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THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK II. SANDON AND CODY, SEPT. 3, 1898. CHAPTER 50

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Conductor Crawford is visiting his brother, Ald. Crawford.

The hose reel team has taken to practicing in the day time.

Tom Claire will raffle his Silverton hotel some time in October.

Good progress is being made on the new C. P. R. station building.

Nellie Grist, one of Kaslo's Comique women died in that city last Sunday.

R. M. Covington has purchased the Bryan hotel from Ira W. Black.

Bill Sudro is building a barn on Cody avenue to keep his trotting stock in.

Fred Bailey returned Sunday last from a season's prospecting in the Lardeau.

It is rumored round that A. David is training for the middle-weight championship.

The rain on Monday night was more welcome in the Slocan than the flowers in May.

A. W. McCune, accompanied by Miss Jack McCune and Marcus McCune, is in Spokane.

Some fine samples of ore from the Silver Dollar in the Lardeau can be seen at the Ivanhoe hotel.

Boron N. White, who has been spending a few days at the mine, returned to Spokane yesterday.

The Slocan Sun has quit shining in Kaslo. The plant will likely be moved to the Boundary country.

Several Sandonites have returned from Brooklyn evidently satisfied that there is no place like home.

W. L. Hoge and F. E. Sargent of Anaconda and J. V. Long of Butte, owners in the Payne are in Spokane.

Captain Adams is quite an amateur photographer, and has taken several good views in Sandon this week.

Mr. Jorand has charge of M. L. Grimmett's business during the absence of that gentleman on his honeymoon.

H. B. Alexander is improving slowly at the New Denver hospital. It will be a month before he will be able to be out.

J. A. McDonald has returned from the Stickine river and will again take his former position on the steamer Slocan as purser.

Jim Vallance got married in Hamilton on Wednesday. He will return to Sandon with his bride about the end of the month.

A change of time was effected on the K. & S. on Sept. 1st, by which the passenger train now arrives at 10:45 and leaves at 1:15.

Lawyer Christie is spending a vacation in California. Mr. Jorand, of New Denver, has charge of his business during his absence.

The rate from Sandon to the Spokane Fruit Fair this year is $11.50. Tickets will be sold at the K. & S. depot good from Oct. 4th to 15th.

A case of assault was brought before the beak but was dismissed without costs. No evidence was brought forward to sustain the charge.

The government has refused to aid the Queen Bess road. The C. P. R. is responsible for this action. Now watch the K. & S. build into the Idaho basin.

The Home Missionary society of the Methodist Church is going to serve refreshments and cold lunch in one of the stores of the Virginia block on Labor Day.

The C. P. R. surveyors have completed their work between Three Forks and Whitewater and left for Vancouver this week. It now only remains to be seen whether the big company means business or is just bluffing.

On Saturday last Messrs. Lilly, McArthur, Cliffe, Sandilands and W. H. Brandon were appointed delegates to attend the Conservative convention in Vancouver this week. C. Cliffe departed on Thursday to represent the delegation in the Terminal City.

Mr. Papworth, of Kaslo, will visit the Slocan district in a few days for the purpose of collecting samples of ore for the fair to be held in New Westminster this fall. The samples will later on be placed on exhibition in London, England.

Jack Cadden, engineer on the 404, was attacked and seriously cut by a drunken Dago at Nakusp the other day. This class of creatures is becoming uncomfortably prevalent in many parts of B. C. and it will take a liberal application of Canadian justice to teach them that the Mafia is not very highly regarded in these parts.

G. O. Buchanan visited Sandon on Wednesday and conferred with several mine owners regarding the memorial gotten up by the Kaslo Board of Trade to be presented to the Quebec Conference. J. B. McArthur has been deputated to represent the interests of Kaslo and Rossland. The mine owners endorsed the memorial as regards the tariff regulations on silver-lead ore.

SLOCAN MINES.

A small force is at work on the Washington.

The Queen Bess will occupy their new buildings shortly.

The Big Horn group on Spring Creek has been surveyed for a patent.

Excavating will be commenced for the new buildings at the Last Chance next week.

Work was commenced on the Corinth this week. A tunnel is being run by contract.

The Ivanhoe miners are now occupying the new buildings, which are models of neatness and comfort.

The Whitewater mill will be in the early part of October, when heavy shipments will be commenced.

St. Keverne Re-organization.

The board of directors of the St. Keverne Mining Company has decided upon a plan of re-organization which at the same time insures the continuous working of that property and its thorough development. The new board proposes that the company give to John A. Finch a bond on its property for $20 000 for 18 months. The principal conditions of this bond are that the grantee shall do continuous work upon the property, free of expense to the company, and shall in turn offer each and every stockholder an interest in said bond equal to the amount of such stockholders present holdings of the company's stock. The assignment of such interest shall carry a clause binding the assignee to pay such assessments as Mr. Finch may from time to time find it necessary to levy to carry on the work, it being understood that the same shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half a cent a share per quarter.

This plan provides a working capital of $30,000 during the life of the bond. Mr. Finch, it is understood, stands ready to take the place of any stock holder who falls out, so that the success of the plan is practically assured. It is also said that a deal will be cocluded in a few days by which J. D. Farrel will sell all his interest in the St. Keverne, 124,000 shares and all his interest in the Reciprocity, 122,000 shares to parties represented by Sidney Norman. The scheme comes up to be ratified by the stockholders at a special general meeting on Sept. 14. Sid Norman will have charge of the property with head quarters at Sandon. He will be advised as to general plans of work by George Aylard, superintendant of the Enterprise and the New Denver agent of Finch & Campbell.—Kootenaian.

The Jackson Mines.

The steam hoist at the Jackson mines has been put in position and three shifts are sinking on the shaft, at the bottom of which there is a good showing of ore. The mill is nearly completed and may start running some time this month.

The Violet Group.

The Violet group of four claims, the Jeanette, Minne-Ha-Ha, Evening and Violet is being surveyed for Crown grant. George Clark will start a gang of men to work building a camp and running tunnel on the Violet, where considerable work will be done. The property, which adjoins the Wonderful, belongs to Pat Burns and is considered a valuable one.

Matrimonial.

M. L. Grimmett was married to Miss Margret Crawford at the residence of Ald. Crawford at 6 a. m. Thursday. G. W. Grimmett was best man, and Misses Crawford and Rawlins bridesmaids. Among the many presents was a piano from the groom to the bride, and a handsome silver tea service from the many Manitoba friends of the groom. The happy couple will spend several weeks in California.

How Al Bartlett likes the Paystreak.

Skagway, Aug. 23th, 1898.

PAYSTREAK,

Sandon, B. C.

I like a Lier But you sute me to well when you say I have never Bin further than Lake Bennet. You can make the best of this. you will find me at Dawson by the first of Sept.

AL BARTLETT.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from July 1st, 1898 to date.

From Sandon.

Payne,	:	3,400 tons.
Ruth,	:	825
Slocan Star,	:	575
Last Chance,	:	280
Sapphire	:	18½
Coin	:	8½
Wonderful Bird	:	1
Soverign	:	20¼
Wonderful	:	8
C M Wilson	:	2

From Concentrator Siding

Idaho Mines,	:	283
Queen Bess,	:	39
Total,	: :	5,340¼ tons

Shipments over the K. & S. for the week ending September 1: Payne 240, Ruth 160, Last Chance 60, Wonderful 6, C. M. Wilson 2.

