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THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK II. SANDON AND CODY, MARCH 5, 1898. CHAPTER 24

LOCAL, GENERAL, PERSONAL.

Mrs. Cooley went to Chicago last week.

Mrs. Pypers has gone on a visit to Toronto.

Mrs. James Williams is visiting friends in Boston.

J. E. Smith left on Saturday a visit to New Brunswick.

A typewriter is the latest addition in the C. P. R. depot.

R. F. Green and wife, of Kaslo, have gone on a pleasure trip to the Sandwitch Islands.

The bachelors of Sandon will give a ball in Virginia hall on the evening of the 11th inst.

Mrs. Jno. Grant entertained a number of her friends at her residence on Friday evening.

Mrs. Isaac Crawford gave a farewell party for Miss Susie Lloyd, who leaves for Alberta next week.

Fifty tickets, nearly all long distance, were sold at the C. P. R. station the first three days of this month.

There will be a dance in Spencer's Hall on the 17th of March which should not be missed by any of those fond of a good time.

There is talk of a Curfew being established in Sandon. An institution of this kind would be of little benefit to the community, and should be charged a heavy license.

Jack Porter and Sandy Mann, who went north, will engage in railroad work at Teslin Lake. Porter will figure on building the bridges, while Sandy will get out the timber.

Since the blockade was raised the K. & S. Railway have taken off the horse express between Sandon and McGuigan. This express had his feet done up in gunny sacks and could do trestle work with the ease of an experienced tie counter.

Jack Lowes and Billy Harrington have nailed up their hotel at Slocan City, and rented the Bartlett Hotel in Sandon. As they are long and favorably known in the Slocan it goes without saying that they will do good business.

J. D. Geigerich returned to Sandon on Friday from a visit to his old home in Warren, Pa. He reports having had a pleasant time but thinks there is no place like the Slocan. He found many changes in the east, for it is fifteen years since Shady left the good old state of Pennsylvania to seek his fortune in the wild and silvery west.

The Whitewater Mines.

(Capital £125,000, in Ordinary Shares of £1 each.)

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring the Whitewater mines, one of the best-known properties in British Columbia, situated in the Slocan district, comprising the Whitewater, Irene, Myrtle R and Tennie C claims, covering an area of 109.5 acres, as shown on the plan accompanying the prospectus. This property has been secured by the London and British Columbia Goldfields, which shares a profit on the promotion with other financial concerns, who are selling to the present company for £110,000. The following dividends have been declared since the beginning of October and the mine is said to continue to yield large profits:—Oct. 15, 1897, $24,000; Nov. 15, 1897, $30,000; Dec. 15, 1797, $30,000; Jan. 15, 1898, $30,000; total, $114,000. The property is undoubtedly a good one, and should go far to enhance the public appreciation of British Columbia.—London Bulletin.

SLOCAN MINES.

The mill at the Slocan Star will grind again when water becomes plentiful. The mine looks better than at any other time in its history.

The force was put on again at the Payne this week, the ore blockade having been raised. The C. P. R. took away nine cars billed to Omaha from the Payne this week.

The Last Chance has increased its force.

Men are engaged putting the mill and tramway in order at the Noble Five which would seem to indicate that the new company means business.

Machinery has been purchased and is now on the way for a mill to be built at the Northern Belle, in the Jackson Basin The plant will be hauled up from Whitewater, and construction commenced immediately. It is a Fraser & Chalmers.

A Victoria Delegation.

At a special meeting of the Council yesterday afternoon. Messrs. Harris, Grimmett, Christie, Hunter and His Worship, Mayor Atherton were appointed a delegation to interview the Legislature at Victoria in regard to the wants of Sandon. Money is needed for wagon roads, jail, school, and other purposes, which the government will never give up unless considerable influence is brought to bear upon them. The delegation will leave on Sunday and it is to be hoped that their efforts on behalf of the city will be successful.

Canada's Mines.

Slowly but surely our long since expressed opinion "that the leading City groups would be turning their attention to British Columbia," is becoming verified. A greater proof of this cannot be given than finding the New Zealand Minerals, the West Australian Goldfields, and the Colonial Goldfields companies associated with others in the flotation of the Whitewater Mines.—London Bulletin.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met on Monday evening, 28th inst., the Mayor in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications were read from C. Cliffe regarding sending of a delegate to the provincial government to secure certain appropriations.

From Slocan City civic commission asking the council to protest against the securing of water power monopolies by corporations or companies.

Cliffe's letter was placed on fyle for future consideration. The other communication was received and fyled.

Finance committee reported progress regarding temporary loan.

Moved by Broddy, seconded by Switzer that the Finance committee make final arrangements for the securing of a temporary loan. Carried.

The Chief of the Fire Brigade presented his monthly report. It was received and fyled.

A committee was appointed to purchase a bell and other equipments for the fire brigade.

Ald. Switzer introduced a Health by-law which was read a first time.

The council adjourned.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Anglican Church—Rev. C. F. Yates will preach to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in Spencer's hall.

Methodist Church—Rev. A. M. Sanford, Pastor. Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning sermon, "Miracles." In the evening the second of a series on the historical charesters of Scripture will be given. A choir of thirteen members will assist in the evening service.

Sandon's Dogs.

We wish some Klondyker would come along and buy up all the town dogs and take them beyond the 69th parallel. The Esquimaux up there, who believe that they are descended from dogs, would be apt to feel very much ashamed of their ancestors when they beheld some of our Sandon barkers. Time was when the Greeks and Romans were wont to sacrifice dogs to certain of their deities, and failing the Klondyker, it might not be a bad plan to revive this custom here. We might be shy a few deities, but we would not allow that to interfere with the sacrifice. One of the most terrible features of early morning life in this town is the gathering of the canine clans at 4 a. m. for the diabolical purpose of barking "Put me off at Buffalo-o-o-o.

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 Maine's Explosion.

The United States buys its ammunition by contract, instead of manufacturing its own, as is done by Britain, and if the same frauds obtain in the manufacture of the explosives by contractors as occurred in the manufacture of armor plate for the warships, there is little wonder that the Maine blew up.

The armor plate made by contractors in Pittsburg, and put upon several battleships, was found upon investigation to be as full of holes as a sponge, and as it is regarded in the United States as the proper thing to scamp government contracts, it is quite possible that poor or impure chemicals have been used in the ammunition with the result of spontaneous combustion.

SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to March 5th, 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star,	:	2,970 tons.
Ruth,	:	4,365
Payne,	:	9,090¼
Idaho Mines,	:	874
Noble Five,	:	519¼
Reco,	:	238¼
American Boy,	:	20
Slocan Boy,	:	45
Wonderful,	:	42
Ajax,	:	43
Majestic,	:	12
Freddie Lee,	:	16
Mt. Adams,	:	15
Last Chance,	:	864
Goodenough,	:	35
Cananian Group,	:	20
Sovereign,	:	34
Trade Dollar,	:	15
Queen Bess,	:	189
Fountain Fraction,	:	5
Miscellaneous,	:	10¼
Ajax Fraction	:	18
Total,	: :	19,819¼ tons

Ore shipments for the week from February 26 to March 5th, inclusive, were as follows: Payne 100, Ruth 40, Last Chance 40, Queen Bess 20, Ajax Fraction 18, Total 118 tons.—K. & S.

