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TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION

Five Hundred Lives Lost—Five Million Dollars Worth of Property is Swept Away.

Calcutta, Sept. 28.—Following yesterday's dispatches from the scenes of the landslides and earthquakes in the Himalayas comes the story of the destruction of the Ida Villa, a branch of the Calcutta Girls' school, supported by the American Methodists, as related by Miss Stahl, who saved many of the children. A landslide compelled the occupants to leave the buildings, and Miss Stahl, guiding the children, commenced a perilous climb, finally gaining the road. All the time rain was pouring down in torrents, the earth was shaking, and the children were terrified. The blackness of night, falling boulders, the crashing of trees, and fears of the earthquake, finally compelled the party to return to the Ida Villa. Even then Miss Stahl had a struggle with the children, who, fearing the collapse of the house, sought to fly into the night. Misses Reid and Soundry finally made another attempt to escape with the children. They were, however, overwhelmed by sleet. The teachers escaped but many of the children perished. In the meantime the Ida Villa had been also destroyed. Will Burbee, the sole survivor, says that when it was seen that escape was impossible a sister made them all kneel in prayer, and while kneeling the house was swept away. It is estimated that the loss to the tea garden propiretors alone is about $5,000,000.

Calcutta, Sept. 28.—Lieutenant Governor Sir John Woodburn announced in the Council yesterday that four hundred persons lost their lives through the floods at Darjeeling, capital of the district of that name, in addition to those drowned on the plains.

Great havoc has been caused at Kurseong. The Margaret Chope estate lost 100 acres of land, and the Meland factory was destroyed. Some coolies were buried in the ruins of the manager's house, which was partially destroyed. The Avon groves estate lost 30 acres and 4,000 tea bushes. Many persons were killed.

A huge landslide below St. Mary's Seminary destroyed the railroad and completely blocked the road.

NEW YORK IS DECORATED.

A Million Visitors in the City to See Admiral Dewey.

New York, Sept 28.—New York is decked like a bride in honor of the gallant sailor who is waiting at her gate. Hundreds of miles of red, white and blue bunting grace the noble buildings of Broadway and Fifth avenue, and a million flags flutter over the town Not even the churches have escaped the universal decorations. A million visitors are here to participate in the glorious celebration. The gaily apparelled soldiers of many states who are to take part in the land parade on Saturday began trooping in today. Boat load after boat load of pasengers, sailors and marines helped to swell the crowds trooping in all directions. Uniformed members of the staff of the arriving Governors were everywhere The arrangement for the two days' celebrations are completed. The great arch at Madison square, modeled after the Triumphial arch of Titus, upon which the most famous sculptors of America have lavished their genius, is practically finished, and stands a superb tribute to the nation's hero. It is more beautiful than the arch in the Roman Forum.

Today the crush to get aboard the Olympia never flagged, and great indulgence was shown by Admiral Dewey; a goodly proportion of those who beseiged the gangways got aboard. At times the ship was fairly overrun. These crowds and the official visits the Admiral received scarcely gave him and his officers time to breathe.

The Jackies got their medals which Congress voted them today, and proudly displayed them to the various visitors until Jeffries, the pugilist, came aboard. Jack loves a fighter, and while the pugilist was aboard, tars were oblivious to all else. Owing to the stream of officials, the long stream of salutes continued without interruption all day.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Vancouver, Sept. 28.—All placer claims in the southern division of East Kootenay are laid over from October 1st to June 1st, 1900.

A meeting of the board of examiners for the Provincial Land Surveyors, to be held in the Parliament buildings, Victoria, Oct. 2nd, at 9 a. m.

John Mackenzie to be acting secretary.

The annual meeting of the Bedlington-Nelson railroad company will be held at Kaslo on Oct. 18th, at 4 p. m., for the election of directors and other business.

The following extra Provincial companies are registered:

Philadelphia Mining Company, of Northport, Wash., capital $100,000, local office at Rossland; E. N. Ouimette, attorney. Ajax Fraction Development Syndicate, London, Eng., capital, £20,000 local office, Sandon; Maurice Gintzburger, attorney.

The following companies have been incorporated:

The Montgomery & MacDonald Company, Nelson, capital, $20,000.

Nelson Opera House, of Nelson, capital $25,000.

Ormond Gold-Copper Mines, of Rossland, capital, £125,000.

Province Mining & Development Company, of Vancouver, capital, $400,000.

The Lardeau Mines, of Rossland, capital, £100,000.

SHOOTING OF MR. BENNETT.

Further Particular of the Sad Death of the Young Missionary.

Mr. W. W. West, writing to The Miner from Pilot Bay, gives the particulars attending the death and funeral of Mr. J. K. Bennett, the young missionary, which was reported in The Miner of the 23rd inst Mr. West says:

"I took the residents of Pilot Bay over to the funeral in the Haly. The funeral was largely attended, and the church and casket was literally covered with flowers."

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Shaw went out gunning from Ainsworth on Thursday, the 22nd inst. When about 3 miles from the highland mine they were descending the mountain to a creek for water, with Mr. Shaw about 200 yards in advance. Mr. Bennett must have slipped, holding the muzzle of the gun in his hand, using the gun as a walking stick, when it went off. The report of the gun brought Mr. Shaw back, where he found Mr Bennett lying with his head down the hill and his left arm blown entirely off. He was bleeding badly, and Mr. Shaw used his shirt for a bandage. After doing everything in his power for the wounded man Mr. Shaw went to the No. 1 mine for help. It was over two hours before he procured assistance and returned with a cot. Mr. Bennet by this time had lost nearly all of his blood, but he was taken as quickly as possible to Kaslo, to the hospital. It was night when they arrived, but in just a few hours afterward he was brought back to Ainsworth a corpse, and laid out in his own church. The large attendance from all points on the lake showed with what respect and esteem he was held everywhere he was known.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 28.—The official Gazette of the week contains notice of the following Provincial appointments:

Robert Reddick, M. D., of Rossland, to be a coroner for the Province.

Waller Thomas Dowley, of Clayoquot; Wm. Simpson, Duncan City; Thos. Felton Helgeson, Quesnelle Forks; Wm. Swinburne Moore, Agassiz; Wm. H. Ladners, Ladners; Everard H. Fletcher, Victoria; Wm. B. Townsend, Rossland; John Pierson, Steveston, and Jas. E. McMillan, Victoria, to be Justices of the Peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

EMBARKED FOR GIBRALTAR.

London, Sept. 28.—As the second battallion of Grenadiers embarked on a transport at Gibraltar for London this afternoon they receievd a "hurry call" ordering them to proceed to the Cape, for which place they start tomorrow. The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, arrived at the Foreign Office this afternoon. The Cabinet council is summoned to meet at 10:30 tomorrow morning. The Speaker of the House Committee, Mr. Wm. Court Gully, is returning to London. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone, the chief Liberal whip, will arrive here Monday.

GOVERNMENT CHARTERS STEAMSHIPS

The Orange Free State, by Resolution Passed in the Volksraad Decide to Support Transvaal in Case of War.—Troops from New Zealand.

London, Sept. 28.—A cable dispatch to The Times from Capetown says:

"The Boers would have taken the initiative by now but for the scarcity of water, there not being yet sufficient. There will be great difficulty in providing food supplies for people remaining at Johannesburg when hostilities commence."

Several responsible persons who have clung to the belief in an ultimate peaceful settlement, now regard war as inevitable. The Birmingham Post says two cars of arms leave Hamburg Friday for the Transvaal, comprising 50,000 improved Mausers, 500,000 cartridges and several mortars for dynamite cartridges.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 28.—Sir Chas. Tupper, leader of the Canadian Parliamentary Opposition, speaking at Maritime fair to an audience of several thousand people, referred to the present Transvaal crisis. He said if Great Britain became involved in war, the Canadian Government should send a regiment of troops to England, fully equipped, and place them at the disposal of the Imperial Government. The statement provoked great enthusiasm. Major Borden, Commander of the Queen's Nova Scotia Hussars, has offered the services of his troops to Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, for duty in the Transvaal.

London, Sept. 28.—The Daily Chronicle's Capetown correspondent says:

"I have received information of highest importance as to the possibility of a peaceful solution of the difficulty. Complete estrangement exists between Sir Alfred Milner and Mr. Hofmeyer and Afrikander leaders. Persons enjoying the confidence of the Transvaal Government, however, are convinced that if the Imperial Government empowers Hofmeyer to assure the Transvaal that five years franchise will secure peace, other questions being dealt with by the reformed Republic gradually or by arbitration, all existing differences will disappear.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 28.—The British Government chartered two steamships yesterday in Liverpool of the Elder Dempster line to sail to New Orleans and load mules, supplies, forage and teamsters for some South African port. The first of the vessels will be due in that port October 4th and 5th and the second a few days later. One will carry 700 and the other 1200 mules.

London, Sept. 28.—The decision of the Volksraad of the Orange Free State to join with the Transvaal in the event of hostilities, although fully expected, is the leading news today, and will naturally stiffen the Boers' independent attitude. The Raad's resolution has made the brotherhood of arms between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, of which hitherto there was only a strong probability, an absolute certainty, and the British will have to face the situation.

