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BOOK II. SANDON AND CODY, APRIL 9, 1898. CHAPTER 29

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Travel is increasing to and from the Slocan.

The Reco hotel will open about the 18th.

A large kitchen is being built onto the Reco hotel.

The Cody sawmill started to work again this week.

Dr. A. S. Marshall, of Kaslo, was in town Wednesday.

Al Hoyt is said to be the coming post master at Kusnonook.

T. M. Gibson, of Kaslo, spent the early part of the week in Sandon.

J. A. Smith and family returned from New Brunswick on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. J. Murphy, of New Denver will soon take up her residence in Glenora.

Professor Beeton's graduates are to give a Scotch concert on the 21st inst.

Dr. Gomm left on Wednesday for San Francisco and other points South.

Jim Sherran has just quit hauling ore from the Queen Bess until wheels can be used.

The rush to the Klondike has abated and some of the Coast steamers are looking for other business.

P. J. Griffin, Kootenay agent of the Parsons Produce Co., was looking up business in Sandon this week.

J. D. Kendall, consulting engineer for the B. C. Gold Fields Co., visited some properties near Cody this week.

The Oddfellows of Sandon are to give a ball on the 26th. Preparations are under way to make it a great success.

The miners of the Slocan must not stop calling for a high tariff on lead. Such a tariff would bring great prosperity to this part of Canada.

In England the masses speak of Kootenay as a place that is near Klondike. So it is, if they speak from a wealth standpoint.

The Nashville Students will appear before the footlights in Spencer's next Friday and Saturday.

In about ten days the Slocan Star will again have over 100 men at work. The connection between the upper and lower tunnel has just been made.

About twenty men were laid off at the Enterprise on Ten Mile this week. No room for ore upon account of the condition of the road is the reason.

Tom Blackwood, of Winnipeg, was in town this week. Tom is one of the most popular men in the west, and always welcome in any of the Slocan camps.

The Firemen's Ball comes off on Monday. Don't forget that date, Easter Monday, 11th inst. The floor will be in grand condition, the music will be of the best and nothing will be lacking to make the event a most enjoyable occasion.

The B. C. headquarters of the English company operating the Mollie Hughes will be in New Denver. This company is operating successfully a mine in Servia that runs less than 10 per cent. lead and not over 9 ounces in silver to the ton.

James Anderson, of the Gold Hills Exploration Co., a Toronto prospecting outfit with large designs on the Lardo country, was in town this week accompanied by a number of Toronto young men. They left on Friday for Kaslo, which they usually make their head-quarters.

Nearly all the delegations that visited Victoria this session have been promised nearly everything they asked for. The promises are principally composed of air, few of them having been put in black and white, and are liable to evaporate before the summer becomes a memory of the past.

The Klondike Stampede.

A London cable says: "The cut rates are causing an extraordinary rush to the Klondike. The Canadian Pacific and other booking offices are daily besieged by men who never would have attempted the journey but for the ridiculously low fares. Many urge this as potent evidence of the wisdom of low fares if Canada is to fill up her vacant lands speedily, even though the State should have to contribute, as in Australia. 'Experts say that it is certain that half of these passengers cannot hope to get through to Klondike this year."

"There's a good deal in the science of deduction," said an ardent admirer of Sherlock Holmes to a chance acquaintance on the rear platform of a trolley-car. "For instance, I see from your pronzed cheeks that you have just returned from a long vacation; you have just dined, for you appear to enjoy that cigar hugely, and a cigar always has a fine flavor after meals."

"Deduction, is it?" said he, whose family history the original Sherlock would have known at a single glance; "well I ain't had no vacation and I ain't had no dinner. I'm a bricklayer—been workin' for three weeks on top of a five-story building, and I'm friends with this cigar because I'm uster smokin' a pipe, and it's the first rope I've bought for eight years. See?"

Fair Customer (breathlessly) I see you are advertising shot silks at five cents a yard.

Salesman (blandly)—Yes, madam, and they will do beautifully for mosquito netting. You see, they came in an express car that was held up by train robbers.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met on Monday evening, March 27th with Mayor Atherton in the chair, present Broddy, Crawford. Switzer, Hunter.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications were read from: Sandon water & Ligh Co., regarding water supply.

Messrs. Harris & Kelley, regarding steam heat.

G. A. Hunter, Nelson, on behalf of Manufacturers' Guarantee Association, offering terms for bonds for the city collector at ¾ per cent. and for the treasurer at ½ per cent.

Communications of Sandon Water & Light Co. and of Harris & Kelley were received and fyled.
Offer of G. A. Hunter was accepted.

An application was read from Levi H. Wright for a license as night and day scavenger. City clerk was authorised to issue the same.

A corporation seal was adopted.

The chief of the Fire Department was authorised to order a Siamese connection, with valves, price $28.

The following reports were read, and together with the financial statement, were laid over for consideration at the next meeting, viz: report of Police Magistrate, Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Dep't.

Public works committee reported progress regarding creek improvements.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Presbyterian church—Regular services in Virginia hall morning and evening. Rev. J. A. Cleland.

Methodist Church—Rev. A. M Sanford, A. B., Pastor. Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Work Progressing Rapidly on the Creek.

Work was commenced on the creek improvements on Monday and is now well under way. A force of about 150 men was put on in the early part of the week, but later the number was reduced to 80. The force is divided into two gangs, under Neil McInnes on the timber work and Tom Duffy on the excavating, with Chief Doolan as superintendent.

The flume will be 7 x 12 feet, timbered and planked with four-inch stuff on the floor and sides. The head of the present work is behind Byer's Hardware store, where a wing dam is being built. From there it cuts across diagonally to the head of the alley, in the rear of the Reco hotel, following the alley for the remainder of the distance, about 1000 feet in all.

White & Cavanaugh have the contract for the lumber, some 160,000 feet. The work will cost $4000.

It is the intention, immediately on completion of the work at present under way, to commence clearing the creek above the track, and later to build a flume all the way from Cody creek.

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED.

And now the Laundryman is in Bed.

Thursday at noon a tenderfoot was fooling with a gun at the Clifton House. His name was Brown. The gun wasn't loaded. Neither was Brown. While Brown was cleaning the gun it went off.

Mrs. Crandall keeps a lodging house across the road. Her husband has gone to Klondike. Nye Taggart the laundryman was making a visit on the lady at the time the tenderfoot was cleaning the gun. The bullet struck him in the leg. The gun handler was brought before the beak next morning. The court dismissed the case as it was considered an accident that the man got shot in the leg. The laundryman is in bed. The lady still keeps the lodging house. Moral omitted.

SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to April 9th 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star,	:	2,987¼ tons.
Ruth,	:	4,885
Payne,	:	9,890½
Idaho Mines,	:	1564
Noble Five,	:	519¾
Reco,	:	1108¼
American Boy,	:	29
Slocan Boy,	:	45
Wonderful,	:	42
Ajax,	:	58
Majestic,	:	12
Freddie Lee.	:	16
Mt. Adams,	:	15
Last Chance,	:	1384
Goodenough,	:	35
Cananian Group,	:	20
Sovereign,	:	34
Trade Dollar,	:	15
Queen Bess,	:	204
Fountain Fraction,	:	5
Miscellaneous,	:	10½
Ajax Fraction	:	18
Wonderful Bird	:	2¼
Total,	:	21,598¾ tons

Ore shipments for the week from March 24th, to March 31st, inclusive, were as follows: Payne 100, Ruth 100, Last Chance 39 tons, Total, 239 tons.—K. & S.

The Sandon Hand Laundry and Bath House is still in the lead for fine starch work. Work called for and delivered promptly.

It is worth while to call at the C. P. R. office and get new rates to eastern points. A great number have already taken advantage of the low fares to visit their old homes.

The Senate Did Well.