Irate Customer—See here, I've worn these new trousers only a week and they already bag at the knees.

Dealer—Yah, dot vas recht. Dose ar our new padent pants vot makes beoples dink our gustomers go to church tree dimes effry Sunday.

First Boy—My papa knows more than your papa does.

Second Boy—I'll bet he doesn't. Did you ever see my papa. His forehead reaches 'way down to the back of his head.

Friend—How do you get along with the cooking?

Bride—Admirably. I blame it on the range.

Ethel—Will your hounds follow a fox?

Algy—Why—aw—I think they would if the fox was dressed and cooked.

A Future Rail Route.

It will be possible to get into the Yukon by way of the Pacific through an all-Canadian route, by building another 200 miles of railway to meet the Pacific south of Alaska. Some day this may be done. In the meantime it seems obvious that the future route to the valley of the Yukon is on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains from Edmonton or Prince Albert. Of course it is a long way from Edmonton, which is now the nearest railway terminus, to the Yukon district. But it must be remembered that from Edmonton several hundred miles north there is a fine agricultural country. Farm produce is probably cheaper at Edmonton than anywhere else on the habitable globe. This is because the place is remote from any large market. But if the gold regions of the north are occupied by many people, the Edmonton district and the region to the north of it will be the nearest source of supply. There is believed to be much gold on the Liard River and there is no doubt that the gold fields extend almost continuously from the Klondike southward until you reach the cultivable land of the Saskatchewan, Peace River and Athabasca. On this route there might well be a continuous line of settlements from the Canadian Pacific railway to Dawson City. By the proposed railway route from the Stikine, Canadian food products will have to be carried across the country to Vancouver, shipped from thence north to Wrangel, where they must meet the customs regulations, be transhipped up the Stikine in shallow craft, carried over the Mann & Mackenzie railway, and then transported by water down the Yukon. This will be a prodigious expense. While it was expedient to adopt the route for the present, because it is the quickest and easiest to be opened it cannot be regarded as a permanent line of travel from the east.

A Tin Roof.

A Kaslo hotel man tells a good joke that was played on him a short time ago by three of his customers. As they walked up to the bar and were asked what they would have. "I'll take a tin roof." said the first. "The same," murmured the other two The bartender was in a fix as he had never heard of a drink with such a name. "Well, give me a bottle of whiskey, gin and mineral water, and I will mix the drinks." remarked the first man. After the men had taken three drinks the bar tender asked: "Now, why do you call that a tin roof?" "Because it is on the house," responded the trio as they slipped out of the side door.

The Sandon boys at Skagway report that town as being dead tough. It must be when Pete Annance is said to be one of the leaders in the best society.

A Chute of

JOB PRINTING

Is Still Being Worked at

THE PAYSTREAK 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.

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California Gloves, every pair warranted, at the Post Office Store.

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LODGE NOTICES.

SANDON LODGE No. 23, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Crawford's hall. Visiting knights cordially invited to attend.
G. W. GRIMMETT, C.C.
FRANK C. SEWELL, K. R. S.

Certificate of Improvements.

SINCLER MINERAL CLAIM

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

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for Alfred W. McCune, No. 86,527, Francis J. Fincane, No. 86,528, and Peter Larson, No. 86,529, 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 improvement.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1898.

A. S. FARWELL.

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APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE.

Notice is hereby given, that, thirty days from date hereof, I will apply to the Board of Licence Commissioners of the Corporation of the City of Sandon for licence to sell liquor by retail in the Thistle Hotel.

HAYMOND KING.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licence Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a Retail License to sell wines and liquors on the premises known as the Kootenay hotel, situated on the corner of Reco and Ivanhoe streets, Sandon, B.C.

SWITZER & McCLUSKEY

Dated this 21st day of February, 1898.

Notice.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia. In the matter of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company (foreign) and in the matter of a petition of Green and Byers, and in the matter of the Winding Up Act and amending acts.

The creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 10th day of March 1898 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to George Kydd, of Nelson, British Columbia, the official liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said official liquidator are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at Judge's Chambers in the Court House, Vancouver, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Monday the 28th day of March, 1898, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon at the said Chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

Dated this 11th day of February, A. D. 1898.

Approved A. J. M. J. — Signed Walter J. Tucke, Deputy District Registrar

AST CANADIAN NEWS.

e aged mother of Mr. Dalton Mc-hy, Q.C., M.P., passed away at her e in Barrie on Monday. She was r 92nd year.

dy Aberdeen is negotiating for the ing of a superintendent and three es to the Klondike region to be of ice to sick or disabled miners.

r. H. D. Fraser, of Orangeville died denly on Feb. 16th, from heart re, brought on by overwork. He a prominent member of the Masonic ernity.

n old and prominent citizen of lph, Mr. Chas. Davidson, the late etary-treasurer of the Wellingtonual Fire Insurance Company, died Feb. 16th, aged 82 years.

A. Mercier, a brother of the late are Mercier, Premier of Quebec, has n given a lease of 280 miles of the kon for dredging purposes. The fees ounting to $50,000 have been paid by Mercier.

bill was introduced in the Ottawa use this week by the Rev. Mr. Max-ll, member for Burrard, to amend Immigration Act by providing that tax on Chinese shall be increased m $50 to $500 per head.

The Osgoode Legal & Literary So-ty of Toronto held their annual ball Friday night. It was a very bril-t affair and many beautiful gowns re "en evidence" Dancing was pt up away into the "wee,sma' hours."

An order has been sent out by Arch hop Bruchesi to the Catholics pro-biting them from becoming members the Y.M.C.A. The attention of the chbishop has recently been drawn to e fact that many members of his flock long to this association.

A convict named Wm Carey, who is rving 10 years in the Kingston peni-ntiary for arson, while making a dash r liberty on Tuesday afternoon was ot in self-defence by Officer Gibson. d is now lying in a very precarious ndition at the prison hospital.

W. A. Carlyle, of Woodstock, Ont., the ritish Columbia Provincial Mineral-ist, has been offered a salary of $25,000 yeary by Messrs. McKenzie & Mann, e contractors for the Stickeen River ilway, if he will go to the Yukon as ining manager in their interests.

The Grand Trunk Railway is consider-g the advisability of using electricity stead of steam power for conveying the rs through the Sarnia tunnel. The ny fatal accidents which have occur-l through the bad ventilation in this nnel has made it necessary that some-ing should be done to remedy the evil.

It is said that the Exploration Com-ny composed of London capitalists, hich applied for a charter to construct ailway over the Dalton trail, which arter was not granted on account of e monopoly clause in the Mann & Mc-nzie contract for the Stickeen-Teslin ute, are going to make an offer to con-ct for the line mentioned in their ap-ication at a far less subsidy than is anted to Mann & McKenzie.

A big fire occurred in Bothwell on ednesday morning, which resulted in e death of a woman and her child. It pears that the fire originated in a elling occupied by Henry Anthony d his housekeeper, Mrs. Bloom and r two children. As soon as the fire s discovered Mrs. Bloom ran out of e house, but remembering her child shed back again and both perished. r. Anthony and the other child were ved by jumping through a window. e fire spread rapidly, destroying seven res and dwelling houses.