Over the C. P. R. for the last week in August; Payne, 180 tons, Slocan Star 120.

Total for the week 768.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Presbyterian church—Regular services in Virginia hall morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Church—Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev A. M. Sanford, A. B. Subject for the morning sermon: "Gamaliel's advice"; and of the evening "The Crucifixion and its results."

Special music will be rendered at the evening service as follows;

Anthem: "Oh! how lovely is Zion. Anthem: "Beacon Light." Solo by Mr. Webb. Chorus by full choir.

An item is going the rounds among the scissors editors that there are 140 men at work on the Payne. This is incorrect. The payroll of the big property has never exceeded the even hundred this summer. The Kootenaian is responsible for the misstatement.

Kaslo has appointed a deputation to look after the town on Labor Day. Everyone else is going to move over to Sandon.

The Queen Bess Road.

Nelson, Aug. 28, '98

E. M. Sandilands,

Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that the newly formed government at Victoria declined to consider themselves bound by promises made by their predecessors in office. They especially refuse any assistance, or even promise of assistance towards the building of the new Sandon road, notwithstanding the fact as pointed out to them that, acting on the good faith of the promise we had received, a considerable amount of money had already been expended.

Under these circumstances the Queen Bess company will reluctently have to give up all thought of building the Sandon road this year. I hardly need say that I am very disappointed at this termination, which was totally unexpected. I can only, therefore, thank you and the people of Sandon for the trouble taken in collecting subscriptions and in many other ways assisting the project.

Yours very truly,

C. K. MILBOURNE.

The foregoing letter explains itself. The citizens of Sandon were promised by the Turner government half the cost of the Queen Bess wagon road. The present government, when approached upon the subject by Mr. C. K. Milbourne, president of the Queen Bess company, flatly refuse any assistance or promise of assistance whatever.

The Queen Bess road was designed to give easy access to the Idaho basin, one of the richest mineral districts in the province. At present it has no satisfactory means of transportation. From most of the properties the cost of shipping ore comes very high. From a number of claims it is practically impossible to ship, and they will no doubt lie idle until such time as a good wagon road is built.

Viewed in the light of a business proposition, the Queen Bess road would seem to be a first class investment on the part of the Provincial government. The cost of the road to the government would, as has before been pointed out in this journal, be not over $4,000. The Provincial treasury receives in taxes one per cent of smelter returns. Considering $100 an average value per ton—and the estimate is conservative for the ore of this district—when the output of the Idaho basin was increased 4,000 tons by the better facilities which a good wagon road would afford the government would be even on its investment. Whatever was collected after this would be clear profit to the people of British Columdia.

There is nothing extravagant about this reasoning. The Payne alone has shipped over 3,000 tons in the last sixty days. During the past year it has shipped over 13,000 tons. There is reason to believe that had the Payne been at the same disadvantage as some of the Idaho basin properties its value would never have been known. There are many other individual properties in the Slocan which have during their existence paid into the Provincial treasury several times the amount that this road would cost; and there is no reason to doubt that equally as good properties exist in the Idaho basin, lacking only transportation facilities.

This road has already cost several of the citizens of Sandon considerable in time and money. The Queen Bess people have gone to a large expense in anticipation of the benefits that were to accrue from its construction. The large amounts which several Sandon business men subscribed is a fair criterion of the benefits which this road would be to the community. There are two hundred men at work in the Idaho basin now, but this is not a circumstance to the number that might be employed under more favorable conditions.

Rumors have been persistently in circulation that the C. P. R. was making offers and promises of tramways to the Idaho basin and was using every influence in its power to prevent the construction of a wagon road to Sandon which would break the company's monopoly on the bulk of the ore shipped from Three Forks. It is a patent fact that Joe Martin has been sold out body and soul to the great corporation since the first day he entered Canadian politics.

Are we to credit the refusal of aid to this meritorious undertaking to political spleen on the part of our "worthy" representatives, or is it the work of the Italian hand of the great corporation of which Canadians are made slaves. It most certainly cannot be due to sound reasoning or good business ability.

Misleading Reports.

Investigation of Perry Creek by Mr. Farrell, the well-known Spokane mining man, go to show that previous reports on that district have been of a decidedly misleading character. The reports on Perry Creek were based on mill tests of various claims, a mill being supplied for this purpose by Montreal capitalists. The mill was handled by men ignorant of their work with the result that barely traces were saved from the quartz crushed, but on examination of the tailings and waste around the mill, it was found to carry large values in gold and a rough estimate shows that the quartz put through the mill must have been decidedly rich. This, together with the favorable reports of several mining experts who have visited the Fort Steele district in the interests of their companies and who all speak well of Perry creek, looks well for the future of this portion of the district as a milling camp.

Mining Institute Meeting.

The next meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute will be held in Nelson during the first week of October. Thus far the following have arranged to read papers: W. Blakemore, Crow's Nest Coal Company, Coal Creek; Wm. Braden, Pilot Bay; J. C. Gwillim, Slocan City; P. Perry Leake, Revelstoke; J. L. Parker, Rossland; O. E. S. Whiteside, Anthracite, and H. A. Guess, Keewatin, Ont.

The Sandon Hand Laundry and Bath House has recently added a set of steam fixtures, giving it the complete equipment of a steam laundry. Work called for and delivered promptly as promised. Best bath rooms in the city.

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PREMIER TURNER'S DISMISSAL.

The full text of the correspondence relating to the dismissal of the Turner government by Lieutenant-Governor McInnis has been published in an extra issue of the British Columbia Gazette. The following is the letter of dismissal, written by His Honor of the 8th of August. He referred to his letter of July 14th, and said:

"Since writing that letter, however, the representations made by yourself and colleagues, and hereafter referred to in regard to the expenditure of various sums of money, have influenced me to the extent that I shall not longer await the return of the Cassiar writs before acting on what I consider the verdict of the electorate, as it may be that further delay in calling in a ministry in whom I would have full confidence, would prejudicially affect the interests of the Province. It was recommended by the honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and urged upon me by yourself and the honorable, the Attorney-General, that the moneys voted for roads, bridges, school-houses, etc., should forthwith be expended in Vernon, Cowichan, Cariboo and Kamloops, and warrants have been sent up for my approval, covering in some instances, nearly the whole amounts voted for the said localities. On the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner, also, I have been asked to approve of a special warrant for a considerable sum for the Nelson court house, additional to the sums already voted for that building. The executive council advised me to approve a minute authorizing yourself and the honorable Attorney-General to execute forthwith a contract, on behalf of the government, granting a subsidy to the Columbia and Western Railway Company. And in a conference had on the 2nd instant with yourself, the honorable Attorney-General, and the honorable, the Provincial Secretary, the necessity of at once placing a large sum at the disposal of the government agent in the Cassiar district for the building of trails and roads through that district and for the assistance and relief of a large number of men in that district who could be employed in such work was urged upon me; and it was strongly contended that to withhold that sum now would be to retard the exploration and development of a rich mining section of the Province. Now, in these cases, as you are aware, and in others not mentioned, I have withheld my approval, as I considered them outside of routine business, and in none of them could I see that a delay of a few weeks would make any material difference to the localities concerned, or to the Province at large. And, in a few other cases, not mentioned, I approved of certain expenditure as recommended. But, at the same time I fully realize that my own judgment as to the expediency may be at fault. And I fully realize, also, that this is an exceedingly important period in the development of the Province, and that lack of proper expenditure in certain localities might indeed retard that development. Consequently, impressed as I am with a deep sense of my responsibility to the Crown, and my duty to the people of the Province, and convinced that yourself and colleagues are no longer endorsed by the electorate, and have not the confidence of the legislative assembly, I have decided to no longer delay in calling for other advisers. For, as I would not feel justified in granting you another dissolution and appeal to the electorate, and as, after a careful study of the situation I am convinced that you could not command a majority in the assembly, I shall not put the Province to the delay or to the expense of a special session of the legislature, merely for the purpose of formally demonstrating what has been already sufficiently demonstrated to me by the general elections. I deem it my duty, therefore, to ask, and I do hereby ask, that yourself and your colleagues hand in your resignations as advisers to me, and as members of my executive council."

