THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK 1 SANDON AND CODY December 12, 1896. CHAPTER 12

SLOCAN SILVER MINES.

A Description of the Noble Five. One of the Biggest Things in the Country.

Holding its own through all the fluctuations of the silver market and maintaining its place as second to none among the great silver mines of the Slocan, is the Noble Five mine. Discovered in '91 when the Slocan was known but locally, this proposition has paid richly the industry of its owners. Although the bulk of the work done has been in the course of development, still, some 2,000 tons of ore has been sent to the smelter which netted the company, roughly speaking, $130,000. The first shipment of ore, which was sent out by way of Kaslo cost them $95 per ton for transportation and treatment so that some idea of the value of the ore can be gathered when, with all these disadvantages, the property still gave good returns.

During the past summer, with a force of only six men, $9,700 worth of ore was taken out in six week's time.

The greater part of the ore already mined has been taken from No. 4 and No. 5 levels. No. 4 level is in about 425 feet and is in ore for the entire distance, and on chipping off pieces from the sides of the tunnel, the galena is seen glistening, in the light of the candle, from the fracture. Near the entrance to this level a short crosscut was driven and when the walls were reached it gave the lead a width of some 14 feet, with ore showing for every inch of the distance across. The men are busily engaged now driving a raise to connect with No. 3 level. This level, which is in some 375 feet, is also in ore, and in it, like the level below, the ore has been taken out for about 5 feet only the width of the tunnel. The work of sinking to meet the raise from No. 4 is progressing rapidly and in a very few days the connection will be made, when communication will be complete between this level and No. 6. No. 6 level, which is in about 300 feet is connected by three winzes with the workings above, and when No. 7 and 8 tunnels are in a sufficient distance the work of completing the connection by raising and sinking will be commenced. No. 7 and No. 8 levels have only been started in the last two months and are in 90 and 60 feet respectively. In No. 7 tunnel evidences of the lead are already showing up but they do not expect to strike it in place short of 40 feet more. No. 8 will have to be driven for about 50 feet more before the vein will be encountered, and it is through this tunnel, which is at the head of the tramway line, that the ore mined in the upper levels, will be taken. This tunnel, which is about 5½ by 7½ on the clear, is a model piece of workmanship, and when completed it will be one of the finest timbered tunnels in the country. It is expected that in the next two months all the upper workings will be connected by chutes with this tunnel. The most of the ore taken out is being piled on the dumps and when the tramway and concentrator is completed, which will be about the middle of next month, it will be sent to the mill for treatment.

When No. 8 tunnel reaches the lead this vein will have been proved to a depth of 1,000 feet from the surface. This level when it reaches the center of the hill, a distance of 2,800 feet, and which will place it directly beneath the upper workings, its extremity will be 2,500 feet beneath the surface.

Up to the present time no stoping has been done if the ore taken out in driving the different winzes be excepted, and it is the intention of the owners to do a large amount of further development before they commence any extensive stoping operations. To give an estimate of the amount of ore now in sight, anyway near the thing, it would be impossible, but it will be pretty safe to say that it will amount away up in the millions. The ore which has been and is being mined is a mixture of clean and concentrating ore the latter predominating in point of quantity. The assays on the clean ore averages 200 ounces in silver to the ton and from 60 to 70 per cent. lead and that of the concentrates 100 ounces to the ton.

At the entrance of No. 8 level the work of erecting the ore bins and landing for the buckets is being rapidly pushed along. The work here has assumed enormous proportions, cribwork 100 feet long by 60 feet high had to be constructed in order to get a foundation for the ore bins and station and it is now almost completed. The towers on which the wires used for the passage of the buckets will rest are all up and the work of putting the cable in place will commence in the course of a few days, by the time this work is completed, the orehouses at the mine and the concentrator at the foot of the hill will be finished, then all that will be necessary is to load up the buckets, start them going and one more mill will be turning out its rich products to add to the wealth of the country and the fame of the silvery Slocan.

Some fifty men obtain employment on this property the majority of whom are employed in the mine. The sleeping accommodation for the men are, at present, a little cramped but it is the intention of the owners to build larger and more commodious quarters at an early date.

That the Noble Five is a very big thing indeed, no one who has ever seen it, will deny. Heretofore so very little had been written about this proposition that the facts and figures given in the above description will come as a revelation to the majority of the people both here and elsewhere, of at least one thing we can be certain and that is that the Noble Five is one of the most extensively developed propositions in the Slocan country today.

THE LOCAL CHUTE.

Already 140 sacks of ore are ready for shipment at the Ajax.

Wood choppers are wanted at Slocan Star mine. Apply to Bruce White.

Crawford & McMillan have moved into their new quarters in the building erected by J. M. Harris.

J. R. Cameron & Co., the Kootenay tailors, are turning out some magnificent fits in ordered cloth ing.

D. J. McLachlan has just received a consignment of sashes and doors which he will dispose of reasonable rates.

Bob Stenson, the popular clerk at Byer's hardware store, left on Friday last for a visit to his home in Peterborough, Ont.

Jim Williamson has been busily engaged decorating the windows of the Postoffice Store with Xmas cards and toys, and the appearance of the window does him much credit.

Through the efforts of Rand & Wallbridge the terms to squatters on the Kaslo & Slocan Railway land have been made satisfactory to all and payments are rapidly coming in.

Information is reguested concerning the whereabouts of John Moate who left Sandon on Nov. 24th by way of the C. P. R. The boy in question is 17 years of age, tall, and very slight, with blue eyes and dark hair. Information which will lead to the discovery of his whereabouts will be welcomed. Kindly address this office.

To Whom it May Concern: That I, Gus Smith, am not responsible for the debts that may have been contracted by Frank Miller, who had charge of the Bryan Cafe during my recent illness, and furthermore that the said Frank Miller has no authority to collect any of the bills due the above Cafe.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1896.

Curling Clubs.