C. M. Foley, a prominent lawyer of ris, Ont., was arrested this week on a rge of fraud and misappropriation of nts' funds. Rumors of his insol-ncy have been floating around for ne weeks, and clients who had placed nds with Mr. Foley for investment, have been making strenuous exertions to regain possession of them; some have been successful, but the majority are minus their moneys. The amount of Mr. Foley's defalcations is something like $60,000. He has been unable to obtain bail and is now committed to Brantford gaol. He is a son of the late Hon. Michael Foley and was highly esteemed, both in business and social circles.

Jas. Cruickshank, a bachelor 54 years of age, living in Toronto, was found dead in his rooms on Thursday morning. Mr. Cruickshank's office and bedroom adjoined the premises of the Metropolitan Printing Company, in which fire broke out early on Thursday morning, completely gutting it and causing considerable damage. In making an effort to escape Mr. Cruickshank was probably overcome by the smoke as when found by an employee of his he was in a sitting posture on the floor dead. The room was full of smoke. The artist, Wm. Cruickshank, who is a near relative of the deceased, took charge of the body.

A Distinguished Guest.

An English actor was a mem ber of a company snowbound in the Sierras while en route from California to the east. Before the train pulled out of the drifts they had been reduced to eating the coarse food of the railway laborers, and got little enough even of that; they were ravenously hungry when the train reached the station, at which there was an humble restaurant. The Englishman was the first to find a seat at the table.

"Bring me as quick as possible," he said to the landlord, a burly western man. "a porterhouse steak, some devilled kidney, a brace of chops, plenty of vegetables, and two bottles of Bass' bitter beer." The landlord stuck his head out of the dining room door and yelled to somebody in the rear apartment, "Say Bill, tell the band to play, Rule Britanna! The Prince of Wales has come"

Remarkable Rat Story.

For the benefit of marines, the London Field has revived a remarkable rat story, to the effect that a rat was caught alive on board a British naval vessel in a trap, and the beast was thrown from the trap into the water without being killed. A large gull that was following in the wake of the ship to pick up scraps of food thrown overboard by the steward, stopped several times, endeavoring to pick the rat up. Once the bird got too close to the rat's jaws and the beast grabbed it by the neck. After a short fight the rat succeeded in killing the bird.

When the gull was dead the rat scrambled upon the bird's body, and hoisting one wing as a sail and using the other as a rudder, succeeded in steering for the shore. Whether the rat reached shore or not is the question, since the ship soon got out of sight of the skipper and its craft.

There was a story told of Mr. Radcliffe, a fox-hunting parson in Devonshaire. The Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Pilpotts) came one day to visit him without notice. Parson Radcliffe, in scarlet, was just about to mount his horse and gallop off to the meet, when he heard that the Bishop was in the village. He had barely time to send away his hunter, run up-stairs, and jump, red coat and boots, into bed, when the Bishop's carriage drew up at the door. "Tell his lordship I'm ill, will ye?" was his injunction to his housekeeper, as he flew to bed.

"Is Mr. Radcliffe in?" asked Dr. Philpotts.

"He's ill and in bed," said the housekeeper.

"Dear me! I am so sorry. Pray ask if I may come up and sit with him," said the Bishop.

The housekeeper ran up stairs in sore dismay, and entered the parson's room. The parson stealthily put his head out of the bedclothes, but was reassured when he saw the room was invaded by his housekeeper, and not by the Bishop.

"Please your honor, his lordship wants to come up-stairs and sit with you a little."

"With me!" gasped the parson. "No; go down and tell his lordship I'm took cruel bad with scarlet fever; it is an aggravated case, and very catching." Enough, doubtless, to settle the Bishop,

MY SHIP.

If all the ships I have at sea,
Should come a-sailing home to me,
Weighed down with gems, and silks and gold—
Ah, well! the harbor could not hold
So many sails as there would be,
If all my ships came in from sea.

If half my ships came home from sea.
And brought their precious freight to me,
Ah, well! I would have wealth as great
As any king who sits in state—
So rich the treasures that would be
In half my ships, now out at sea.

If just one ship I have at sea,
Should come a-sailing home to me,
Ah, well! the storm clouds then might frown
For if the others all went down
Still rich and proud and glad I'd be,

If that one ship went down at sea,
And all the others came to me,
Weighed down with gems and wealth untold,
With glory, honor, riches, gold,
The poorest soul on earth I'd be
If that one ship came not to me.

O skies, be calm! O winds, blow free,
Blow all my ships safe home to me!
But if thou sendest some a-wrack
To never more come sailing back,
Send any, all, that skim the sea,
But bring my love ship home to me.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE SILVER LINING.

A fisherman sat at his door one day
Watching the clouds, that heavy and gray,
Obscured the sunlight's shining;
And he said to Bright Eyes at his knee,
"Look yonder out in the west and see
The cloud with a silver lining."

I think when our skies are cold and gray,
And we vainly seek to find the way,
Somewhere the light is shining;
If we bravely resolve to do our part,
And bear our griefs with patient heart,
And free from all repining;

We shall be led to a higher way,
To a better work than we to-day,
And find love's sunlight shining;
For truth of spirit and strenght of soul
Will make the darkest cloud unroll
And show its silver lining.

—Helen Keith.

Has the count called yet, papa?" asked the beautiful daughter; "he said that he would see you without delay."

"He did. I had three aces against his full house."

HIT THE TRAIL AG'IN.

Should angry storms of life assail an' winds of trouble blow,
An' in the skies the darkest clouds git swingin' mighty low,
An' you have half concluded fur to elevate your hands
An' tumble down despairin' on the cheerless desert sands,
Jest try to put some stiff'nin' in your trembly upper lip.
Hang on like thunderation, never weaken on your grip;
Jest cast your eyes upon the the fact that you are bound to win,
An' stop a bit an' ketch your breath an' hit the trail ag'in.

A little energy an' grit 'll win the toughest fight.
Determination's sparklin' glim 'll light the darkest night,
An' every man that's got the sand to make an honest try
Is bound to hold a jack-pot hand an' git there by-an'-bye;
Then never get discouraged at the trials an' the cares
That come to block the progress of your every-day affairs,
You'll reach the summit of your big ambitions as sure as sin
If you will stop to git a breath, then hit the trail ag'in.

The same ol' trail is strewed along with disappointed wrecks
That weakened an' give up the fight an' tumbled in their tracks
When hand o' care begun to swing an imitation axe,
As you go ploddin' long each day just try to hitch your mind
On things that's 'way up there ahead, an' not them that's behind;
An' when a thought comes creepin' that you've got no chance to win
Jest stop a bit and ketch your breath an' hit the trail aga'in.

—Denver Post.

Jim Johnson—So yo' bought dat chicken ob 'Squire Hennery, eh? Whad did ye' buy sech a skinny one fo'.

Abe Hardcase—Oh, I didn't buy him toe eat. Dis chicken had a habit ob roostin' nights up on top ob de dog-house, an' I wuz erfraid of he kep' on de udder chickens might be follerin' his example.

Appreciative.—(The young lady has just finished playing a selection from "Faust.") Old lady—How nice! I always did like Home Sweet Home! Young lady (with a start)—Home Sweet Home! Old lady—Yes, Min plays it. I can always tell when she crosses her hands.

