THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK II. SANDON AND CODY, JANUARY 22, 1898. CHAPTER 18

SANDON AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

District Medal for Curling Championship Remains Here.

This thing of winning everytime anything that is to be played for is getting monotonous to Sandonites. If it keeps up much longer Sandon will ignore these little towns around in West Kootenay and look to Toronto or Montreal for competitors.

Yesterday the curling match for the district medal was played in two games with rinks from Kaslo, and won by Sandon. Quite a delegation of ladies and gentlemen came from Kaslo with their club. News of the game in the afternoon was anxiously inquired for by people on the streets and the glad smile was seen everywhere when the final result was learned. The afternoon score was Sandon 16, Kaslo 13, and the evening score Sandon 14, Kaslo 14. As Sandon is three points ahead in the two games, the district medal will remain here. Following are the rinks:

Afternoon Game—

Kaslo.	Sandon.
J. A. Whittier	J. G. Main
A. Fletcher	J. Moffatt
J. Ray	R. Macdonald
J. Waugh—13	A. E. Hall—16

Evening Game.

Eastman	M. L. Grimmett
S. Bennie	W. G. Wilson
J. Ray	N. L. Remilard
D. W. Moore—14	W. Hood—14.

After the evening's game a banquet was tendered the visitors at the Balmoral hotel. It was 2 o'clock in the morning when it broke up. Notwithstanding this, the curlers were on the ice by 8 o'clock this morning for a friendly game. Messrs. Hood, Hall, Moffat and Grimmett go to Calgary to play in the tankard.

Canada From Ocean to Ocean.

J. Lawlor Woods, president and general manager of the Dominion Publishing Company, Toronto, is in the city in the interest of a mammoth publication which he is getting out, "Canada, from Ocean to Ocean," designed to be a complete and concise epitome of the resources and advantages of each province in the Dominion, profusely illustrated. "Soapy" Woods, as he is known all over the country, bears letters from Premier Laurier, Premier Turner and other officers of both governments. The Dominion government proposes buying several thousand copies and giving them free circulation.

Noble Five Rumors.

Rumors of all kinds regarding the Noble Five mine are in circulation. The return of George Kydd, official liquidator, and George McDonald to Sandon from the Coast on Thursday revived the hopes of the unpaid workmen, who have been waiting about the town since the mine closed down. Neither Mr. Kydd nor Mr. McDonald would give out anything for publication.

The belief is current that a loan has been made in Victoria, which will enable all the debts to be paid off and the mine started up. Mr. Kydd goes to Nelson for a few days. It is understood that numerous of the claims against the mine have been paid off by someone, being discounted 10 per cent.

TO OPEN THE LARDO-DUNCAN.

Dominion Engineer Roy Returned From an Inspection Trip.

Kaslo, Jan. 17,—Dominion Engineer Joseph Roy has returned from an inspection of the Lardo-Duncan river with a view to ascertaining the best method of expending the government appropriation of $3000 still on hand. He met with the citizens and members of the Lardo-Duncan Improvment Association on his return and announced that he would be back within a month with a party of men to begin work on removing the snags and sweepers and other obstacles to navigation in the lower Duncan river. He also intimated that he would in his report to the Dominion government ask for a liberal appropriation to continue the work. The meeting voted to request him to ask for $2000.

In this connection Captain C. H. Cameron of the steamer Idaho, that plys on Duncan lake between the upper and lower Duncan rivers, is here seeking to organise a stock company to construct a light draught steamboat to ply regularly between Kaslo and the headwaters of the upper Duncan river. He has very good prospects of success and the boat if likely tobe built soon.

SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to January 20, 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star,	:	2,630 tons
Ruth,	:	3,945
Payne,	:	8,140½
Idaho Mines,	:	426
Noble Five,	:	519½
Reco,	:	903½
American Boy,	:	29
Slocan Boy,	:	45
Wonderful,	:	42
Ajax,	:	43
Majestic,	:	12
Freddie Lee,	:	16
Mt. Adams,	:	15
Last Chance,	:	624
Goodenough,	:	35
Cananian Group,	:	20
Sovereign,	:	34
Trade Dollar,	:	15
Queen Bess,	:	114
Miscellaneous,	:	9½
Total,	: :	16,769½ tons

Ore shipments for the week from January 14 to January 20, inclusive, were as follows: Ruth 160, Reco 40, Last Chance 60, Queen Bess 15—K. & S. Slocan Star 40—C.P.R.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

C. D. Blackwood has left to reside in the east.

A ball masque at Spencer's hall is announced for February 14th.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Beltner of the Cody laundry Thursday night.

H. H. Pitts has moved his family from Three Forks, and is living above the store.

J. M. Harris is in Nelson and Spokane for a few days.

J. K. Clark reports things looking well at both the Ajax and Palmeta. Work is progessing at each with a full force of men.

The Slocan Star has struck a large body of ore between the No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels.

John Keen, mining recorder, was in town from Kaslo yesterday.

The Payne is building an office and bunk house at the K. & S. sidetrack.

The Last Chance has the whole face of the drift in No. 3 level in clean shipping ore.

H. H. Knox, the New Denver jeweler, was in town a couple of days this week.

Does the present copious distribution of the beautiful have any ameliorating effect on the virulent attack of Klondicetis from which this district is suffering?

The mayor and council took the oath of office before Magistrate Lilly last Thursday evening.

A grand ball and supper in honor of Bobby Burns' birthday will be given at Spencer's hall, Tuesday evening, January 25th. Macdonald Bros. are getting it up.

Mrs. M. Randall goes to Spokane Tuesday, and in about ten days, with Mrs. Terrill, will take a stock of goods to Skaguay and open a dress-making and millinery store.

A number of Sandon people attended a dance at Weaver's hotel, Three Forks, Thursday evening. An enjoyable time is reported.

A strike is reported this week on the Dayton group, a little west of town. A big body of concentrating galena has been entered. J. G. Steele, the manager, is away, but is expected back shortly.

A hockey match will be played on Monday evening between the Juveniles of Sandon and Hunter's team, the Whites.

There are five names spoken of for city clerk: J. H. Hawke, Frank Sewell, C. Cliffe, Dick Silverwood, and E. M. Sandilands. The council at an infomal meeting, about concluded that the work would not warrant paying a large salary.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at Mrs. Rev. Cleland's at 2 p. m. on Thursday next.

The following is a price list of the work that the society will do;

Kitchen aprons, 25c. for making and from 45c. to 55c. ready made; fancy aprons from 50c. to $100 for making; pinafores, from 25 to 50c. for making; laundry bags, from 50c. to $1.00, furnished; comforters, $3.50 and upwards, furnished; darning socks, stockings or mittens, 5 to 10c. per pair; mending done reasonably; ladies' colored under skirts, 50c. and upward; children's dresses, 35c. and upward; table napkins, hand hemmed, 60 to 75c. per dozen; roller or dish towels, 3 for 10c.; pillow slips, 5c. each; knitted wristlets, 35c., furnished; sleeve protectors, (sateen) 50c., furnished; pocket pincushins, fancy, 10c. Orders for other articles too numerous to mention will be taken. Cooks and waitresses aprons made to order very reasonably.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Regular services in the Methodist church to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The subject for morning sermon will be: "The right expression of right feeling," and for the evening: "Tests of true manhood." Rev. A. M. Sanford, pastor.