Last evening a number of the citizens of Sandon met in J. M. Harris's office, for the purpose of forming a curling club. After a little preliminary talk M. L. Grimmett was voted to the chair, with W. W. Fallows as secretary. Mr. Grimmett in a few words stated the object of the meeting and called for a motion to decide by what name the club should be known in the future and how much the initial fee should amount to. It was moved and carried that a curling club be formed and known as the Sandon Curling Club with an initial fee of $10.00. It was moved and carried that a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and three of a committee be formed to look after the management of the club's affairs, and the following gentlemen were nominated and elected: President, M. L. Grimmett; Vice-President, E. R. Atherton; Secretary and Treasurer, W. W. Fallows; Committee, Wm. Hood, H. M. Martin and Hugh Mann.

It was moved and carried that this club affiliate with the Manitoba Branch, A. A. Andrews and I. Pitblado, of Winnipeg, being chosen to look after the clubs interests at the executive council of the Manitoba Northwest Association.

Staked a Ranch.

Up, up, the hill, higher, higher, went the Kootenaian on Friday last, with about a yard of axhandle sticking out from underneath his coat, it was at first thought that the paystreak of the Kootenaian had pinched out and its editor had taken the contract of chopping wood, but that theory was found to be erroneous and after much fruitless speculation the most reasonable solution of the question was at length arrived at. The Kootenaian had taken up a ranch and intended to set a man to work in the spring blasting holes for to sow potatoes in with which to feed the Irish contingent on the editorial staff of his great weekly. A few of the Kaslo citizens might be planted there also, this would tend to keep the air in circulation in and about Sandon. Then if you yearn for a lot from which you can obtain a magnificent view of the backyards and housetops of Sandon, why "you pays your money and takes your choice."

R. H. Trueman, the well known photographer has arrived in Sandon. He purposes remaining here for about 10 days and has erected a temporary structure near the Sandon Chop House, where he will attend to the wants of customers in the photographic line.

THE PAYSTREAK

Issued simultaneously every Saturday at Sandon and Cody, in the heart of the Slocan the greatest white metal camp on earth.

Transient advertising 25 cents a line first insertion, and 10 cents a line for each subsequent insertion.

Subscription, three dollar a year in advance.

Address
THE PAYSTREAK JNO. J. LANGSTAFF,
Sandon, B. C. Editor and Mgr

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The Hon. A. G. Blair, M. P., and Col. Domville, M. P., arrived in Sandon —The Crow's Nest Pass R'y.

A large number of our citizens met in Spencer's hall on Tuesday evening last to greet the Hon. A. G. Blair, M. P., minister of railways, and Colonel Domville, M. P., who are making a tour of inspection through Southern Kootenay. It is very cheering to note the interest the Dominion Government is taking in the mineral development of B. C. and the fact that one of the Cabinet Ministers has honored the Slocan with his presence in order personally to inspect our resources and note the requirements that are necessary to the further development of the mining industry in our country leads us to believe that our many pressing wants will receive ample attention at an early date.

The Hon. gentleman in company with Colonel Domville and some of our prominent citizens paid a visit of inspection to the Slocan Star and Ruth mines, and it is safe to say that the sight of the mineral riches of these two great properties will do more to further legislation to our benefit than thousands of arguments no matter how self-evident and convincing they were. We stated that we had immense mineral wealth and we clinched the assertion by showing it to them and when an assertion is backed up by proof it cannot fail to have its effect. It is a great pity he could not have seen more of our great producers but we can rest assured that the quality of the samples he has seen will not detract from the importance of this great silver camp.

The following is a reproduction of the address which our citizens presented to the visiting gentlemen:

The Hon. A. G. Blair, M. P., Minister of Railways and Canals and Lieutenant-Colonel Domville, M. P.

The undersigned on behalf of the citizens of the town of Sandon and vicinity take great pleasure in extending to you a hearty welcome to the center of the famous Slocan mining district of West Kootenay..

The town of Sandon affords a striking example of the rapidity with which the towns of West Kootenay have sprung into existence and obtained positions of great importance. Scarcely a year ago the site now occupied by our thriving town was a wilderness. Today the town has a population of over 1,500 and the same is rapidly increasing. The cause of this wonderful growth is the close proximity to the town of some of the richest silver mines in America, several of which we hope you may find it convenient to visit.

At the present time there are within a radius of three miles of Sandon not less than forty mines from which ore is being shipped, and the number is being steadily augmented. It is safe to say that in no country in the world is there such a large number of producing mines within a similar area. While a large number of mines are being operated at a profit under the present condition of transportation, the number of such mines would be largely increased were the transportation facilities so improved that smelters could be successfully operated in the vicinity of the mines. This is now almost impossible owing to the present cost of coal and coke. We are of the opinion that the construction of a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass would provide us with the fuel and transportation facilities of which we are so much in need.

But profiting by experience we would urge that should the Government aid in the construction of such a railway, effective control should be maintained by the Government over all rates and no monopoly of any kind should be given or made possible.

We are of the opinion that it would be in the best interests of the Province of B. C. as a whole that mining machinery should be admitted free of duty.

We are pleased to note the interest which the Government of Canada is now taking in this province and in its mining industry as evidenced by your presence in our midst today. We desire to express our deep and loyal attachment to the Dominion of Canada and to the British Empire of which it forms such an important part; and we join with the citizens of our sister towns in praying that Her Majesty the Queen may long live to reign over us.

Sandon, B. C., Dec. 8th, '96.

E. R. ATHERTON,
M. L. GRIMMETT,
C. D. RAND,
WM. HUNTER,
E. M. SANDILANDS.

In answer the Hon. gentleman said that the evidences of activity and progress in mining throughout the sections he had visited had filled him with surprise. No man would dare to predict what limit could be placed to the measure of our future prosperity and advancement. The progress that has been made in the development of our mineral resources in the last few years has been marvelous, and with the government fully alive to the importance of that branch of industry our progress along the lines of individual affluence and national importance would be sure and rapid. He said it was hard to believe that in the immediate neighborhood of Sandon forty mines were sending their product to the smelter, but if such were the case, and he had no reason to doubt it, this section of the Slocan, could be placed, without exaggération, at the very head of the great mining camps of the world.