This reminds one of the discouragement of the man, who, when asked about the health of his wife, replied: "She may get well, and she may not; there is danger both ways."

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SANDON, B. C., MARCH 5, 1898

CANADA MUST BE RESPECTED.

LAST week Representative James Hamilton Lewis returned to Washington from Ottawa, where he had spent several days in conference with the Dominion government leaders. His mission was to appeal to this government for some modifications of the Canadian regulations requiring American miners bound for the Klondike to procure their licenses at Vancouver, Victoria or Dawson City. Mr. Lewis sought to have the regulation modified so that a license could be issued by British consuls or vice consuls at American ports. Failing in this, he then sought to have the Canadian police, especially at Lake Tagish, given authority to issue licenses to ingoing miners. This request was also refused.

Minister Sifton proposed a counter proposition on a basis of adjustment, which was in effect, to permit Canadian goods to go through Wrangel in bond. To this Mr. Lewis answered that he was not given authority to negotiate on any basis involving a modification of the United States laws or regulations.

The failure of Mr. Lewis to secure any concessions from Canada might have been expected. On the face of it his mission was a foolish one. To ask that Canadian laws be modified to accommodate American miners, and yet not having power to negotiate on any basis looking to the modification of American laws to accommodate Canadian miners, was a remarkable piece of Yankey ingenuity—in other words, gall. But Mr. Lewis learned a lesson that it would be well for other American diplomats to learn. He found there was no disposition on the part of Canadians to concede anything to the United States in the controversy without receiving as much in return.

Mr. Lewis was shown every courtesy while in Ottawa, but was received with a cold hard when he made his mission known and attempted to force a consideration of his propositions. If he came to Ottawa thinking that Canada would longer bear American imposition he went away with that idea knocked into a cocked hat. The delegations from British Columbia were bitter in their protests against any modification of the regulations, and this fact alone ought to convince Mr. Lewis and his countrymen that, while we are ever ready to extend a friendly hand to any country helping to develop the vast resources of our land, yet we are not ready, and do not have to, make concessions to them that they refuse to make to us. If the United States is not ready to give anything, then ought Canada to be of the same disposition.

THE COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT OF SILVER.

The commercial movement of silver during the year lately closed showed an increase rather than a decrease in volume, and the demand for the metal showed less diminution than the fluctuations in its price would indicate. The exports to the East, always the great customer for silver, were greater in 1897 than in 1896; and from some European countries there was an unusual demand. As a very large part of the silver output of the world is handled through London, we give first the following table, which shows the imports and exports of silver in Great Britain for 1897, compared with the preceding year; the figures are from the statement of the Board of Trade for the year:

Countries.	Imports. 1896	Imports. 1897.	Exports. 1896.	Exports. 1897.
Russia	....	....	£3,553,376	£6,538,633
Germany	£183,911	£213,907	572,156	754,205
Belgium	76,166	2,587,852	14,150	1,652,730
France	1,741,153	3,018,198	2,915,404	963,550
British East Indies	200	....	5,080,164	6,613,234
China(incl Hong Kong	72,356	10,800	783,551	540,203
Japan	....	2,350	1,029,500	40,000
Aurtralasia	157,806	56,537	27,074	110,400
Mexico, South America and West Indies	1,701,519	1,849,175	91,910	20,629
United States	10,161,269	10,097,749	6,613	16,446
Other Countries	254,530	203,828	970,496	1,394,578
Total	£16,359,116	£19,632,001	£15,048,134	£18,780,968

It appears from this table that the United States is the chief source of supply, furnishing more than half the silver which goes into the London market. A considerable part of this, however, is really Mexican silver, which was refined and put into merchantable form in this country. A peculiar feature in 1897 is found in the heavy receipts from France and Belgium; it is probable that a considerable part of the metal credited to the latter country was really from Germany, sent to London through the port of Antwerp, and the large quantity suggests the truth of the report current last summer that Germany was quietly marketing some of the accumulated stocks of old silver.

In the exports to European countries, the large quantity sent to Russia in 1897 is accounted for by the heavy purchases made by that country for coinage into silver roubles, in preparation for the adoption of the new monetary system in that country. The decrease in shipments to France in 1897 was chiefly due to the fact that a much smaller coinage was executed in that country for its Eastern colonies than in 1896.

As to the Eastern demand, it is to be noted that India took a great deal more silver last year than in 1896, in spite of the supposed loss of purchasing power on account of famine, short crops, and light exports. This was due chiefly to the high exchange value of the rupee, which was throughout far above its bullion value. Native buying in India was stimulated by the low price of the metal as expressed in rupees, and, in the latter half of the year, by a very general belief that the mints would be reopened. The demand for Japan, of course, fell off with the approaching adoption of a gold standard in that country.

While China took less silver from London last year than in 1896, there was really little or no decrease in the total absorbed by that country. The decrease in the British shipments was £241,348, or $1,158,470; but there was an increase of $7,031,888 in the shipments from San Francisco to Chinese ports. Moreover, the greater part of the silver from the Broken Hill mines in Australia, now goes directly to China, the remittances to London being light, as is shown by the table. Outside of Japan the East certainly shows no decrease in its capacity for absorbing silver.

The United States exports of silver in coin and bullion showed a decrease in values of $4,711,062, according to the Treasury statements; but if we take the lower values into account there was very little difference between 1897 and 1896, in the actual quantities sold abroad.—Engineering & Mining Journal, New York.

EPITAPHS.

An epitaph on Anny Jennings of Wolstanton, tells us that

> Some have children, some have none;
> Here lies the mother of twenty-one.

A double epitaph records the mornful tale thus:

> Here lies two brothers by misfortune surrounded;
> One died of his wounds, the other was drowned.

A fatal disaster could hardly be recorded briefer than the following:

> Here lies JOHN ROSS,
> Kicked by a hoss.

Nor could a religious sentiment have been more curtly and sarcastically expressed than is under:

> Here lies the body of GABRIEL JOHN,
> Who died in seventeen hundred and one;
> Pray for the soul of Gabriel John—
> If you don't like it, you can let it alone;
> 'Tis all the same to Gabriel John,
> Who died in seventeen hundred and one.

THE END OF THE PLAY.

> The play is done; the curtain drops,
> Slow falling to the prompter's bell;
> A moment yet the actor stops,
> And looks around to say farewell.
> It is an irksome word and task;
> And when he's laughed and said his say,
> He shy, we see, he removes his mask.
> A face that's anything but gay.
>
> One word we yet the evening ends.
> Let's close it with a parting rhyme,
> And pledge a hand to all young friends,
> As fits the merry eve'n time.
> On life's wide scene you, too, have parts,
> That fate ere long shall bid you play.
> Good night! with honest, gentle hearts
> A kindly greeting go alway!
>
> Good night! I'd say, the griefs, the joys,
> Just hinted in this mimic page,
> The triumphs and defeats of boys,
> Are but repeated in our age.
> I'd say your woes are not less keen,
> Your hopes more vain than those of men;
> Your pangs or pleasures of fifteen
> At forty-five played o'er again.
>
> I'd say we suffer and we strive,
> Not less or more as men than boys,
> With grizzled beards at forty-five,
> As erst at twelve in corduroys.
> And if in time of storied youth
> We learned at home to love and pray,
> Pray Heaven that early Love and Truth
> May never wholly pass away.
>
> And in the world as in the school,
> I'd say how fate may change and shift;
> The prize be sometimes with the fool,
> The race not always to the swift.
> The strong may yield, the good may fail,
> The great man be a vulgar clown,
> The knave be lifted over all,
> The kind cast pitiously down.
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> * * * * * *
>
> Come wealth or want, come good or ill,
> Let young and old accept their part,
> And bow before the awful will,
> And bear it with an honest heart;
> Who knows or who wins the prize,
> To lose or conquer as you can,
> But if you fall, or if you rise,
> Be each, pray God, a gentleman.
>
> —William Makepeace Thackery.