Anglican Church.—Rev. C. F. Yates will preach to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock in Spencer's hall. Quite a large congregation has been formed, and those instrumental in organizing the church are very much encouraged.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. A. Cleland will preach morning and evening in Virginia hall. The service in the evening will be specially to the Independent Order of Foresters.

Police Court.

Several cases in the small debts court were disposed of during the week.

Three cases of drunk and disorderly will come up on Monday.

A Communication.

To The Paystreak.

The Frank Golden just gone from us had one or two who he claimed owed him. It did not matter what those parties had done for him or what contra account they had. Unless fixed dates, etc., were laid down and contract papers, they could not be acknowledged. One of these was claimed to be $30 or thereabouts, and the only man known of in town who was man enough to start and earn by hard work this fall and winter enough to pay off a large indebtedness, incurred developing his claims close to the town. Also this gentleman whose name was dragged in the gutter, affirms it was his first time in court to his own account, and his conduct since he came to Sandon bears this out. This shameful judgment was said to be handed over to another young man, a friend of the young man, for favors received, and when the gentleman this judgment was pushed on called on his lawyer he was informed that he would have to see this young man and settle with him, owing to the fact that he was sole owner. So on the following a.m., before the young man in question had awoke from his slumbers his door was knocked at and he was called by his so-called debtor to appear as soon as possible and accept payment. In less than one hour he arrived at the store he was commanded to, and when the bill was commented on he thought it was an an extortion, and said to the men present he would settle it at $10.50 rebate. Again the gentleman whom the judgment was against was on his feet and told him to lay down his papers and take his money. He then in presence of the gentlemen onlookers wrote a receipt for the $30 as payment in full and took it to attach it to the judgment, but did not return yet with judgment or anything else to the store. The money was left for him at the store, but he happened to meet the storekeeper in the street and told him he would not come for the money.

White Slavery in Canada.

It is announced from Ottawa that two commissions have been appointed by the government to enquire into the treatment accorded to the men employed on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. To judge from the accounts which have been received from time to time from the scene of operations, the commissioners—if they do their duty honestly and impartially—will have a tale of terrible cruelty and injustice to tell. If half of what has already been told be true, the men who are building the Crow's Nest Pass Railway have been duped into going into the far west by fair promises which have not been fulfilled, and have been treated in a manner less humane than the black slaves used to be treated in the south.

The latest story told of the experiences of these unfortunate dupes reaches us through the Winnipeg Tribune. It is contained in an interview with William Carson and Francis Turner, members of a party of thirty men who were on their way east from the scene of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway operations. Here is the tale they had to tell:

Mr. Carson states that he left Ottawa on September 17, being promised a free pass right to the point of beginning work. Wages were to count from September 17, the day of leaving Ottawa, at the rate of $26 per month and board. They were hired on the understanding that they would work for the C.P.R. Instead of this, when they got to Macleod they were handed over to Contractor O'Neil. They had to walk 70 miles from Macleod to Crow's Nest Lake, and for the privilege of walking across the prairie they were charged $2.25 and $1.71 board for 2½ days. The $2.50 is supposed to be a charge for carrying each man's clothes and kit. One wagon would carry kits for about 50 men, or say $125 for the trip. Mr. Carson worked 22 days and 8 hours before getting a settlement. He was told that there was nothing coming the first pay day. At the end of the 22 days above mentioned he got a settlement which did not credit him with 15 hours spent in fighting fire. The statement brought him out $17.90 in the contractor's debt. The items charged against him were as follows: Railway fare, $22.50; to cross prairie, $2.50; board for same time, $1.71; store bill, $8.80; doctor, 50c.; mail, 25. They also charged up some three days lost for wet weather, and paid him at the rate of $20 a month, instead of $26, and thus brought him out $17.90 in the contractor's debt as stated above. The wages started not from Ottawa on September 17, but from the time of arriving at Crow's Nest Lake on September 26. At this time O'Neil's camps were not fit for dogs, let alone human beings. Roofs were covered with three or four inches of earth, and the last rain washed the mud right through on the beds, wetting all the bed clothes and for two nights men without a dry stitch to put on walked around, unable to sleep, in mud up to their ankles. There were no floors in the camps. Mr. Carson then went to work for the C.P.R. under John Mahon, building camps at $1 per day and board. He started on October 26, and after working all November to December 6, when the C.P.R. paymaster came round, there was $4.50 coming for working from October 26 to October 31. This was credited to O'Neil, still leaving Carson $14.40 in O'Neil's debt. Seeing that there was no money coming to send to his wife, Mr. Carson quit work on December 10. He had to walk 25 miles further up the line to Nash's headquarters for identification papers, and then 100 miles back to Macleod, where they said they could only pay him for November, which after paying off O'Neil, left a balance of $4.90, the first cash he had seen since going into the Crow's Nest. He was only in British Columbia a little over a month and yet the authorities collected $3 for poll tax.

A number of men approached Mr. Harwood, Mr. Haney's accountant, and after a good deal of discussion agreed to give them passes back if they would sign papers agreeing not to go to law with the C.P.R. or any contractor. They therefore left for home after spending a good part of their few remaining dollars in board from Monday till Wednesday waiting for the train to Calgary. A good many had no money to start with, but those who had shared up to buy food on the way along.

You See, It's Like This.

In hemaphrodites, we take it, that the two kinds of sexual elements mature and are liberated at different times, not because of any reaction of the disadvantageousness of self-fertilization on the health of the species, but simply because the simultaneous co-existence of opposite physiological processes is in varying degrees prohibited.

More technically, dichogamy is not a subsequent result of the disadvantage of self fertilization, but cross fertilization is the subsequent result of increasing dichogamy.

B. M. Walton and his partners, Keith and Jones, are working on a contract for 200 feet of tunnel on the Adams group.

SLOCAN MINES.

Shippers and Dividend Payers of This Famous District.

Below is a list of the shippers and dividend paying mines of the Slocan district:

SHIPPERS.

Corinth,	Sovereign,
Queen Bess,	Majestic,
Alpha,	Fisher Maiden,
Sapphire-Gem,	Great Western,
American Boy,	Ajax,
Chambers Group,	Idler,
Sunshine,	Argo,
Ivanhoe,	Blue Bird,
Best,	Ruby Silver,
Lucky Jim,	London Group,
Reed and Tenderfoot,	Galena Farm,
Howard Fraction,	Montezuma,
Silver Bear,	Phoenix,
Chapleau,	Molly Hughes,
Red Fox,	Black Fox,
Texas,	Ibex,
Sunset,	Charleston,
Nonpareil,	Cordelia,
Silver Bell,	Noonday,
Lucky Boy,	Kalispel,
G. H. Aylard,	Yakima.
Trade Dollar,	Canadian Group,
Mt. Adams,	Noble Five.

DIVIDEND PAYERS.

Mountain Chief,	Alamo-Idaho,
Cumberland,	Wonderful,
Ruth,	Slocan Star,
Payne,	Slocan Boy,
Washington,	Last Chance,
Goodenough,	Rambler-Cariboo,
Enterprise,	R. E. Lee,
Two Friends,	Freddie Lee,
Monitor,	Antoine,
Surprise,	Eureka,
Dardanelles,	Jackson Group,
Whitewater,	Wellington Group,
Reco,	Grady Group.