The action of the Dominion senate in rejecting the Yukon railway bill by a substantial majority, is amply justified. The senate has simply vetoed one of the worst of bad bargains, the agreement being all in favor of the enterprising and energetic contractors, who easily got the better of that overrated minister, the Hon. Mr. Sifton. Only party loyalty kept a bare majority of western liberals in line with their leaders on a measure which sinned against almost every declared principal of the party, and though not a few B.C. conservatives, on the other hand, supported the bill, they did so, as a rule, on purely sordid grounds, caring little or naught what the agreement would cost the country, so long as it helped themselves and their friends to make big profits. These conservatives however, forgot that in any case the railway was fairly sure to be built as soon as possible, and doubtless on better terms as a direct government undertaking, and on lines which from the first should have been adopted. The policy now likely to be chosen is apparently also what the Hon. Mr. Blair, the Dominion Minister of Railways, would at any rate have supported, judging by the lukewarmness of his advocacy of the bill now defeated.

It has long been made clear by the action of the contractors, Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie, that they have secured Dominion Government pledges to indemnify them against the loss of at any rate the ordinary and largely profitable returns of the construction work, which their party has done and is doing, and it is, therefore, about equally clear that, as we have already said, the railway will be built, as a state line. No doubt a very good price will be given for its construction—Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie being so well in with the powers that be at Ottawa—but the cost cannot begin to approach the extraordinarily large speculative sale value of the monopoly mineral rights over millions of acres, which Hon Mr. Sifton sought to confer under the original arrangement. In fact, the action of the senate should in this case, as in the somewhat similiar instance of the Drummond County Railroad scheme, result in the securing of far better terms for our country and its taxpayers. Hence the senate need fear no uprising of popular indignation in respect of its bold action in thus vetoing a "boom" railroad bill. There is sound reason on the contrary to believe that very large numbers of good Canadian liberals everywhere rejoice in their secret souls over what has happened. It is at least an open secret that very large numbers of leading British Columbia liberals will be by no means sorry, provided only, of course, that proper means be taken by the Dominion government to build the railroad promptly, and above all, extend it to a good ocean port on the north coast of our own Province.

B. C. Chamber of Mines.

The British Columbia Chamber of Mines has been organized and put on a business footing. Dr. Selwyn is president, W. Carlyle and H Abbot vice-presidents, and Frank S. Taggart secretary pro tem. A pamphlet containing the Articles of association is being circulated. The Chamber intends to be strictly impartial and free from any tincture of speculation. A permanent salaried secretary is to be employed to give his entire attention to the compiling of information regarding the mineral resources of the province, etc. Associate membership is set at $5; representative at $25. Mining men in all parts of the province are asked to co-operate as the Association is calculated to not only be a benefit to the mining industry of B. C. but to be directly beneficial to its members.

The British in India.

There have been wild alarms about insurrection in India. England has been threatened with an uprising which would cast the great Mutiny into the shade. There is no appearance or probability of anything of the kind. What may be going on in the dark depths of Hindoo sentiment those who are best informed are least ready to say. It is not likely that love of a foreign conqueror can ever be the ruling passion of the conquered. But a population long disarmed, devoid of organization, divided in itself by race, religion and caste, is practically incapable of rebelling. At the time of the Mutiny the people nowhere stirred except in Oudh, which had only just been taken from the native dynasty and annexed to the Empire. Not armed rebellion but the misery attendant upon the multiplication of a helpless peasantry beyond the means of subsistence is the real danger with which the government of British India has to contend. It is ever and anon enhanced by plague and famine. The Anglo-Indian government is admirable, both in the benefit of its intentions and its administrative skill. But it appears that nothing can make up to any people for the absence of native leadership. The Englishman in India now is a mere sojourner, separated by an impassable gulf, not only of race but of habit and sentiment, from the native, whom he may rule but can never lead. To so artificial a state of things there must be a limit: and that limit, though yet distant, may be in view.

"What a long, thin head Jimson has."

"Yes. Looks as if he had pushed it under the bureau for a collar button.

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OFFICE.

There is not much pay in it, but the quality of the work is just as high as it was when Sandon was the

Hottest Town in the Gulch.

The prices are somewhat despondent in sympathy with the sad condition of trade, and

NOW IS THE TIME

To lay away a supply for the good times that are likely to come upon us suddenly and without warning.

CARLYLE ON SLOCAN MINES.

Speaking in his annual report of the mines of the Slocan, Minister of Mines Carlyle says:

"The actual amount paid in dividends cannot be stated, as some of the mines never make their profits public, such as the now famous Payne, but it is known that the total amount is at least $1,800,000, of which $960,000 were paid in 1897. The following mines have stated publicly their dividends: Slocan Star, $400,000; Reco, $287,500; Idaho, $220,000; Rambler-Cariboo, $40,000; Goodenough, $62,500; Last Chance, $37,000.

"In the autumn of 1896 and the winter of 1897, the silver mines of the Slocan attracted unusual attention, as the great money making possibilities of very high grade silver-lead veins became apparent. A real boom was inaugurated, the different towns built up rapidly as many people crowded in, but in July the sudden drop in the price of silver checked all speculation and the boom was over.

The increased output of Slocan for 1897 speaks for itself, while the record of some of its mines during the past year attracts much attention. One significant feature during the year has been that despite the fact that gold is the favorite and silver has fewer friends, several of the larger and developed properties have passed under the control of British capital, and others are being examined with a view to purchase, the fact being realized that this high grade Slocan silver-lead ore is exceedingly profitable, and yielding handsome dividends.

No new properties attained special prominence during the year, but several of the older claims forged ahead and became heavy shippers, such as the Payne, Ruth and Whitewater, and several, such as the Queen Bess, Charleston, Ivanhoe, Last Chance, etc, are reported to have good ore chutes now in sight, but no mines were visited by the writer during the past season. First, but small, shipments were made from quite a number of new claims, development work is progressing in many places, and remembering how every good property in the Slocan had very insignificant surface prospects, it is impossible to tell when a good ore-chute of this high grade ore may be struck, and a mine hitherto little known suddenly spring into prominence."

After discussing freight and smelting charges on Slocan ore, the report says: "The Province levies a tax of 1 per cent. on the value of the ore after deducting the freight and treatment charges. Hence the average ore for 1897 yielding 108.5 ozs. silver and 45.7 per cent. lead, at the average prices for 1897, would be worth $97.70 per ton, from which have to be deducted, for freight and treatment, $22.00; duty on lead (100%), $15.25; Government tax, 75 cents; in all, $38.00; besides the cost of mining, sacking and transport to point of shipment, so that the net value or profit on average Slocan ore will be about $50 to $55 per ton."

Brief mention is made in the report of the working mines as well as the promising prospects, as follows: "A little over a year ago the half interest in the Payne and adjoining claims was purchased for $37,000 by the owners of the other half, and since then this mine, the first located in the Slocan, has taken first place as shipper; and for the past year has paid its owners, who are very reticent, the largest dividends of any silver mine in the Province. To-day there is said to be now opened up by tunnels and raises a very long chute of ore, from which a daily shipment of 50 tons can be easily maintained for a long period. The cost of mining is very low, very little dynamite being required, and for transporting ore to both the K. & S. and C. P. railroads probably the longest three-rail gravity tramway in the world has lately been completed. This tramway is 6,000 feet long, with a vertical drop of 2,500 feet; steel cable, ⅞-inch; load per car, 5 tons; average time of descent, 8 minutes. It passes over trestles for much of the way, but is covered where needed by snowsheds. At the upper end is a Blake crusher, so that the ore is very easily sacked, little or no sorting being done other than that in the stopes.

The Slocan Star has not been as heavy a shipper during the past year, but the concentrator is kept almost constantly running. The lower tunnel has struck the ore chute, which here so far proves to be concentrating ore, and development work is being pushed.