After speaking at some length on our mining and commercial prosperity he arrived at the leading question of the evening, and one that is of the first importance to all whose interests are bound up in the mineral development of the Kootenay—the building of the

CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY.

In reference to this question he said the government was fully alive to the importance of this branch of railway as a factor in the future development of the Province and his presence here was due solely to the fact, that he wished to see and judge for himself to what extent the mineral wealth of the Kootenay had been exploited. That the value of the mining interests and the importance of the Crow's Nest Pass railway as a factor in their development had not been exaggerated he was now convinced, and we could rely on the government taking immediate steps either to construct the branch themselves or give the assistance necessary to enable a private company to bring the work to a successful termination. Just how or by whom the road would be built, he could not say, but in answer to the question whether the government would, in case the work of construction was turned over to a private corporation, exercise a supervision over the freight tariff in order to prevent the imposing of exorbitant freight rates, which would tend to neutralize the good effects which would result from the building of the railway, he said that it was his opinion, and he thought, the opinion of the other members of the government, that if the government advanced the money for the construction of the road, they should own it, and in the interests of the public which they represented, exercise such control over the imposition of the freight tariff, as to preclude the possibility of the company, operating the road, from killing the industry which the construction of the road was meant to foster, by imposing freight rates that are an utter impossibility.

In conclusion the Hon. gentleman said that it was not we alone that are interested in the development of the Province but the provinces east of the Rockies also, from the fact that it is from thence that the machinery and supplies necessary in the mining and milling of the various ores, will be obtained and it is to their interests to see that the trade intercourse between we of the west and they of the east is not diverted from its natural course by the greediness and grab-all policy of a corporation, whose loyalty ends when the national purse strings are drawn tight.

GEO. THOMAS

—DEALER IN—

Stationery,
Cigars, Tobacco,
Confectionery,
Fruits, Etc.

All the Leading Newspapers for Sale.
CODY, B. C.

BANK OF
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

Paid-Up Capital, $4,866,666.
Reserve Fund, 1.338,333.

London Office: 3 Clements' Lane, Lombard St., E. C.

Court of Directors.

J. Brodie, John James Cater, Gaspard Farrar, Richard H. Glyn, Henry R. Farrar, Ed. Arthur Hoare, H. J. B. Kendall, J. J. Kingsford, Frederick Lubbock, George W. Whatman.

Secretary, A. G. WALLIS.

Head Office in Canada, St. James St., Montreal
H. STIKEMAN, General Manager. E. STANGER, Inspector.

Branches in Canada.

London, Brantford, Paris, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B.; Brandon, Winnipeg, Man.; Fredericton, N. B.; Halifax, N. S.; Victoria, Vancouver, Rossland, Sandon, B. C.

Agents in the United States.

Spokane: Traders National Bank. New York, (52 Wall Street) W. Lawson and J. C. Welsh. San Francisco, (124 Sansome Street) H. M. J. McMichael and J. R. Ambrose.

London Bankers.

The Bank of England and Messrs. Glyn & Co.

Foreign Agents.

Liverpool, Bank of Liverpool. Australia Union Bank of Australia. New Zealand, Union Bank of Australia, Bank of New Zealand. India, China, and Japan, Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China. Agra Bank, Ltd. West Indies, Colonial Bank. Paris, Marcuard, Krauss & Co. Lyons, Credit Lyonnais.

H. G. MARQUIS, Acting Manager
Sandon, B. C.

Circumventing the Law.

It is provided by the laws of Montana that the secretary of state shall charge for receiving and filing each certificate of incorporation, the sum of 50 cents on each thousand dollars of the capital stock of the company. This had a very chilly effect on the promoters of million dollar companies, for the reason that it would take a $500 bill to pay the incorporation fee of a company with a capital stock of one million dollars. But the promoter found a way to defeat the intent and spirit of the law, and it may be interesting to note the mode of procedure. To begin with, he would organize a company with a capital stock of say three thousand dollars, and in this case the fee to be paid the secretary of state would be $1.50. A few days following the board of directors of the company is called together, and by resolution the capital stock is increased to one million. A certificate to this effect is filed in the office of the secretary of state, for which a fee of $10 is paid, and henceforth the capital stock of the company is increased to one million dollars. The expense to the incorporators is $11.50 instead of $500 as contemplated by the statute. The law has become a dead letter, and will no doubt be repealed and the old one charging a fee of $15 for filing the papers of any incorporation be put into effect once again.

Mining Laws of Ontario.

As much attention is being given to mining matters in Ontario, the following concise synoposis of the mining laws of that province will be of interest to our mining readers: Any person may explore Crown Lands for minerals. Mining lands may be taken up as surveyed locations or staked claims. Locations range from 40 to 320 acres. Claims range from 10 to 12 acres on vein or lode. Locations may be acquired in fee or under leasehold. Price of locations north of French river, $2 to $3 per acre, and south of it, $2 to $1.50, according to distance from railway. Rent of locations first year 10 c. to $1 per acre, and subsequent years 15c. to 55c. per acre. Rent of claims $1 per acre each year. Claims must be worked continuously. Royalty not charged until seven years from date of patent or lease, nor (as provided in s. 4 (3) of the Mines' Act, 1892), until 15 years in the case of an original discovery of ore or mineral on claim entitled to take out a second claim. Crown Lands sold under provisions of mining laws in force prior to the 4th of May, 1892, Amendment Act, 1894, may be had on application to Archibald Blue, director of bureau of mines.

Things Have Changed.

"Were you ever bothered by horse thieves out here?" inquired the tourist.