Certificate of Improvements.

SINCHER MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located—In the Best Basin.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for Alfred W. McCune, No. 61,737; Francis J. Finucane, No. 73,963, and Peter Larsen, No. 84,064, 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 7th day of January, 1898.

A. S. FARWELL.

Date of first publication, Jan. 15, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

LITTLE WIDOW FRACTION, BLIZZARD AND SILVER CORD MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Noble Five Mountain.

Take notice that I, Arthur S. Farwell, agent for Edwin H. Tomlinson, free miner's certificate No. 9,342A, and Wilbur A. Hendryx, free miner's certificate No. 9,259A, 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 certificate of improvements.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1897.

A. S. FARWELL.

Date of first publication, Nov. 20, 1897.

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company, with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near Argenta to one point at or near Dawson, via Duncan, all in the West Kootenay Division, by the most feasible route, with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges and roads, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway, branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, courses and privileges, or other aid from any government, municipal corporation or other person or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and all freight passing over any of such roads or railways built by the company, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers, privileges in that behalf.

Dated at Victoria this 7th day of January, A. D. 1898.

CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER,
FREDERICK PETERS,
CUYLER A. HOLLAND.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

PURSUANT TO THE "CREDITORS' TRUSTS DEEDS ACT, 1890" AND AMENDING ACTS.

NOTICE is hereby given that Gideon T. Johnstone and Peter P. Haines, heretofore doing business as Johnstone & Haines, Tinsmiths, of Sandon, B.C., have by deed dated the 13th day of January, 1898, assigned all their personal estate and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all their real estate to E. M. Sandilands, of Sandon, B. C., financial agent, in trust for the benefit of their creditors. The said deed was executed by the said Gideon T. Johnstone and Peter P. Haines and the said E. M. Sandilands on the 13th day of January, 1898.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Johnstone & Haines will be held at the office of the said E. M. Sandilands on Saturday the 22nd day of January, 1898, at the hour of four o'clock p. m.; all persons having claims against the said Johnstone & Haines are required to forward particulars of the same, duly verified, to the said E. M. Sandilands, not later than the 13th day of February, 1898, after which date the said E. M. Sandilands, will proceed to distribute the said estate having regard to those claims only of which he shall then have notice.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

E. M. SANDILANDS,
Assignee.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between R. King and Eri Thompson, in the Exchange hotel, Sandon B. C., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

R. KING,
ERI THOMPSON.

Sandon, B. C., Dec. 30, 1797.

LODGE NOTICES.

SANDON LODGE No. 24, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Crawford's hall. Visiting knights cordially invited to attend.

W. W. FALLOWS, C.C.
W. I. WILLIAMS, K. R. S.

Certificate of Improvements.

CHATHAM AND LILY MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Slocan Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located—Six miles up North Fork Carpenter creek.

Take notice that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for free miner's certificate No. I, 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 claims.

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

Dated this 25th day of November, 1897.

WILLIAM A. BAUER, P.L.S.

First publication, Nov. 27, 1897.

Certificate of Improvements.

MOLLY, LITTLE JOE AND MOLLY FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Slocan Mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located—Goat Canon creek, a tributary of Cariboo creek.

Take notice that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for the Columbia & Cariboo Gold Mining Company, free miner's certificate No. 80SA, 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 claims.

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

Dated this 25th day of November, 1897.

WILLIAM A. BAUER.

First publication, Nov. 27, 1897.

Certificate of Improvements.

BLACK KNAT AND NAOMA FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Two miles up South fork of Carpenter creek from Cody.

Take notice that I, William A. Bauer, agent for Dominion Mines, limited, free miner's certificate No. 6,120A, intend, sixty days, from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner 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 this 25th day of November, 1897.

WILLIAM A. BAUER, P.L.S.

Certificate of Improvements.

ROBIN, WILD SWAN, HUMMING BIRD AND LINNET AND SKYLARK FRACTIONS MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In Whitewater Basin.

Take notice that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for John MacQuillan, free miner's certificate No. 20,755A, 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 claims.

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

Dated this 25th day of November, 1897.

WILLIAM A. BAUER.

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 to incorporate the Mountain Tramway and Electric Company, with power to construct, acquire and operate ropeways and tramways for transportation of freight from points on or near the Nakusp & Slocan Railway and branches thereof to mines and mineral claims in the McGuigan Camp and Whitewater Basin and elsewhere in the district through which said railway and branches pass or will pass, and from points on the Columbia & Kootenay Railway, Crows Nest line, constructed or to be constructed, and branches thereof, in the mining districts of West and East Kootenay, to mines and mineral claims in the districts through which said railways and branches respectively pass or will pass; and to construct, acquire and operate works and plant to generate and supply heat, light and electricity in the said districts and elsewhere in the Province, and to dispose of such heat, light and electricity; and to acquire and hold all kinds of real and personal property, together with the power to expropriate lands and all other powers and privileges that may be necessary, incidental or advantageous to the full exercise of the powers hereinbefore mentioned.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1897.

DAVIS, MARSHALL, MACNEILL & ABBOTT,
Solicitors for Applicants.

MINING RECORDS.

The following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week in the several mining divisions of the Slocan. Those of New Denver were as follows:—

LOCATIONS.

JAN 15—Empire, Four Mile, J E Barrett.

ASSESSMENTS.

JAN 11—New Kohinoor.

JAN 15—Last Chance, Blizzard, Silver Cord, Little Widow Fraction, Mono Fraction, Plato.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

JAN 11—Snowflake.

JAN 17—Silver Cup, Silver Chief, Comstock.

TRANSFERS.

JAN 10—Arnold Fraction, Mountain Nymph, Mountain Chief, ½ each. M Arnold to R S Hartman, Jan 5.

JAN 11—Comstock, Silver Cup, Silver Chief, Power of Attorney, The Comstock Mines (B C) Ltd to R H H Alexander, Nov 18.

Blue Peter Fraction, Duncan Bell-Irving to The Comstock Mines, (B C) Ltd, Sept 25, $5.

Isabel Fraction, Henry Bell-Irving to same, Sept 25, $5.

Grand Stand, Daniel McLeod to Chas W Greenlee, Dec 24, $1,000.

JAN 14—Rosedale ⅓, Flower ⅓, May ⅓, Tulip ⅓, Violet Fraction ⅓, Plato whole int, Kaslo ⅓, Ora Alma No 2 ⅓, Charlott Henderson to D E Sprague, Dec 10, $2.

JAN 17—St Laurence ¼, Chas French to Jas D Ryan, Jan 17.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

DEC 29—Ancharo, A McBunting; Silver King, same; Selkirk, A R Macdonald.

JAN 13—"98", R T Martin.

ASSESSMENTS.

JAN 7—Jennie.

JAN 8—Jumbo, Rosedale, Laurier.

JAN 11—Fairplay, Homestake.

JAN 13—Sagamore No 2, Monitor No 2.

TRANSFERS.

JAN 5—C O D and Triump ½, Robert Pollock to R J Stenson.