"The controlling interest in the Ruth has passed since last report into the hands of an English company, and during the past year this mine has risen to be one of the largest and most constant shippers in the Slocan, while work is being advanced rapidly.

"On the Reco work has been confined to the small vein, nothing further having been done on the larger. The different tunnels have been advanced, and recently some of the best ore ever found in the mine, carrying much pyrargyrite or ruby silver in the galena, has been uncovered. A line for an aerial tramway has been cut out from Sandon to the mine. The mine is closed entirely when snowslides begin to run in the spring, and considerable water comes into the workings. A dividend of $10,000 was declared January 1st, 1898, making $287,500 in all, and another is promised to be paid soon.

"The Idaho-Alamo last summer passed into the control of the Scottish Colonial Gold Fields, Ltd, and much work is being now done to further develop these and the Cumberland. The concentrator has had some radical changes made, and the present time 2,000 tons of high grade ore are ready for milling.

"In the Last Chance the discovery of very fine ore chutes is reported by the manager, Mr. T. A. Woods, so that this property will probably become one of the most important shippers during the present year.

"The Noble Five was forced to suspend work on account of the lack of funds, and indebtedness. The concentrator and Finlayson tramway, mentioned in Bulletin No. 3, were erected and exploratory work vigorously prosecuted, but, as has since transpired, the large expenditure for tramway and mill was premature, as not much pay-ore was found and the mine soon drifted behind, and with no capital to go further, had to face the inevitable and shut down. Arrangements are now completed to permit continuance of development under other and better conditi ons.

"The Washington, R. E. Lee, Rambler-Cariboo, Best, Antoine, Surprise, Great Western are still being developed and shipping ore, but work has stopped on the Slocan Boy, Argo, Carnation, Reed and Tenderfoot, Monitor, etc.

"The Lucky Jim mine is now shipping several cars per day to the Pilot Bay concentrator from its large reserves of concentrating ore.

"The Dardanelles company, having well equipped this mine, is now developing and has found, as reported by Mr. Tretheway, in the lower workings the continuation of the ore chute worked in the upper workings by the former owners.

"The Queen Bess property is now owned by the Queen Bess Proprietary Co., England, and it is reported that the work done during the past year has shown up much more ore, from which shipments are being made.

"When the Galena Farm property was visited in 1896 it was then seen to be one of the most promising prospects in the district, but everyone was amazed on learning this undeveloped prospect was to be overwhelmed by the excessive and absurd capitalization of £550,000, or $2,575,000, and burdened by promises of speedy dividends. The upshot was inevitable. Even yet only a few hundred feet of work has been done, far from enough to prospect but very little of this ground, which, with more extensive development, has many chances of yet proving up well even if at present not much good ore is in sight in this strong ledge, although a very decided improvement is now reported. In the report for 1893 the presence of zinc blende was mentioned twice, but this mineral is found in all the Slocan mines to a greater or less degree. This property has not had justice done to what was showing a year ago, and it is simply absurd to condemn it altogether. An excellent plant operated by water-power is installed, but for some reason or another the air compressor, all ready for work, has not been used. A few hundred feet of work on such a property may, as is many times the case, prove nothing of value, while more extended work may, but it is extremely dangerous to make promises of large dividends to the shareholders before the pay-ore has been found and blocked out in sufficient quantities to warrant such promises.

"The Wakefield, Thompson, and Vancouver Groups, up Four Mile creek, are stated to have good showing of ore, and shipments are being made this winter from the last two. The Fisher Maiden resumed work for a time under Mr. Frank Watson.

Of properties located in the Slocan City Mining Division, the report says: "A good many claims were bonded and explored during the past year, but not much advance was made, as the veins seemed to be broken and irregular, and the high grade ore scattered in segregations along minor line of weakness.

Work was suspended for a time on the Enterprise, but resumed Nov 1st with 40 men. Contracts have been let for the hauling of a large quantity of ore during this winter to the lake. Drifts and upraises are being run.

"On the Kalispel four or five men are at work, and a 5-ton shipment was made in December to the Hall Mines smelter.

"On the Highland light, three miles up Ten-Mile creek on the north side, two men are at work driving a tunnel 85 feet long on a vein of high grade dry silver ore, of native and ruby silver.

"In the same section and under the same owners two men are working in a 92-foot tunnel on the Victor, on the same kind of silver ore.

"The Silver Nugget claim lies in Mile creek basin over the summit from the Victor, and a few men are working on very rich silver ore, carrying nugget and wire silver, of which ore 5 tons were shipped to the Hall Mines smelter in December.

"On Twelve Mile creek work has been carried on during the fall and winter on the dry ore, carrying argentite and pyrites, chiefly at the Paystreak, Eli groups and Jubilee, from the first of which 7 tons were shipped to the Hall Mines smelter.

"On the Arlington, Springer creek, Mr. Frank Watson has 12 men at work, the shaft having been sunk to 160 feet, and drifts run off at different levels. A steam hoist has been put on, and some fine ore is reported, of which two car loads were sent to the Hall Mines smelter in December.

"On the Two Friends 6 men are at work and some ore is being taken out, one car having been shipped in the fall. A second vein is being opened up.

"In the fall 6 to 10 men were at work on the Meteor, but during the winter only 2 or 3. Three car loads of high grade ore, running from 180 to 267 ounces of silver and $6 to $14 in gold per ton, were shipped during the fall.

Three men were at work on the Columbia, and a 200-foot cross cut tunnel, with drifts along the vein of the dry silver ore, had been run.

"The Evening Star claim is now under bond to Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg. A shipment was made in November of rich silver ore, but no work is being done at the present time.

"On the Exchange, Victoria, etc., until the early part of December, 14 men were at work, but none at present, shafts having been sunk and drifts driven.

Seven men are at work on the I.X.L. and Excelsior, and there is now a 55-foot shaft and 85-foot drift.

"The Republic is being worked by the original owners who will ship a car load of silver ore in January.

"On the Howard Fraction, Lemon creek, work is now suspended. During last summer a cross cut tunnel was driven and some drifting done, and two or three car loads of ore taken out.

"From the Gold Wedge a trail has been built through Kootenay Pass to Kootenay lake. Twelve men were working and some rich ore is reported as being taken out. This claim is on second North Fork of Lemon, east of the Crusader group.

"A 60-foot shaft has been sunk on the Crusader, a few tons of ore are on the dump, and the owners, Faas and Crawford, are now working.

"On the Kilo 8 men were at work, and a small shipment of gold ore was sent to the Hall Mines smelter. Located on the first North Fork of Lemon creek.

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YANKEE INGENUITY.

THE fertility of the American mind is shown in a mining proposition recently propounded by F. B. Morgan of Cleveland, Ohio. This gentleman, who is, as might have been expected, a newspaper man, has, together with other prominent Cleveland men, formed a syndicate entitled The Ohio-Ontario Development Company of Rat Portage, Limited. The object of the company is to develop mines in the Lake of the Woods district, but their method of going about this work is certainly unique. In the prospectus issued by the company it is stated that it is the intention of the company to secure different mines in the Lake of the Woods district and to develop them to such a degree as the work as it progresses will warrant.

The prospectus adds: "It is our wish that every possible purchaser of stock fully investigate our mines, and in order to do this the directors have determined to take an excursion from Cleveland and vicinity to these gold fields, believing that it is unwarranted to expect the people to pay their money unless they investigate."

The company proposes, in view of this, to sell to each applicant for membership in the excursion to Rat Portage one hundred shares of its capital stock at $1 per share par value, or $100 in all, and when certificates for 100 shares are delivered and paid for a contract signed by the company will accompany it, binding the company to take the purchaser to Rat Portage and return, free of expense. This trip is to include the following route and privileges: Cleveland to Detroit, Detroit to Owen Sound and Georgian Bay, including sleeping and dining cars; C. P. R. steamers via the Sault to Fort William and thence by the C. P. R. to Rat Portage. Arrived at Rat Portage the excursionists are to be taken about to visit the chief mines in the Lake of the Woods district, and after ten days return home the same way as they came. This prospectus concludes with the assertion that even should the mining stock turn out to be worthless the trip will be well worth the money invested.