The Volksraad's resolution was as follows:

"The Raad, having read paragraph 2 of the President's speech, and the official documents and correspondence submitted therewith, having regard for the strained state of affairs thoughout the whole of South Africa, which has arisen in consequence of the difference between the Imperial Government and the Government of the Transvaal which threatens to lead to hostilities, a calamitous consequence which to white inhabitants will be immeasurable.

"Being connected with the Transvaal by the closest confederacy, and standing in friendliest relations possible with the Imperial Government, fearing that, should war break out between them, a hatred between the European race would be born which will arrest and retard peaceful development in the states and colonies of Africa, and develop a distrust of the future.

"Feeling that a solemn duty rests upon it of doing everything possible to avoid shedding of blood,

"Considering that the Transvaal Government, during its negotiations with the Imperial Government, which have extended over several months, has made every endeavor to arrive at a peaceful solution of the difference raised by allies of the Transvaal and taken up by the Imperial Government as its own cause, which endeavors have, unfortunately, had only this result: That British troops were concentrated on the border of the Transvaal, and are still being strengthened.

"Resolved, That we instruct the Government to still use every means to maintain and insure peace, and in a peaceful manner contribute towards the solution of existing difficulties, provided it be deemed not violating honor and principles of the Free State and Transvaal and wished the ministry to make known its opinion that there exists no cause for war, and that war against the Transvaal, as now undertaken or occasioned by the Imperial Government, will morally be war against the whole white population of Africa, and in its consequences criminal, for come what may, the Free State will honestly and faithfully fulfill its obligations towards the Transvaal, by virtue of a political alliance between the two Republics."

Intense excitement continues to prevail at Pretoria, where apparently it is believed there is no escape from war. The Field Cornet at Pretoria is again serving out rifles. Commandering is actively proceeding and all preparations are being made to take the field. The Burghers are getting uneasy at the concentration of British troops between Ladysmith and Laings Neck, especially at Gletchon and Dundee. The nominal reason for concentration is protection of Dundee coal fields, but the Boers do not intend to be caught napping, and are now massing around Vryhead, not however, merely as a protective measure, but to be prepared, unless British reinforcements across the border prevent, to make a dash in force through a portion of Zululand, crossing Buffalo river at a point below Rorkes drift and then seizing the railroad, cut off British garrisons at Dundee and Ladysmith from the south, which would not only interrupt British lines of communication, but would seriously interfere with the forward movement. In order to watch this portion of the railroad exposed to Boer incursion the British post will be established at Rorkes drift.

The Daily News, which appeals to the Government to await President Kruger's reply before sending a second despatch, says: "If, as has been asserted on behalf of the Transvaal, all trouble would have been asserted on behalf of the Transvaal, all trouble would have been avoided had Mr. Chamberlain's last despatch last Friday said convention instead of conventions, we do no believe a British Cabinet would decline to clear the matter up. It is for President Kruger to speak. It is, indeed, only a matter of a consonant; for we are convinced that it is in his power to get the consonant cut off.

The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The Transvaal executive is absorbed in war preparations. Many Boers oppose aggressive action on reilgious grounds. There have been local thunderstorms and rains at Johannesburg and in various parts of the Orange Free State."

London, Sept. 28.—The Daily Chronicle says:

"We understand, on the best authority, that the delay attending the Boer reply is due to hopes still entertained by the Transvaal of a peaceful settlement. The Boers distrust Mr. Chamberlain. They fear that if they made concesssions, he will only increase his demands, therefore they have been trying to to approach Lord Salisbury directly.

"They trust the Premer as much as they distrust the Colonial Secretary. If Lord Salisbury would give a pledge that the Golden bridge was meant seriously, they would venture upon it. We regret to say that this last desperate effort has broken down, since Lord Salisbury cannot go behind Mr. Chamberlain without creating a Cabinet crisis. It is deplorable, nevertheless, that state etiquette should be strong enough to obtruct the path of peace. We hope it is not true that Mr. Chamberlain intends to demand disarmament, a heavy indemnity and the withrawal of Dr. Leyds, which could only result in war."

The paper suggests that the Orange Free State should appeal for arbitration under the arrangement concluded at the Hague.

Dundee, Scotland, Sept. 28.—On receiving the freedom of the city of Dundee today, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury and Government leader in the House of Commons, said the Government had longed for and striven for a peaceful and honorable solution of the perennial South African difficulty. "If that honorable solution does not prove a peaceful solution, the fault rests on other heads than ours." Mr. Balfour would not say that he had given up all hopes, but he now spoke in a very different tone from what he should have done a month or even a fortnight ago. They had reached a point, he added, when, if he judged aright, those responsible for the policy of the Dutch Republic refused to give way; a point on which "we could not and would not give way." This statement caused an outburst of cheering. Continuing, Mr Balfour remarked: "The interests of the South Africans, civilization and national honor have all made such a course impossible for us." This called for renewed cheers.

Wellington, N. Z., Sept. 28.—The Government of this colony decided today to equip and send 200 men to the Transvaal. The House sang the National anthem when this step was decided upon.

WAS TAKEN SATURDAY NIGHT.

Chief of Police Jarvis Served the Warrant Upon Him at Hotel Waverly.

H. F. Parker, a young man of this city, was arrested last night at 10 o'clock by Chief of Police Jarvis at the Hotel Waverly, charged with the crime of embezzlement in the sum of $56, on a warrant issued at the instance of the management of the Parsons Produce Company.

Parker is a young Englishman of good family, and hails from Winnipeg, where he has been employed in the offices of the main branch of the Parsons Produce Company. Some four months ago Parker was sent to Nelson by the firm to occupy the position of bookkeeper and accountant in their house at this place, and has held the position until yesterday morning, when he was discharged by the firm.

It is said that for some time past Parker has been spending money quite freely and visiting questionable resorts, where he managed to be relieved of considerable sums of money; far more than a young man occupying his position could afford.

For the past two or three days Parker has been shadowed, so that any attempt on his part to leave the City could promptly be stopped. The warrant was served last night, as stated above, for fear that when morning came he would have left the City. While the information charging him with the felony places the sum at only $56 it is said that his shortages will aggregate nearly $2,000.

Early this morning Parker was visited in his cell at the City jail, where Chief Jarvis had made him as comfortable as possible, by a representative of The Miner. He would say but very little and was not at all inclined to be talkative. When questioned about the matter he said: "When P. J. Russell, manager of the company, returns tonight I will be able to clear myself, and until his return I have nothing more to say. When asked by The Miner representative if he could do anything for him or if he wanted anything. He replied: "Nothing but sleep."

He will be arraigned before the Justice of the Peace for his preiminary examination on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Parker has a wide circle of acquaintances here, and many of his friends were around last night making anxious inquiries respecting his trouble.

THE WAGES OF SIN.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28.—E. J. Brown lies a corpse in the morgue, while Mrs. Violet Holden, with whom he eloped from Toronto three weeks ago, is being cared for with the children at the Harrison street police station. Brown shot himself in the right temple in his room at the Queen's Hotel. In his coat was found a letter in which he declared that he took his life because he could not bear to see his companion worry over their sin. It developed after the suicide that Mrs. Holden deserted a husband and four children, and Brown left a wife and three children.

PASSENGERS ALL SAFE.

News Received With Joy at Montreal.—There Were Many Prominent People on Board.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—The steamer Scotsman, of the Dominion line, is ashore off Belle Isle. The steamer Montford has taken off 200 passengers, and is now on her way up the gulf. She passed Heath Point at 8 p. m. The news was received with joy at Montreal, as a large number of prominent people are on board. It is probable a special train will be sent from here to bring up the wrecked passengers from Rimouski. Mr. McPherson, General Passenger Agent of the C. P. R., received advices this morning that the Scotsman passengers were safe and would reach Quebec on the steamer Montford about 7 o'clock on Friday evening.

DUNCAN RIVER COUNTRY.

Naturally Tributary to Nelson—Trade Should Be Secured.

Mr. W. R. Stevenson, civil engineer for the C P. R., who is now engaged on construction on the road between Lardo and Trout Lake, is at the Phair. He reports the grading as nearly finished between Lardo and Duncan City, and track laying is soon to commence. Mr. Stevenson thinks that trains will be running to Duncan City by the first of November, and that work on the line will continue throughout the winter. From Trout Lake the road will run direct to Arrowhead, connecting with the main line of the C. P. R. "The existence of immense bodies of ore," said Mr. Stevenson, "in the Duncan-Lardo country has had an effect rarely ever witnessed before in any country, viz: Two railroad companies are building roads into a country before they have anything to haul. But they are perfectly safe. These roads will open a country unsurpassed in mineral and agricultural wealth. Outside of the mines in that section the agricultural land is of great importance There are thousands of acres of A1 land on the Duncan and Lardo Rivers and at each end of Trout Lake. This land consists of river bottoms, and part of it is covered with a heavy growth of hay and part with timber, but it is all good. If a man should acquire a small tract of land there now, before he could raise a crop on it, the best kind of a market would be impatiently awaiting it. Everything that one could raise there would command a high price right at home."

Mr. Stevenson said further, in answer to a question by The Miner representative: "That whole country is tributary to Nelson, and Nelson should easily be able to secure its trade There will be a large trade up there next year, and it will rapidly increase every season."

Mr. Stevenson will return to his work today by Steamer Kokanee.

BETTER TELEHPONE SERVICE.

Nelson's System to Be Greatly Improved in the Near Future.