Ida ½, L A Lemon to S A Drake.

Zela ½, S A Drake to L A Lemon.

Black Prince, J W Liver to L A Lemon and S Drake.

Bryan ½, R McDonald to John L McRae.

JAN 10—Solo Best, Solo, Sidney Norman to Lyman Duff and Louisa Rydon.

Prince Edward ½, T C Wells to E E Chipman and Arthur Goodenough.

Monitor No 2 ½, same to same.

JAN 12—Abbotsford ¼, John Ness to Frank Glencross.

Bryan ½, Thos Rendell to same.

JAN 13—New Chum ¼, Chas G Johanson to Chas Bostrum.

A COSTLY HOLE.

The death of Caleb H. Johnston, superintendent of the great Silver Geyser mine, which occured in Denver recently, may stop for a time, and perhaps permanently, the most remarkable mining enterprise in the world. Upon Mr Johnston's theory alone—that one mile deep in the earth where his mining shaft has already penetrated nearly half way, an enormous mass of silver would be found—capitalists have spent over two million dollars with no returns.

The true story of the Silver Geyser mine is so wonderful as to tax credulity. Seventeen years ago two hunters wandering among the foot-hills of the mighty Sangre de Cristo range, in the southern part of Colorado, sat down to rest. One of them, kicking the toe of his boot aimlessly into the earth, brought out a small fragment of rock.

A few days later the finder made his way to Silver Cliff and had the piece of rock assayed. It was pronounced horn silver, almost absolutely pure metal. He hurried back to the spot and staked out a claim. From the very roots of the grass where he began to dig he brought to the surface quantities of silver ore of the same purity as he had first found. It was veritably a cliff of silver, and so he called the mine the Silver Cliff. He and those who followed him took out $200,000 worth of ore; then, suddenly, the pocket dwindled to a narrow vein and finally disappeared.

Seven years later a mining engineer with long California and Idaho experience was in Colorado and heard the tale of the lost lead. He had heard many wonderful stories of lost mines and leads in the course of his life, but this excited his curiosity. He rode off alone one day to investigate it.

A careful examination of the abandoned Silver Cliff mine showed Mr. Johnson's practised eye that it had been an almost round pocket, surrounded by volcanic mud. He camped there three weeks, for a theory that had been taking shape in his mind. He did not use giant powder or dynamite or spend a penny in arriving at his conclusions. He reasoned that from geologic conditions the Silver Cliff pocket came from a distance; that it was hurled from the earth through the air, described a long arc to the south, settled in the warm oozy, volcanic mud, where it lay buried until the washing of the storms, and at last the hunter's boot, had uncovered it. With tape line and transit he measured the pocket, found its inclination, and calculated the arc that the ore-body had described in its flight through the air.

Mr. Johnston was a man of tremendous will-power. When he had completed his calculations and proved on paper that his theory was correct he went to Boston, where he laid the result of his labors before James W. Cartwright, a capitalist of that city. To him he said: "We may have to go a mile into the ground before we reach the mouth of this volcano, but when we do we will find the walls coated with pure silver. We may have to spend millions, and we may fail ultimately, but I doubt it. If we succeed it will be the richest mine the world has ever seen—worth countless millions. The chances are that we shall win."

A company was organized with Mr. Cartwright and J. H. Norman, another Boston capitalist, at the head. It was a close corporation of wealthy men. Johnson was sent back to Colorado with $200,000 backing to prospect for the volcano. In the mountain he cut a tunnel 50 feet wide and eight feet high through the broken, splintered, crumbling rock. He measured the dip of every seam that he encountered. When the tunnel was 200 feet into the hill they found a bit of silver as big as a hazel nut. It was exactly the same sort of ore as came from the Silver Cliff pocket. He laid off all the men at once and departed for Boston, where he laid the bit of ore before the company and said:

"Gentlemen, that proves I was right." The bit of metal was worth then perhaps a dollar, and the work had cost more than $150,000.

"We can go ahead and hunt for the mine now," continued Mr. Johnson. He told the Silver Geyser Mining and Milling Company, as the corporation was called, where he would start the shaft, if they would put up the money. He estimated that he would find indications of ore at 1500 to 1700 feet, and the great mother lode itself at 4500 to 5000 feet. He could not tell them, not until he was at least 2000 feet into the bowels of the mountain, but he might have to sink his shaft two miles.

It was nine years ago that the engines began to puff and the drills to hiss in the Silver Geyser mine. Down, down went the shaft, beautifully timbered all the way, and the two great steel cages plied back and forth day and night, carrying their loads of rock which they vomited out at the mine's mouth. But not a particle of silver ore.

Experts who have seen the mine declare that the work is absolutely perfect. For the first five hundred feet down so perfect is the shaft that the great steel cages drop without touching the sleeves at the sides. At every hundred feet two levels have been run, exploring for ore. There are nearly six miles in all of these underground levels and drifts.

Three years ago it looked as though the game was won. An ore-body was tapped which seemed to be a great feeder of some subterranean lake of silver. More men were put to work on this, while the shaft went sinking ever downward. They followed this silver brook, as it might be termed, in all its twistings, down and down for more than a thousand feet. Sometimes the ore would be poor and sometimes rich, but the man who talked of what he saw was discharged. This vein finally pinched out, but not until $200,000 worth of silver had been taken from it.

About eighteen months ago the long contest with fortune seemed once more to have been won. It was thought they had reached the wall that dammed up the great mass of silver they sought. But no. Behind the wall the drills ground their way through a mass of conglomerate rock, and the untold riches were still far away.

The shaft is 2300 feet deep now and has cost $2,300,000. This amount includes the $200,000 taken out of the feeder, so that the Boston capitalists are, up to date, $2,100,000 on the wrong side of the ledger.

No one believed in Johnson's theory at first except those who put up the money. But now it has many followers. His capitalists have put their fortunes to the test and will either win or lose it all; for if they fail the great hole will not be worth a cent. Possibly another engineer can be found who will have as unflagging faith in the enterprise as Mr. Johnson has had, but it is doubtful. There is no question that work and anxiety was the cause of Mr. Johnson's death.

THEIR OWN PEOPLE TO BLAME.

The history of the frauds in mining companies that have been perpetrated on the British public, shows that these have, in nine cases out of ten, been carried through by their own people, not by the claim owners. If British investors spend their own money in developing a claim to a mine of value they are entitled to profits for the risk they take, but for the good of the district and of themselves every obstacle should be put in the way of the company promoter of whom there are as unscrupulous a lot in London as anywhere else in the world. Their frauds should not be aided and abetted by giving them for a nominal consideration the handling of mining property upon such terms that they may fleece the public without expending more than the cost of incorporation and a little advertising.—Rosslander.

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FICTITIOUS PROSPERITY.

THE cry of prosperity is wide spread in these days, but many persons carry in their minds a mistaken idea of its meaning. To the speculator in stocks it means a rise in the particular thing he fancies, although it may have only a speculative value which would render a higher quotation injurious to public prosperity.