"Well, yes," said the native of Oklahoma, "there used to be a good many hanging around here, but I haven't seen one for a year."—Truth.

Ethel—So your ladies' whist club has disbanded?

Penelope—Yes. You see, after the third or fourth trick, we couldn't remember what were trumps.

Ethel—Why didn't you leave the trump card on the table, then?

Penelope—We tried that, but after the third or fourth trick, we couldn't remember who it belonged to.—

JACOB KELSEN

Dealer in

FRUIT,

CIGARS

& TOBACCOS

SANDON.

H. C. HOLDEN,

PAINTER

and

Paperhanger.

SIGNS a Specialty.

NEW DRUG STORE

McQueen & Gore have just opened in the Harris building with a full line of

PURE DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES and TOILET ARTICLES.

Remember the place,

McQUEEN & GORE,
HARRIS BUILDING.

Carpenter SHOP

I have opened a Carpenter's Shop in the rear of **Crawford's Blacksmith Shop**

Orders for all kinds of work in that line promptly attend to.

C. C. McRAE.

The Thistle

One of the oldest and best known hotels in the City.

The only Bowling Alley in the Mountains is attached to this House.

CLAIR & THOMPSON.

JUST RECEIVED at SANDON

2 carloads of Alymer Canned Fruits and Vegetables.

The largest and most complete stock of Groceries and Mining Supplies in the Kootenay. Call and get prices.

H. GIEGERICH,

Kaslo. Sandon. Ainsworth.

THE CLIFTON HOUSE,

SANDON, B.C.

Is one of the Best Appointed Hotels in the Slocan.

Large and Airy Rooms

First-Class Dining Room

Sample Rooms for ommercial Men

JOHN BUCKLEY,

PROPRIETOR.

KOOTENAY Mercantile Tailoring Co.

Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishings and Dress Making.

Mines Bought, Sold or Bonded

J. R. CAMERON.

WINTER'S HOTEL.

J. M. WINTER, Prop.

CODY, - -

First-Class Accommodation For Tourists and Mining Men

Cody is in the heart of the Slocan, and you must go there if you work see that great country.

MINING RECORDS.

Recorded at New Denver, the Assessments Transfers and Locations:

LOCATIONS.

Nov 30
Bryan—Four Mile, F P Carey
Captain C—Same
Dec 1
Bulko—Lemon, E D Miller
Lucy A Fraction—F A Wood
Turris—Geat Mtn, D Matheson
Pirate Fraction—Carpenter, T J Lendrum

ASSESSMENTS.

Nov 30
Jenny Long—I W Black
Evie—H R Butner
Fourth of July—I W Black
Dec 1
Florida Fraction—E H Tomlinson
Dec 2
Dayton—E S Kinney
Ottawa—J A Finch
Meteor—Same
Dec 4
Daisy—Cumberland Mining Co
Eastern—Same
Thistle—Same

TRANSFERS.

Nov 30
Sheriff Robinson to McMillan & Hamilton—All A D Wilson's interest in Alturus Oct 30; $150
P Bates to H Dahing—All in Bell Fraction, Aug 20; $800
P J Hicky reports an option on Silver Bell and Hustler, made Nov 16
E A Cameron to J Ohlsen—⅛ in Inverness, Nov 18; 100
R Ewin to J H Ewin—All in Ethel Fraction, Nov 24; $50
R M Covington to J A Finch—All in Enterprise Fraction, Nov 24; $50
R Butner to A Dick and A B McKenzie—All in Comal, Nov 30; $1
Dec 1
H Stege, H Clever, W K Richmond to A Dick and A B MacKenzie—Bond on ⅜ in Ocean group, Nov 28; 37,500
Jas McDonell to P Welsh—Agreement re Alice Fraction, Jennie Fraction, Spokane, Last Chance No 4, Nov 2
R Welch to J A McDonell—All in Last Chance No 4 and Spokane, Nov 27; $1
G O Foss to J A McDonell—All in Alice Fraction, Dec 1; $1
G O Foss to J A McDonell—Agreement on Spokane Group.
Dec 1
D D McPherson to A R Johnston—All in White Rose, Nov 26; $1
A McMillan to A R Johnston—All in Black Bess, Nov 26; $1
J C Butler C C McNichol to W W Dines—Bond on Mountain Scenery and Cuba, Nov 13; $5,000
W Callaghan to A D Williams and D C McDonald—Agreement on Battle Axe, Oct 21
F Lo Casto to G M Soltelle—½ in F L C, Nov 20; $1
R Langill to J A Stewart—½ in Constant, Oct 5 $1
R Langill to J Mc Kaskill—½ in Constant, Sept 28; $100
J P Miller to J Skallennids—1-6 in Sandon, Nov 30; $50
M S Tucker et al to P J Hickey—Option on Silver Bell and Hustler, Dec 1
A J Murphy, J Gilmooley to McIvor Campbell—¼ in Cornith and Miantomah, Nov 27, $1,065.66

A Reasonable Explanation.

Buffalo Times.

Munshun Howse—I have only just discovered why the Salvation Army people are so careless about harmony in their musical efforts.

Kohlspring—And why is it?

Munshun Howse—They ges the idea from the heathen who seek to drive away evil spirits by creating strange and hideous noises.

Several beggars in Pera own a large amount of property. One well-known man has houses worth ten thousand liras, and yet is to be seen begging in filthy rags. A poor governess, who was very charitable, used to give him a piastre twice a week. One day she missed a lira (pound), and thought the must have given it to the beggar by mistake. He had gone home for the day, so she followed him to his house on the Taxime. He received her graciously, looking like a pasha at least in his magnificant robes. "I never like to lose a good client," he said, and sent for his bag of takings; "if there's a lira here we shall find it." Sure enough, the lira was there. "Take it," he continued, and the poor girl, full of thanks, was hurrying away when the beggar stopped her. "Wait a moment; you haven't given me the piastre."

Subscribe for THE PAYSTREAK.