The Bank of Commerce is going to open up a branch office at Dawson City. This bank will be of great convenience to miners as gold will be accepted and drafts given to miners on any bank in Canada for the amount of gold received, less 10 per cent, royalty, which will be deducted and handed over to the government. The gold will be kept in vaults and conveyed out of the country by a military escort. Miners will be enabled to walk away with their drafts in their pockets. This arrangement will be a great inducement to them to pay the royalty.

SLOCAN HOTEL

Newly opened in New Denver, is one of comfort, luxury and ease. The rooms are elegantly furnished, the building hard-finished, the dining-room warm, light and tastefully decorated, and the tables laden with all the viands fit to eat. It isn't necessary to talk about Henry Stege's bar. It is too well known.

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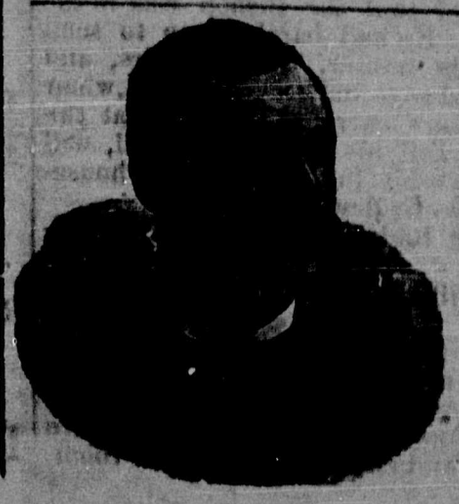

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KILLED IN A SNOWSLIDE.

Another unfortunate miner buried beath an avalanche of snow; another other's boy laid away in the little ave yard on the hill.

Sunday evening Grant Thorburn drove to New Denver from Silverton for the roner and an undertaker to take arge of the body of Wm. J. Lade, who d been killed early in the afternoon being buried in a snow slide. Dr. rouse and Undertaker Baker returned ith him and the body was taken in and by the Coroner.

Monday morning an inquest was held nd in the afternoon the remains were nterred in the cemetery here, the Silverton miner's union and all the men of the amp coming up on the steamer Slocan nd following the body to the grave. Fully 150 men were in the line of march.

The particulars of the fatal slide as old by the companions of Lade who were working with him are these: A slide had blocked the Four Mile road on the Reed-Robertson group and it was impossible for the pack trains to come out with the ore from the Vancouver and other properties. A party of men went up from Silverton to clear the roadway and with them was young Lade. Four of them were working on the slide when, without warning, another slide came down and caught all of the men. The companions of Lade were not injured, though all were more or less covered by the snow. When they managed to free themselves they set to work to rescue Lade. One of the party was sent to Silverton to summon help and soon every man in the camp was on the scene. After two hours searching the body was recovered, cold in death.

A rude stretcher was made and the body carried to Silverton and to the parlors of Thorburn's hotel to await the arrival of the coroner and undertaker

A short but impressive funeral service was held in the hotel parlors and on the arrival at the New Denver wharf Rev. Powell met the sorrowing friends and went with them to the grave, and there administered words of comfort and peace to those present.

Wm. J. Lade was a young man well liked by everybody. He was but 19 years of age. Two of his brothers are working at Silverton and the three were interested in some very valuable properties on Four Mile. They came here from the Lardeau. The Lade family have been peculiarly unfortunate working in and about mines. The boy's father was caught in a premature blast while working a shift to accommodate a friend and made totally blind; an uncle was killed in a snow slide, and it was while doing volunteer work that the son met his untimely death.—The Ledge.

ROSEBERY'S SAMPLER.

Work of Erecting the Building Already in Progress.

The contract for the ore sampler at Rosebery was awarded to Stephen Tripp, the well-known contractor of Slocan City, who has already commenced operations with the intention of having it completed within 90 days, which is the time set for the building to be finished. The main building will be 70x124 feet, offices and labratory will be seperate. Also a weigh house and other buildings will be erected in connection with the works on the lake front. The capacity will be 100 tons per day, and will be in operation in the early spring, and no doubt will prove a boon to the mine owners in the Slocan country.

Mr. W. E. Ostrander, the superintendent, is now on the ground attending to details. He is a pleasant, affable gentleman who is a thorough smelter authority and considers this point for the treatment of ores superior to any other location, after having carefully studied the situation from a business stand point, and predicts a brilliant future for the town.

A. M. Beattie, agent for the townsite, was seen by our reporter and had this to say:

"Yes I expect quite a boom in Rosebery this spring. Of course not so wild as it was a year ago in Slocan City, but something that is more substantial. This ore sampler which is now building I believe is only the starting point for other works to be erected here before long, and the point now is recognized as the best point in Kootenay to erect a smelter, and for concentrating the ores from Sandon, Whitewater and Cody."

"Does your company contemplate making any improvements in the townsite," was asked.

"Yes; I am only waiting for the snow to go off when I intend to clear all on the lake front, if I am not successful in letting the contract before then. I will call for tenders. The Townsite Company, which is a wealthy London syndicate, also intends to build several houses in the spring and will sell them on the installment plan or lease."

Mr. Beattie wound up by saying Rosebery would have the biggest pay roll on the lake this summer.

GAMBLING IN DAWSON.

Chicago, Ill.—"At 10 to 12 o'clock at night," says a Dawson City correspondent of the News, "the throng in the gambling places is greatest. Around the tables the players and spectators are crowded and a halo of tobacco smoke hangs over them around the chandelier and big tin reflector. The layout is nearly covered with red checks and white checks, with now and then a greater stack of blues, which are of greater value. Men reach over one another's shoulders to drop a gold sack on a card. One will say as he does this, 'That plays the jack for $25,' and the dealer nods without looking up and makes the turn. If the player wins, the dealer silently puts $25 worth of checks by the gold sack, and the winner continues to play or cashes them at a desk, where is sitting a young man behind a pair of gold scales with several tumblers of gold dust at his right hand.

"At midnight the interest seems to be centred upon the faro table. The manager of the roulette wheel is eating his lunch, with a laconic observation between bites now and then to a companion across the board. A young woman who has come out of the dance hall, with a tipsy miner, says: 'Hello, Jimmy,' to the roulette man, and faces the bar with her friend, and then the rest of the dancers come crowding in and line up at the bar, for the drink at the end of the set is as much a part of the dance as is the music.

"A little dried up man with drooping mustache, who owns one of the best claims on Bonanza, is having a tilt with the dealer at the faro table about the limit. He wants to play $100 on the jack. The dealer shakes his head at first, but the little man is persistent and the dealer finally says, 'Let her go.'