To many thousands of workingmen there comes prosperity, according to their conception, when their wages rise, no matter whether other wages rise in harmony or the general cost of living increases more than the earnings. The high wages paid to miners on the Yukon is mainly due to the cost of living. There the necessaries of life cost about twenty times as much as they do where miners wages are $3.50 a day, and consequenty $20 a day is scant remuneration. There is a great army of farmers to whom prosperity means the accidently concurrence of good crops and exceptionally high prices, and they do not stop to think that it means the reverse of prosperity to those who have to buy, and also that a general prosperity can only be based upon fair returns for regular and constant industry.

In general the tendency is to take quite too narrow and individual views of the conditions which are called prosperous. Prosperity is not real if it is not general. Gains by one set of men at the expense of another do not improve the condition of the country in the least. If the higher wages, rendered necessary by the exceptional cost of food and the advanced prices of necessaries, take from part of the people in order to give to another, there is not a step taken toward general prosperity. In mining the road to prosperity lies through honest methods in which the investing public can have confidence, and judged by this standard it would appear that the over-reaching selfishness of some of our public men is not calculated to encourage public faith in provincial mining methods.

Rascality in high places threatens to seriously injure our mining industry. The scandalous insinuations of political wire-pulling and corruption asserted by more than one of the recently floated Klondike London promotions is not well calculated to attract British capital. The British public are not likely to be allured into investing their money in a colony whose prominent public men assert that they have a special "pull" with government departments. Such statements are a libel on Canada and should be resented by public denouncement by the head of the government if not by public prosecution for libeling the government.

We referred recently to the remarks of the chairman of the Klondike, Yukon and Stewart Pioneers Co., of London, who spoke of Col. Domville of the Dominion Parliament who is a director of the company, as a member of Parliament with a "pull." We have also the assertion of Sir Charles Tupper that his company was promised the active support of both governments, Dominion and Provincial. Unfortunately for onrselves we know but too well how strong is the pull of this pot-hunting politician, but it is not nice to be so advertised abroad. There is a great deal that we know of the power of what the "pull" has effected, but there is much more of the same sort that is concealed. We know that over twenty-five square miles of the richest placer ground in Cariboo is, thanks to political "pull," in the hands of exploiting corporations, from which the practical miner is excluded. If the pretension of these influential wire-pullers are worth anything, there will not be much of the Yukon or Klondike left to the honest prospecting miner.

HE IS AND HE ISN'T.

Either the president of the United States is a natural born man without a mind of own, or his political friends are naturally making him one. He has been busy since his inauguration trying to get bimetallism by international agreement. He asked Congress to vote $100,000 to detray the expenses of a commission which he appointed and sent to England on the sole errand of getting that country to agree to a bimetallic coinage law. England wouldn't do it, and his effort was a $100,000 failure.

Before his bimetallic commission had reached home McKinley's secretary of the treasury submitted to congress a bill, the sole purpose of which was, to use the secretary's own words, "to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard." Again on December 28th a meeting of 500 representative Indiana republicans was held in Indianapolis. It was addressed by United States Senator Fairbanks of that state who announced that he bore a personal message direct from the president. He said:

"The republican party, with McKinley as our leader, intends to keep faith, to preserve the gold standard unimpaired to the American people. I saw the president but a few days before coming here. I asked him if he had any message for the republicans of Indiana. He commissioned me to say to you: 'I am going to keep the bond. I am going to vindicate the sound money plank in the St. Louis platform.'"

These later statements would indicate that the president had changed his views, and was no longer a bimetallist—either by international agreement or independently. But, if we are to believe still later reports, he is yet an "international" dependency. Senator Chandler of New Hampshire, an ardent international bimetallist, was in conference last Monday with the president. Upon emerging from the White house he said: "The president stands firmly in favor of international bimetallism, as promised by the St. Louis platform." Senator Chandler added his opinion that "the president is as earnestly in favor of bimetallism, the use of both metals as standard money," as the senator himself.

And all the while Secretary Gage is pushing work on his currency reform bill, "to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard." Truly President McKinley is having a monkey and parrot time of it.

A Wonderful Echo.

When Paddy heard an English gentleman speaking of the fine echo at the lake of Killarney, which repeats the sound forty times, he very promptly observed.

"Faith, that's nothing at all to the echo in my father's garden in the County of Galway. If you say to it, 'Aow do you do, Paddy Blake?' It will answer, 'Pretty well, I thank you, sir.'"

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THE PRODUCTION OF GOLD.

Heavy Increase Shown in 1897 Over the Previous Year.

The production of gold increased heavily in 1897 in nearly all parts of the world. Over 90 per cent. of the total supply is contributed by seven geographical divisions, the United States, Transvaal, Australia, Russia, British India, Canada and Mexico, and of these every one showed an increase over the previous year, and in most cases a large increase. The result is a gold production larger than ever before recorded, and twice that of only ten years ago. It is impossible to attribute the great gain in production in 1897 to any special cause. There was, it is true, the new discovery in British America (the Klondike) which attracted world-wide attention and excited a popular interest reminiscent of 1849, but it is estimated that the actual production of the new diggings has not exceeded $2,000,000, and this is only a small part of the world's increase last year. The latter is, in the opinion of the Engineering and Mining Journal, due to the continuation of the conditions favorable to gold production which have been operative during the last five or six years, namely, the cheapening of production by improvements in mining methods and metallurgical practice, the diversion of attention from silver mining to gold mining since the general loss of profit in the former, and the growing tendency of capital to seek investment in gold mining as an industry which aimed at the production of a metal that, nominally at least, is not subject to market fluctuations.

A tabular statement of the value of the production of the world over that of 1896 is as follows:

Countries.	1896.	1897.
North America:		
United States	52,986,200	855,498,95
Canada	2,813,256	6,000,00
Mexico	6,675,258	6,800,00
Central American States	498,451	5,500
South America.		
Argentine Republic	93,915	100,0
Bolivia	68,211	75,00
Brazil	2,480,400	2,500,000
Chile	667,830	700,00
Colombia	3,100,500	3,500,00
Ecuador	78,346	80,00
Guiana (British)	2,558,000	2,585,965
Guiana (Dutch)	555,598	551,618
Guiana (French)	2,107,068	1,626,96
Peru	127,945	150,00
Uruguay	144,800	150,00
Venezuela	814,097	850,00
Europe		
Austria-Hungary	1,934,468	1,934,46
France	233,231	233,23
Germany	1,652,841	1,652,84
Italy	182,735	182,735
Norway	10,335	10,335
Russia	51,102,870	32,500,00
Sweden	627,396	627,396
Turkey	8,000	8,77
United Kingdom	127,125	127,125
Asia		
China	6,341,120	6,341,19
India (British)	5,821,630	7,159,46
Japan	516,750	516,75
Korea	206,700	206,700
Malay Peninsula	516,750	516,75
Africa		
Transvaal	41,822,376	55,472,30
Other Countries	2,327,000	6,000,00
Australasia	42,636,653	50,313,21
Indian Archipelago	92,714	100,00
Totals	212,152,221	241,398,93

KASLO.

The work of improving the navigable properties of the Duncan river will commence next month.

A dividend of $30,000 was paid the owners of the Whitewater last week making $151,000 to date.

While playing cards at the Union Club last Thursday James Wallace died suddenly from heart disease.

A Seattle paper states that E. E. Coy was robbed and deserted by his companions while coming from Dawson City to the coast.