The Kootenay Lake Telephone Company is going to bring its Nelson service up to that standard of excellence that a rising City like Nelson demands. The present return ground system will be changed to a metallic system of the latest design. Poles have been ordered for Baker street, and in order not to have a branchless forest on that street, the street railway company will suspend its trolleys from the telephone poles, and thus save the putting up of two more rows. The general superintendent of the company, Mr. H. W. Kent, is now in the East purchasing new switchboards and other apparatus. The company will do away with the present Blake transmitters, and will put in the latest long distance transmitter. This charge will greatly improve the long distance service. Starting on the first of October, a continuous day and night service will be inaugurated in Nelson. M. R. B. Hodge has been appointed manager of the Nelson office, as Mr. George C. Hodge finds that his duties as district superintendent occupy all his time. As the company does not wish to interfere with the working of the system while the improvements are being made it will necessarily be slow work, and will not be completed for some months.

MONEY SCARCE.

Montreal, Que., Sept. 28.—Banks here have advanced the rate on call loans from 5 to 5½ per cent, making a total advance of one per cent so far this year. All Canadian banks which have spare funds are now lending in the New York market to get the benefit of absolutely high rates which prevail. This has the effect of making money scare in the local market.

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REMARKABLE OBTUSENESS.

When Mr. C. H. Mackintosh gives out an interview in the future he should consider the sensibilities of The News-Advertiser, the paper owned and controlled by Mr. Cotton. The gentleman has just made a journey Eastward, and was interviewed on the way. He is reported as saying that capitalists with whom he was in touch were so much alarmed by the tendencies of the times in British Columbia that they prefer to look for investments further south, in Oregon and California, for instance. The News-Advertiser is quite overcome by this intelligence. "We cannot think," it says, "that many British investors will be foolish enough to prefer mining investments in the States to like opportunites in British Columbia."

It is a pity its powers of thinking are so limited. Any one else can think what it says is so impossible to it. We have no doubt that even Mr. Cotton, as he lays down his scheming for a moment's rest now and then, can work up imagination enough to see with his mind's eye capitalist after capitalist turn off the trail that leads to this Province, and head for the south. There is the less difficulty in imagining this by reason of the fact that it is true. If The News-Advertiser is unequal to the task of thinking it, some serious disarrangement of its organism must have occurred. We should not be surprised if it were a case of diseased liver. Healthy persons, healthy in body and mind, have seen the thing that to our contemporary is too impalpable to present itself even as a vision.

It would be very curious if it had not. Our Government and Legislature have created alarm where before there was confidence. Conditions affecting the mining industry have been thrown into a state of violent agitation. We legislate to keep aliens from our placer mines, and members of the Government, boasting of what they have done, throw out dark hints of something more sweeping still. No one can tell that a similar measure will not be enacted in respect to our quartz mines. Without this, however, quartz mining has been seriously embarrassed by an Act which has brought contention between the mine owners and the mine workers. The whole business has been disarranged, with the result that devel opment is practically suspended. This is not a condition to attract capital; on the contrary, it is a condition to discourage it. We all know that it does discourage it. There is not a person in the Province associated with the operation of our mines who has not actual knowledge of instances of investors being driven away to other fields. However much we may regret this, we cannot be so unreasonable as to say it is foolish, as the foolish News-Advertiser does. Capitalists are not seeking investments in British Columbia so long as the mining industry is in its present confused condition. And for the confusion it is indebted to the Government of which Mr. Cotton is the most influential member. Perhaps that will account for the mental inability of Mr. Cotton's newspaper.

LET IT LIE.

This is taken from The Victoria Colonist:

"The Vancouver World refers to a matter in connection with the Minister of Finance, which is alleged to have occurred at Fort Collings, Colorado, some time ago. The matter is a very serious one, and we think The World, in justice to itself and the public as well as to Mr. Cotton, ought to publish all it knows about it. If, as The World alleges, Mr. Cotton was mixed up in a transaction at Fort Collings which will not bear the light of day, the people of this Province ought to know it. If the transaction, whatever it was, is one that will stand investigation without reflecting in any way upon Mr. Cotton's reputation, it is fair to the Province, whose funds are in Mr. Cotton's custody, and also to Mr. Cotton himself, that this fact should be made known. It is said that the whole matter has been fully written up in a Denver newspaper. Will The News-Advertiser tell the public if this is the case? Until this has been cleared up, and until Mr. Martin's charge of deliberate falsification of the records of the Executive Council has either been disproved or satisfactorily explained, there will naturally be a great deal of uneasiness that Mr. Cotton should remain in the position he now occupies. There is not the least room for doubt that very serious matters have been publicly stated to Mr. Cotton's discredit. They certainly call for explanation."

The reference in this paragraph is no doubt to the old scandal about which dark hints have been thrown out from time to time for several months past, and the particulars of which it was alleged Mr. Martin had gone to Colorado to gather up and bring home for use in his attack on Mr. Cotton, which is understood to be booked for an early day next session. slt is not always easy to decide what i best to do with old scandals. A good deal depends, of course, on the nature of them, and without some knowledge of this one it is impossible to judge whether it is serious enough to require ventilation at this late day. Some scandals are so bad that the stigma of them properly attaches through life. Others are bad enough when fresh to visit on the offender the severest pains and penalties, but with time they shrivel up and die a natural death.

Mr. Cotton has lived in British Columbia a good many years. During that period his life, as far as The Miner knows or has reason to believe, has earned for him the reputation which belongs to every respectable citizen. He is an able man, and according to his light and opportunities has done the Province some service. Perhaps it will be better to let it go at that. We do not know that there is any occasion to go back to the old records in Colorado, assuming that they contain anything to reflect upon his character of those days. Let us confine our estimate of him to such reputation as he has made for himself as a citizen of British Columbia. That is of sufficiently long standing to be accepted as the measure of his present character. What Mr. Martin charges against him is another matter. If as a Minister he has falsified the records of the Executive Council, he has exposed himself to very grave censure, and we are entitled to take the matter up for the reason that it affects his reputation of today. But unless of an extremely heinous character, it will be better all around if that old Colorado affair be allowed to slumber in peace. It should not be necessary to dig in the grave of dead scandals to find a weapon with which to belabor the life out of a Government that is already on the point of yielding up the ghost.

Replying to the statement that the coal miners of Vancouver Island do not claim that they ought to be given ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, a Government paper says: "Neither do the metal miners of the Interior." The reply is not a truthful one. Through their leaders and Unions the metal miners of the Interior are claiming that they ought to be given ten hours' pay for eight hours' work. This is their demand, and because it is resisted by the mine owners and managers the Unions call out their men and operations are suspended. For years the men had worked ten hours a day for a certain wage. It was never pretended that that wage was inadequate; on the contrary, it was accepted as satisfactory, and operations progressed with the most perfect harmony between employer and employed. There has been no alteration in the conditions to require that wages ought to be increased. Such alteration as has occurred has been favorable to the men, as the tendency has been and is towards a reduction in the cost of living. If the men were well paid two years ago, when working ten hours for $3.50, they would be, if anything, better paid today at the same wage. The mine owners and managers are willing to continue that wage. The Legislature has meddled, however, by cutting the day down to eight hours, and the men say they ought to have the old pay, notwithstanding the tendency is toward cheaper living, and the conditions in every other respect precisely as they used to be If this is not claiming that they ought to be given ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, there is no definite meaning to language.

There is a strike at the Wellington shops of the E. & N. Railway. Of the ins and outs of the dispute between the men and the Company we do not get a very clear conception from an account published in The Nanaimo Herald; but in its editorial column it makes this statement: "The thing which most calls for attention is the fact that the Company are cutting wages and extending the hours of labor." We are not told why they are doing this. It may be there is a reason which appeals strongly to their judgment and sense of right. Be that as it may, they are cutting wages and extending the hours, and The Herald thinks this is very wrong. Perhaps it is, but the Nanaimo paper should remember, even in the height of its indignation, that with the assistance of the Government the Miners' Unions are cutting the hours of labor and increasing wages. Wherein is one worse than the other? If the Unions have a right to cut down the day from ten hours to eight and to demand the ten hours' pay, why should not the Company have a right to reverse the process? The Herald supports the Government and the Unions, but condemns the Company. Does it hold that the right is only on the side of labor, and that employers are not entitled to any consideration at all? If this doctrine is to prevail, the industrial world will soon find itself in a turmoil of confusion that can end only in ruin to all concerned.

Lord Loch, a former Governor of Cape Colony, in a recent speech on the Transvaal situation, said: "War would be terrible, indeed; its effects could scarcely be realised except by those who knew South Africa, and the questions of complex interest which were involved. It may be settled at the very final moment—I fervently hope that it may; but if the question of control is raised we can never relax. We must never forego. Some question has been raised as to the feeling of the Dutch in the event of war. The raid, I admit, tended to unhinge the Dutchmen's minds, but that the great majority of them can be relied upon I am sure. If war should break out, and if our colonies should send their men to stand by us, many a household in Australia and many a household in the Dominion of Canada will be watching with deep anxiety for the issue of a movement the main and splendid principle of which would be unity—unity of feeling and unity of purpose." The question of control would be raised, and that would mean war to a finish. On the other point, the feeling of the Dutch, the latest dispatches give rise to the fear that his Lordship's expectation would not be realised. It looks today as if, in the event of war, Great Britain would have to fight the entire Dutch population of South Africa.