We have just opened a full line of

General Merchandise

AT CODY.

You ean get goods packed to any point from there.

Green Bros.,

Cody, B. C.

Don't Forget

to come and see us when in need of supplies for your mine

or

Men's Furnishings for yourself.

Hotel Kootenay

SANDON.

Switzer & McClnskey,

Proprietors.

G. M. SPENCER.

FRUIT,

CIGARS & TOBACCOS

SANDON.

A good hall to rent for Dances, etc.

Dancing school every Friday and Saturday by Prof. Lawlor.

P. BURNS,

Dealer in MEATS

——: AT :

BANDON, ROSSLAND, NELSON, KASLO, PILOT BAY AND THREE FORKS.

SANDON. SLOCAN CITY.

ROBERT MACDONALD NEIL MACDONALD

HOTEL BALMORAL

MACDONALD BROS., Proprietors.

Rates $1.50 to $2.50 per day.——

Headquarters for Mining Speculators and Capitalists.

Reco Ave., - - Sandon, B.C

Slocan Hardware Company,

J. C. HAYES Mngr.

Manufacturers of and Dealers in——

Stoves, Tinware, Graniteware and Copperware.

——All kinds of Mining Work a Speciality.

RECO STREET, - - SANDON, B C.

Hunter & McKinnon

——Dealers in——

General Merchandise.

SANDON. THREE FORKS. SILVERTON

Get your Fresh Meat

——FROM THE——

West Kootenay Butcher Co.,

SANDON, B.C,

R. S. WILSON,

MERCHANT TAILOR

Revelstoke,

Brandon and New Denver

Crows' Nest Pass.

The Chicago Record of December 1 contains the following special dispatch from Minneapolis:

A. G. Blair of Ottawa, Canadian minister of railways and canals, passed through this city yesterday on his way to British Columbia, where he will make a thorough investigation of the proposed new railway lines tapping the rich gold fields and coal mountains of southern British Columbia. Mr. Blair was accompanied by L H. Davies, minister of fisheries and marine, and by Colonel James Domville, M. P, of St. Johns. The two last named are on the way to attend the sitting of the Behring sea commission now in progress at Vancouver.

Mr. Blair while here unfolded some of the details of the proposed railway scheme, which promises to revolutionize the smelting industry of the west, as well as to open the new gold flds to railway communicaiion with the outside world. The railway is to be built by private parties, but a large subsidy is expected from the Canadian government, and the fate of the enterprise depends upon Mr. Blair's report. In outlining the plans Mr. Blair said:

"The proposition is to construct a line of railway from Lethbridge through the province of Alberta to the east of the Rocky Mountains. Lethbridge is connected with the Canadian Pacific railway by a branch. The road from Lethbridge to McLeod will pass through the famous Crows' Nest Pass, one of the most desirable passes to be found in the Rockies north of the boundary. From McLeod it will proceed to Nelson and Rossland in the heart of the rich mining and coal regions. The line will be about 300 miles long.

"A number of branches will be built, running into the various mining enterprises. A further extension of the trunk line will also follow in the near future, as there are plans for connecting with Revelstoke, a point in northern British Columbia on the Canadian Pacific road, by means of the waterways. The undertaking involves the expenditure of about $8,000,000.

Mr. Blair epeaks enthusiastically of the opening of the vast coal fields of the Columbia region. The construction of the line, he says, means a revolution in the great smelting works of the western states, which now obtain coal from New South Wales at a cost of something like $14 a ton. The new railroad would put the big smelters of Butte, Spokane and other western cities in direct connection with 250,000 acres of the richest coal lands in the world, and cannot fail to produce a remarkable change in all mining operations in the west, developing fields rich in ore which have lain idle on account of the high price of coal

The construction of the line through Crows' Nest pass will save about 50 miles. It will also do away with steep grades and enable the Canadian Pacific to climb to the summit of the Rocky mountains through the lowest pass yet discovered. Its elevation is less than 5000 feet. The lowest pass hitherto known in the northwest is the Mapais pass, used by the Great Northern line. Crows' Nest pass was not discovered until later, and it has been the intention of the Canadian Pacific, ever since the dtscovery, ultimately to use it. The pass lies close to the international boundary line. The proposed railway will pass near the famous coal mountain, a vast mass of the richest bituminous and coking coal. This great deposit of coal has been the talk of hunters and trappers for twenty-five years, but owing to the lack of railway communications not much attention has been paid to it.

It is also reported that this section of British Columbia is rich in petroleum fields, and that the Standart Oil company has already had agents in the territory making extensive inquiries concerning them.

Hill & Co.,

Chemists and Assayers,

SANDON, B. C.

SANDON LAUNDRY.

We lead in First-Class work.

3 fine Bath Rooms in connection.

Sea Salt Baths without extra charge.

J. S. REEDER, Prop.

W. L. GRIMMETT, L, L. B.

BARRISTER,

SOLICITOR,

NOTARY PUBLIC

ETC

SANDON.

HOTEL SANDON

Is the Pioneer House of the City.

R. CUNNING,
Proprietor.

BARTLETT BROTHERS,

SANDON

Packers and Forwarders

Contracts taken for raw hiding or packing ore from and packing supplies to mines

Saddle horses for hire

F. J. DONALDSON

The Druggist, - SANDON, B.C.

Drugs, Stationery, Druggist Sundries, Notions and Toilet Articles.

Perfumes and Imported Cigars a Specialty.

SLOCAN NEWS CO.,

DEALERS IN

News, Stationery, Confectionery, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Hay, Grain

—Flour.—

Groceries, Etc.

Office: SLOCAN TRANSFER CO., Saddle and Pack Horses to all Points in the Mountains.

Thos. Brown & Co.,

Sandon, B.C.

: Dealers in :

GENTS' FURNISHINGS AND BOOTS & SHOES.

New Goods contantly arriving.