Last week the Montezuma mill and tramway were started up. The mill is an 80-ton mill and the manager expects to begin shipping concentrates.

Rawhiding is about to begin from the Gibson and Silver Bell. The former will send down considerable ore and the latter has nearly 75 tons to come down. This with about 30 tons from the Bismarck group besides the Montezuma's output, will make a fine showing for the South Fork.

Chas. W. McAnn was last week elected mayor by acclamation. Aldermen were chosen as follows: John D. Moore, Fred E. Archer, A. W. Goodenough, Geo. Whitesides and D. W. Moore.

KOOTENAY NEWS.

George Woods. of Nelson, died last week in Spokane.

Captain Fitzstubbs is ill in the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.

"Shady" Giegerich, of Sandon, is visiting his old home in Pennysivania.

Robert Liddell, of Victoria, is chief jailer in the new county prison at Nelson.

Thomas Blench and Lydia Jane Anderson, of Slocan City, were married last week.

Several branches of the Molsons Bank are to be established in the west, some in Kootenay.

Captain Gore, late of the cremated steamer Nakusp has been appointed port captain of C.P.R.'s Kootenay fleet. Captain Troup having been transferred to coast service. Captain Gore is one of the best men that ever held a wheel and his friends are pleased at his promotion.

Rossland's New Officers.

There was no contest in the municipal election held at Rossland last week. Mayor Scott and the candidates for aldermen on his ticket withdrew at the last moment, allowing the election of H. Wallace, mayor and Ross Thompson, J. A. Barrett, John S. Clute, J. Edgar, A. S. Goodeve and C. O. Lalonde, aldermen.

Nelson's Council For '98.

John Houston, mayor, by acclamation, with Messrs. Teetzel, Madden, Hillier, Gilker, Walley and Malone as aldermen.

Daniel Webster's Courtship.

The author of "Historic Homes in Washington" has added an interesting incident to the story of Daniel Webster's courtship. While he was yet a young lawyer, he met in Portsmouth, N. H., Miss Grace Fletcher, and before long became a frequent visitor at her fathers' house. One evening he had been assisting her in untying skeins of silk, when he suddenly stopped, and, looking into her face, very earnestly, he said: "Grace, we have been engaged in untying knots. Shall we not see if we can tie a knot which will not untie for a lifetime?" He took a piece of tape from her work basket and partly tied a knot of peculiar style; then, somewhat bashfully, he passed it to her to finish. With heightened color and trembling fingers Miss Fletcher completed the knot Such was the proposal and such the ratification of their engagement Many years subsequently, after the great statesman's death, a little box was found in his private desk, upon which was written in his own hand "precious documents." When this was opened there were disclosed the early letters of his courtship and the piece of tape. The knot had never been untied.

Moody on Sunday Labor.

"There are one or two principles which apply directly to the frequent difficulties which meet the Christian young man," writes Dwight L. Moody, "in Sunday labor. There is a certain amount of work that must be done on Sunday, both for the needs and health of a community. But in necessary work it should be dispatched as quickly as possible, and not be used for an excuse for unnecessary work.

"When the Lord ordained a day of rest it was for man's best interests, physically, mentally and spiritually, and any man who barters the day of rest to gratify the selfish interests of another is always the loser. Man needs for the welfare of his soul, as well as his body, at least one day in seven to devote to its special needs. I know, from personal experience, that no man can work seven days in the week, not even in religious work, and do the best work he is capable of, either for God or man. And I have no right to take from my neighbor what I prize myself."

ANDREE'S BALLOON SIGHTED.

Stockholm, Jan. 13.—Prof. Nordenskjold, the Artic explorer, informed the Swedish academy of sciences that the foreign office has received intelligence that several persons worthy of credence saw Prof. Andree's balloon early in August in British Columbia, seven miles north of Quesnelle lake, in the district of Cariboo. The professor regards the news as being of sufficient importance to call for closer investigation.

The Ontario Government has passed a bill for the garnishment of the salaries of civil servants.

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Like such things had never been known,
And lots won't believe when I tell them
That I'm "Little Breeches" fully grown.
But I am all the same, and I travelled
A mighty long distance to claim
A shake o' the hand of the author
Who first introduced me to fame.

I wanted to make a short visit
And chat for a minute or two,
For I thought to pay my respects to him
Was nothin' beyond his due.
And I hadn't a doubt of my welcome
For one who had held a pen
So simple and unassumin' and close
To the heart o' his fellow men.

And I pictured a pretty cottage;
The kind that the poets like,
And a garden patch and a windin' lane,
To remind him o' dear old Pike,
And I thought that his eyes would sparkle
As he gave me a grip and told
How much he preferred plain country friends
To society, proud and cold.

Say, stranger, perhaps you've felt it,
That sudden and awful blow
When the girl that you've worked and saved for
Jus' laughs as she answers, "No."
When all the hopes of a lifetime
In a moment are swept away.
If you have, you can get some notion
Of the way that I feel to-day.

Whar do you think I found him?
In the cosy cot? Not much!
'Twas a great big house in a neighborhood
As you have to pay cash to touch,
And I gathered some information
'As made me partic'lar blue:
He don't put no mortgages on his place
Like the folks out at the Pike all do.

But the thing that stuck in my bosom
Like a knife with a painful throb,
Was to hear he'd forgot himself so fur
As to tie to a government job,
And his duties will call him to mingle
With royalty's wealth and tone—
That man that spoke them emphatic words
About "loafin' around the throne."

Excuse me fur weepin' a little,
This ain't any case fur glee;
I recon' as how no orphan, sir,
Feels worser bereaved than me.
I'm a-goin' to change my manners
And my methods o' speech so blunt;
It's time that this here "Little Breeches"
Had a crease ironed down the front.

—Philander Johnson.

A Man to Avoid.

The veniremen had answered satisfactorily all the questions propounded to him, and both of the attorneys were on the point of accepting him as a juror when the judge, who had been looking at him, said:

"Mr. Swiggle, I think I have heard of you. Are you not a frequent borrower of books?"

"Yes, sir."

"In reading a borrowed book are you not in the habit of writing comments on the margins and especially of underscoring with lead pencil marks the sentences that please you?"

"Why, your honor, I——"

"You are on oath, remember. Are given to that habit?"

"I am."

"We don't want him, your honor!" exclaimed the attorneys simultaneously.

"Neither do I," said the judge, motioning him away.

Cheap Paper.

It is a strange fact that while paper is being used for dozens of purposes formerly monopolized by wood, or even a harder material, such as car wheels, boxes, barrels, tubs, pails, etc., wood is rapidly driving other ingredients to the wall in the manufacture of nearly all cheaper grades of paper. Unfortunately wood-pulp paper is often used for more important purposes, and only a few years will elapse before documents and books of value printed upon it, will become so discolored and decayed as to be worthless.

As illustrating the excellence of the paper, which is made from unused linen scraps, upon which Bank of England notes are printed, it is stated that when one of these notes is twisted into a rope it will sustain a weight of 359 pounds.

Young People's Mission.