Mr. Turner in his reply, after reciting the main facts of the letters given above, continues:

"Your honor, however, proceeds to inform me that, as your own judgment in these matters may be at fault and being convinced that I and my colleagues are no longer 'endorsed by the electorate,' you have decided to no longer delay calling for other advisers: and your honor concludes by asking that I and my colleagues hand in our resignations as advisers to you and as members of your executive council.

This communication was received by me at the hour of 12 by the clock, on the 8th day of August. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day Mr. Beaven, a defeated candidate in the general elections not yet concluded, was announcing that he had been sent for by your honor to form a government, and the evening paper the Daily Times, made a similar announcement. It is impossible for me to assume that Mr. Beaven or the paper mentioned were justified in making such statements. Nevertheless, the fact that they were made may become important in connection with the responsibility your honor proposes to undertake."

Mr Turner then recounts the acts o. the government sanctioned by his honor since the 14th day of July, and proceeds:

"On Monday, July 18th, 1898, Mr. T. R. E. McInnes, your honor's private secretary, called on me at my office in the treasury. He spoke of the letter of July 12th from the Lieutenant-Governor to me, in which the Governor gives his reasons for not signing Fauquier's appointment, etc. He (the private secretary) said that he had written that letter. He said that your honor considered that the result of the elections generally was against the government and therefore no appointments should be made and no special warrants drawn. He then went on to say that there was a method by which I could secure a stronger government; that, owing to the fact that some parties had taken a very active part against the government in the late elections, being now somewhat nervous about the position of real affairs in the Province, particularly with respect to the preponderance of mainland influence and the consequent danger of the rights of the island being neglected, they, or he, had arrived at the opinion that it would be well to back me up by support from some of the members who had been elected to support the opposition, and he desired to let me know that his brother, W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., could carry out an arrangement of that kind. He (W. W. B. McInnes) was prepared to resign his seat in the Commons and enter into local politics. He was really a friend of mine, and fully supported most of my policy, more particularly that of railways, agriculture and finance. He would, however, want a seat in the cabinet, and if I were inclined to give him that he was quite sure he could bring over two of the present opposition island members to my support in addition to his own. This would give me, in the event of Cassiar being favorable to my government, at least 21 or 22 government supporters, and I should, he thought, have little difficulty in getting over one or two more, thus securing a good working majority. A few days after Mr. W. W. B. McInnes called at my office and discussed the situation on the lines suggested by his brother, your honor's private secretary, and confirmed the statements made by the latter. Mr. W. W. B. McInnes subsequently had other interviews with me on the same subject in my office, and negotiations have practically continued until the present time. Your honor will observe that such representations from such a quarter necessarily require serious consideration on the part of the government and I was surprised to receive your honor's letter inasmuch as it placed an entirely new complexion on the whole situation."

Mr. Turner then deals at length with constitutional authorities and precedents and concludes: "Under these circumstances, while neither my colleagues nor I personally desire to hold office contrary to the wish of the people, we feel bound, in the interest of constitutional and parlimentary government, to claim the right to await their verdict at the hands of their representatives duly elected and in parliament assembled. We, moreover, respectfully question the course your honor has chosen to adopt before the general elections are concluded, and while the legality of so large a number of the elections already over is challenged in the courts of this Province. Under these circumstances I feel it my duty to ask your honor to reconsider the communication addressed to me on the 8th of this month."

On the 12th of August the Lieutenant-Governor wrote to Mr. Charles A. Semlin, calling on him to take up the task of forming an administration abandoned by Mr Beaven and thus explaining his previous action.

"But, as on the best information I could obtain it was made to appear to me that there was no recognized leader of the party since the general elections of the 9th ultimo, it being divided into two factions, supporting the claims respectively of yourself and Mr. Martin to the leadership, and having in view Mr. Beaven's former leadership of the said party; his long and distinguished services to the Province, and his great and widely recognized ability as a financier, so much needed in the political financial condition of the Province, I sent for him on the 5th instant for advice as to the political situation and the chances of his being able to reconcile the rival—or supposed rival—factions of the ascendant party and to form a ministry acceptable to it. As a result of that interview the subsequent action of calling upon him on the 8th instant was taken. Since then I have had an interview with Mr. Martin, and he assures me that I was quite misinformed; that no division exists in the ascendant party, and that he looks to you as the leader of it. Mr. Beaven has made a similar report to me, to the effect that Mr. Martin looks to you as the recognized leader. Under these circumstances, accordingly, there no longer exists the advisability that at first appeared, on the facts reported to me, of calling upon the old leader to assume the task of forming a ministry and reconciling factions. I have the honor, therefore, of calling upon yourself, as the now admitted leader of the ascendant party to act as chief adviser to the representative of the crown and to form a new ministry."

GREEN BANKS OF A RIVER.

Green banks of a river, an' takin' of my ease—
Fur-off sounds of cattle bells—honey-huntin' bees,
An' blossoms drappin' roun' you when the wind creeps through the trees—
Green banks of a river—do jest as you please—
Friend to all the singin' birds and brother to the breeze.
No bullets whizzin' round me—no forts to shell an' seize—
Green banks of a river, an' takin' of my ease.
Green banks of a river; clover to your knees
In medders cool with shadders—the blossoms an' the bees—
The singin' of the mockin' birds—the "howdy" of the trees—
Green banks of a river, an' takin' of my easy.

—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs Gossipel—So young Mr. Benedict has taken a wife. Dear me, and only 24. What could have induced him to take such a course?

Mrs. Gossiper—My dear, I fancy it runs in the blood. I hear that his father and mother before him were married.

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SANDON, B. C., SEPTEMBER 3, 1898

DANGEROUS OCCUPATION.

MINING is a dangerous occupation and should be well paid. Scarcely a day passes in Kootenay but we read of some miner being hurt or killed. Talking about this the other day a miner said to us: "You bet, it is risky working under ground. In Colorado one time I had a contract sinking an incline shaft. My partner and I were busy pounding the drill when the cable attached to the skip broke, and we could hear it running down the shaft at a terrific speed. I thought it was all up with us and the cold chills chased each other down my back in a hasty manner. As luck would have it the skip got jammed in the timbers about 20 feet above us. The accident shut off the pump and the water began to rise upon us. We kept climbing to the best of our ability until we got underneath the skip when the boys on the other side got us out. I only had three feet more of my contract to run, but I hired another man to do my share of the work, and for many a day I kept away from mining. I shall never forget the terror that animated my frame until the timbers caught the skip and saved our lives."