The Newmarket,

New Denver,

Is situated on the banks of the beautiful Slocan Lake, and the guests can sit upon the balcony and gaze upon the grandest scenery in America without any extra charge.

Goldbugs, Silver Democrats, Canadian Capitalists, Prospectors, Miners, Tenderfeet, Ten Mile Millionaires and Pilgrims of every shade in Politics, Religion or Wealth are welcome at this House.

The fire-escape system is excellent. The rooms are airy and decorated with the latest results of the wall paper artist. The exterior of the hotel is painted in colors that harmonize with the idealistic scenery.

The Bar is replete with the most modern, as well as ancient brands of nerve producers.

The Dining Room is always provided with food that is tasty, digestible and satisfying to the inner economy of man

Stranger make for the Newmarket when you reach the Slocan Metropolis and do not forget the Landlord's name. It is

HENRY STEGE

GEO. B. KNOWLES,

SANDON, B. C.

Pays special attention to all kinds of watch repairing.

Large stock of

OPTICAL GOODS

always on hand.

SANDON BOTTLING CO.,

FITZGERALD & DAY, Props.

—Manufaturers of all—

Kinds of CARBONATED DRINKS

Syphons, Ginger Ale,

Sarsaparilla, Etc., Etc.

Sandon, B.C.

Patronize home industry when you want the best

Deadwood Mills.

Deadwood, S. D.,—The three reduction plants at Deadwood are now treating over five hundred tons of silicious ore daily. of an average value of twenty dollars and upward, making the monthly product $300,000. The output of these mills now exceeds that of the Homestake and associate plants at Lead, and with their enlarged capacity it is safe to place the year's output of the Hills at at least $9,000,000. At the D. & D. smelter there is now a loss to the ton of ore of less than fifteen cents' worth of metal. The Golden Reward plant is the largest chlorination works in the United States, and this year added machinery that is absolutely new to the reduction of gold. A year ago the three plants had a combined capacity of less than two hundred and fifty tons daily. All are making arrangements for again doubling their capacity the coming season, with ore in sight to require full running.

The Garden City chlorination mill has started up, putting new life in the camp and ores from the Penobscot are being treated to full capacity. Many properties have begun development work. The Kildonan chlorintion mill is now treating 120 tons a day from the Horseshoe group, averaging very high in gold.

The Homestake company has declared another dividend of $31,500, making eleven for the year, and six million one hundred thousand dollars to date.

A cave has been discovered in the Dacy at Ragged Top that contains several seams and an exposed chute of high grade ore, running as high as $300 per ton. For several days the miners had been losing drills and supposed their was a crevice, till one night the men broke through into a cave nine feet wide, sixteen feet high, sitxty feet long, and spangled with mineral, sparkling and glittering in the light like diamonds. The camp is shipping weekly 100 tons of ore averaging sixty dollars.

Earnest May has bought from Ira Rouse for $10,000 cash a quarter interest in twenty claims in Ragged Top, it being the largest deal ever made in this new camp. Work is to be carried on at once to test the claims.

The Kicking Horse group in Blacktail divide has struck four ore chutes that run from twenty to one hundred and fourteen dollars, and the mine looks like a bonanza.

Lead—An eastern investor who has been in the Black Hills for months has secured bonds on about two million dollar's worth of properties near to and in this city, which he proposes to form into one great company to be worked at immense mills to be erected here. Something like eighteen months ago much excitment was caused by the discovery here of veins of mineral running as high as $60,000 in gold, but very narrow and surrounded by low grade rock in such a way that the small miner would be throwing away all the low grade rock to get the richer, and would not make any money. This has resulted in idleness. It was seen that if they could be consolidated and mills erected to care for the low grade, the owners might be millionaires. This is the present plan. There seems no reason to doubt that under the flat formation of rich ore there exists the vertical, so successfully worked by the Homestake.

Rapid City—The state school of mines has reached the point where it must have more room or quit. It has never been as successful as this year, and its classes are crowded with students many of them women, who are studying assaying, with a view to making it their profession. There are now one-third more students than any previous year, and applications for space are coming in, showing the deep interest taken in mining operations. The school has bought the old ten-foot Baily smelter at Galena and will use it in connection with practical work.

Custer—Bonds have been taken on the rich properties near Custer at a very large figure and are likely to be closed. Their contact ledges carry gold, silver, copper, iron and some lead, and have been worked enough to show strong ledges and richly mineralized.

Galena—Work has begun on the 100 stamp mill for the Union Hill company and it is to be running in midsummer. It will increase the production of the Hills by over six hundred thousand dollars annually. The company has leased the Florence mine here and is opening it.

The Golden Cache.

This mine which is causing such widespread notice in all parts of the province, and especially at the coast, is situated about ten miles from the town of Lillooet on Cayoosh creek. The ledge is on a side of a precipice and is traceable for 2500 to 3,000 feet, showing a width of from 12 to 24 feet, and underlying a slate formation carrying gold. The ledge is situated 3000 feet above the level of the sea and about 1500 feet above Cayoosh creek. The ore shows gold all over the ledge, and assays running all the way from $300 to $35,000 to the ton have been made. The property was purchased last spring from Joe Copeland and a couple of other parties for the sum of $25,000 cash by McKinnon, DeBeck & Co., who formed a company of Vancouver people. Work has been going on ever since this company secured the property and have now a tunnel in about 60 feet. Men were working the past month cutting a trail to the mine, but had to desist on account of the heavy fall of snow. It was expected to have machinery in this fall and work the mine to its fullest extent, although a number of men are employed at present doing work.

The discovery of the Golden Cache is one of the richest yet made in British Columbia. Shares are selling from $1 80 to $2.05, and pretty hard to net, par value being $1. The incorporation is for $500,000.

"I intend to preach a sermon upon foot ball next Sabbath," said the tall caller in the white choker; "and I shall be pleased to furnish you the manuscript if you have any wish to use it. I know a number of your readers would be glad to see it in print."