A favorite diversion with some of the Eight-Hour advocates is to lacerate the feelings of the Slocan managers by telling them that the mines elsewhere are in full blast, and then mildly insinuating what fools they are to remain out in the cold. While their mines are closed, it is said, thousands of miners are given all the work they can do in the Boundary country. By one authority the number employed is 3,290, who earn in monthly wages $315,000. This is supposed to harrow up the souls of the Slocan managers and drive them to the verge of suicide. But the managers know better. So does The Midway Advance, whose attention has been drawn to the figures, 3,290 men and a pay roll of $315,000. It is in a position to know something of the situation, and it says: "It is, in our opinion, doubtful if there are more than one-fourth of the number of miners employed in the mines of the Boundary country." Between 825 and 3,290 is quite a gap, but a Ministerial apologist has no difficulty in spannig it.

The Kootenaian is a little puzzled over Mr. Cotton, who visited Kaslo the other day and invited the business men of the town to interview him. Of the Eight-Hour Law he has nothing to say beyond the stereotyped phrase, "it is here to stay." Says The Kootenaian: "As Minister of Finance it was thought he would feel it incumbent upon himself to find out what amount of revenue the Government was losing by these rich mines being closed, but he did not manifest much concern about the finances." Why should he? It was not as Minister of Finance he made the tour of Kootenay, but as Minister of Humbug, determined, if possible, to beat Mr. Joseph Martin and Mr. McInnes at their own game and hold the labor vote for the Government. The finances of the Province may suffer by reason of the industrial disturbance, but Mr. Cotton's anxiety for the public welfare is a very small quantity when compared with his desire to hold on to office.

The Fernie Free Press doubts whether there are two merchants in that town who know that there are any wholesale houses in Nelson. This is not an accurate guess. It was probably not intended to be; it is the method adopted by our contemporary to give emphasis to its point that wholesalers, as well as others, must advertise if they expect to do business. And a good, sound, common sense point it is. Nelson is fast becoming a wholesale centre for the entire southern portion of the Province, and it is rather curious that such knowledge of the fact as exists is due, not to the wholesalers themselves, but to the gratuitous circulation of it given in the news columns of the press. That may speak well for the enterprise of the newspapers; the wholesalers may conclude for themselves how it is calculated to reflect on them.

A "gentleman in a position to know," has been telling the Fort Steele Prospector of some contemplated construction of new lines by the Canadian Pacific Company. Next year they will build a north and south line through or near that place, the main object being to provide a short route to the Coast. This is necessary, if the development of the coal traffic from the Crow's Nest mines is to fulfill the promise of it. With cheap coal at Vancouver, the United States Government will become a large customer, and other sales will increase. At present the haul is too long and the rate prohibitory, and even by Nelson, the transfers at Kootenay Landing and here interpose difficulties that cannot be surmounted. It is very probable that a line north will be built, but it will not be exclusively, or principally, because of the coal traffic. The Crow's Nest via Nelson is destined to furnish the required short route. The extension to this city will be made soon, and the Penticton road is already under construction. Connection thence will follow as a matter of course. When completed, as it will be, we shall have the shortest route that can be provided. We shall all, nevertheless, wish success to the Fort Steele project. Railways open the country and develop its resources, and from them we all derive benefit, if not directly, then indirectly.

Mr. Greenway in Manitoba is in no hurry to bring on the elections. We do not know that he is in a panic of fear, but it is safe to say that fear is by no means entirely absent. His own seat was considered so unsafe that he induced the Legislature at the last session to strengthen it by a gerrymander. His Attorney-General will certainly be defeated in South Winnipeg; his Minister of Public Works will be overwhelmed in Portage la Prairie; his Treasurer is far from safe in Centre Winnipeg, and even with his gerrymander Mr. Greenway himself is not cocksure for Mountain. The only Minister whose re-election is regarded as absolutely safe is Mr. Meikle in Birtle, and he, worthy gentleman, is too innocent to harm any one. With the prospect of such havoc among the leaders, little wonder Mr. Greenway has his anxieties when speculating on the fate of his followers.

"Dividends," says The Mining and Scientific Press," are essential to success in a mining enterprise." On which The Victoria Times remarks: "We thought as much, and always had a lurking suspicion that the purpose of mining was to produce dividends, and not merely for the fun of the thing." Which only goes to show how lamentably behind the times The Times is. If it were to study the Eight-Hour press of the Kootenays as it should, it would know that mine owners have no right to dividends, but are expected and required to distribute their earnings in the form of increased wages. That has been laid down as a moral obligation from which there is no escape.

The Bar Association of Victoria is preparing to banquet Mr. Mills. That is a courtesy that would be due to any Minister of Justice visiting the city. There will be the more pleasure in extending it to Mr. Mills, because of the general respect entertained for his character and abilities. He is an extreme party man in all matters that legitimately permit of partisanship, but he is also a man of broad mind, and of attainments that rank him among the very best of our public men. He is worthy the respect, and deserves to be honored by British Columbians of all classes, and of both political parties.

It is said that the Wizard Edison has prepared a process by which he can extract gold from sand or gravel by means of electricity, and that he will soon leave for New Mexico to put his appliance to practical use. It may be a mere story, but as nothing seems impossible with Edison, it might be well to prepare to accept his latest wonder. Should it prove successful, there is a prospect that the world will have more gold than it has any use for, and in that event the Athabasca, the Le Roi, and other Kootenay mines may close down and go home to supper.

The Unions will not permit a miner to work on a contract in the Slocan, although receiving their own scale, $3.50 per day of eight hours. That is tryanny, and the miner who submits to it estimates his own personal liberty rather cheaply. The wisest thing the miners can do is to cut loose from the Unions and hold themselves free to do as they please. Among Anglo-Saxons that is thought to be better than voluntary slavery.

Says The Toronto Mail: "If Sir Richard Cartwright were to talk until Doomsday he could not convince anybody that an increase in the Federal expenditure by $10,000,000 annually is justifiable." That may be open to dispute; but he certainly could not convince any one that an increase of ten millions is a decrease, and it was on a very distinct promise of a decrease that he and his party solicited votes at the last election.

HEALTH IS GOOD.

Fewer Cases of Typhoid Than Last Year Owing to Improved Sewerage System.

The City, on the whole, is very healthy. This was gathered yesterday by a Miner reporter, who made it his especial business to find out whether it was or not. In the Kootenay Lake General Hospital there are at present fourteen patients. Half of them are typhoid and the other half miscellaneous cases. It is only by the number of typhoid cases that the city's health can be judged, as the other diseases might befall the natives any time, under any conditions and in any kind of weather. Of the seven typhoid patients at the general hospital, two are from the outside having been sent in from contruction gangs, and it may be taken for granted that their illness is due to the fact that they drank surface water, such as its found in some streams and in so-called springs. The other five cases are from the City.

The Misses Crickemay have three typhoid parients, all local cases, and have had but six during the fall. When seen by The Miner representative yesterday, they stated that this summer was incomparably ahead of the last from a health standopint. The hospital was filled up last fall, but principally by cases sent in from the Crow's Nest Pass and other lines under construction. But there were more local cases last year than this.

Several doctors were interviewed by The Miner yesterday, and while some of them were more optimistic than others, the concensus of opinion was that the health of the City was much better than it has ever been before.

Dr. La Rau stated that there is less sickness in the City this summer than ever before. There is not much typhoid considering the population. The local cases could be traced to the practice of some people of drinking from streams and springs Dr La Rau is the City's medical health officer and his advice to the public is to drink only City water. The surface water is full of bacteria, and he said that some of his cases were directly attributable to the water in streams and springs. He had made several examinations of the City water, and had never found any living bacteria in it. The City water, he found, was purer than that supplied by any city in British Columbia. It is drawn from a source above where there has been habitation to pollute it. He strongly advised all householders to connect with the City mains and use only the City water. As the sanitary arrangements of the City improved, the sickness would become less and less each year, and would show a decreasing number of typhoid cases.

Dr. Forin said that there was no reason why Nelson should not some day be a great health resort. It is a remarkably healthy town, and it is going to improve. The citizens must assist the City in carrying out the system of sanitation. This year showed a great improvment over last. Most of the cases last year were from the outside, and notwithstanding the large increase of population, the number of local cases was below the mark of last year. This was explained by the great increase in the perfection of the sewerage system. This was a cool summer, which accounted for the lack of sickness in the fall, for warm weather reduces a sytem until it is very susceptible to germs in the air.

Dr. Simonds also stated that typhoid was not as prevalent as it has been in previous seasons, and what there is of it is of a very mild type. He did not know of a death due to typhoid. He thought that a stop should be made to householders throwing slops in the alley ways. The City, according to him, is fairly healthy. There has been an epidemic among children this summer, but that was always liable.

Dr. Hall said that the cases of typhoid were traceable to the water and ice consumed by the patients. Ice, he considered, was as important as water, for it was often liable to give one fever, and great care should be exercised in using it. The city was fairly healthy, according to him. In the coast cities and all over there had been general sickness among children, and Nelson had suffered no more in this particular than any other place.

It was Saturday afternoon, and doctors, as other ordinary people, must have some recreation, so The Miner man could run no more to earth to find out what they thought of the healthy state of the City of Nelson.