"Young people have a definite mission as young people," writes Mrs. Lyman Abbott, "They are not to be so absorbed, even in preparing for their future work, as to forget that they are to be the joy-givers of the home and of the community. Just as truly as the beauty of the butterfly's wings and the colors of the flowers are to gladden the eye, and the song of the bird is to stir the heart, so young men and maidens, in the beauty and strength of their clear, happy voices, are to refresh the spirits of the careworn. Young people have a distinct mission, not only to be happy themselves, but to make all around them happier, and first and principally in their homes."

Webster's Last Words Edited.

Some years ago an eastern farmer in trying to repeat Webster's dying words "I still live," gave an amusing rendering of the spirit, if not the exact letter of the phrase. A gentleman had remarked to him, "Life is very uncertain." "Oh, yes," replied the farmer, "that's true, every word of it; and by-theway, Captain, that makes me think of what one of your big Massachusetts men said when he died a spell ago." "Who is it?" inquired the Captain. "Well, I don't jist call his name now, but at any rate, he was a big politician, and lived near Boston somewhere. My newspaper said that when he died the Boston folks put his image in their windows and had a funeral for a whole day."

"Perhaps it was Webster," suggested the Captain.

"Yes, that's his name! Webster. General Webster. Strange I couldn't think on it afore. But he got off a good thing just before he died. He riz up in bed and says he, "I ain't dead yet."

Scurvy Prevalent at Dawson.

Owing to the scarcity of fruit and pickles and living on bare necessities, hundreds of men are suffering from scurvy and the hospital at Dawson is Filled with patients. Several doctors are in attendance among whom is Dr. Chambers, a pioneer of Circle city.—Alaska Searchlight.

Beggar (standing outside a picture gallery to stranger about to enter with a lighted cigar)—I say, mister, there's no smoking allowed inside yonder; but, if you'll give me two pence, I don't mind keeping your cigar alight till you come out again.

A minster who used to preach in Somerville had a little boy. A few days before his father left the city to go to his new parish one of his neighbors said to the little boy: "So your father's going to work in New Bedford, is he?" The little boy looked up wondering, "Oh, no, only preach," he said.

"It is queer," said Mrs. Bloocher, "that a man can take enough interest in his wife's letters to open them, but not enough to mail them."

George Jaglets, where ever have you been?

Jus' been downtown, m' dear, readin' bull'tins.

What's the matter with your eyes? They're all bloodshot.

Shtrained, m' dear, tryin' to read bull'tins, in both win'ows at once—so's I could get home soo-sooner—see?

All silent people can seem conventionally elegant. A groom married a rich lady. He dreaded the ridicule of the guests whom his new rank assembled at his table. An Oxford clergyman gave him this piece of advice. "Wear a black coat and hold your tongue!" The groom took the hint, and was always considered one of the most gentlemanly fellows in the country.

It was just after spring cleaning. She was reading in a low, thrilling voice: "When the packing begins in earnest, it seems as though there could be no spot on the earth's surface unshaken." He roused himself from a somnolent attitude in an easy chair. "Who wrote that, Maria? He's been through it, whoever he is. I wonder who he married?" "Why; you great stupid," said she, "it's Nansen writing about the ice."

Lord Helpus (Lunnon)—What do you intend doing foh a living, deah boy?

Lord De Liverus—I must go into business, and I have decided to go to an American town and grow up with it.

Lord Helpus—What town do you purpose going to?

Lord De Liverus—Noo Yawk, of cawse.

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CANADA,
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. SMITH, Deputy Attorney-General,

WHEREAS, We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the Tenth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, The Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this thirtieth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
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WHO THEY ARE.

Short Biographical Sketches of Our New Officers.

E. R. Atherton, mayor, was born in Fredericton, N. B. Came to Nelson in June, 1890, where he had charge of Fred Hume's store. Went into business at Bear Lake in the fall of 1892, and was burned out by the fire of '94. This fire, carried by a tornado, travelled from Three Forks to Bear Lake, five miles, in twenty minutes. Mr. Atherton had a fire-proof building back of the store, where thirteen women and children took refuge while our mayor stood at the door, covered with a wet blanket throwing water on the front. The roof was burned and a pony tied twenty feet away was burned to death. After the fire he came to Sandon and opened a store in a log building where Black's hotel now stands. Last summer he was married to Miss Bessie Irvine, of St. John, N. B. He has been postmaster since the office was established here, and is proprietor of a large general merchandise establishment.

S. A. Mighton, alderman, was born near Woodstock, Ont. Lived in Woodstock and attended college in Toronto. Came to Sandon in Sept., '96 and has since run a tobacco and cigar store, but singularly never uses the weed himself. He is looked on as one of the conservative members of the board. Mr. Mighton is married to Annie, youngest daughter of the late James Graham. Mr. Mighton's family are at present residing at Port Perry, Ont.

Alexander Crawford, alderman, was born in Ontario, spent two years in Manitoba and the states and came to Sandon two years ago. He is engaged in blacksmithing. Mr. Crawford married Miss Kernahan. He speaks of his life as a happy and contented one and he is not going to Klondike.

J. W. Switzer, alderman, was born in New Zealand, went to school in England and came as a lad to Victoria in the 70's. Lived on the Coast till he moved to Sandon in December, '96. He and his partner, C. B. McClusky, are proprietors of the Kootenay hotel. He has been active in the fire department here, being acting chief since its organization. Mr. Switzer married Miss Maggie Wilson. His modesty is equalled only by his recognized worth.

Robert Cunning was born in Ireland but has spent the most of his time in the United States, being engaged in mining in Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Oregon. He came to Sandon at the end of 1892 and built a log house and opened a hotel. He is known as the father of Sandon, but is still in the prime of life. He is proprietor of the Sandon hotel.

R. J. Broddy was born in Brampton, Ont., and comes of an old family, several of whose members hold official positions in that province. Was in the plumbing and heating business in Spokand eight years, and there was married to Miss Marth M. Zegglar. He is engaged in produce and confectionery business. Mr. Broddy boasts that his ancestors were run out of Ireland because they would not vote as told to.

C. D. Hunter, alderman, was born in Oxford county, Ontario, 24 years ago. Two years in North Dakota and two years in the state of Washington, and one year in Sandon is his traveled history. He is a member of the firm of Hunter Bros., general merchants, which has operated largely in Washington and West Kootenay. Mr. Hunter achieved fame as "the man on horseback" at the Jubilee celebration. He is probably the youngest alderman living, unmarried, and equal to any emergency.

Court Sandon, 3378, I. O. F.

Is fast becoming one of the most conspicuous societies in the City.

The local court has written up $43,000 worth of insurance in the last 30 days. This insurance is the cheapest, best and safest of the day: First, because the Supreme Court pays every death claim within two weeks after death. Second, because we have a pro rata of about $30 to the member. Third, because we have almost $3,000,000 in our reserve fund to pay death claims and sick and funeral benefits with. Fourth, because we have never had a law suit. Lastly, because the I. O. F. is secured by the Dominion Government.

Following are the names of members in good standing in Court Sandon.