"'Some time,' says the little man, after the jack comes up winner, 'I'm goin' to open up a game at the Forks—a gentleman's game, where a man can bet as much as he wants to.'"

WON'T BE OFFICIALLY ROASTED.

There was an acrimonious debate in the Provincial House last Friday over a resolution which the opposition brought in, striving to condemn the premier and Pooley, president of the council, for having allowed their names to be used in the directorate of the Dawson City and Dominion Trading Corporation. Sword, of Dewdney, brought in a resolution to this effect, but it was ruled out of order by the speaker on the ground that it would, if passed, prejudice the fair trial of libel suits which the two ministers have brought against two local newspapers, who charged them with using their official positions for their own private ends. Kennedy, of Nestminster, then brought in a resolution to the effect that in the opinion of the house none of the members should at any time lend the weight of their official titles to floating any schemes for the benefit of any company.

REDISTRIBUTION IN KOOTENAY.

The most recently compiled directory of the province of British Columbia shows a white population of 117,850 of which 78,500 are credited to the mainland and 38,500 to Vancouver Island. This is an increase of 100 per cent. in four years. Vancouver Island with one-fourth of the total population of the province has 14 out of the 38 members of the Legislature.

In an article commenting on the above figures the Rossland Miner suggests that West Kootenay be divided as follows:

1. The Trail Creek electoral district to consist of the towns of Rossland and Trail and what is known as the Trail mining division.

2. Nelson electoral district, to include what is now known as the Nelson and Goat river mining divisions.

3. Kaslo electoral district, to include the city of Kaslo, towns of Ainsworth and Pilot Bay and what is known as the Ainsworth mining division.

4. The Slocan electoral district to include what is known as the Slocan mining division.

5. The Revelstoke electoral district to include what is known as the Revelstoke, Illecillewait and Trout Lake electoral divisions.

The above division would give West Kootenay five members instead of two as at present.

THE MOLLIE HUGHES DEAL.

Another deal has been made on the Mollie Hughes group. This time the price named is $40,000. Wm. H. Sandiford, representing an English company of great capital, is the purchaser. He was here several days last week and on Saturday the deal was consumated. His inspection of the property was most thorough, and as soon as the character of the ledge matter was demonstrated by assays he took the property at the price named without delay.

At present the transfer is in the shape of a 30-day option, This is to allow time for the money to arrive from England. The bond expires nine months after the date of its execution.—The Ledge.

Cassiar Mines All Bright.

J. D. Devereux, the special correspondent of the Ashcroft (B.C.) Mining Journal, writes to that paper from the far north concerning Cassiar mines. He says in part:

"I have seen ore from 13 claims in the Kisgagash district which all looked to be very highly mineralized. Some of it is known to run as high as $200 to $300 to the ton in gold alone, and, by information given me by the miners, the cream of the country is not touched yet. Little or nothing is known about the wealth of this country by the outside world. Within the past five years I venture to say that $250,000 has been taken out of this country by individual miners, mostly Chinese.

NEAR NELSON.

The company working the Morning has three men drifting from the 100-foot level at the bottom of the shaft. They have struck a body of ore on the foot wall carrying galena, carbonate copper, and sulphide silver. The ore averages 12 inches and with the ore on the hanging wall makes about two feet. It looks as though the whole ledge would soon be in ore. The ore is nearly all concentrating. Several other claims are being developed on Morning hill this winter.

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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:—

ASSESSMENTS.

FEB 24—Prescott, Prescott Fraction, Prescott Fraction No 2, Four Mile Fraction.

FEB 26—Croydon Fraction.

FEB 28—Superior.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

FEB 24—First Extension, American Girl, Concord, Saphire, Gem.

FEB 28—Reciprocity, Lillian No 4.

TRANSFERS.

FEB 24—London Fraction ½, A W McMillan to P A McDougall, Jan 3.

Handy ½, C H Towns to Geo Mair, Jan 25.

FEB 25—Okanagan Chief ½, Frank Jacobson to Ernest Harrop, Feb 3.

Croydon Fraction, Jas L Forrester to Alexander A Hedges, Feb 21.

Valkyrie all, Galt ½, Silver Cord ½, Bryan ½, B M Walton to D Doig, Feb 16.

FEB 26—Mollie Hughes, Kinkora, Idea, Real Idea, No 2, Pinto No 2, Tyron, Eluathan, Mary E Bragdon, Thos Avison, Harry Sherran, and Herman Clever to Wm H Sandiford. 30-day option to purchase at $40,000, Feb 26.

Wellington, Chambers, Eureka, Jay Gould, 1/8 in each. J H Guay to F A Devereux, Sept 6, $277.50.

Rosedale, Flower, May, Tuly, Violet, ⅛ in each, J H Guay to F A Devereux, Sept 6, $250.

FEB 28—Chambers, Eureka, Jay Gould, Wellington, ⅛ in each, Chas Chambers to Louise W Bereno, Feb 26, $5.

Texas Boy Fraction ½, J N Nunn to W S Clark, Jan 20, $500.

Louvher, James T Brockman to Wm Hunter, Feb 25.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

TRANSFERS.

FEB 21—Bulko ½, Fletcher S Andrews to Robt A Bradshaw

Two Friends ½, Richard Marpole to Two Friends mine Ltd Lia.

FEB 23—Two Friends ½, Geo Kydd to Archibald York and J W Clark.

FEB 24—Johannah ½, Susan S Gibson to Edward Quillan.

Same, Edward Quillan to Mrs. Clark Werely.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

FEB 24—Dawn Fraction, J W Smith and F L Fitch.

ASSESSMENTS.

FEB 22—Hercules No 5, Copper Queen, Hercules No 2, Clarence Marsh.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

FEB 24—Jennie, Keystone.

TRANSFERS.

FEB 21—Rossland, option to purchase, $500 down, Laura, Geneva Riverview, May, Porcupine, Bokoshe, Stanley ¼, Lost Mountain ¼, Mowater, Pasadena, White Bear ¼, Blackbird. W James White to James D Sword.

Certificate of satisfaction of Gold Commissioner to work on Vancouver, Meteor and Key West Fraction.

Gold Dollar, Silver Dollar, F Soucey to Geo Soucey.

FEB 22—Boodler, Silent Friend 1/16, J H Gray F A Devereux, 6/16.

FEB 24—Last Chance, John McPhee to Duncan Graham.

Panama 3/16, Thos Devlin to Mrs Mart McKay.

ON THE WRONG TRACK.

Yes, we need a good lad, and I think you will suit. Whom do you live with? said the lawyer to a young applicant.

With my dear ma.

What does she do?

Prays and takes in washing.

What do you do with your wages?

Give it all to dear ma for the missionary cause.

What do you do evenings?

Read hymns and verses to dear ma.

And on Sundays?

Attend Sunday school.

If you should find a nickel on the office floor, what should you spend it for?

I would not spend it, for that would be sinful. I would restore it to the owner.

When sent on an errand, would you stop to play marbles or wallop another boy?

No, sir, for ma says that playing marbles leads to gambling and that our little fists were never made to punch each other's eyes out.