It may be that after ten days sight seeing in the mines the excursion-investors will return home the same way they came, but they will have a different view of themselves. They perhaps will have gained some horse sense, and, taking this view of it, the $100 will have been well spent.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

SINCE the defeat of the Mackenzie & Mann railway deal by the Senate, and the granting of the charter to Mr. Corbin by the Railway Committee at Ottawa for the Kettle River Valley railway, the C. P. R. organs all over Canada have been howling mad. The Vancouver World, for instance, which is nothing if not monopolistic, says the Senate "has covered itself with infamy by throwing out the Yukon railway bill," and at the same time and in terms as bitter, it denounces the granting of the charter to Mr. Corbin for the Kettle river road.

If such papers as the above quoted would use more reason and less narrow-minded hatred in their discussion of these questions, it might be better for the Province. The Yukon railway was at best a questionable undertaking. The granting of the charter to Mackenzie & Mann, with its outrageous land grant would have been a great mistake. While the building of the road might bring temporary prosperity to the coast cities, the effect of tieing up the great gold country to the Mackenzie & Mann corporation, would be long felt and deeply regretted. There was not one redeeming feature in connection with it, unless, perhaps, that of its being strictly monopolistic.

The granting of the Corbin charter is entirely different. The Kettle river road will open up a section of country that has long felt the need of a railroad. The Boundary Creek country will receive great benefit from having railroad connections with the outside world, and the mining sections of the Province generally will gladly welcome the building of any road that will lead to the breaking of the transportation monopoly. The opposition to the granting of the charter came particularly from the C.P.R. and the proposed Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway. The claim was made that the Victoria Vancouver company would some day build into the Boundary country and that should the American road be permitted to enter the country it will be injurious to Canadian trade.

This is the same old cry. The business men of our own coast cities were ever ready to get a monopoly on anything and force trade to come their way. There is no reason for it, but the fact is, they are afraid of American competition. The mining sections of the Province are ready to favor Canadian dealers, Canadian roads or anything else that is Canadian, but they do not want to be held back to wait the pleasure of a grasping corporation. Without competition trade would be dead, and a little of it will not hurt the C. P. R nor the Victoria-Vancouver people.

I thought your son was pursuing his studies at the university

So he was but he concluded that he couldn't catch up with them.

CROWN GRANTS FOR 1897.

Eighty seven Crown grants for mineral claims situated in the Slocan mining division were issued during the year 1897, according to the Minister of Mines' report. Below is a list of the claims compiled from the report:

Alta	Argenta	American Boy
Adela	Antoine	Blue Grouse
Bryan No. 4	Beaver	Blue Jay
Corinth	Bonanza King	Cornation
Curley	Cariboo	California
Columbus	Cazabazua	Climax
Duluth	Day Dawn	Dragon
Despair	Day Dawn Frac	Democrat
Emma	Ephraim Frac	Enterprise
Empire No. 5	Grover	Galena
Green Horn	Golden Eagle	Highland
Hope	Hidden Treasure	Idler
Idaho No. 2	Jennie	Jennie No. 3
Jennie Lind	John Plummer fc	Kate
Knoxville	Lucetta	Lookout No. 2
Lucky Jim	London	Lone Star
Miartonomati	Moses	Madison
Mardon Frac	Minneapolis	March
Maud E	Noonday	Noble Five
Okanagan	Ottawa No. 2	Peerless
Phroso	Pacific	Pirate
Purcell	Read	Readley
Roanoke Frac	Rambler	Rienzi
Rabbit Paw	Ruth	Robertson
Stevenson	Slocan King	St. George
Shields	Shiloh	Slocan Queen
Silversmith	Snowstorm	Starlight No. 2
Tenderfoot	Third of July	Vancouver
Wild Goose No2	Windsor	Wild Goose
Wakefield		World's Fair

ADVICE TO STORY WRITERS.

It is an excellent plan for a story writer to read his dialogue aloud, after he has written it, giving to each sentence as far as possible, the expression that would be given to it by the speaker. In doing this, if he has written impossible sentences, as many writers do, he is likely to discover them. There is no reason why characters in books should not be made to talk exactly as they would in life. It is defective art to make them use language that would not be natural to them. The Youth's companion tells of a Boston girl who came home from her first lesson in bicycle riding and remarked:

"The man said I made most satisfactory progress for a novice."

"Why, did he really say that?" was the surprised query.

"Well, no," answered the Boston young woman after a moment's reflection; "what he did say was: 'You do just rate for a new beginner.'"

A friend of the poet Bryant chanced to be alone in his study when a cabinet maker brought home a chair that had been altered. When Mr. Bryant returned, he asked:

"Miss Robbins, what did the old man say about my chair?"

"He said," answered the visitor, "that the equilibrium is now admirably adjusted."

"What a fine fellow!" said Mr. Bryant, laughing. "I never heard him talk like that. Were those his exact words?"

"Well, he said: 'It joggles just right!'" repeated Miss Robbins.

THERE'S NAETHING WRANG WI' ME

My name is Sandie Campbell,
An' I come frae Ruglan toon;
The brave Argyle's my kinsman,
He's related tae the croon;
Folk said at hame that I was daft,
Claiming kin wi' high degree,
But I'm every inch a Campbell,
An' there's naething wrang wi' me.

When I left Ruglan toon, my friends,
I could barely read and write;
But noo I've been tae college,
Losh, my learnin's oot o' sight;
The Duke's a learned man ye ken,
We baith parle-vou Francee,
For the Campbell bluid rins in my veins,
An' there's naething wrang wi' me.

I've travelled round the world a bit,
An' some grand sichts hae I seen;
I've been honoured by her Majesty,
Our guid and glorious Queen;
I sang for her in London,
At the great big jubilee;
She presented me this medal,
Sae there are nae flies on me.

She complimented my grand voice,
Said, "My fortune soon I'd mak;"
When the Prince o' Wales came up behind,
An' slap'd me on the back
"Your another Jean de Reske my boy,"
No, yer Highness that can't be;
But he canna haud the candle
In a comic sang wi' me.

Her Majesty wad knighted me,
But she was pressed for time;
Lords an' ladies a' invited me,
Tae gang wi' them an' dine;
They gied me four braw medals,
Here, they're on my breast ye see;
An' I wear them like a Campbell,
For there's naething wrang wi' me.

When I gang back tae Ruglan toon,
I'll dress mysel' sae fine;
Wi' a' my medals on my breast,
Ye can bet I'll cut a shine;
I'll no sing comic sangs nae mair,
That's noo 'neath my degree;
For I feel I am a Campbell,
An' there's naething wrang wi' me.

ENCORE.

There's a'e thing I had near forgot,
Tae mention in my sang;
It's a word aboot my mither,
An' it winna take me lang
When I left hame lang years ago,
This was what she said tae me:
"Here, Sanners pit this in yer pooch,
It's my lucky Broon Bawbee."

I hae carried it in trouble,
An' I've carried it in joy;
It has never failed tae bring guid luck
Tae my mither's halflin boy;
I prize it mair than anything,
Here it is, ye a' can see;
That's the hinge o' my prosperity,
My mither's Broon Bawbee.

—Gordon Sherriff.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

A sad accident happened at the Elise mine on the Wild Horse creek near Ymir on Tuesday evening last week, whereby a Finlander named Edward Meki lost his life. It appears that he was thawing out 15 sticks of dynamite in the oven of a stove when it exploded and killed him instantly. His face and head were practically blown to pieces and both arms and a leg were blown off and a large hole made in his stomach. The cabin was entirely wrecked, but the strangest part of it is that a man was sleeping within two feet of the stove, when the accident happened and escaped uninjured, while the foot of the bed was blown away.