M. L. Grimmett	Jas. R. Dean
H. M. Martin	Wm. DeRose
Eddie Barrett	G. Johnstone
H. P. Rice	Arthur Peel
C. N. Haney	L. D. Bruce
Alfred Harlow	J. Albert David
Thomas Duffy	James Latham
W. I. Williams	J. H. Hawke
W. G. H. Todd	Jas. Williamson
Edmund T. Levi	Otto P. Johnston
H. A. Cleve	Alex. McMillan
Nicholas McKian	Byron E. Sharpe
Jas. Vallance	Dr. W. E. Gomm
F. J. Golden	S. A. Mighton
Harry Nash	Ira Black
John H. Cameron	Rev. J. A. Cleland
E. F. Swansen	A. C. McArthur
P. P. Haines	G. H. Lloyd
C. J. Smith	Jas. Griffith
Norman McClellan	

We extend a welcome hand to every man who is in good sound mental and physical health to join with us in our good work.

The Rev. John. A. Cleland will preach a Forester's sermon in behalf of our local court at the Presbyterian church, Virginia hall, Sunday Jan. 23rd. All are cordially invited.

J. A. G., F. S.

The C. P. R. has put on another through transit car which will run between Portland, Maine, and the Pacific Coast. This is in addition to the service now in force and gives daily service to St. Paul. Through transit car to Toronto from Rossland every Monday, to Montreal and and Boston every Thursday, and to Montreal and Portland every Friday.

W. H. Brandon hired a horse from Bob Hammond Monday and went up to the Canadian group. He turned the horse loose to come back alone. When near the Ruth it got off the trail with its fore legs over a log in such a way that its head was held in the snow till it smothered.

It is reported from Spokane that E. J. Field has been "fired" as manager of the Wonderful. But it is thought in Sandon that the Spokane people have overestimated the range of their guns, and though he may be fired in Spokane it is a different thing to be fired in Sandon.

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SANDON MAN IN TACOMA.

Ad. Hellmers as Reported by the Tacoma Leder.

"Slocan is the greatest silver district in the world and the mines there of which so little is heard are some of the best properties in Canada," said Ad. Hellmers, of Sandon, B. C., at the Tacoma last night.

"English investors have put two million dollars into the district within the past two months and all the mines are working full crews. The number of dividend payers is large. The ore is silver and lead, though in the lake district some gold is found. The Lemon and Ten Mile creeks in the Slocan lake district are coming up well. They are showing high grade silver and gold ore bodies.

"The miners in Sandon and the surrounding district will have the gold craze and fully half of them will go to Alaska in the spring. There are 2500 men in the mines, all receiving good wages and it can safely be said that 1200 of these will go north. The men in our mine—the Slocan Star, have not been cashing their checks for months. They have been carrying them around in their pockets lest the money in their possession should be spent and they would not have money to go to Alaska.

"One man in particular—he is a spendthrift—came to me a few months ago and asked me to turn his checks over to a friend who would hold them for him. He wanted me to refuse to give him money on any pretext and on Christmas eve the first opportunity came. I would not give him a cent and a few days after he came to me and thanked me. He has a good stake saved. The exodus from Sandon will surely result in the increase of wages. We will not be able to get men into the district in any other way.

"But the mines in the Slocan district are rich and there are no better properties anywhere. The Slocan Star has just increased the capacity of its mill and the eighty men laid off while the improvements have been made have returned to work. We have a vein forty feet thick in places. Our mine is one of the hardest to work in the whole district. We have to use a large amount of powder and the tunnels must all be supported by wooden timbers. These are hard to get as the timber has been cut off for a distance of three miles.

"One of the easiest mines to work is the great Payne, half of which was recently purchased by Mr. McCune, of Salt Lake City. He paid but $80,000 for his share, and now development work on the mine has proven it to be as great a property as the Le Roi at Rossland. A vein of solid ore from one to three and a half feet thick has been uncovered, and all the ore runs about 200 ounces of silver and 75 per cent. lead. They need no powder to mine nor timbers to support the tunnels. They are taking out 60 tons of ore a day, and I have been told that the mine has declared a dividend of $100,000 a month. In a recent cross-cut tunnel another vein of solid ore was uncovered.

"The Reco—Spanish for rich—is owned by John Harris, a Mr. Kelly and General Wharton. When I first went to Spokane Wharton was called captain. That was before he was interested in any mine. A short time after he got his interest in the Reco and they called him colonel. Now that he is a rich man it is general. A friend of mine saw the returns from a shipment of three cars of ore from this mine and the net receipts were $12,800.

"The Goedenough is working on the same bed of ore and is making many shipments and paying handsomely.

"The little Ruth, a half a mile from the Star, was worked for five years without any returns. About fifteen months ago Lord Sudley of London, one of the owners, came out and two-thirds of the mine was bonded at the ratio of 125,000. Three months later the bond-holders threw it up, and it was bonded at the ratio of $250,000. A short time ago half of the mine was sold for $600,000.

"The Whitewater, on the creek of the same name, was purchased six years ago for $2500. To-day it is worth $1,500,000.

"A half interest in the Last Chance has been sold for $125,000. It has a four-foot body of solid ore running 200 ounces of silver and 75 per cent. lead."

Mr. Hellmers is on his first vacation for three years. He will go to Catalina island in Lower California.

Gone But Not Forgotten.

The bland and childlike smile of Frank Golden will be seen no more in our streets. Frank had a friend buy a ticket and check his baggage to Kaslo on Tuesday, and to avoid being overwhelmed by friendly farewells at the station, boarded the train as it was pulling out. He is said to have had $1500 in his pocket, and was owing everyone he could. Some folks thought he was green but have changed their opinion and now think it was the other man. Up to the time of the Williams and Annance episode Frank had conducted himself properly, but that seemed to inspire him with ambition for like fame, and the plea of "not of age," which released young Williams, gave Frank the cue for future action. Henceforth, Frank as creditor and debtor were two different persons. He bought goods, got signers on his notes, borrowed money, and when asked for payment, smilingly replied: "I am not of age." If this did not satisfy the creditor it satisfied Frank, and no amount of malediction could ruffle his serene and even temper or worry his conscience..

The Death of Mrs. Locett.

Mrs. Ellen Lovatt, wife of George Lovatt, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 3 p. m. The funeral was held on Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Cleland officiating. The body was taken to New Denver for burial, being accompanied by a large number of citizens. The Orangemen turned out in a body and the pall bearers were Messrs. Atherton, Lily, Cunning, Brown, Ardery and McMillan. Mrs. Lovatt came to Sandon last fall. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The British Columbia Year Book.

We are in receipt of "The Year Book of British Columbia," by R. E. Gosnell, provincial librarian, Victoria. It is a 500 page book, well printed and bound, profusely illustrated with well-excuted cuts of noted people and scenes of the province, and cyclopedic in its information. It will be a valuable book in any home or office, not only as a book of reference but as a source of pleasure.

The mayor and council have received an invitation from Speaker Higgins to be present at the opening of the provincial parliament at Victoria, February 10th.

The Payne got to work again Tuesday, having repaired the engine running the ore crusher. The ore house on the C.P.R. is finished, and also the side track into it. Jim Bartlett hag a contract for hauling 15 tons a day over the sleigh road from the tram to the C.P.R.

The hocky match Tuesday night between the North Side and South Side was played to win from start to finish. Although the South Side lost, the play toward the finish showed them to be equal if not superior to their opponents, and at the supper that followed the game there was no question about it.

Miss Macdonald reports so many tickets sold for the concert on Feb. 12 that a second edition will be necessary to supply the demand.

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