00	21
Silverine	1 00	4½
Silver Bell	1 00	5
St. Elmo	1 00	5
Virginia	1 00	38
Victory-Triumph	1 00	9½
War Eagle Con	1 00	2 95
West Le Roi Josie	1 00	27
White Bear	1 00	8
Miscellaneous.		
Alpha Bell	1 00	7
Cariboo (Camp McK)	1 00	1 25
Waterloo (Camp McK)	1 00	7½
Cariboo Hydraulic Con	5 00	95
Channe	25	8
Golden Cache	1 00	5
Occ. M. & M. Co	1 00	—
Old Ironsides	1 00	—
Smuggler	1 00	19
Tin Horn	25	12
Van Anda	1 00	4½
Winchester	25	12
Fire Mountain	1 00	—

New York, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 59¾; Mexican dollars, 45⅝. Copper, quiet; brokers' $12.75; exchange, $12.85 to $13. Lead, firm; brokers' $3.60; exchange, $3.82½ to $3.85. Tin firmer; Straits, $18.25 to $18.37½. Plates, quiet.

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"Slocan City and Silverton are going to be two of the brightest little towns in the Kootenays next summer" said a Nelson man yesterday, after returning from a trip to the two points mentioned. "Silverton is bound to go ahead. Six or seven properties are shipping ore from there, among them Wakefield, Emily Edith, Comstock, Vancouver, Bosun, and one or two others. The feeling there is very hopeful and if a boom does not come along, but instead of it, good healthy growth, the outlook is indeed very hopeful for Silverton being one of the best points on Slocan Lake. At present there are about 200 men employed in the mines at Four Mile Creek, tributary to Silverton. Gold has been discovered at Eight Mile creek, which is also tributary to Silverton. The gold properties will be worked at once. Next spring and summer should be very active. I found the feeling much more hopeful than it was 12 or 18 months ago. There is also a much more buoyant feeling in Slocan City on account of the strike in the Two Friends mine. Twelve inches of good galena ore is now in sight and there is altogether 30 inches of ore, more or less rich, in sight. It is expected that the Two Friends lead will run through the Bank of England claim which was leased by R. Marpole to Teeter and York. There is a probability of the option on the Tamarac being taken up. The Tamarac is on Springer Creek and will be worked by the purchasers. The Arlington has put through some deal and will start up again. The Evening Star is looking well. With all these properties working Slocan City should thrive next spring and summer. Great things are being looked forward to by the whole Slocan district."

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Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, managing director of the British America Corporation, when asked for confirmation of the report that the corporation is about to take over the Novelty claim in Rossland, said there was not one word of truth in the report. "We do not expect to acquire any of it. The report is without foundation," he said.

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Mr. Stuart Cumberland, in his Journal the London Empire, says: The issue of the Le Roi mine has been a gigantic success. Brought out at what most people thought the wrong time, its success has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The list closed today with, I understand, close upon two and a-half million subscriptions. The shareholders in the Globe and British America Corporations were, as everyone knows, entitled to a preferential allotment, and of this preferential allotment, very few shareholders omitted to take advantage. It will thus be seen that very few shares can be alloted to the general public, and that application money, close upon one million and a-half, will have to be returned with the customary expressions of regret. It must be gratifying to the issuing Corporations to know that the issue has gone off so satisfactorily, and that their shareholders, in spite of the depreciated market value of their shares, have such complete confidence in them.

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Referring to the rich strike made in the Mikado mine, in the Seine River district, Western Ontario, a correspondent to the Free Press, Winnipeg says:

The wonderful reports which came in a few days ago that the Mikado mine had developed itself in o something more than the ordinary in the way of producing free gold, has proved to be correct in every detail. This streak of enormously rich paying ore was opened in the No. 3. shaft while drifting 185 feet below the surface. The stope is 40 feet in height, and this rich stuff is the whole length of the stope. I am very glad to be able to state that this particluar ore will not all go through the mill, but be sent to London, England, in sacks, to show what the nature of it really is in its crude state. This ore can without doubt be classed among the richest gold bearing quartz that has ever been found on the face of the earth. It is really a wonder. On Thursday it was estimated that the manager had caused to be put in sacks for shipment to London free gold to the amount of $25,000. The miners as they come up out of the shaft are not allowd to leave the shaft house before changing all their clothes. There is a guard of three men watching the mining of the ore all the time. The most remarkable part of it is that it continues to show up as good as ever. How long it will last goodness only knows.

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The New Denver Ledge throws further light upon the matter of the sale of the Enterprise group, referred to recently by The Miner. It says:

An option to purchase was given some time ago by the owners of the Enterprise group, on Ten Mile, to a British syndicate, and the time expires early next month. The interested parties will say nothing about it, and no particulars will be given out till the time expires. In any event, whether the mine sells or not, it will be worked much more extensively and shipments resumed and maintained. The mine can easily ship 50 tons per day, and the ore in high grade, though the presence of zinc may act as a deterrent to some extent W. C. E. Koch has had a team employed for over a week hauling ore down from the mine to Enterprise, more for the purpose of keeping the road open for future events. Two companies appear to be figuring on the property, the London & B. C. Goldfields and the British America Corporation. Both are standing high on the British market just now, the former because of such gilt-edged possessions as the Ymir, Whitewater and Slocan Boy, backed up by a recent dividend of 20 per cent., and the B. A. C. becaues of its successfiul flotation of the Le Roi. Ten Mile creek would boom in the event of a sale.

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For the half year ending December 31, the total Slocan shipments will total fully 18,000 tons, valued at about $2,000,000.

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Major Furlong of New Denver, received a cablegram on Monday, announcing that his Black Grouse property, on north fork of Carpenter Creek, had been accepted in England by a syndicate of capitalists. Particulars of sale and the future developments of the property will be received later on.

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W. Boies and J. Rackliff have bonded a group of four claims, owned by them on South Kaslo, to the English company represented by E. Mansfield. The bond calls for $30,000, the first payment of which is to be made so soon as the snow goes off. These claims adjoin the Joker group now being worked by Mr. Mansfield, and have practically the same surface showings, the the croppings running well in gold.

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JOHN HAMILTON, Agent, Nelson

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7:00 a.m.—S. S. Moyie leaves for Kuskonook and way points Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7:15 a.m.—S. S. International arrives from Kaslo and way points daily except Sunday.

7:30 a.m.—S. S. Alberta leaves for Kuskonook and way points Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

9:00 a.m.—Train leaves C. P. R. station for Slocan City, daily except Sunday.

11:00 a.m.—S. S. Kokanee arrives from Kaslo and way points daily except Sunday.

2:20 p.m.—Train arrives C. P. R. station, from Slocan City and way points, daily, except Sunday.

4:00 p.m.—S. S. Kokanee leaves for Kaslo and way points, daily, except Sunday.

4:30 p.m.—S. S. International leaves for Kaslo and way points, daily except Sunday.

5:35 p.m.—Train arrives N. & F. S. station, from Spokane, Rossland and way points, daily.

6:30 p.m.—S. S. Moyie arrives from Kuskonook, and all way points, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

6:30 p.m.—S. S. Alberta arrives from Kuskonook and way points Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

6:40 p.m.—Train leaves C. P. R. station for Robson, Rossland, and all Main Line points, daily.

10:30 p.m.—Train arrives C. P. R. station, from all Main Line points, Rossland and Robson, daily

Steam tugs Kaslo, Angerona, Red Star, Hercules, Surprise and others ply on Kootenay lake to and from Nelson, but have no regular times of arrival and departure.

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