She—Do you like singing?

He—I was always carried away with it.

She—I will sing.

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EAST CANADIAN NEWS.

Major Cooke, of the Prince of Wales' Rifles, has been appointed to command the Bisley team this year.

Ottawa is working hard to secure the annual Dominion Day meet of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

The Grand Opera House at St. Thomas was burned on Saturday night last. The loss is estimated at $7,000, covered by insurance.

David Duncan, a clerk in the Montreal customs house, while suffering from a fit of despondency, committed suicide by strangling with a cord.

A large party of gold-seekers bearing the name of the Last Chance Mining Company, left Hamilton this week for the Klondike. The party will travel by the all Canadian route.

Mr. Knapp, of roller boat fame, is as enthusiastic as ever over his invention, and it is rumored that he has let the contract for a larger boat for ocean use. The craft built last year is to be used as a river boat at Prescott.

Miss Jane Lewis, daughter of Mr. Wm. Lewis, of the township of Thurlow, near Belleville, while engaged in lighting a fire caught on fire in some way, and before aid came was very badly burned, and is now lying in a serious condition.

The Ottawa Government has passed an Order-in-Council which requires all persons obtaining leases to dredge for minerals in the rivers of Manitoba and the North-West to take out free miners' certificates at $10 a piece, as in the Yukon district.

The Minister of Agriculture, at Ottawa, has received word that the first shipment of Canadian butter to Japan was well received, and realized about 30 cents per pound at the city of Kobe. This might be a paying industry, if properly carried out.

Two men named Washington Nagle and E. Tole, both residents of Chatham, who were employed as carpenters by the Erie & Huron Railway, while out fishing were drowned as they were endeavoring to cross the channel at the piers at the Rond Eau, one dark night this week.

A Frenchman named Monsieur Soulay has applied for a considerable space in the exhibition grounds, Toronto, where he intends exhibiting his goods. M. Soulay proposes to sell $1,000,000 worth of goods in Canada, and he thinks this will make an opening for a large annual trade.

Two St. Catherines men have made a rich strike in Denver, Col. The lucky men are John D. and James Neelon, sons of the late Captain Neelon. They invested in a mine in Denver, which has panned out very rich, so much so that the other day they received a telegram offering them $50,000 for their shares.

Louis P. Kribs, of Toronto, one of Canada's best-known journalists, died at the Russell House, Ottawa, on March 24th. Mr. Kribs was 41 years of age and leaves a widow and six adopted children. He was a well-known humorous writer and wrote many articles for the Toronto News, under the nom de plume of "Pica."

The Dominion Franchise Act is before the House this week, and the expensive measure enacted in 1885 will be superseded by an act which will make the franchise of the provinces the basis of the Dominion. The bill will restore the constituencies, which were gerrymandered into all sorts of shapes, to their natural original boundaries.

Mr. Archibald Blue, Director of the Bureau of Mines, received a letter recently from a man living in the Michipicoten district, stating that a great find of gold has been made there, and that free gold is also to be found in this new field. He says that the nuggets are the size of peas, and that the veins would assay thousands of dollars.

There are two vacancies in the Ottawa Senate, which will probably be filled before a division of the Yukon bill is taken. The two candidates for the seats are Mr. H. H. Cook, of Ontario, and Mr. Yeo, M. P. for East Prince. Before receiving the appointment it will be necessary for them to be approved of by McKenzie and Mann.

A quantity of tobacco and manufactured cigerettes, valued at $2,000, was seized at Cornwall this week by Chief Preventive Officer Robinson. The Canadian customs officers at Montreal have long been suspicious that there was a great deal of smuggling going on between the United States and Canada across the river at Cornwall, so have been on the lookout for some weeks.

An elderly man of some 65 years, named Wm. Covington, who resided in Claremont with his daughter, died very suddenly this week under suspicious circumstances. The physician who was called in testified that death resulted from strychine poisoning. At the inquest it was proved that some unknown person called at Mr. Covington's house a few hours before his death.

A gang of burglars broke into the Western Branch Bank at New Hamburg one night this week. One of the clerks, George Sterling, who sleeps in a room over the bank, was awakened by the barking of his dog. Hearing a noise downstairs he uncovered a hole in the floor and commenced firing off his revolver. The burglars left, but returned soon and started to fire at the hole in the ceiling, where Sterling was stationed. He, however, kept up a smart fire and frightened them away.

Truly troubles never come singly. A Montreal lawyer, Wilbrok Paynuelo by name, was awakened the other night by a strange noise coming from the downstair regions. Arming himself with a revolver and carrying a lamp, he proceeded to investigate. On the lower flat he came face to face with a stranger, whereupon he fired a shot to frighten him away. Almost at the same instant the lamp exploded setting fire to the surrounding hangings. The burglar made a hasty exit, but the fire gained such headway that soon the entire premises were almost totally destroyed.

An agent for spring-beds, named J. M. Scribner, of Balsover, county of Victoria, met his death in a very tragic manner. He had been canvassing for some weeks in Brockville and in the village of North Augusta. The night of his death he went about 11 o'clock to the house occupied by Alex. Pear and family, and endeavored to arouse the family by knocking and kicking the door. At last one of the sons, Wm. Pear, went down and inquired who was there. Upon receiving no answer and the knocking being continued Pear got a rifle and called out that he would shoot if the party outside would not give his name. No answer came and he fired through the door. The man outside screamed, then all was still. Next morning the Pears were horriged to find Scribner's dead body on the doorsteps. It is supposed he was seeking shelter for the night, and being deaf did not hear anyone speaking. Wm. Pear has been arrested and charged with manslaughter.

ENGINEER HAMLIN DEAD.

L. B. Hamlin, civil engineer, of Victoria, who was sent to the Yukon country by the Provincial Government to report on the condition of the rivers between Teslin lake and Dawson City, died in the Klondike metropolis on February 16, from the effects of cold and exposure. Mr Hamlin and a companion had taken part in a rush to Reindeer creek, a branch of Dominion creek, and were returning to Dawson to record the claims they had staked, when they lost their way. All night they wondered around looking for shelter, the weather being bitterly cold. Just as daylight was breaking they reached a cabin, but by this time Mr Hamlin, who was fully 60 years of age, and physically unfit for such a trip, was thoroughly exhausted, and soon after arriving at the cabin he lapsed into unconsciousness. Word was sent to Dawson and the Mounted Police dog team was sent out to bring Mr. Hamlin in to the hospital. The trip occupied several days, and all the time the patient was unconscious. He arrived at the Dawson hospital on the morning of February 15, and John Piche, the Government courier, who arrived at Victoria on Saturday, went to see Mr. Hamlin a few hours before he started for the coast. The doctor then said there was no hope. On his way out Mr. Piche took a trip up Henderson creek. When he returned to the Yukon river again he met a miner who had left Dawson after him, and from him learned of Mr. Hamlin's death.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

What the Provincial Government Will Take In and Pay Out.

A copy of the Governments estimate of revenue and receipts, together with the estimates of expenditures for the financial year 1898-99 has been received. It is estimated the revenue and receipts of the Province will amount to $1,453,389.45, and that the expenditures will reach $1,992,609.75. Of the receipts, $387,000 will come from the mining interests of the Province as follows: For free miners' certificates, $175,000; general mining receipts, $165,000; mineral tax, $45,000; bureau of mines, $2,000. From land sales $75,000 will be received; land revenue will be $7,000; timber royalty and licenses $60,000; timber leases will bring in $45,000; real property tax $120,000; personal property tax $45,000; income tax $9,000; revenue tax $95,000; and the Government printing office revenue will amount to $21,000.