"Little boy, you are too fearfully and agonizingly good for the legal profession. You should step right back into the middle of the Sunday school library book, where you evidently came from. We will endeavor to wrestle with the stormy road before us without your pious help. You may retire.

You don't want me?

No.

Sure I wouldn't suit you?

Very.

Well, I'll go home and give the old woman fits. She stuck to it like bricks and made me learn all this guff. I knew you didn't want a measly little miff around the office, but she would have her own way. Sorry, boss; goodby.

Hold on. So you're a real live boy, after all?

I reckon.

We'll chance you. Come to-morrow at 9. Four dollars a week. Now go. I'm busy.

That boy made a good lawyer.

CIVILIZATION IN AFRICA.

A large strong man, dressed in a uniform and armed to the teeth knocked at the door of a hut on the west coast of Africa.

"Who are you and what do you want?" asked a voice from the inside.

"In the name of civilization open your door or I'll break it down for you and fill you full of lead."

"But what do you want here?"

"My name is Christian Civilization. Don't talk like a fool, you black brute; what do you suppose I want here but to civilize you and make a reasonable human being out of you if it is possible"

"In the first place you must dress yourself like a white man. It is a shame and a disgrace the way you go about. From now on you must wear underclothing, a pair of pants, vest, coat, plug hat, and a pair of yellow gloves. I will furnish them to you at reasonable rates."

"What shall I do with them?"

"Wear them of course. You didn't expect to eat them did you? The first step in civilization is in wearing proper clothes."

"But it is too hot here to wear such garments. I'm not used to them. I'll perish from the heat. Do you want to murder me."

"Not particularly. But if you die you will have the satifaction of being a martyr to civilization."

"How kind!"

"Don't mention it. What do you do for a living?"

"When I am hungry I eat a banana. I eat, drink or sleep, just as I feel like it."

"What horrible barbarity. You must settle down to some occupation, my friend. If you don't it will be my duty to lock you up as a vagrant"

"If I've got to follow some occupation, I think I'll start a coffee house. I've got a considerable amount of coffee and sugar stored here and there."

"Oh, you have, have you? Why, you are not such a hopeless case as I thought you were. In the first place you want to pay me the sum of $50."

"What for?"

"As an occupation tax, you ignorant heathen. Do you expect to get all the blessings of civilization for nothing?"

"But I have no money."

"That makes no difference. I'll take it out in coffee and sugar. If you don't pay up like a Christian men, I'll put you in jail for the rest of your life."

"What is jail?"

"Jail is a progressive word. You must be prepared to make some sacrifices for civilization, you know."

"What a great and glorious thing is civilization?"

"You cannot possibly realize the benefits of it, but you will before I get through with you, my fine fellow."

The unfortunate native took to the woods, and has not been seen since.—Waverley Magazine.

Pat Burns will go north in a few days to look after his interests in connection with the meat supply for the railroad camps at Teslin lake.

VIRTUE ITS OWN REWARD.

The other day, says the Penny Press, a Santa Cruz teacher, who is quite proud of her class of bright youngsters, arranged a treat for the children. Each child was told to prepare a short essay. The subjects were to be chosen and the essays written without the aid or knowledge of any grown person. The parents were present when the day came. It is drawing it mild to say they were delighted when a little girl of eight years read the following essay on the subject:

VIRTUE IS ITS OWN REWARD.

"Once there was a poor young man who was in love with a rich girl whose mother had a large candy store. The poor young man wanted to marry the candy lady's daughter very badly and she wanted to marry him, but he was too poor to buy furniture. One day a bad man came to him and offered him 25 dollars to become a drunkard The poor young man was dreadfully tempted because he wanted to be rich enough to marry the candy lady's beautiful daughter. But when he got to the saloon door with the bad man he said: 'I will not break my pledge, even to be rich. Get thee behind me, Satan!' So he went home. On his way home he found a pocketbook with one million dollars in gold in it So he went to the candy store lady's daughter and they were married They had a lovely wedding and the next week they had twins. Thus we see that virtue is its own reward."

KOOTENAY PETROLEUM.

One of the many resources of British Columbia which will be extensively developed in the near future and which promises to be a great industry, is the petroleum fields of the Flathead valley in Southeastern Kootenay. This is a section of country but little known, and is separated from the remainder of the district by a high range of mountains The natural outlet of the valley is down the Flathead river into Montana, but, with the completion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, there is every probability that Canadian capital will shortly be invested in marketing this oil. According to a recent issue of the Fort Steele Prospector, these fields cover a large area of territory, plentiful indications of the existence of petroleum being found on the eastern slope of the Rockies, in Alberta. Samples of oil from the Flathead valley have been tested by the Dominion government and found to be purer and of higher grade than any petroleum hitherto discovered on the American continent.

In the Ymir Camp.

A determined effort is being made by the mine owners of Ymir camp for government aid in the building of much needed roads in that vicinity. For the purpose of setting forth good reasons for the petition, a statement of work done in the district has been prepared by John Dean, of Smith, Dean & Co. It shows that 5,375 feet of tunneling at a cost of $80,650 and 1,354 feet of sinking at a cost of $9,080 has been done, beside $30,000 worth of assessment work. There has been $25,000 expended by private parties on roads, trails, buildings and machinery. So far the government has contributed nothing toward opening up the district. The total number of men employed is 204 with a pay roll of $21,420 a month.

"Humble pie" refers to the days when the English forests were stocked with deer, and venison pasty was commonly seen on the tables of the wealthy. The inferior and refuse portions of the deer, termed "umbles," were generally appropriated to the poor, who made them into a pie; hence "umble pie" became suggestive of poverty, and afterwards was applied to degradations of other kinds.

A HEAVY WESTERN FAILURE.

J. J. Sehl, Kaslo, B. C., is in a bad financial muss which is difficult to get at. A number of Ontario manufacturers are heavily interested. Statements which we gave some time ago did not mention a debt outside of the trade amounting to some $13,000 upon which judgment has lately been given and execution issued, this being secured by a chattel mortgage on the stock. The debt is represented by a note for $12,292 with interest amounting to $800 in favor of James Lowen. The note was made in 1894 and is supposed to have been a settlement for debts incurred in a former business in which Sehl was interested. As it stands now it looks as if the eastern manufacturers will be plucked to pay Sehl's former creditor, a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul as it were. Mr. J. R. Shaw has the matter in hand, but until more definite information is received a course of action will not be decided upon.—The Ontario Furniture Journal.

A Mount Holyoke girl who was studying to be a missionary wrote the following on the fly-leaf of her text-book on Moral Science, the name of the author of which is suppressed on account of the respectability of his family:

If there should be another flood,
Our refuge h.ther fly:
Though all the world should be submerged,
This book would still be dry.

It is time for prayers in Kootenay. The local Legislature is in session.

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A Sandon Genius?