"All right," said the busy editor; "you will have to get it here early, though. Our sporting page is the first to close."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An Intrepid Man.

"What makes you think Grimsly a corageous man?"

"Why, he doesn't even quail before a sleeping car porter."

XMAS GOODS.

We are showing a nice line of

CHRISTMAS GOODS,

Including

Glove and Handkerchief Cases.
Collar & Cuff Boxes. Mirrors.
Photo Frames. Sleds. Toys.
Picture Books. Christmas and New Year Cards. Fancy GlasSware.
Fruit Dishes. Japanese Goods.
Fur Capes, Etc.

NOTE: The stock though select is not large and an early call should be made before the assortment is too much broken.

POST OFFICE STORE,

SANDON, B. C.

Don't overlook

THE STAR HOTEL.

Chisholm & Walmsley.

C. D. RAND. D. S. WALLBRIDGE

RAND & WALLBRIDGE

Mining Brokers, Notaries Public and Conveyancers,

SANDON, B. C.

Mines bought and sold. Stocks for sale in all B. C. mines.
Official brokers for Wonderful Group Mining Co.
Kootenay agents for Bondholder Mining Co. stocks
Companies promoted.

N. & S. Railway Up to Date.

It is the intention of the C. P. R. to improve the service on the N. & S. branch by running two trains. One of these will be for purely freight service and will do all way work thus permitting the passenger train to make schedule time, except when delayed awaiting boat connection, etc. It is also the company's intention to improve the passenger accommodation by the addition of two new passenger coaches, and a new locomotive, something of the same class as 401, is also expected to arrive in the course of a few days.

Improvements at the Star.

The boiler for the air compressor in No. 5 tunnel at the Slocan Star was moved up to the boiler house on Thursday last and in a very short time now the plant will be in full operation—The flume has been completed and the water turned on and now the mill is turning out 30 tons of clean ore per day—A new bunkhouse is being erected the better to accommodate the large force of men employed at the mine.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, will in thirty days from date, apply to the Stipendary Magistrate of West Kootenay for a license to sell liquor at retail at my hotel at Sandon.

IRA. W. BLACK.

Sandon, Dec. 2nd, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will at the expiration of thirty days apply to the Stipendary Magistrate of West Kootenay district for a license to sell liquor at retail at his hotel situated in Three Forks.

JAMES MCKIERNAN.

Sandon, Nov. 23rd, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that we the undersigned, thirty days from date, will apply to the Stipendary Magistrate of West Kootenay for a license to retail liquors at Sandon.

WM. ROBINSON.
CHAS. J. HASTINGS.

Sandon, Nov. 27th, 1896.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: That, I, F. P. O'Neil, D. C. Clark, F. E. Starkey and J. Y. Kesler, have disposed of their interests in the Ruth Mining Co.'s various claims, hereby give notice that they are not responsible for any and all accounts and indebtedness contracted after this day, by the said Ruth mine or Ruth Mining Co. of Sandon, B. C.

Dated this 1st day of Nov., 1896.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act enabling the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company (Foreign) to appropriate five-hundred (500) inches of the waters of Cody Creek, in the Slocan Mining Division West Kootenay District, to erect flumes for the purpose of operating a concentrator, electric light plant, power drills, and all other purposes usual, necessary or incidental to the mining or milling of ores, for the purpose of expropriating lands for such purposes.

NOBLE FIVE CONSOLIDATED MINING AND MILLING CO. (Foreign.)

Certificate of Improvements.

LOOK OUT AND COLUMBUS MINERAL CLAIMS, Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, adjoining the Wonderful mineral claim L. 481 G. I, on Carpenter Creek and about one and a one-third miles west of the town of Sandon.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Wonderful Group Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 66,966, 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.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1896.

Dec. 5th, '96. A. S. FARWELL.

LUCETTA MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, East of and joining the World's Fair claim.

Take notice that I, T. J. Lendrum, Free Miner's Certificate No. 62,071, 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.

Dated this 3d day of October, 1896.

Oct. 31st, '96 T. J. LENDRUM.

PACIFIC MINERAL CLAIM,

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, on Payne Mountain, North of and adjoining the Washington.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for Frederick Steele, Free Miner's Certificate No. 65,598, and Samuel B. Steele, Free Miner's Certificate No. 73,946, 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.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1896.

Dec. 5th, '96. A. S. FARWELL.

DESPAIR," "RUTH", "RUTH FRACTION", "HOPE" MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situated in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, adjoining the town of Sandon on the S. W.

Take notice that we, J. Y. Kesler, free miner's license, 76,343, F. E. Starkey, free miner's license, 74,244, W. H. McVay, free miner's license, 61,538, D. E. McVay, free miner's license, 74,245, D. C. Clarke, free miner's license, 61,571, and F. P. O'Neill free miner's license, 61,042, intend sixty days after date to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

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

Dated at Sandon this 8th day of October, 1896.

EPHRAIM FRACTION Mineral Claim,

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District on the North Slope of the South Fork of Carpenter Creek. North of and joining the Texas mineral claim.

Take notice, that, I, John M. Harris, No. 56,917 for myself, and as agent for F. T. Kelly, No. 54,185; S. M. Wharton, No. 65,360, and G. C. Wharton, No. 65,359, 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.

Dated this eighteenth day of November, 1896.

Nov. 21. JOHN M. HARRIS.

No. 276.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN COMPANY

"COMPANIES ACT," PART IV., AND AMENDING ACTS.

"Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Company" (Foreign).

Registered the 19th day of October, 1896.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Company" (Foreign), under the "Companies Act," Part IV., "Registration of Foreign Companies," and amending Acts.

The head office of the said Company is situated at the City of Spokane, in the State of Washington, U. S. A.