LARDO DIVISION.

Breezy and Newsy Letter From The Miner's Special Correspondent.

Lardo Division, West Kootenay, Sept. 22.—The weather, which has been terribly bad this summer, has at last cleared up, and the last ten days have been delightful.

Mr. H. O. McClymont, of Rossland, is expected in tomorrow to increase the force already working on the Lardo King, on Lexington Creek, which he has recently stocked. One of the miners working there was in today, and reports a splendid showing, with a foot of galena ore in the face of the tunnel.

James Tweedie has the Eva sufficiently opened up to assure him that he not over estimated his chances of owning the biggest free gold proposition in B. C. This sounds like a big order, but I have only recently returned from viewing it, and must be excused if I am still dazzled by the wonderful showing which is to be seen.

The Lucky Jack, lately discovered by Messrs. Rowland, Butler and Desrosiers, is one of the most conveniently located claims in the district. It is within an hours' walk of the end of the wagon road, and has about as good a showing of ore as any of them. The lead bears a very striking resemblance to the Beatrice, and the ore shows very nearly the same characteristics and is, if anything, more plentiful.

Just across Pool Creek, Ellis and Hartley have located another excellent prospect, if report can be credited, I did not actually see it myself, as I preferred to cross a very slippery looking log spanning the creek, by deputy.

Two new-comers, whose names I failed to gather, made a strike on Table Creek last week, of which great reports are circulating.

The horse ferry at Camborne is now in operation, and will be very much more convenient than the old route.

All we now need to ensure prosperity for next year is the railway and some capital. If we get one we ought to find the other. It is generally considered that more actual value has been staked this year than all previous seasons together. B. B. G.

FRUIT RAISING ON KOOTENAY LAKE.

To any one who doubts that fruit raising could be made profitable on Lake Kootenay, the fact can easily be proved right here in the heart of the City. Just across the street from the Phair Hotel, on Victoria street, is the little orchard of Mr. Johnstone, Collector of Customs. In this little spot of probably not more than a quarter of an acre, can be seen some splendid specimens of fruit-bearing trees, loaded with fruit—apples, pears and plums. The trees are small, being young, but they present a fine appearance, having a thrifty, healthy look, that betokens care and experience. Several varieties of small fruits are here, and the vines and bushes bear wonderfully It is worth while for any one to take a walk down Victoria street and view this oasis in the mountains. There are hundreds of acres of land along the shores of Lake Kootenay which will raise anything planted in the soil that can be raised in a temperate zone. The land can be easily secured, and with little cost put under cultivation. This is matter of importance to this country, and it will pay any man, with small means or large, to examine into this matter. All of the fruit consumed in the Kootenays can be raised right at home, and possibly some for shipment. There is more than one fortune to be made on Lake Kootenay in the fruit raising business.

A CURIOUS RESTORATION.

About the 1st of July, last summer, Dr. H. L. A. Keller, of Ymir, was making a trip up Kootenay River to inspect some mining property, and on the trip he lost a silver cigarette case to which he attached great value, it being a present from an old friend. It was searched for carefully without avail, and the doctor returned without the knowledge even of where he had lost it. He came to the Miner office and advertised the case as lost, describing it accurately, and offered a reward of five dollars for the finder of the same. Weeks passed, and no tiding of the lost case. But anything advertised in The Miner could not stay lost forever; it was bound to turn up somewhere. Mr. Archie Johnston, of this City, was up on the Kootenay River not long since, to Ward's Landing. He was around the boat house, and the boatman in looking for something opened up an old chest, filled with odds and ends of almost everything imaginable. Among all of this old material lay the lost cigarette case. Mr. Johnston examined it and recognized it as the one advertised for in The Miner, by the initials on it. Upon inquiry, the boatman told him that not long since he had been out fishing, and while rowing around he saw something bright on the bottom of the river, and taking his fish net he succeeded in getting it. Not knowing who it belonged to he had put it away. Mr. Johnston brought it home with him and returned it to Dr. Keller, who was rejoiced to receive it, and he immediately forwarded $5 to the boatman, who gratefully acknowledged the receipt thereof.

THE PASSING THRONG.

The Large Amount of Passenger Traffic to and From Nelson.

The pages of an hotel register can always be taken as a criterion of the importance of a town. This year the passenger traffic to and from Nelson has been much greater than it ever was before. The opening of the Crow's Nest Line has brought through Nelson hundreds of people, who, without that route to and from the East, would have never have visited the Kootenays. Yesterday a Miner man examined the registers of the Phair and Hume to get an indication of the increase in travel in the last year. The names were counted for the first 22 days in September last year and this. Up to the 22nd last year the Phair had just 300 arrivals, and up to last night this year there were 485 names on the register for September. The corresponding figures for the Hume were 310 and 465. The total last year was therefore 610, against 950 this year, or an increase of over 50 per cent., which is a very creditable showing. Nine hundred and fifty arrivals for the two hotels for 22 days speaks a great deal for the importance of Nelson.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

R. BENNETT, A MISSIONARY KILLED NEAR AINSWORTH.

While Out Shooting His Gun Accidentally Discharged and Mangled Him Terribly.

Word was received in the City yesterday of the lamentable death of Mr. Bennett, the young Presbyterian missionary who has been stationed for the summer at Ainsworth. On Thursday he was out shooting eight miles from Ainsworth, and was leaning his left arm on the muzle of the gun, when it was discharged, the bullets fearfully lacerating his arm and doing considerable harm to his side, besides severely shocking his whole system. Some miners were attracted by his cries and came to his relief. Mr. Bennett was placed on an improvised stretcher and carried two miles through rough country where there was no trail and six miles over a trail to Ainsworth. As might be expected, he experienced terrible agony on this melancholy trip down the mountain side. He was taken at once to the hospital at Kaslo, where everything possible was done for him. But the loss of blood had been too great and his strong constitution succumbed to the terrible strain at 4:20 yesterday, when he passed away.

Deceased hailed from England, and studied for the ministry at Knox college, Toronto. He was stationed at Ainsworth for six months, and was to have returned East at the end of the present month.

The funeral will take place at Kaslo today, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Menzie's of Kaslo. The relations of the deceased, who reside in England, have been communicated with.

FELT FOR MILES AT SEA.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.--The earthquakes which shook up the Alaskan coast early in September made themselves felt miles at sea. Three vessels which have arrived from the northern salmon fisheries report experiencing most peculiar weather on Sunday, September 3, the date of the first earthquake. Captain Charles Johnson, of the bark B. P. Cheney, which was opposite Kodiak on September 3, reports that the most unusual weather was experienced, the barometer having fallen rapidly. Captain Thompson, of the bark Nicholas Thayer, from Alaska, also noted the peculiar climatic conditions on September 3. The I. J. Morse was likewise caught in the gale which followed the upheaval along the north coast.

REMAINS GOING HOME.

Vancouver, Sept. 27.—By this afternoon's Imperial Limited, the mortal remains of the late Emery Lafontaine, C. E., of Ottawa, are being conveyed homeward for interment. The deceased was assistant Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

(From Friday's Daily.)

President L. Mohler, of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, will arrive in Nelson in a few days and will remain for some time.

Cascade has been kicking at the alleged daily mail service supplied to it by stage. For a time it least the town will have three regular deliveries a week. The mail will now go over the new Columbia and Western extension line.

Thos. C. Gray has resigned his position as traveller for John Cholditch & Co. and will be succeeded by W. E. McCormack, who arrived from Vancouver last evening, to accept the situation Mr. Gray will travel for J. Y. Griffin & Co.

City Clerk Strachan is notifying delinquents that unless the amount due from them to the City of Nelson for license to carry on their various business is not soon paid informations will be laid against them under the provisions of by-law No. 5 without further notice. The easiest way is to pay up.

Sergeant Instructor D. J. Carroll, of the Royal Canadian Guards, stationed at Winnipeg, leaves for Kamloops this morning on the 7 o'clock train. The Sergeant-Instructor has been in the Kootenays drilling the militia companies at Nelson and Rossland. He has just returned from drilling a company at Rossland and last night the Nelson company drilled under him for the first time in a month. He commended their work highly and was much pleased to see that in his absence they had kept up drill and were in such excellent form. The Sergeant-Instructor will stay one month in Kamloops drilling a company there. He leaves Nelson with the good will and kind wishes of everyone with whom he has come in contact, and the company here is especially sorry to see him go. Last night at drill, Company Orders were R. W. Day, promoted to Leftenant, vice H. E. McDonnell, resigned.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Three hundred pounds of ore from the Silverton leaves Nelson this morning to be placed with the British Columbia Mineral Exhibit at Spokane Fruit Fair.

The rink will be greatly improved this winter by a metallic roof, band stand and an abundance of electric lights. A second sheet of ice for curling will be supplied by the completion of the one left unfinished last winter.

A Nelson wholesale house that has always enjoyed a large trade with Ymir merchants is now sending to that town just a quarter the amount of goods it did before the trouble on account of the Eight-Hour law commenced.

Chief of Police Jarvis has returned from a short trip to the Coast, having taken a prisoner to the New Westminster penitentiary, and returning via Seattle and Spokane. He looked into the methods of the police forces in the different cities he visited, and learned much of value to himself. In Vancouver and Victoria he was especially well treated by the police departments.