THE Crow's Nest Railway should have been built without a money bonus from Canada. The coal lands should have been more than enough to have paid the C.P.R. to build the line. The following from the Toronto Mail throws some light on subject:

Soon after the Laurier Government took office, the Toronto Globe began a heated campaign looking to the granting of a subsidy for the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Now there has come to hand the report of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, of which the Globe directors are also directors. According to this report, the Globe secured an interest in a local charter for a road through the Pass. The Globe then advocated the building of a railway by the Canadian Pacific. The Government having been induced to give the $3,630,000 Federal subsidy, the Globe people sold their rights to the Canadian Pacific Railway for $85,000 cash, reserving coal lands estimated at $1,415,000.

THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE.

LAST week at Ottawa was witnessed the opening of what is believed will be the most important conference that has ever taken place between the United States and Canada. A despatch from London states that keen interest has been excited in government circles there by telegrams stating that the United States delegates will refuse to proceed with the Quebec conference unless Canada foregoes the British preferential tariff. The opinion is firmly expressed that whatever the finality Canada has gone too far on pro British lines to yield on this vital point.

There is no probability that the United States delegates will make any such demand. Most of the questions which are to come before the commission are questions which, in the interest of both countries, ought to be settled for all time to come. The bonding question between the two countries will come up; also the Alaskan boundary will have to be defined. The alien labor question, which has caused such severe criticism during the past year, must be settled; the Atlantic fisheries question will be considered; also the question of Canada's proprietary rights in the seals of Behring sea. But the trade question is the most important and will be the most difficult of settlement. We doubt if any agreement can be reached on this point, for the United States will not likely give Canada any better tariff measures, and unless the manufacturers of Canada are allowed to enter unbound into the market there in competition with their manufacturers they will not be allowed to enter Canada on any more liberal terms than now.

SOME of the mine owners in Colorado are employing negroes at less wages than white miners will work for. By holding out for living wages thousands of people in that state are nearly starving. More than ever it behooves working men to stand together and shut out everything in the shape of scabs. If they do not the day is not far distant when white slavery will be the order of the day, and miners of the great west will not be much better than the Indians who work in the mines of South America for less than 40 cents a day.

THE HOME COMING.

We must get home—for we have been away
So long, it seems forever and a day!
And O, so very homesick we have grown,
The laughter of the world is like a moan
In our tired hearing, and its songs as vain—
We must get home—we must get home again!

We must get home: All is so quiet there;
The touch of loving hands on brow and hair—
Dim rooms, wherein the sunshine is made mild—
The lost love of the mother and the child—
Restored in restful lullabies of rain—
We must get home—we must get home again!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

FIRE FIEND AT ROSEBRY.

A destructive blaze occurred at Rosebery Monday night, resulting from sparks flying from the brush fire close by. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chambers, quite an elderly couple, lost everything they owned in the burned shack and barely escaped with one change of clothing. Mr. Chambers came to Rosebery Saturday to work on the new tug boat being constructed there by the C.P.R., and he had spent Monday putting the house in shape for living. They had brought with them $800 worth of goods, clothing, furnishings, tools, etc., all of which was consumed, together with $200 in cash. It was with difficulty that Mrs. Chambers roused her husband in time to escape the blaze.

MONOPOLY OF CLAIMS.

Republic Pioneer.

J. D. Curtis, a mining man from Denver, came in from the south half this week, after spending two weeks in that section. "I am thoroughly disgusted with the mining laws of this state," he said, "and the sooner they are radically changed the better it will be for the mining business. The law as it stands is the most vicious one on the books. It permits land grabbing, and no railroad company was ever more greedy or grasping than many of the prospectors I have encountered on this trip.

"Go where you may on the south half and at this early date you will find that nearly all the sections, that give any indications of carrying mineral, have been staked. I came across one man who boasted of having 30 claims, another with 27, and another with so many he had to haul out a book and count his holdings. None of these fellows had done a day's work in the way of developing, and one of them had not had an assay made; said he couldn't afford it; and I guess he spoke the truth. These very men, by their own confessions, admitted they did not intend to work any of their claims; they would simply hold them, and see what someone else might develop. One old snoozer put it this way:

"'I hev tree claims up agin one as is bein' prospected by a rich Spokane guy, and I guess he's got a good t'ing. He'll want one ov my claims to dump on, and it'll cost him a few ter git it. Then I've got a water right thet some'ne 'ill need, an' I don't t'ink I'll give it away.'

"Those are the class of men who are a detriment to the mining industry. In Colorado it is necessary to do $100 worth of work on a claim before it can be recorded. And it is an admirable law. It makes a man show his good faith when he makes a location, and it works to the advantage of everybody interested. Instead of every foot of ground being staked off and not a pound of rock or earth disturbed, there is a chance for an energetic man to get in on a claim.

"The Washington law retards progress and stops work. The conscientious prospector is often practically kept out of a district by men who hold dozens of claims simply for speculative purposes. Whatever merit the present law possesses it has been sadly abused."

THE DUDES BEFORE SANTIAGO.

They scoffed when they lined up with Teddy,
They said we were dudes and all that;
They imagined that "Cholly" and "Freddie"
Would faint at the drop of a hat!
But let them look there in the ditches,
Blood-stained by the swells in the van,
And know that a chap may have riches
And still be a man!

They said that we'd wilt under fire,
And run if the foeman said "Boo!"
But a fellow may have a rich sire
And still be a patriot, too!
Look there where we met twice our number,
Where the life-blood of dudes drenched the earth!
The swells who lie in their last slumber
Prove what we were worth!

They laughed when we said we were going,
They scoffed when we answered the call;
We might do at tennis or rowing,
But as warriors!—oh, no—not at all!
Ah, let them look there in the ditches,
Blood-stained by the dudes in the van,
And learn that a chap may have riches
And still be a man!

—Cleveland Leader.

Petroleum Prospects.

Ottawa—Applications have been received at the Department of the Interior to prospect for petroleum in lands in Southern Alberta. It is desirable that the question as to whether petroleum is to be found in paying quantities in the Territories should ascertained. The Minister of Interior has been authorized to reserve for an applicant for six months an area not exceeding 640 acres of land to prospect for petroleum, and if oil is found in paying quantities, to sell the land to applicant at the rate of $1 per acre, with a provision that a royalty of two and one-half per cent upon sales of petroleum be paid to the Crown. This authority is confined to lands south of the Canadian Pacific Railway in America

A number of English capitalists are communicating with the Government, with a view to acquiring possession of the Canadian coal fields, especially those known to exist north of Edmonton and in the basin of the Mackenzie River. If a fair arrangement can be made a heavy investment of British capital is promised

THE people who have rushed into the Klondike in search of a few barrels of yellow dust are beginning to realize that gold is where you find it.

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DONALD MINING DIVISION.

Progress of Mining Operations—A Bird's Eye View of the District.