In the items of expenditures that of public works is the greatest, being $620,200. Following this comes that of the public debt, $295,666.25; then the administration of justice $295,508, and next the item of education, $280,000. It will cost $145,710 for salaries of civil government officials, secretaries, etc.; $108,922 for the maintenance of public institutions, $47,305 for legislation, $51,550 for hospitals and charities; $15,600 for travelling expenses of officers on duty, $17,000 for revenue services, $115,278 miscellaneous expenditures, and $48.50 for the rent of government house at Victoria.

In the public works estimates the sum of $118,450 is set apart for the construction and addition of school buildings; Nelson gets $4,000 for this purpose, Slocan City, $1,000, Rossland $5,000, Ymir $1,000, Revelstoke $1,200, North Bend $800, Lillooet $1,000, Ashcroft $1,000. New Denver was given $1,000 last year, and this time a small appropriation is asked for out of the $5,000 set aside for general improvements, to be expended in fence building etc.

For roads, streets, bridges and wharves this Riding of West Kootenay district is given $40,000, the largest appropriation of any. In addition to this smaller grants are made for specified road and bridge building in the riding. Slocan City is given $1,000 for a bridge across Slocan river, and $3,000 is set aside to refund part of the cost of Ten Mile wagon road.

Nelson is given $300 in aid of the fire department, Rossland $300, Revelstoke $200, Kaslo $200 and Trail $200.

Death Claims a Family.

A few months ago Henry W. Doscher, an old resident of Victoria, died after a long illness. On Thursday, March 24, his widow passed away, on Friday his youngest daughter Kate was claimed by death, and the following Monday morning the only surviving member of the family, Mrs. W. H. Adams, died very suddenly. Mrs Doscher and her two daughters died of pneumonia, the daughters having, it is believed contracted the disease while attending to their mother.

A SOUTHERN VOLUNTEER.

Yes sir, I fought with Stonewall,
And faced the enemy with Lee;
But if this here Union goes to war,
Make one more gun for me!
I didn't shrink from Sherman
As he galloped to the sea;
But if this here Union goes to war,
Make one more gun for me!

I war with 'em at Manassas—
The bully boys in Gray;
I heard the thunderers roarin'
Round Stonewall Jackson's way
And many a time this sword of mine
Has blazed the route for Lee;
But if this old nation goes to war,
Make one more sword for me!

I'm not so full o' fightin',
Nor half so full of fun
As I was back in the sixties
When I shouldered my old gun;
It may be that my hair is white—
Sich things, you know must be
But if this old Union's in for war,
Make one more gun for me!

I hain't forgot my raisin'—
Nor how, in sixty-two,
Or thereabouts, with battle shouts
I charged the boys in blue;
And I say; I fought with Stonewall,
And blazed the way for Lee;
But if this old Union's in for war,
Make one more gun for me!

Atlanta Constitution.

Just make it two, old fellow
I want to stand once more
Beneath the old flag with you
As in the days of yore,
Our fathers stood together
And fought on land and sea
The battles fierce that made us
A nation of the free.

I whipped you down at Vicksburg,
You licked me at Bull Run;
On many a field we struggled,
When neither victory won.
You wore the grey of southland,
I wore the the northern blue;
Like men we did our duty
When screaming bullets flew.

Four years we fought like devils
But when the war was done
Your hand met mine in friendly clasp,
Our two hearts beat as one.
And now when danger threatens
No north, no south we know
Once more we stand together
To fight the common foe.

My head, like yours is frosty,
Old age is creeping on;
Life's sun is lower sinking,
My day will soon be gone.
But if our country's honor
Needs once again her son,
I'm ready, too, old fellow,—
So get another gun.

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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.

APRIL 2—March Bird Fractional. New Denver, Robt Oliver.

March Bird, same, J C Butler and N D McMillan.

APRIL 4—Pine Knot, Cariboo creek Silverton, E O Nelson.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

MARCH 30—Fidelity.

ASSESSMENTS.

MARCH 30—Eagle Fraction, Crosscut, Jenny Jones Fraction, Mohawk.

MARCH 31—Glenckauf, Gladstone.

APRIL 1—O k No 2.

APRIL 2—Ocean.

APRIL 4—Spokane.

TRANSFERS.

MARCH 29—Algoma and Evangeline, Thos Knight to John Knight, Nov 1.

MARCH 31—Finland, C H Eaton to W H Redmond, Jan 22.

APRIL 2—Sultan ½, H P Rice to A P Anderson, April 12, 1897.

Daisy, Redina ½, Sultana 11/24. A P Anderson to A St George Hamersley, March 25.

Silver Tip and Bears Nest, Power of attorney, J T Wilkinson to Wainright Pollock & Co, London, Eng, Feb 28.

Silver Tip, E H Wainwright to Herman Hengricks, London, Eng, March 15.

Bears Nest, same to same, March 15.

Lotta Gauna ½, J O Todd to Ed Shannon, Apr 1.

APRIL 4—Same ½, Ed Shannon to John Goettoche, April 4, $75.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

MARCH 30—Crow's Nest, H E Hermanson and J A Winchester; Reno, Steve Brooks; Le Roi, Fred Leas.

APRIL 1—Crow's Nest, Martin Knight.

ASSESSMENTS.

MARCH 26—Lake View, Victoria, Cub Fraction.

MARCH 28—Colorado Fraction, R E Adams.

MARCH 30—Jennie, Lardo, P L S.

MARCH 31—Hope, Crown Prince, Jessie A.

TRANSFERS.

MARCH 28—North Star, Black Belt, Silver Tip, ½, Adam Baird to Mrs Minnie Boecher, con $100. The above is an agreement, Mrs. Boecher to give $100 and furnish supplies for 1898-1899 for Adam Baird when doing the assessment work.

MARCH 29—Kate, C M Parker to Z Montgomery.

MARCH 30—Mortgage to Whittier, McLean & Byers from Montezuma Mining & Milling Co.

Humboldt ½, Dan McKay to I Waldron, $37.50.

Franklin ½, same to same, $37.50.

Humboldt ½, E C Pease to same.

Franklin ½, I Waldron to E Eyl.

Same, same, to E C Pease.

Humboldt ½, E C Pease to I Waldron.

Daybreak ½, J Haly to I Waldron.

Franklin, I Waldron to A M Banberg.

Humboldt, same to same.

Daybreak, same to same.

MARCH 31—Blue Grouse ½, Jas Grant to Ivy Howard, D Gilchrist.

ROSSLAND DEALS AND PROSPECTS.

Big mining deals were a matter of common occurrence last week, and were inaugurated by the War Eagle company acquiring a control of the Monita, on the basis of $100,000. It is probable that this property will be worked by the Monita company, as independent of the War Eagle. This purchase was followed by the acquisition of John R. Cook's interest in the Pilgrim, which lies between the Monita and War Eagle, and options for the remaining interests will undoubtedly be taken up.

Another deal, representing a good round sum, was consummated last week, when Richard Power, of Trail, sold to the Edgar Gold Mining & Smelting Company, of this city, says the Rossland Miner, the Modena mineral claim. The property adjoins the Deer Park and Esmeralda, and will be worked by the Edgar Company. This company proposes to commence immediate development, and has increased the treasury stock from $400,000 to $550,000. Its properties now embrace the Modena, which adjoins the Deer Park on the southeast, the Esmeralda on the southwest and the Edgar on the west.

At the Deer Park work continues on the drift in the 150-foot level, where the big strike of two weeks ago was made. Preparations are being made for the shipment of a few car loads, more for a sample shipment than anything else, as at present the facilities do no not exist. The fine body of ore from which the assay of nearly $500 was obtained continues with the workings, and there are nearly eight feet of it. Stock went up as high as 13½ cents during the week, but came down again, more from lack of interest than anything else.