Ald. H. B. Thompson is developing into quite a sport in his new quarters at 150-Mile House, Carriboo. The Miner has received a copy of a horse race programme that will be run off on October 18th and 19th. Mr. Thompson has already so far gained the confidence of the people up there as to be appointed treasurer. The programme, by the way, is an excellent one, and some good horse racing should be witnessed by those who are present.

Robt. Irving, general manager of the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company, with headquarters at Kaslo, was in Nelson for a few hours yesterday. He says that work on the company's Lardo line is progressing satisfactorily. He has completely recovered from the serious illness that a large number of papers troubled him with during a recent visit to Portland. He was not aware that he had been ill until he returned home.

(From Sunday's Daily)

The excavation for the block to be erected on Baker street by Dr. Hall was commenced yesterday, and the work will be pushed diligently.

On the first of October the Nelson telephone office will inaugurate an all night system, and thereafter it will be possible to use the telephone at any hour.

Mr. E. J. Curran, proprietor of the Club Hotel, who had his arm amputated at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital some time ago, left the hospital yesterday and is rapidly recovering.

The Kootenay Lake General Hospital will soon be able to hold all of the patients that can be sent to them. The work on the new wing is progressing rapidly, and ere long will be in a condition for occupancy.

One doctor in Nelson has assisted forty-seven little people to come into the world this summer. There are seven doctors in the City, and if the average was maintained the City could boast of 329 births during the past few months.

A large force of men are now pushing work on the street car line on Baker street. With the car line running and all the magnificent buildings now in course of erection on Baker street finished, Nelson will assume quite a metropolitan appearance.

Bishop Perrin yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock administered the rite of confirmation in St. Saviour's church to about twenty candidates, from Nelson, Balfour and Pilot Bay. This morning at 11 o'clock the Rev. C. A. Procunier will be advanced to the priesthood. The Rev. H. Irwin, of Rossland, will present the candidate. The anthem will be, "How Lovely are the Messengers," from the Oratorio of St. Paul, Mendelssohn.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

At last the weigh scales are being put at the corner of Ward and Vernon streets, and hereafter when you buy a ton of coal you will have the surprising experience of receiving a ton of coal. The location is a good one, as it is on the road from both depots and the City wharf.

Fifteen carloads of coke and coal came in yesterday for Nelson. The greater portion being consigned to mines in the immediate vicinity.

A dinner was tendered to the Hon. N. Clarke Wallace at the Hotel Hume last night by friends in the City, many of whom had been old friends of his in the East. Rev. Mr. Frew presided, and two very pleasant hours were spent prior to the address at the Opera House.

Mr. E. A. Crease, stipendiary magistrate and police magistrate, left last night for his old home in Barrie, Ont., where he will spend a long merited holiday of three weeks or a month. During his absence His Worship the Mayor will attend to the grinding of the mill of Justice on Josephine street.

Now that the construction of the street railway line has reached Baker street, its progress is more manifest to the general public. From Josephine street to The Miner office grading and track laying is under way. Poles for the trolley wires are now being delivered and put up along the route that the line will take.

Judge Walker, of Winnipeg, who, with Mrs. Walker, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peters, left yesterday afternoon for Kaslo. Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Peters follow him today, and the party will make a trip through the Slocan country, returning to the City on Thursday. Judge and Mrs. Walker leave on Saturday for Rossland.

As clouds of dust are wafted into various eyes and open doors on Baker street, taxpayers say some uncomplimentary things about the water cart's laziness. The City seems to have no intention of bringing out the cart again this fall, but as it will probably rain within the next two months there is not need to worry. It will be out all right in the spring to catch next year's dust.

H. F. Parker, who was arrested charged with embezzlement, on last Saturday night, was arraigned yesterday at 4 o'clock p. m. before Police Magistrate Crease. W. A. Macdonald appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Parker was not represented by counsel. The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, awaiting the arrival of Mr. P. J. Russell, manager for the Parsons Produce Company.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

H. W. Hawley, who has the contract for building the Molly Gibson wagon road, was in the City yesterday and reports that about five miles of the road had been completed. The whole job will be completed by the end of next month.

Reader—The first race for the America's cup will be sailed next Tuesday, and the dates of the subsequent contests will be delivered by the sailing committee of the New York Yacht Club, but they will follow in quick succession, and the probabilities are that all will be sailed next week. Shamrock's chances are excellent.

Mr. James Howden, Dominion expres messenger, who has been on the run between Nelson and Medicine Hat, received orders last night to return to Winnipeg to take up his headquarters in that city. His numerous friends in the City and at the Hotel Waverly wish him a full measure of success in the new field.

Sheriff Tuck issued some small blue invitations to several friends yesterday to attend the forthcoming fall assizes and act as jurors "upon the trial of several causes to be then and there tried by jurors." The assizes commence on the 17th of October, but the docket promises to be small and uneventful.

The well known firm of A. Macdonald & Company, of this City, now have fourteen carloads of goods en route from different points, which they expect to arrive early in October. They will receive six car loads from Eastern Canada, consisting of general groceries, canned fruits, canned vegetables, beans, Windsor salt, etc. Two car loads from Winnipeg, consisting of grocers' sundries. Two car loads from California, made up of canned and evaporated fruits. Two more carloads from Okanogan, of potatoes, onions, cabbage, etc. One carload from Chicago, of canned cream and milk, and one car load from Truro, Nova Scotia, consisting of canned cream and milk. Such a consignment of goods as this to one firm bespeaks for them an immense trade. Such a bill of goods as this is not received often even in much larger cities than Nelson. The fact that any firm can afford to ship to this extent, as the initiation to the fall trade, will prove to anyone that Nelson must be alive, very much alive, and that A. Macdonald & Company are keeping up with the procession.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Work on the Hudson's Bay building will now proceed rapidly. The steel girders have arrived and are in position, and the ornamental cornices were put up yesterday.

Work is about to commence on the Wakefield concentrator, and Gamble & O'Rielly are advertising for ten carpenters to put up the building. Four dollars a day are offered as wages.

Workmen are engaged in building boxes with which to enclose the water pipe under the bridge in front of the post office to prevent its freezing up during the winter. About 150 feet will be enclosed.

W. F. Traves, of this City, has just completed an invention of a new mowing machine, which by all appearances will be a decided success. He is getting a model made at Elliott & Morrison's machine shop, and when completed he will get it patented.

H. F. Parker, under arrest for the embezzlement of some money from the Parsons Produce Company, came up for his preliminary hearing yesterday, but at his request an adjournment till Monday was granted in order to allow Fletcher S. Andrews, Parker's lawyer, to arrive from Winnipeg.

The City jail is having a thorough renovation, and extra bars are being put in the different windows. One of the prisoners is a stone worker and Chief Jarvis is having him doing the stone drilling in the walls for the insertion of the iron bars. This is a saving to the City of $3.50 per day for this drilling. The Chief certainly has an eye to business and the interests of the City.

The Provincial Government has presented to the Nelson company, South Kootenay Rifles, two lots on Victoria street, between Stanley and Kootenay, for a site for a drill hall. The Dominion Government has informed the company that no grant can be made towards the erection of a drill hall this year, but the company intends to endeavor to go it alone, and a fund has already been started.

Ald. G. Frank Beer returned last evening from a trip to the coast. While away he completed City Clerk Strachan's negotiations by settling the claim of the Nelson City Land and Improvement Company against the City for lots appropriated for the building of the reservoir. He says that things are booming at the coast, and that all eyes are turned towards Nelson as the center of the Kootenays.

Wm. Kelly, a boatman of Robson, was brought into the City yesterday, charged with stealing $40 from George Templeman, a brakeman on the new Robson and Penticton road. The evidence brought out that Kelly had taken the money from Templeman's pockets while the latter was in bed. The case came before Robert Beer, J. P., and the prisoner was sent up for trial. Allan Forrester arrested the prisoner and brought him into the City.

Major General Hutton, commanding the Canadian militia, will be in Nelson to inspect the Nelson company of the Kootenay Rifles about the 20th of October. He will arrive in Vancouver on the 12th of October, will leave for Nanaimo on the 15th, for Victoria on the 16th, and returns to Vancouver on the 17th, after which he leaves for the Kootenays. The inspection of the Nelson company will take place in the skating rink, and the company will receive its pay for the last two years.

Mr. Ernest Mansfield, who bought the Joker group for an English and French syndicate and commenced operations on the group that have since been so successfully carried on, returned yesterday from a three months' visit to Europe. He is closely in touch with the money market of the old world, and predicts a boom in B. C. properties in the near future. It is understood that he will take up several properties on behalf of European capitalists this fall. He leaves in a few weeks for Australia, where he will look after his mining interests for a couple of months, returning to Nelson in February.

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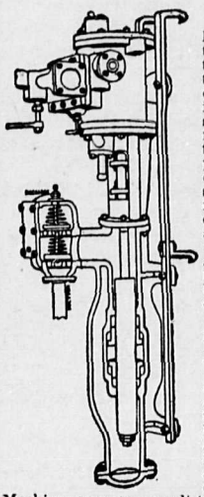

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LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.

G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.