Less attention has been given by prospectors to the Donald Mining Division than to any other portion of North East Kootenay. Yet the prospects of mineral deposits of value being found there appear to be as good as in any other portion of the Columbia Valley. Promising placer deposits lie unworked on Quartz creek and there have been locations of excellent gold-copper made on Porcupine creek, but as yet no development work has been done, so that practically nothing has been proved regarding these prospects. On Bald mountain there is one of the biggest deposits of gold-bearing quartz in East Kootenay. On Kinbasket lake a galena deposit has been in process of development. Placer gold and platinum have been found in the Bluewater, Cummius creek, at the Wait-a-bit, and at Canoe river. Here, then, is a large area of country showing promising indications at many points, but which is as yet

PRACTICALL UNEXPLORED.

The far north can be reached by a trail known as the Moberly trail running in a north-westerly direction from Donald, and though the trail is in bad shape in many places at the present time the route is an excellent one, being over an easy grade, and with abundance of fodder for pack animals on the way. The first property visited was that located last year by Messrs Moodie and Conner

ON THE DIVIDE

between the Clearwater and Bluewater rivers. From Donald to Fish lake is a distance of 15 miles, by the Moberly trail, which was found in good shape thus far, except for being blocked by windfalls and a few boggy places. The bridge over the Wait-a-bit, damaged two years ago, by high water, has been put in good shape, and thence the trail runs along the river flat to the Columbia, and follows this to a terrace which strikes across to the Bluewater, four miles further on. This river impresses the traveller with the appropriateness of the name as he descends to it from the terrace on which he has been travelling, especially as he contrasts it with the Blackwater, which joins it a little below the bridge. The Bluewater is crossed by a good trail bridge, and then the trail follows the Blackwater for the next six miles to Fish lake. Four miles from the Bluewater bridge is the favorite luncheon ground of travellers, where the trail

CROSSES THE BLACKWATER,

along which stream is abundance of feed for horses. At Fish lake a trail turning to the right takes the traveller on on the route to the Clearwater mine This side trail is a terror at the point where it goes down to the lake, for the grade here is steep enough to make an exciting toboggan slide. It is certainly too steep for horses. The Clearwater is again crossed at the foot of the terrace, where the pretty lake known as Fish lake breaks into view. At the lake is a capital camping place and plenty of feed for horses, but what with mosquitoes and black flies it is not always the best of places to camp for the night. A fair trail leads from the lake to

THE CLEARWATER RIVER,

a distance of about four miles. Here the toughest part of the trip begins. A new trail has been made from the Clearwater to the mine, and a great deal of work has been put upon it, the Government subsidized it to the extent of $400. A better route could certainly have been got, for the first part of the trail consists in a sudden ascent from the creek, which makes hard climbing for both man and horse, and the route will have to be altered if any considerable amount of packing has to be done to and from the mine. Two miles over a rough, rocky river channel brings the traveller to the camp established by A. A. Knowlton, the gentleman who bonded the property and is working it at the present time. The

LOCATION OF THE MINE.

is on the summit of the divide between the Bluewater and Clearwater rivers, 7,100 feet above sea level The property includes three claims, Little Brother owned by J. W. Conner, Mowgli by H. R. Moodie, and Akela by Dr. Taylor. A trail of some 13 sigzags has been made up the steep mountain side to where the mineral bearing veins outcrop on the summit The history of the discovery dates back to some four years ago when some Indians told J. W. Conner of the deposit. He went out to see it but owing to the roughness of the country he did not stake the ground at the time. Samples brought in, however, gave assays of between $300 and $100, and last year Messrs. Conner and Moodie went out and located the ground H. C. Hammond, of Toronto, was so much impressed with the samples of ore shown him, that he went out and saw the property He returned with a magnificent lot of ore, which on assay went over $300 in gold, silver, and copper. He then

TOOK A BOND

on the property and sent Professor Hardman, of Montreal, to inspect the ground. The Professor, although impressed with the richness of the ore, reckoned that from the inaccessibility of the location, it would be a doubtful proposition, and on his advice the bond was abandoned by Mr. Hammond. Last year Knowlton took a working bond on the property, and recently started work on it He had an assay made on the ore in Montreal, when the result showed a value of something like $850 to the ton On his return from the east this season Knowlton decided to start work on the property and got in as soon as the ground was clear of snow.

THE DEPOSIT IS A PUZZLE.

It occurs at discovery in stringers traversing a porphyry dyke. This dyke is about 50 feet wide rising between slate and serpentine and there are about a dozen of these stringers running the width of the dyke. These stringers run from two to 24 inches in thickness, and from two to 10 feet apart They all carry ore which is in the form of galena on the surface and grey copper lower down, both ores being very high grade. The country rock on both sides of the porphyry dyke is so badly broken up that a tunnel was started with a view to cutting through the stringers but it was impossible to keep the roof up for getting timbers in, and the tunnel had to be abandoned at that point. There is no appearance here of a defined lead immediately connecting with these stringers, though in the valley beneath, some 1,000 or 1,500 feet below

THERE IS A LEAD

traceable through the glacial basin, with a strike of N 50 W, and the line of which cuts right into the porphyry dyke at right angles to the lead. This dyke runs east and west with a dip of 55° to the south. There is therefore every probability that the lead will be struck as the work deepens. This theory is strengthened by the fact that the ore in the stringers all lies on the footwall, and extends but a short distance in from the footwall of the porphyry dyke. The richness of the ore found in the stringers gives

HOPE OF SECURING GOOD RESULTS

in the main lead when that is found. Already half a ton of this rich ore has been taken out, and it is Knowlton's intention to send some of it to McGill College, at Montreal, for a thorough sampling. Several open cuts have been made into these stringers, one of these cuts being 17 feet long and eight feet deep, and another 15 feet long and 10 feet deep. The quartz is a white crystalization peculiar to the whole of the Bluewater Basin of the Donald Mining Division. Slate and porphyry are sometimes mixed with the quartz, and the lead in valley shows strong exudations of talc. Mr. Knowlton has opened up the lead in the valley to some extent and finds that

IT IS ALSO MINERALIZED

showing a fine quality of galena on the surface, but of course no work has been done on it to prove the extent or value of the mineralization. A tunnel has now been opened on the camp side of the divide on which the claims are located, and it is intended to drive this under the outcrop of the stringers This work will prove the extent of the mineralization to a certain depth, and will serve to show whether it is of a permanent character. The work should also prove the existence of the lead at that point and whether its mineralization corresponds with the splendid showing in the stringers. A great difficulty in tunneling at this point is the trouble in getting in timber, as it is some distance away, and has to be hauled some 1,400 feet up a steep incline. On the other hand the steepness of the mountain is a great assistance in proving the ground, as it gives so much depth for every foot of tunnel driven.—Golden Era.

THE KOOTENAY RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The introduction of promising railway undertakings is a pleasant variation to doubtful mining schemes, and this company has been formed to acquire and amalgamate the Kaslo & Slocan Railway and the International Navigation and Trading Company (which owns a fleet of steamers on Kootenay Lake which have hitherto been the connecting link between the Kaslo & Slocan Railway and the town of Nelson), and in addition to acquire the charter of the Bedlington and Nelson Railroad Company. The capital consists of £500,000, in ordinary shares of £100 each, none of which are offered to the public, the present issue being of £480,000 five per cent. debentures, which are offered at par.