It is wonderful how we learn by reading of the many great things that surround us. We have found out by reading an office communication in Sandon's scab newspaper that its editor is the clever and renowned Mr. Cliffe, a man who has touched hands, and eaten porridge with the great men of Manitoba. This is agonizing news, as all along we have been calling him the old gent from the hay district, while he kept silent trusting that the Sandon folks would some day tumble to the fact that they had a genius in their midst. As they did not tumble he has done the square thing by telling us in cold print all about it. It was real kind of the old gent from the hay—excuse us, we mean the very clever Mr. Cliffe to do this. It saves his subscriber much time. We know now from his own paper that he is not only one of the greatest men Manitoba has ever fed, but, also an orator. As there is only about one orator to every million of people, how we ought to prize this one we have obtained so reasonable. Just think what the old gent—beg pardon, the eminent Mr. Cliffe is losing by standing around the silver metropolis. He could make a Klondike barrel of money by joining brains with Windy Young, of Slocan City in the selling of patent medicines on the streets. Their combined eloquence should make everybody dig up or lose their breath.

Mr. Cliffe, it is plainly seen from his own paper, is a man capable of of advising the ignorant people of this city upon all matters of state. He has the ability to discover facts that common people cannot see. It will be remembered by his subscriber that last summer his journal was the first to discover that the duty had been taken off of lead going into the United States and that in consequence the Slocan would boom.

Now that we have this tuft-hunter and great genius in our midst we should do something for him. The office of poundkeeper is probably filled, but the Council might find him a job as inspector of hay and other farm products around the market when it is built.

We trust for the instruction of the plebeian people of Sandon, and the low-grade PAYSTREAK writers that the clever Mr. Cliffe will tell us more about the great people he has hobnobbed with, and how they liked the bright rays of wisdom he shed round them. He might also tell us of the great love and admiration the eastern wholesalers have for him.

Robert Canning, the genial proprietor of one of the best hotels in Srndon has gone to Baker City on a business trip.

Monte, Geo. La Duke's old partner, has closed the Palace gin mill and gone to the land of gold and fresh ice.

The Lead Industry.

At the present time the lead mining and smelting of Canada is under great disadvantage by reason of the high protective tariff in the United States. This tariff is extremely burdensome upon the Canadian miner who ships his ore direct as he is forced into that market, and prohibitive when applied to bullion. There is a discrimination in the duty between lead in ore and lead in bullion the object being to force the smelting of foreign ores in the States. It is impossible because of this difference in the tariff between lead in ore and lead in bullion, to profitably mine and smelt Canada's low grade ores, as under present conditions the lead must go to United States markets. Lead miners in the States are profitably working mines from 15 to 30 per cent. lower in grade than those which in B. C., under present conditions, must lie idle. Kootenay has the highest grade lead mines in the world, yet the lead product of its finest ores, owing to being forced into a hostile market fall short of paying the freight, smelter and duty charges Were it not for the silver with the lead the mines could not be worked at all. The home market is not for us owing to a low Canadian import duty on lead and its products, which admits them comparatively free. The United States duty on lead, in bullion, pig and the principal lead products averages four times more than that of Canada. Canada gets her supply chiefly from Mexico and the United States, and will not consume the product of her own lead mines until her lead miners and lead smelters are placed on an equality with those of the States; until the cheap leads of Mexico are shut out by a similar tariff. The lead miners are very prosperous across the line just now because the tariff protects them. Canada should follow the example set by her neighbors.

Three years ago the Dominion government tried to foster the industry of smelting by offering a bonus of $150,000 to be paid at the rate of $30,000 per year with a maximum of 50 cents a ton upon all ores smelted in Canada. This was ineffective. The Pilot Bay smelter made a short run, shut down, and will not start again under existing conditions. A lead stack at the Nelson smelter remains idle and no lead ores are touched at Trail.

The only solution of the trouble lies in following the example of the United States by raising the duty to their standard. This would preserve the Canadian market for Canadian lead, and bring into existence home smelters, factories, refineries and corroding works, and give work to thousands of people in Canada.

The problem of lead smelting in Canada can only be solved by a prohibitive duty on lead in all its many forms. Canada can never have a lead smelter until foreign lead is entirely shut out and the home market made available for the lead people of this great Dominion.

Can Canada consume the product of her lead mines? The consumption of lead in all its forms is about 25,000 tons a year. The lead output of Canada in 1897 was about 18,000 tons or 7,000 tons short the consumption.

The effect of such a measure would be, to greatly stimulate lead mining in Canada, as it would then be possible to work at a profit mines that are worthless today. Large manufacturing concerns would be brought into existence which would be able to sell lead products in Europe as well as in Canada.

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That Railway Deal.

Messrs. Mann and Mackenzie seem to have made a very satisfactory contract with the government to build the Stickeen railway—satisfactory to Messrs. Mann and Mackenzie—but how it will strike the people of Canada remains to be seen. The newspapers of the Dominion will have a great deal to do with forming public opinion, favorable or otherwise, on this as on all other matters, and it is their duty to see that the facts are published irrespective of which party is shown to have the better of the bargain. If the government has made a contract, as Mr. Blair maintains, that is of great advantage to the people, without sacrificing a cent of money, they should be credited for their shrewedness in doing something heretofore unheard of in the annals of governmental dealings with railways. If, on the other hand, it is shown that Mr. Blair has given Mann and Mackenzie twenty five thousand acres of land per mile to construct a road that only costs five or six thousand dollars per mile, the people are entitled to know it, and it is the business of the press to make the facts public. We think that Mann and Mackenzie, as usual, have made a nice thing out of it. Possibly some members of the government have a finger in the pie. We don't say they have, but possibly they have; such things have happened. And we don't know why the government was under any necessity of giving away this railroad, anyway. Why the government, now as always in the prst, should feel that it was in duty bound to make contractors and promotors a handsome present every time a railroad is projected is more than we can understand. This particular deal is enveloped in political mist at present, just as such deals always are, in order that the people may not be able to get at the truth too readily, but from what we can learn Mann and Mackenzie are getting loud subsidies valued at a low estimate at $25,000 per mile for building a railway that will not cost more than $10,000 per mile at most. We do not pretend to have the ability of a minister of finance, nor a minister of railways and canals, but to the "common feller" this looks very much as if Mann and Mackenzie were not only receiving gratis the only railway that can penetrate the Youkon country for five years, but in addition are getting $15,000 per mile, or approximately, $2,000,000. As an additional present for being kind enough to accept the first, Mann and Mackenzie in order to construct this road must first finance the scheme. This means going to London and bonding the land for probably 75c. or $1 per acre. This they will have no trouble in doing, as the land they are receiving is probably the richest in the Dominion and if there is never a cent's worth of mineral taken out of the country the timber alone will more than pay them for every cent put into the railway.

Why the government did not borrow a couple of million dollars and build the road itself and thus save the $5,000,000 is one of the things it takes a minister of railways to explain. The claim that the road will cost $30,000 a mile, which the government organs wish to impress upon the people is only a plain untruth. Mr. Duchesney, a man whose knowledge of railway construction is not excelled in Canada, and, by the way, who is the only engineer who has gone over the proposed route, said when he returned from his trip "that there were practically no difficulties to overcome."

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Ivanhoe,	Blue Bird,
Best,	Ruby Silver,
Lucky Jim,	London Group,
Reed and Tenderfoot,	Galena Farm,
Howard Fraction,	Montezuma,
Silver Bear,	Phœnix,
Chapleau,	Molly Hughes,
Red Fox,	Black Fox,
Texas,	Ibex,
Sunset,	Charleston,
Nonpareil,	Cordelia,
Silver Bell,	Noonday,
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