A G Shaw, N. G. John Scoley, V. G. Fred J Squires, Secy.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P. meets in I.O.O.F. hall, McDonald block every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock A visiting knights cordially invited

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S.O.E. NELSON'S QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meet first and third Wednesday of each month at Fraternity hall, corner of Baker and Kootenay streets. Visiting brethern cordially invited.

JOHN WATSON, Secretary.

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NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the MacDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. John Tove, W. M.; F. J. Bradley, R. S.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. Frew, Pastor.

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MINING NEWS.

It is understood the Mackintosh syndicate did not make the second payment of the famous Red Line Group. It appears that Pete Larson, who owns a one-fifth interest in the group, refused to sign the original bond last winter, in favor of Collett, Starbird and Robinson for $50,000. Last sprirng Collett, Starbird and Robinson rebonded the property to the Mackintosh Syndicate for $100,000. Larson also refused to sign this bond, therefore they could only give a title to a four-fifths interest in the property. So this is probably the reason that Mr. Mackintosh did not take up the property. It appears that Messrs. Collen, Starbird and Robinson restaked a fraction situated between the Red Line and White Elephant groups, called the Red Line Fraction owned by F. N. Taylor, C. E., on the grounds that he, Taylor, used monuments instead of posts, it being above timber line, and that whoever took over the Red Line group would need this fraction, and that they asked an unusually large figure for the ground. So, taking everything into consideration, the Mackintosh Syndicate have good grounds for not taking up the bond under the existing conditions.

Joe Leonard and partners have located a group of claims situated on Number 2 Creek. On one claim they have a showing of 4 feet of solid galena, and on another they have a showing of 10 feet of copper. Leonard was accompanied by two Indians.

Arrangements are now being made for putting in a winter camp at the Dividend group, Law Creek, by the Fraser & Chalmers syndicate.

Messrs. Whittier and Miller, of the Trail smelter, arrived on the 18th instant and left the following morning for Law Creek.

The Delos mine, copper, on Boulder Creek, will be worked throughout the winter under the probable foremanship of N. Montizombert

Copper City has been renamed Canterbury. The townsite is situated on the extreme northwest end of Lake Windermere, and commands a good situation, and is situated on the line of the proposed railroad from the Crow's Nest through Toby Creek valley to connect with the Arrowhead branch of the C. P. R. via Lardo Duncan and Trout Lake. The townsite was purchased by Fred Mulholland, formerly of Rossland, B. C., from E. T. Johnston.

Fred West is developing the Silver Star group, on Horse Thief Creek

The original owners of the famous Red Line group are Pete Larson, Wellington Kinnee, William Taynton, C. A. Watt, Ben Abel and Geo. Scott.

J. R. McLeod has uncovered an immense showing of galena on the Equitable group, Boulder Creek.

The Black Prince copper claim, recently bonded by the Hall Mines for $11,000, could not be bonded today for four times the amount. The property is situated on Boulder Creek. The deal was put through by Mr. F. M. Chadbourne, of Nelson, B. C., representing the smelter.

The summer season has just practically set in and the old-timers look for a good six weeks of prospecting yet this fall.

R. S. Gallop, who is developing the South Side mineral claim, situated on Goat Creek, a tributary of the Jumbo Fork of Toby, uncovered an immense showing of gray copper and argentiferous galena on the 13th inst. This property has a well defined ledge averaging 30 feet in width and traceable for over 1200 feet. The new strike was made on a part of the ledge which was covered by over six feet of surface rock. The development work up to the present time has uncoverred over 15 feet of ore. This property was located during the season of 1898 by Richard S. Gallop. This property is one of a group of nine claims owned by Mr. Gallop. A force of men have been working thoughout the season All the other eight claims have exceptionally fine showings of ore. Development work done so far shows a decided improvement. Mr. Gallop is one of the pioneers of the Kootenay country, and has been one of the main factors in bringing the Windermere Mining camp to the notice of the mining world.

A $5,000 hotel will be located at Canterbury immediately.

It is understood that a large amount of money will be expended on the Canterbury townsite this fall.

The latest strike made on No. 2 Creek by Joe Lessard et al. is considered one of the greatest ever made in the Kootenay country.

B. C. Burton has uncovered a nice showing of high grade ore on his property situated on McDonald Creek.

Delphine mine, regular shipments will be made in the very near future.

A trial shipment will probably be made this fall from the White Cat group on Boulder Creek, owned by J. R. McLeod et al.

Canterbury lots will now be in great demand.

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Mr. Hugh Sutherland, managing director of the Dominion Copper Company, whose property is located at Phoenix, is in the City for a few days. In conversation with a Miner representative last night, Mr. Sutherland said:

"The company's new compressor at the mines is now running smoothly We are running four drills We do not intend to put in any more machinery, not for some time at lest. We will not put up a concentrator or mill. We have been developing the Brooklyn and Stemwinder properties for two years, and will continue development work for at least another year. We could, if necessary, mine 500 tons of ore per day at this present time, but our intention is to let the ore stand and keep tunneling away at development. The policy of our company toward our employees will always be based upon fairness and equity. We have already given orders for the erection of a number of cottages for the married men in our employ and will build forty more if needed, so that any self-respecting man of a family, in our employ can have a real comfortable home and a permanent one. The cottages will have five rooms and will be finished in a superior manner. We will also take care of other matters beside homes. We will erect school buildings and open schools, so that the children of our employees will be enabled to lay the foundation for an education."

In speaking of the progress of the Boundary country, Mr. Sutherland said it was remarkable. "Why, if I had not known where I was going when I arrived at Phoenix, I would have been lost. It bore no resemblance to the place I left last January. It has built up surprisingly. The townsite company have sold every lot they had. Greenwood has improved wonderfully; so, also, has Grand Forks. The Yale Hotel at Grand Forks is the finest hotel in the Kootenay country. It is a credit to British Columbia."

When asked about the difficulties arising from the Eight-Hour law, Mr. Sutherland was reticent in a degree, but said he did not think there would be any considerable improvement among the mines until a change in the right direction had been effected. He said:

"We are employing our miners at the rate of $3.50 per day of eight hours for machine men, and $3.00 per day of eight hours to hammersmen. This is dry work. In wet work the wages are 50 cents extra. In shaft work our hammersmen are getting $3.50 per day of eight hours. This has been the prevailing wage in these mines for 18 months before the present company was formed, and the same in the Evening Star, at Slocan City. I have always paid $3.50 to machine men for 8 hours work in wet ground. For instance, in the Evening Star, at Slocan City, I have paid for the past 18 months $3.50 to hammersmen and $4 to machine men for sinking in eight hour shifts. In dry work I have paid in proportion for 10 hour shifts."

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"British Columbia is now receiving more attention in London than it ever did before," said Mr. Ernest Mansfield, who has just returned from a business trip to Europe, to a Miner reporter yesterday. "This is due to the excellent results that have been obtained from the B. C. ores. In New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia the ore does not exceed in bullion value $15 per ton, while ores in British Columbia are far above that amount. The great bulk of the Province is still in the experimental stage, but so far indications warrant the outlay of capital to treat the ores, and at present British capital seems to be inclined to come to this section."

Mr. Mansfield came to British Columbia a year ago and secured the Joker group, on the north fork of Kaslo Creek, for a London syndicate. The properties were almost inaccessible, and in spite of the discouraging prognostications of many experienced miners Mr. Mansfield went to work to develop the properties, took supplies over the glacier, ten thousand feet above sea level, on men's backs, built his cabins in three feet of snow, and developed the mine in such a way that it gave remarkable results. There were the usual drawbacks in this work, on account of the excessive cold, but these difficulties only stimulated Mr. Mansfield to greater efforts, and every obstacle was overcome as it presented itself. Having made a success of a property against such odds, Mr. Mansfield gained the confidence not only of his principals but other large capitalists, who, when he went to Europe, approached him to secure properties for them. He is now here representing some of the most prominent corporations of England, and will secure properties which he deems to be the making of mines. Mr. Mansfield does not seem to have been much bothered by his extremely busy three months in the old world, for he returned with every evidence of his old-time energy still being up to the concert pitch. When asked if, in the event of war in the Transvaal, capital would be scared away from properties there, to the benefit of British Columbia, Mr. Mansfield said that for the first few months we would feel the result of an outbreak, for the money for mining investment generally would be tighter, but ultimately it would draw capital to British Columbia, where there is no danger of such a trouble ever breaking out.

Regarding the effect of the Eight-Hour law, Mr. Mansfield said that every mining country will come sooner or later to the eight-hour day for underground work, but that the wages would have to be reduced. When the wages are reduced the cost of living will also be reduced, and consequently the miner will find that he is just as well off so earing high wages when living is as excessively high, as he is at present. Among London capitalists the Eight-Hour law is not discussed as much as the wages question, for it is considered over there that we now give too high wages.

Mr. Mansfield leaves shortly for Australia and New Zealand to look after his mining interests there, but his chief attention will be hereafter devoted to British Columbia, which he considers as a country wondrously rich in minerals. Early next year he will develop and open up many properties in various districts of the Kootenay, and will hand them over to large companies to work them.