The objects for which the Company is established are:—

To acquire, hold, buy, sell, lease, work and operate mines and mineral claims in the United States of America and in the Province of British Columbia; to buy, sell, mill, smelt, mat, stamp and concentrate minerals of any kind and description, in the United States of America and in the Province of British Columbia to acquire, buy, sell and lease water power, water sights and water rights in the United States of America and in the Province of British Columbia; to procure, hold, buy, sell, construct, operate and maintain electric, steam, and water power plants for the purposes of furnishing power and light for all and every kind of purpose and objects, in the United States of America and in the Province of British Columbia,

The capital stock of the said Company is one million dollars, divided into one million shares of the par value of one dollar each.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of October, 1896.

[L. S.] S. Y. WOOTTON.

No 21 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

ALWAYS EAT

AT THE

SANDON

CHOP

HOUSE

Near the K. & S. depot

TO PROSPECTORS!!

We are taking First-Class Mining Properties in hand for

INCORPORATION

Finding all Cash, Time and Trouble and Furnishing the Stock Ready for Market and are, willing to take our Pay in Stock,

Treasury Stocks Listed East.

For further particulars apply to

L. C. DILLMAN, Broker,
11 & 12 Sherwood Block, SPOKANE.

REMEMBER

Crawford

HAS A

BLACKSMITH

SHOP

In Sandon

S. A. MIGHTON

DEALER IN

Imported and Domestic Cigars

Tobaccos, Cigarettes and Pipes,

Playing Cards and Poker Chips.

HOTELS SUPPLIED

REGO STREET + SANDON, B. C.

The-:——

HOTEL BRYAN

Is one of the best places in Sandon to obtain

BEVERAGES

That are

DELICIOUS

In taste and

STIMULATING

In their qualities.

First Bank Established in the Slocan.

Bank of British Columbia.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1862.

Capital (with power to increase)	$2,920,000.
Reserve - - -	$486,666.

SANDON BRANCH

Head Office: 60 Lombard Street, London, England.

BRANCHES:

In British Columbia—

Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminister, Nanaimo, Kamloops and Nelson (Kootenay Lake).

In the United States—

San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Agents and Correspondents.

CANADA:—Canadian Bank of Commerce, Merchants' Bank of Canada, the Molsons Bank, Imperial Bank of Canada and Bank of Nova Scotia. IN UNITED STATES:—Canadian Bank of Commerce (Agency), New York; Bank of Nova Scotia, Chicago. AUSTRVLIA AND NEW ZEALAND:—Bank of Australasia. HONOLULU:—Bishop & Co

The Entertainment.

The concert given in Spencer's Hall under the auspices of the Presbyterian Mission of the Slocan, on Tuesday evening last, was one of the most successful both financially and with regard to the merits of the participants, ever given in the Slocan.

It was the first time that a Sandon audience had the pleasure of listening to the Misses Bennett in their different roles, and the favorable impression they made on the minds of their hearers will not be soon effaced. Miss Helen Mar Bennett besides being very versatile has a wonderful conception of the characters she impersonates and her next appearance in our city will be welcomed with genuine pleasure. Miss Clara Bennett has a very sweet voice, but her evident nervousness, prevented her from doing full justice to herself, nevertheless her next appearance in Sandon will be warmly welcomed. The selections of Chas. Hammond and W. W. Fallows accompanied by Miss Crawford were heartily applauded by the audience. On the whole a most enjoyable evening was spent, having but one fault and that was that it too soon came to an end. The following is a copy of the programme with the names of the participants:

Instrumental solo, W. Fallows.
Recital. Helen Mar Bennett.
1. Mary's Night Ride.
2. The Corpses' Husband.
Vocal solo, Miss Clara Bennett.
Recital. Helen Mar Bennett.
3. How the Gospel Came to Jim Oaks.
4. Imph.
Vocal solo, C. Hammond
Recital, Helen Mar Bennett.
5. Casey at the Bat.
6. The Village Dressmaker.
Vocal solo, W. Fallows
Recital, Helen Mar Bennett.
7. Selections from "Under Two Flags."
Vocal solo, Miss Clara Bennett.
Recital, Helen Mar Bennett.
8. Selection from Tramps Abroad.
9. The Ruggle's Dinner Party.

A strike of three feet of solid ore was made on the Neepawa recently. This property is looking better than ever before. A further payment of 5 per cent. was made on the bond a few days ago.

The rough plastering is almost all completed in Bob Cunning's new hotel. Bob confidently expects to be ready for business by next Christmas.

Two more residences are being built on Sunnyside. These complete the terrace, being erected by G. D. Scott of Vancouver.

A. David had to part with a slice of his tailor shop in order to allow for an expansion of the liquor traffic.

G. Holt, manager of the Bank of B. C. in Nelson, was in Sandon for a few days this week.

If you are

Thirsty

Weary

Hungry

Call at the

Hotel Ivanhoe

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The Quickest and Cheapest Route East or West.

Steamer leaves Nakusp every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday morning, making close connection at Revelstoke with trains for all points East or West.

Before you travel get information from C. P. R. Agents as to times and rates. It will save you money. Apply to nearest Railway Agent or to

A. C. McARTHUR, Agent, Sandon.

GEO. McL. BROWN, District Passenger Agent, Vancouver.

W. K. Leighton — A. D. Williams.

LEIGHTON & WILLIAMS

REAL ESTATE AND MINING BROKERS

NOTARIES PUBLIC, CONVEYANCERS, ETC.

Slocan mining Stocks bought and sold. We have money to develop good legitimate prospects for an interest, or will buy them out for cash.

Houses for Sale or to Let in Cody and Sandon.

McMartin & Currie

Cody Creek

MANUFACTURERS OF

EVERY KIND OF LUMBER

Etc., Etc.

HAMILTON BYERS

Hardware

Coal. Iron. Steel. and Ore Cars

POWDER, CAPS, AND FUSE.

Stoves & Tinware

TIN AND SHEET IRON WORKER.

E. M. SANDILANDS

SANDON, B. C.

Loans Discounts and Collections

FIRE & LIFE INSURANCE - MINING BROKER