As the net profit on the Kaslo & Slocan Railway for 1897 amounted to $93,000, and the Navigation Company showed $26,000, the interest on the debenture issue, amounting to $116,400, is easily provided for. The profits made by both undertakings have shown a marked increase with every half year, and so much greater activity is reported from the Slocan silver mines, that there should be a substantial balance at the end of this year on the working of the present systems sufficient to pay a fair dividend on the shares. The acquisition of the Bedlington charter is of great importance to the company. By this charter a line of about 58 miles in length will be built from the southern extremity of Kootenay lake to the international boundary, where it will connect by means of branches with both the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railway systems. It is practically certain that the Government will never again grant a charter to a company which enable it to connect with American roads Without this charter Kootenay would practically have been helpless in the hands of the C.P.R. It will now enjoy the advantages of competition, and when Sir William Van Horne and "Jim" Hill commence bidding for freight, rates will get down to a fair working basis.

It is impossible to over-estimate the advantages which will accrue to Southern B.C. through this amalgamation. The already large shipments from the Slocan mines will be increased, as the haulage to the smelters at Pueblo and Everett being considerably shortened the rates will be correspondingly decreased and lower-grade ore can be shipped. It is a wonderful testimony to the high value of these silver-lead ores that they have been able to pay a good profit—in many cases £10 a ton—to the mine owners when sent to the smelters by so costly and circuitous a route.

Although the owners of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway possess half the shares of the company, the preponderating interest will remain with the English debenture-holders, so no uneasiness need be felt on this score. We further learn that the chief engineer of the Great Northern will be allowed to superintend the construction of the new road, and the thoroughly good understanding which appears to exist between this company and the systems controlled by Mr. "Jim" Hill shows that at the eleventh hour Kootenay is to be saved from the curse of railway monopoly.—B.C. Review, London.

Parson Belcher—It hab been siggested, Brudder Warts, dat Brudder Brown relieve yo' ob de duties ob passin' de plate.

Brother Warts—I hopes dey ain't no suspicious ob mah honesty?

Parson Belcher—No, Bruddah; but as yo' am a shoemaker by trade, an' hab mo' or less shoemaker's wax on yo' fingahs, de vestry ob dis chu'ch am affeered dat mo' or less nickels mought stick to 'em by accident—dat's why, sah.

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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.

AUG 23—Pauline G. McGuigan, Samuel Gintzburger.

St Lawrence, relocation of Owl, D K McDonald.

AUG 24—Bonton, Four Mile, C B Harding.

Binghamton, same, S J Harding.

Rena B, second south fork Eight Mile, Joseph Brandon.

B and B, between Eight and Ten Mile, Joseph Brandon, Frank L Byron.

Lillie, second north forth Eight Mile, Frank L Byron.

AUG 25—Edinburgh, Alamo basin, P D Ahier.

O K, north fork Eight Mile, Gus Kruger.

Commander Extension, Eight Mile, Frank L Byron.

Carrie Grace, Rosebery, Walter Smith.

AUG 26—New Phoenix, Three Forks, Arthur Mullen.

Arthur Fraction, Monitor hill, A O Ostby, Arthur Mullen.

Boxer, McGuigan basin, Donald Sullivan.

Gopher Fractional, Mowich slide, V H Behne, H Niven.

Coin Fraction, south fork Carpenter, H J Warner.

Saddle Rock, Galena Farm, Edward Stewart.

United Fractional, same Edward Stewart.

AUG 29—Maple, Slocan Lake, Isidore Beauper.

Imperal, Eight Mile, Amos Thompson

Repeater, same, J V Purviance.

Estella, Silver mountain, M E Brandon.

ASSESSMENTS.

AUG 23—Rincon.

AUG 24—Caledonia.

AUG 25—Hoodoo Fraction, Deloraine, Boulder No 2, Neglected.

AUG 26—Los Vegas No 2, Payday.

AUG 29—Prom, Grip, Stemwinder, Silver Band, Croydon Fraction, Twyford.

AUG 30—R A M, A E, Snowstorm, Bosphorus, Gibralter, Humphrey.

TRANSFERS.

AUG 23—Mountain Scenery ½, Cuba ½, Joseph Butler to Harry Sherrán, Aug 22, $50.

Notice of dispensation of all representation of all interest held by F W Murphy, deceased.

AUG 24—Smoky Falls, Amazon, ½ in each, T Leo Peel to Fred Soutar.

Mocking Bird ¾, Medium ½, E W Nettleton to Donald McGillivray, Sept 16, $3,600.

Robin Fraction, R A Hilton to McIvor McIvor-Campbell, July 14.

Daybreak, Defender, Miantonamah ⅔, Corinth ⅔, Wild Goose ½, Mocking Bird ½, Comet, Bloomer, Albert Behne, Jas Gilhooly and A J Murphy to Donald McGillivray, Sept 14, 1898, $20,000.

All of same claims, Donald McGillivray to McIvor McIvor-Campbell, March 17, 1897.

AUG 27—Coin Fraction, Gustavus Faundrey to Chas M Wilson, Aug 26, $600.

AUG 29—Mammoth, Anthony McGinty to Jas McKiernan, June 17

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

AUG 19—Oh My, Alex Ferguson; Peremeli, F G Marcoux.

AUG 20—Winfrid Alberta, John Campbell, A H McMillan; Clara, Frank Romeo; Crescent, J T Beauchesne.

AUG 22—Ponce, H G Aitchison; Canadian Mutual, Chas Ward; B C Fractional, Blair Carter; Duplex, Geo Soucey.

AUG 23—St Lawrence, C L Copp, A Wilds, H Sait; Asphodel, Hugh Nelson.

AUG 24—Lakeside, F A Wells; Quo Vadis, Richard George; Treasure Deep, R C Graham; Jubilee, Otto Marstrand.

AUG 25—Queen, Jos Bean, Jno Gutherie; Ida, J B Thompson, E B Dunlop.

ASSESSMENTS.

AUG 19—Montpelier, Liberty, Black Bess.

AUG 20—Black Fel.

AUG 22—Alaska, Alaska No 1, Great Divide, Blanfield.

AUG 23—Cosmos, Highland Lassie, Bondsmen.

AUG 24—Bosworth, Dorset.

AUG 25—Chilleat, Dolphin.

TRANSFERS.

AUG 20—First Lake ½, Jas McCorthy to John A Foley.

Same ½, same to same and Jas Roach.

AUG 23—St Lawrence ½, Henry Sait, L C Copp and Albert Wilds to J C O'Connor.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

AUG 17—Sampson, R Burmester; Philister, H F Burmester; Edris, J C Hansen.

AUG 18—Lake View, W G Scott; Cherokee, C Nelson; Burt, H J Matthews; Mountain Blue Fraction, Jas Chisholm and S Wicks.

AUG 19—Lanark, W F Lawson; Fifer, T Brown; Flying Dutchman, A F Adams; Blue Copper, B Flaherty; Yellow Copper, John Empey.