In Sunset No. 2 the work is being confined to drifting east and west from the 200-foot level. The indications at juncture in the drift are excellent. Work is to be resumed on the shaft early in the present week and it is to be sunk another 100 feet to the 300-foot level.

The Soverign is being operated by the owners, Wm. Murphy, Gus Pestersen and John Ryan. The shaft is down 45 feet, and a tunnel is in 110 feet They have just cut into a 10-foot ledge and are drifting about 80 feet to reach the shaft. Work is now in progress in a diorrhite formation.

Shipments during the past week were increased by 700 tons. The Le Roi shipped 1,240 tons, the Iron Mask 320, and the War Eagle 640. The latter shipment was to the Nelson smelter, and was for fluxing purposes. This made a total shipment for the week of 2,250 tons.

A contract has been let for the sinking of 50 feet more in shaft on the Good Hope, which is now down 55 feet. A pump has been installed and the work is being pushed. Later in the season the vein that runs on the Good Hope ground from the Good Friday will be developed.

Crosscutting and tunneling is the character of work in progress in the Iron Mask. The company's new engine is in place and the present force of 35 men is to be increased as soon as additional power is furnished by the War Eagle company.

No ore shipments were made last week from the Poorman, and very little work is being done. This has been delayed to await the arrival of Mr. Carlyle, who will formulate plans for the development of all the B. C. A. Properties.

New machinery is being installed for the improved working of the Great Western. There are lots of timbers on the ground for the shaft. The shaft has been straightened and sinking continues.

No property in the camp is so active as the War Eagle, in which there is more than a mile of underground work. It is expected that shipping will be commenced about July 1.

Still another sale was the Pearl and Ruby fractions, south of the Le Roi, for which a sum between $15,000 and $20,000 was paid by an English syndicate.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The Kaslo-Slocan Development Company, Ltd., has consummated the purchase of a promising group of White Grouse mountain claims, known as the Copper Star group. Mrs. Jennie E. Harris, S. D. Landecker and J. J. Casey sold the property, taking stock in the company and becoming officers and directors. The group consists of the Copper Star, Grey Copper, Haultonian, Klondike, Alaska and Petra.

A petition was circulated recently by Madison & Hicks and Carl Nelson and has been forwarded to Victoria for an appropriation of $7,000 for the extension of the wagon road up the South Fork of Kaslo creek, seven miles above the Montezuma mine. It was signed by 320 free miners.

A deal is pending on the Hootalinkwa claim, near the Witswater mine, between the owners and some Montreal parties. It is the intention of the prospective purchasers to start development work on the property at once if the sale is consummated.

The Nip & Tuck and Stanley claims, situated near Whitewater, and owned by Duncan McDonald were sold by Deputy Sheriff Robinson, on April 4, to satisfy a judgment in favor of J A. Turner & Co. for $100.

The Montezuma has closed down the mill and all the upper workings of the mine. The force retained will push the lower crosscut ahead with all possible speed. It is estimated the lead will cut in about 95 feet.

EAST KOOTENAY DEALS.

Messrs. Wakefield, Farrell, Thies, Morris and others have sold a half interest in the following claims to a large English company: Rebecca, Nettie, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Point Levi, Silver Reef and Hummer. The conditions of the sale are, that $45,000 shall be expended during a period of three years, $10,000 each year on the property, and $5,000 in cash to the owners. These conditions will convey to the syndicate a half interest in the property.

S. R. Frazier has sold an interest in the Alpha, East Kootenay, Sarof and Edith claims, to J. K. Mackintosh These claims are situated on Pyramid creek, a tributary of the St Mary's river.

A company composed of Messrs. Fink, Thies, Shepard, Ross, Herchmer and others have applied to the government for a lease of six miles of rich placer ground on Perry creek.

The Movie Placer company had a formal meeting of stockholders recently. It was voted that active operations be commenced as soon as the season will permit.

"Lardo Jack" Macdonald has sold the Freeman claim to an English syndicate The property is situated on Tracy creek.

Albert Bank has sold the Maple Leaf, situated on the North Star hill, to N. E Lindsay of Spokane.

BOUNDARY CREEK COUNTRY.

On the Old Ironsides in the Greenwood camp, work is still being pushed on both shaft and crosscut. The crosscut from the 100-foot level has been run 30 feet in ore and the hanging wall has not yet been reached Twelve men are employed running two shifts. A new pump has been ordered.

Five men are working on the upper tunnel on the Non-Such in Smith's camp. The tunnel is in 140 feet, and it is intended to run in 300 feet. The work now being done is on the lead. When the tunnel has been run 300 feet it is the intention to connect the upper and the lower tunnel with a shaft.

Con Cosgrove and J. J. McMullen have a force of men at work on the May Queen and Lay Over, Hardy mountain. These claims are near, or in Wellington camp, and the same quality of ore is found in the ledge of the May Queen as that in the Winnipeg.

The machinery ordered some time ago for the Knob Hill, it is expected, will be on the ground some time this month.

As many men as can be worked to advantage are being kept at work on the golden Crown, Wellington camp.

The contract for building the cabins on the Sunset in Deadwood camp has been let to Mr. Palmer of Greenwood.

REVELSTOKE AND TROUT LAKE.

Messrs. Bailey and Gainer are around waiting to go up to the Sultana group. This group has a very fine showing, and is situated near the well-known Great Western claims very near the Northeast Arm, and handy for shipping ore, which they expect to do at no distant date. A shaft will be sunk on the Copper King, a property which runs 30 per cent. in copper.

A great number of Fish creek claim holders are waiting about for the snow to get off a little so as to allow them to get up to work on their claims and there is no doubt but that a number of good properties will be opened up this summer.

A smelter is to be erected on the Illecillewaet river close to the C.P.R., by the united forces of the Waverley, Tangier and Gold Fields of British Columbia companies. They will also construct a railway from their mines to the works.

Work is about to be pushed on the Kitsap and Nellie group on Lexington creek. A number of claims will be worked on the Moscow and Mohawk lead, and it is expected that the Moscow will make a shipment before long.

Messrs. Bullard, Summer and Ritchie will continue work on the Copper Lode group. A 30-foot tunnel was run on this property last falll, and the boys are very much pleased with the showing.

Three placer claims have recently been staked on French creek in the Big Bend country, adjoining the Consolidation mine.

Development work has been resumed on the Red Shot mine, in the Trout Lake country, with a small force.

According to the Port Arthur Herald there is every indication that mining will be carried on in Western Algoma more vigorously during the coming summer than in any time in the past. The supplies are being taken into a number of camps and preparations are being made to open a large number of properties that have lain quiet since their discovery. According to the mining law a large number of these properties will have to be placed under development this coming spring, and, as a result, it is estimated that half a million dollars will be expended in mining operations here about in the next few months, or the land will revert to the Government and again become open for application.

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What Pap Says.

At the last election in a state which I shall not make it dangerous for me to visit by mentioning in public print, I heard a funny kind of an explanation at the polls. One of the very greenest country jakes I think I ever saw, came up and wanted to vote. It was his first vote, and the judges held him up.

"Want to vote?" asked one, in a pleasing offhand manner.

"What's that?" said the applicant, trying to show courage.

"What ticket?"

"I dunno."

"Are you a democrat?"

"I dunno."

"Are you a republican?"

"I dunno,"

"How about being a prohibitionist?"

"What's that 'un?"

"One of the cold water people."

"For washin'?"

"For drinking."

"Gosh to splinters, I ain't that, I reckon."

"Very well," said the judge, giving it up as a bad job, "as there isn't anything else, you are a populist."

A faint gleam of intelligence, as if some familiar name had broken into the young voter's perception, shone in his face.

"I dunno," he replied, hesitatingly. "Mabee I am. Pap says I'm the biggest derm fool in four precincts."

The Boodle Brigade.