C. C. Bennett, of Vancouver, managing director of the Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, is in the city on his return from a visit to the mine and reports that work is going on most satisfactorily. On about the first of October it is expected that the mill will be running, having for power electricity, a contract having been made with the Bonnington Falls Company to supply the necessary power. The Canadian General Electric Company guarantees to deliver the motor and set it by the first. A complete system of electric light and telephone is also being installed. In the Poorman mine itself development work is being carried on with all speed by the aid of machines, and at present, ore calculated to supply the mill for four years is blocked out. The company own five locations, on one other besides the Poorman, the White, considerable work has already been done; unfortunately this work was not done on the lead. It is the company's intentions to immediately start work again on this property, and as the value of the quartz from the lead is well known as one of the richest on Toad Mountain, there is no doubt that the returns to the company will amply repay them for the consistent manner in which they have developed the properties since securing them. The ore bins are now full, about a thousand tons being on hand, and as the vein in the Poorman has developed shows a width of three feet, the question of being able to keep the mill running has long since been solved. W. A. Hamey, general superintendent of the mine, was in town with Mr. Bennett, and left for the mine yesterday. Mr. Bennett left for Vancouver yesterday.

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A new and important strike has been made on the Bornite Bank property, situate four and one-half miles south of Nelson on Morning Mountain Mr J. R. Cranston, who at present is managing the property for a Toronto and a Rossland syndicate, was in the City last evening. In speaking of the property to a representative of The Miner, said:

"There is considerable development done at the Bornite Bank, and it all shows up good ore, but in the past few days. I have uncovered what I think to be the best body of ore that has yet been discovered on the Bornite Bank group. I started four men to work on a new place on the ledge and at a depth of ten feet, where we are now, have encountered a solid body of high grade shipping on five feet thick. A sample of this ore has been sent to the Spokane Exposition and another sample of it can be seen in the show window of the Nelson Hardware Company's store. All of the veins on this group carry good values. In my opinion, on Morning Mountain is a good place to own property. I think there is no better place, anywhere in the Province." Mr. Cranston is a well informed, practical mining man, and his judgment is certainly of great value.

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It can be positively stated that Mr. O. F. Riebel and his associates have bonded the Wisconsin and Lucky Strike claims, belonging to the Hennessy Bros., and located at Sixteen Mile Creek. Though Mr. Riebel does not desire the amount of the bond known at present, it can stated that the consideration is a valuable one. The bond is for one year. Mr. Riebal has, already, a force of fourteen men working on the trail to the mine, over which he will take the machinery and supplies for the winter's work on this property. It is within the possibilities The Miner will, in the near future, be enabled to announce the installment of a compressor on this property.

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A carload of pipe arrived yesterday for the Athabasca mine. The pipe is to be used to carry air from the new 10-drill compressor which the Athabasca company is putting in. Only 5 drills will be installed for operation, but the machinery will be there so that when it is needed it can soon be made ready for active work. With the pipe on the ground it will be but a short time before the compressor will be working. Two machines will be operated as a commencement, and the others will be put on as needed.

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Geo. W. Prentice and Wm. Waldie have been doing assessment on the Abe Lincoln and the American Eagle. They finished the work Saturday. These claims lay about six miles from Nelson, on Eagle Creek, between the Granite mine and the Kootenay River. The property is a gold-copper proposition, and samples taken from the ledges run very high.

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Mr. Jas. Poupore went to Lardo yesterday afternoon. He says that there is no place in British Columbia that can equal the Lardo-Duncan for a mining country. "Sell everything you have, and invest it in the Lardo country," says Mr. Poupore.

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The Wakefield Mining Company, of Silverton, have started work on their new concentrator. They are now engaged building a flume to carry water to the works, which will be operated by water power.

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Four carloads of coke came in yesterday over the C. P. R., for the Hall Mines smelter.

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Two carloads of copper matte and one carload of lead has been shipped from the Hall Mines smelter to this date, during the week.

BALLOON ASCENSION.

Mr. E. H. Youge, advance agent for the Frank Miller Balloon company, is in the City in the interests of that company. Mr. Youge is endeavoring to get the people of Nelson interested in having a balloon ascension in this City. The balloon is 66 feet high, 34 feet in diameter, and has 1800 yards of cloth in it. A drop from a parachute at an elevation of 5,000 feet will be made. Mr. Yonge wants a guarantee from the people of Nelson to the amount of $100. He says: "The balloon is in Rossland, where we give an ascension on Oct. 1. It will cost us $75 to come to Nelson, and as there is no place here inclosed from which we can make an ascension and be enabled to receive any consideration in the way of gate receipts, we desire to have a guarantee from the citizens here in the sum of $100. We will bring an excursion from Kaslo and from Ymir, and will not ask that any money be paid to us until the ascension has been satisfactorily made as advertised." Mr. Yonge was around the City last evening in company with Mr. Annable, and $20 in subscriptions was secured in a short time. He will interview the citizens today further in this matter. Prof. Miller is one of the most famous balloonists in the world, and can be relied upon to keep his appointment as advertised. The hundred ought to easily be raised, and no doubt will be in a few hours.

MR. DAVIS IS POPULAR.

Severance of His Connection With the Hall Mines Becomingly Celebrated.

The Silver King mine was the scene of a very pleasant incident yesterday, pleasing not only to the active participants on both sides, but to all those who appreciate what it means to the prosperity of the district that the relations between the employers and employes of the neighboring mines should be such as evidently existed at the principal mine, and which must surely be the result of faithful service rendered, met by fair treatment and kind consideration for the comfort and welfare of the working miners.

Mr. M. S. Davys, the popular superintendent of the Silver King, is about to revisit his home on a prolonged visit, after an absence of many years, and has in consequence resigned his position, and it was in view of this approaching departure that the employes at the mine, in an address read by the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Heyland, expressed their feelings so warmly, and to keep the occasion bright in Mr. Davys' memory presented him with a handsome gold watch and chain and a solid gold match box, and Mrs. Davys, whose kindly interest in the men made all feel her their friend, and whose gracious hospitality so many have enjoyed, with a very handsome diamond and pearl ring. Mr. Davys replied with much feeling, and his remarks were received with enthusiastic cheers.

REGATTA RULES APPROVED.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Assistant Secretary Spaulding has approved of the rules and regulations of the course during the coming yacht races, which were submitted by the regatta committee of the New York Yacht Club. There are nine rules providing for the position of the patrol fleet in every possible contingency and insuring a clear course. A clear space of half a mile about the starting line will be maintained until the race has started. After crossing the line, the torpedo fleet will form a column and stand on a course parallel with the yachts. The reveneue cutters will form a line astern. This formation will insure a clear space one mile astern of and to windward of the competing yachts. Provision is made for maintaining the space under all conditions. Elaborate rules are laid down for the triangular races. On the run in all vessels will be kept from crossing the sailing line of the yachts, but must keep to leeward of the patrol. Violations of these rules will entail the same penalty as violation of the navigation laws of the United States. Offending vessels will be brought to New York in charge of revenue officers.

TROOPS FROM CANADA.

Will Go to South Africa in Case of War in the Transvaal.

Toronto, Sept, 28.—The latest report in the military circles is that the Dominion Government has completed all necessary plans for despatching a Canadian contingent of troops to South Africa to co-operate with the British forces in the event of war breaking out with the Boers. The Canadian contingent, it is stated, will number about 1,300 men, and will consist of infantry, cavalry and artillery. Col. Otter, D. O. C., it is said, will command one contingent, and a separate commander will be appointed for each of the other three branches.

PRIZE FIGHT DEATH.

Grass Valley, Cal. Sept. 28.—As a result of a prize fight last night between Jim Pendergrast, of Sacramento, and Chas. Hoskins, of this place, the latter is dead. Hoskins was knocked out in the tenth round, and although the physicians worked on him all night they could not save his life. The referee and Pendergrast and all the seconds were placed under arrest.

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Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as hotelkeepers, at Halls, British Columbia, under the style of McIntyre & Welsh has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to John McIntyre at Halls, B. C.

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CONSOLIDATED," "ALABAMA" AND "ATLANTA" MINERAL CLAIMS.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, W. J. H. Holmes of Kaslo, B. C., acting as agent for R. N. McLean, Free Miner's Certificate No. B13,457, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

W. J. H. HOLMES, P. L. S.
Agent.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1899.

ROYAL CANADIAN, COLORADO, NEVADA, ROY No. 2, MINNIE, COLORADO FRACTION, NEVADA FRACTION AND MOKEN BIRD FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION IN THE DISTRICT OF WEST KOOTENAY.—WHERE LOCATED:—BETWEEN EAGLE AND FORTY-NINE CREEK.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Archie Mainwaring-Johnson, acting as agent for the Duncan Mines, Limited, (foreign,) Free Miner's Certificate No. B 11,490, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

973 ARCHIE MAINWARING-JOHNSON.

Dated this sixth day of July, 1899.

"STANDARD," "BODIE," "JUPITER," AND BODIE FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—WHERE LOCATED:—ON SOUTH SLOPE OF GOLDEN KING MOUNTAIN AND EAST SLOPE OF TOAD MOUNTAIN.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. C. Green of Nelson, as agent for the Falls View Gold and Silver Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 11,846, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

970 F. C. GREEN.

Dated this twelfth day of June, 1899.

SHILOH MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT. WHERE LOCATED:—ON BEAR CREEK ONE MILE EAST OF YMIR.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for Ovid Paulin, Free Miner's Certificate No. 33,444A, John Harris, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34,860A and Andrew Dods, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,671A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

J. A. KIRK.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1899. 977.

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