AUG 20—Roy, Henry Roy; Royal King, sainc; Night Hawk Fraction, Alex McLeod; David, F Fitch, J McLellan; Imo, John Kiski; Frisco, Matt Gledo; Mary and Ella, J M Anderson; Lulu, John Healey; Spruce, Jas Anderson; Balsam, Dan Barrett; Hunter, W J Harris; Jennie E, Thos Harris; Maud, A McKinnon; Prince Arthur, Thos Fahey; Monitor, Elsie, Malu Lander, W H Vroom, R Densmore, W Luke.

AUG 22—Any Extension, F Hansen; Kate, Robert Keown and F X Gay; Lizzy, F X Gay; Comber, Sam Birce; American, Alex Linroth; Union, F Ronstrom; Black Soulrell, A Johnston, E Wamsley, T McIrose; Climax, P McCue, P Dowd; Silver Dollar Fraction, Luther Carr; Yukon, A R Heyland.

AUG 23—Little Dan, A B Fluner; Peack, Centre Star, Jos Carton; Yukon, Stride, S Stride, Gold Crop, W A Skinner; Golden Chest, A C Pearson.

ASSESSMENTS.

AUG 17—F M E, Cornwall-Fraser Bump, Wee Kate Fraction, Kingston, Florence, Blenheim, Green Isle, Iona, Ada.

AUG 18—Alberta No 2, Cliff, Alta, Mogul Fraction, Lettie, Star Fraction.

AUG 19—Joker, Derby, Alaska, Mayflower, Southern Cross, Cable, Noble Friend.

AUG 20—Horsefly, Waverly, Albany, Portland, Lucky Boy.

AUG 22—Legal Tender, Hidden Secret, New Chum, Durango, Hootalinqua, Iron Mountain, Klondike, Gruttle, St Gothard, Glazier, Homestake.

AUG 23—Laura M, Abbotsford, Red Star three years, Warner's Choice, Hawbush Fraction, Helvelia, Standard, Totalrack.

TRANSFERS.

AUG 17—F M E ½, N F Edgar to Hector McLarty, $100.

AUG 18—Ontario No 2 ½, P Maloney to Wm Walmsley.

Black Eagle, Olas, Lucky Bill, Hillside, Hill top, Eva Jane, Pond, sher ff's sale, J W Smith vs John P Miller.

Glasgow, Cliff, North Star, Alta, Fletcher, sheriff's sale, T J Lendrum vs Wm Moulse.

AUG 19—Joker ½, Joker R McGregor to G W Taylor, $100.

Jeff Davis, Wm Alperson to Joe Fletcher, $5,000.

AUG 20—Black Diamond ½, Mike Ryan to F C Nivin.

Chinook, Last Chance ½, Duncan Graham to Charles Dickson.

Agreement between F Bollegar, S Libeck and S Fewswander, the former ½ in each, the latter ¼ in each, to share expenditure at same rate, in Glacier, St Gothard, Grubble, Birdie, Goat, Alta, Agnes.

SILVER IN SOUTH AMERICA.

As a silver producer Bolivia is nearly, if not, on top. The ways of mining in that country have been very wasteful, and freight rates high. On the dumps of abandoned mines can be seen stacks of low grade ore containing millions of ounces of silver. The silver area of Bolivia is about 200 miles wide and 1,500 miles long, and runs north to south. Every few miles can be seen abandoned properties formerly worked by the Spaniards. Fifty years ago the number of these mines was estimated at 10,000, few of which have been exhausted. Indians used to do the mining and the owners gave 20 per cent of the output to Spain. It is said that previous to the year 1800 the country produced more than $3,000,000,000 in silver. Bolivia secured her independence from Spain in 1825, and for the 25 years preceeding that event her mines produced $70,000,000, and it is safe to say that up to date since 1680 Bolivia has produced $4,000,000,000 worth of the white metal. Most of this came from the mines around Potosi. A city three times the size of Spokane was once in existence there, but owing to the exhaustion of the mines its population has fallen to 20,000.

The city of Aruro is the principal mining centre in Bolivia. It has a population of 18,000, and is built upon a desert. The buildings are principally shacks and the streets are a Sandon width. The principal part of the population are Indians. The town has a fine system of mule waterworks. Visitors prospecting for boozerino can easily find it, as all the saloons have a red flag stuck over their doors. The wet groceries most of them sell would burn out a wooden Indians stomach in less than a century. There is a famous mine near the city called Sacavon la Virgen. The stock of the company is a million and it is quoted 250 per cent. above par. It is very hot in this mine and the miners work with scarcely any clothes on. The best of ore only is taken out, and it is sorted by Indian women. The women work all day for 18 cents while the miners get twice that amount. There is considerable machinery at the mine. Llama manme is used for fuel. It costs $12 a ton, and it takes nearly two tons of it to run a 40-horse power engine for 12 hours.

In Peru there are about 2,000 silver mines, nearly all not working at the present time owing to the low price of the white metal. Within a radius of 100 miles in northern Peru there are 400 silver mines, a few of these properties produce a high grade ore running 300 ounces to the ton, and the ore thrown over the dumps will average about 17 ounces. The miners are all Indians, and their pay is $2.80 a week. The only tools they use are hammers and drills. Each Indian has a rawhide sack which he uses to pack the ore to the surface. Most of them can carry 150 pounds on their backs. Most of the ore is reduced to a sulphide and shipped to England for further treatment. The mines of northern Peru produced $83,000,000 worth of silver in 30 years.

WE HAVE MINES.

The Mining World, published in London, recently contained an article stating that there were many prospects but no mines in B. C. A correspondent writing from New Denver to that journal has the following in reference to the matter:

"In your editorial article of the 2nd inst. a paragrph appeared rather unfavorable, and certainly incorrect, as regards the mines of this favored and loyal country, British Columbia.

"Though the information came from an expert whose opinion you value and whose reputation and ability you have the greatest confidence in,' and who, no doubt, deserved it in the past by his present statement he must forfeit some of the confidence which you have placed in him when he asserted that there were no mines in British Columbia, though he allows there are good surface prospects to be seen. He speaks for British Columbia. It is a big place and as he, perhaps, knows a difficult country to get over! I shall not take the whole of that country to refute his assertion, and shall not enter the domain of the La Roi and War Eagle, nor Silver King.

To show that this specialist is wrong, I will simply take the Slocan country, where I have been for the past two months, and supply you with a few facts and figures, viz:—

Payne Mine	$[illegible] in dividends in 18 months	
Slocan Star	[illegible]	Since mines opened about two years ago.
Reco	$67,500	
Idaho	$64,000	
Whitewater	190,000	

London and British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, now own Whitewater. Report of this company was published recently showing over half million in sight. Enterprise: Has four tunnels, 2,210 ft., running on vein, and has shipped ore. Queen Bess: A lot of tunnelling and ore shipped. Ruth: 3,500 ft. of tunnelling (main) with crosscuts No. 4. These and many others are in the Slocan district. A man, who was no mining expert, but possessed the dual qualities of mineralogist and logician, defined a mine as follows: 'The existence of a mine is not known until ore is extracted or shown to exist in sufficient quantities and value to warrant extracting within the boundary of the claim located. Until then the location is a prospect, and the mere existence of shafts or tunnels, inclines or stoping on the vein, no matter how extensive they may be, is no evidence of a mine of value. A vein is the work of nature; a mine is the result of man's handiwork in disclosing mineral contained in the vein.' And when a little more capital is thrown into this country you may rest assured that mineral will be disclosed that will help to make mines in the widest and most comprehensive sense of the word. But even with limited capital there are mines in British Columbia.