The scalp hunters at Ottawa are once more agressive and threatening. Mr. Bruneau's triumph has given them great heart of hope. He wanted the spoils of war and he got them. Then there is the object lesson of the Yukon deal. Mackenzie & Mann have been offered a kingdom. Mr. Greenshields also has been made happy and prosperous. Hon. Mr. Langelier is a living illustration of the power of well directed pressure. And now the hungry horde have given tongue in the constituencies and in the caucus, and the old cry "to the victors belong the spoils" is heard throughout the land. The pretense is offered that conservative influences are working injury to the good liberal cause. But the real source of the trouble is an innate yearning for boodle, that has been gaining strength for twenty years, and is now converted into a ravenous appetite by the spectacle of the favored few "whose eyes stick out with fatness."

Buying Warships in Toronto.

The United States Government is trying to buy war vessels in Toronto. The Polson Iron Works a few days ago received from the Navy Department at Washington a request for information as to whether vessels suitable for war purposes were to be purchased in Toronto.

As a consequence of this despatch, Mr. F. B. Polson is now engaged in negotiations for the purchase, by the United States Government, of the well-known steam yacht Cleopatra, owned by Messrs. T. G. Blackstock and Alderman Gooderham.

The Cleopatra is a staunchly-built iron vessel, and is easily capable of 17 knots an hour in any weather. She is most handsomely fitted out, but her upper works might be readily convertible for war purposes.

In the event of the purchase of the Cleopatra she would be fitted out as a torpedo boat destroyer, and as the neutrality laws would prevent her purchase after war had broken out, the negotiations will probably be finished one way or the other immediately.

There are, as we expected, already strong indications of serious trouble in the Yukon to follow any large influx of Japanese cheap labor. Thus a Belgian gold seeker has, it is stated, been compelled to turn back at the Summit pass and abandon his effort as a result of finding it hazardous to take with him into the Klondike his retinue of three Jap laborers. The race hostility thus evinced is regretable, but natural enough, and certain to continue and even increase so long as the "little brown man" will allow himself to be worked in competition against the white laborer, at rates of remuneration far below the standard of Western Canadian requirements. And neither can we in British Columbia nor those beyond us in the Yukon suffer the dominance of the British stock to be threatened by any abnormal influx of oriental immigration.

What is Britain doing in the Far East? She must have something in view, for Russian and German aggression has effectually set aside Britains pretensions to the maintenance of the freedom of her trade with China. It is reported by cable that Great Britain is simply going to join in the grab and help herself to a generous slice of the Celestial Empire. The London Daily Chronicle says that 10,000 square miles of land in the province of Shan Si has been ceeded to a syndicate of British capitalists, and that this must have been with Lord Salisbury's knowledge. In the meantime, the supporters of Lord Salisbury's Government are growing restive under the apparent inactivity of the Government.

Evidently there is need of more rigid measures to insure safety on the Alaskan and Yukon steamers. Following the total destruction of the Clara Nevada not long ago, comes the report of the burning of a steamer in Queen Charlotte Sound, and the sinking of three others. The majority of these disasters seem to be on United States vessels, and the moral for people who wish the gold fields in safety is to take Canadian ships.

In connection with the enactment of an alien labor law in Canada, does it not seem a little anomalous to allow foreigners to take our gold, or our timber, or our contracts, or any other old thing of value that happens to be lying around loose, but we are up in arms against them if they want to dig and sweat and swear on the construction of the Crow's Nest road at a net monthly return of $4.75 after the payment of their board bill and the investment in a pair of contract socks?

The claims of the half-breeds of the Red River were in no way settled as a result of the little rebellion of 1885. The matter has hung fire all these years, and now there has been formed in Manitoba a provincial association of French-Canadian liberals, whose avowed object is the advancement of the Metis claims.

"So Mrs. Middlings is seeking a divorce?"

"Yes, and when I called to see her yesterday she was working a motto. What do you think it was?"

"I can't imagine."

"Seek and ye shall find."

"Do you believe there is really anything in phrenology?"

"I do I had my head examined by a phrenologist once, and the moment he came to my first bump he told me that my wife used an old-fashioned rolling-pin."

Helen—Are you sure God will forgive me for slapping sister if I ask Him, mamma?

Mamma—Certainly, dear.

Helen (reflectively)—Then I wish I had slapped her harder.

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More Yukon Sensations.

Victoria, B. C.—Ex-Mayor Wood, of Seattle, and Mr. Willis Carr, who were passengers from the North by the Danube bring news of a stampede to Sweedish Gulch. the greatest of winter in the Yukon. It began on February 16th, and in the first mad rush four men lost their lives by exposure, while many others were badly frozen. Detailed reports had not been received when they left Dawson on February 24th. These passengers also report a stampede on Febrtary 12th, caused by the report of the finding of a $530 nugget between Big and Little Skookum. Mr. Wood states that one of the benches on this disrrict which he examined panned out no less than $15,000 in twelve feet, and was expected to yield $100,000 for the claim. There are said to be fully 100 men between Circle City and St. Michael's who, having been unable to get through before winter set in, are putting in their time prospecting in Alaska.

War Eagle Buys Claims.

A Gooderham-Blackstock agent has on behalf of the War Eagle Co. just completed the purchase of the Monita claim on Red Mountain. The preperty was stocked at 750,000 one dollar shares, and by the deal the Toronto company becomes possessed of the 613,000 shares held by Ross Thompson, J. B. McArthur, William Austin, John R. Cook and R. J. Bealey. The remainder of the stock is scattered. The basis of the deal was at 12½ cents per share, so that the company paid $76,625 for their interest. The property, which has considerable development work done upon it, adjoins the War Eagle mine to the west, and the vein of the latter is said to extend across it. It is also announced that the War Eagle Co. has secured control of the Pauline claim, another adjoining property. These purchases prove the faith that the Gooderham-Blackstock people have in the Trail Creek camp.

The Comique.

Editor PAYSTREAK

And Sandon has a Comique. Shame Sandon—we expected better things of the newly incorporated town. We looked for a thorough cleaning out, and a healthy moral atmosphere, such as would be expected from proper municipal government.

We are told we must have these places of amusement for the mining classes, and so forth. Fie! If I were a miner I would be insulted if people thought that my moral standard was at such a low ebb that a beer slinging, cheap music hall would meet its requirements.

Then again, is it just the miners that are to be amused at such a sacrifice? Have the rest of us to stand by, shocked, horrified, at the immoral drift of this country? If men, and indeed, women, are lost to all shame and decency, for God's sake save the children by having our laws enforced restricting saloons, music halls and disorderly houses.

There are many little children now in our towns, whose knowledge of gambling and general crookedness would do honor—or rather, dishonor—to the most vetran blackleg. Make a move, gentlemen, or else omit the word "Alderman" from your signatures.

HORRESCO REFERENS.

The Uncle—Are you entirely satisfied with your lot?

The Niece (still angry at her grandfather's will)—No, I'm not. It ought to have a house on it.

Corbin passed through the railway committee furnace all right, but in the language of the Bowery, "The Senate didn't do a thing to Dan Mann."

There are no Trail Blazers in Dawson. So much the worse for Dawson.

Notice.

Having sold our butcher business to Thomas R. Powers we wish to thank the public for past favors and trust that they will bestow a liberal patronage upon our successor.

McCALLUM & THOMPSON.

Sandon, April 1st, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that thirty days from April 4th I will apply to the Corporation of Sandon for a licence to sell liquor by retail in the Clifton House.

JOHN BUCKLEY

Sandon, March 28, 1898.

Application for Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from April 4th we will apply to the License Commissioners of the Corporation of the City of Sandon for a license to sell liquor by retail in the Palace hotel.

WALMSLEY & BENNETT.

Dated Sandon April 4th.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between William Walmsley and Hugh McGee in the Star Hotel is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Hugh McGee will continue the business, pay all outstanding debts and collect all accounts.

William Walmsley.
Hugh McGee.

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