Lady—Really, now, are these eggs fresh?

Grocer—Madam, if you will kindly step to the telephone and call up our farm, you can hear the hens that laid those eggs still cackling.

DREAMING.

Dis is gospel weathah sho'—
Hills is mawt o' hazy,
Meddahs lawd ez a flo'
Callin' to de lazy.
Sky all white wif streaks o' blue,
Sunshine softly gleamin',
D'ain't no wuk hit's right to do,
Nothin's right but dreamin'.

Dreamin' by de rivah side
Wif de watahs glist'nin'
Feelin' good an' satisfied
Ez you lay a list'nin'
To the little naked boys
Splashin' in de watah,
Hollerin' fu' to make deir joys
Jes' lak' youngsters ought to.

Squir'l a-tippin' on his toes,
Sly's to hide an' view you;
Whole flocks o' camp-meetin' crows
Shoutin' hallelujah.
Parkahwood grown de tree
Tappin' lak' a hammah;
Jaybird chattin' wif a bee,
Tryin' to teach him grammah.

Breeze is blowin' wif perfume,
Jes' enough to tease you;
Hollyhocks is all in bloom,
Smellin' fu' to please you.
Go 'way folks, an' let me lone,
Time is gettin' dearah—
Summah's settin' on de 'h'ones,
An' I'm a-layin' neah hah!

Willie—Do grown people ever get childish?

Mamma—Yes; in old age. Why?

Willie—Cause, when papa was trying to find the electric bell last night he hollered, "Button, button, who's got the button?"

KASLO & SLOCAN RY.

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" 9 35	"	Whitewater	"	2 00	"
" 10 05	"	Bear Lake	"	1 40	"
" 10 15	"	McGuigan	"	1 33	"
" 10 20	"	Cody Junction	"	1 12	"
Arr. 10 30	"	Sandon	Leave	1 00	"

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" 6.30 pm		Ainsworth	Boat ar 11.40 pm
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" 10.00 pm		Kuskonook	" 8.00 pm
" 12.00 pm		Goat River	" 6.00 pm
" 1.00 am		Boundary	" 5.00 pm
" ar 6.00 am		Bonner's F'ry	" lv 2.00 pm
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Labor Day Programme.

Sept. 5th, '98. **Sept. 5th, '98.**

Morning.

CALEDONIAN SPORTS.

	First.	Second.
9.30 a. m.		
100 Yards Dash	$10.	$5.
9:45		
100 Yards Prospectors' Race	10	5
10.		
Standing Broad Jump	5	2
10;15.		
Hop, Step & Jump.	5	2
10:30		
Running Broad Jump,	5	2
10:45		
Putting the Shot	8	4
11 to 12:30.		
Horse Race (open to all Slocan Horses.)		
Quarter-Mile Dash. Best two in three	75	25
Slow Mule Race. Time Limit 15 minutes.	10	5

Afternoon.

1.00 p. m.		
Hose Reel Race	$100	$
2.00		
Novelty Coupling Contest. (Details to be decided by Chiefs of Brigades.)	15	5
2:30		
Three Legged Race	5	2
2:45		
Potato Race	5	2
3:00		
Drilling Contest.		
Double Handed. (Three teams to enter or no secondmoney awarded.)	150	50
Single Handed Contest. First prize: Suit of clothes, presented by D. C. McKenzie. Value:	50	
Second Prize: Pair of pants, presented by E. J. Robie. Value:		12

To take place simultaneously with the Drilling Contests

Boys race. Under 12 years of age	2	1
Girls race. Under 14.	2	1
Boys race. Under 17.	4	2
Climbing the Greasy Pole	5	

Evening.

8:30 p. m.

Six Round Boxing Contest. Sy. White vs. Percy Wilkinson. To be held in the Skating Rink. Purse: $250.

Two Grand Balls. Spencer's Opera House and Virginia Hall. Under the auspices of the Committee.

Entries for the Caledonian Sports may be made at the Post with Dr. G. P. Young. Entries for the horse race must be made not later than the evening of the 4th with Frank C. Sewell. All other entries may be made on the ground with Frank C. Sewell.

Entrance Fees for Caledonian Sports and Horse Race: 10 per cent of First Money.

Transportation Arrangements.

Special train will leave Kaslo on Morning of 5th at 6:30 a. m. Returning, leave Sandon at 1:00 a. m. of 6th.

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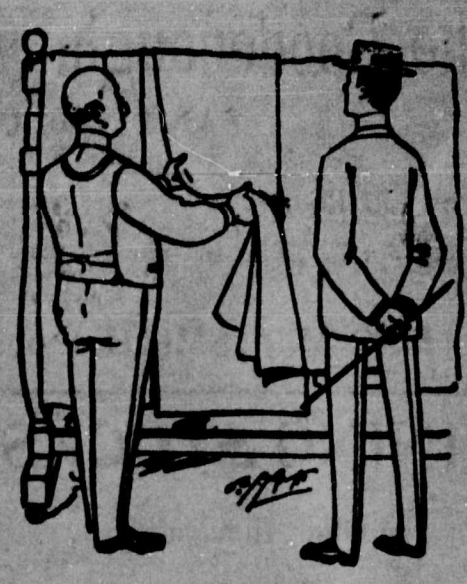

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Application for Liquor Licence.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days from the first publication hereof the undersigned will apply to the Licence Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a licence to sell liquor by retail at his premises situate on Reco Auente in the City of Sandon.

W. J. FRASER.

Sandon, August 26th, 1898.

Application for Renewal of Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the next meeting of the License Commissioners of the City of Sandon I shall apply for a renewal of my license for the Bryan Hotel, situate on Reco Avenue in the City of Sandon.

R. M. COVINGTON

Sandon, August 27th, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the unsurveyed or the agricultural Crown lands within the following described area:

Commencing at the north-west corner of Lot 98, G 1, Kootenay District, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 10 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 10 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north to a pre-emption, thence following the south and east boundaries of said pre-emption to Kootenay river, thence along river front to point of commencement, and containing 300 acres more or less.

R. McGUIRE.

Dated 25th July, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located:—In McGuigan Basin.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for E. H. Tomlinson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 9342A, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

A. S. FARWELL.

Date of first publication, July, 30th 1898.

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A Mean Trick.

Joe Thatcher journeyed to Cody one day this week to collect a few horticultural samples from the Noble Five garden there. The luxuriant vegetation was loaded into a sack, but George McDonald, in a fit of absent mindedness, tucked in several beautiful large samples of galena ore. Joe packed the whole consignment home but arrived in Sandon in a terrible state of physical exhaustion. When he discovered how much un-necessary work he had done he went into hysterics. George McDonald has taken to the woods.

The Celebration.

All arrangements are now complete and everything indicates that the Labor Day Celebration will be a howling success. The programme, which will be found on another page of this paper, presents a substantial array of attractions and a large offering of prize money. Arrangements have been made for excursions from Kaslo, Nakusp, New Denver, Slocan City and other points and there is every reason to believe that the attendance from outside will be large.

Celebration Notes.

The Nelson people are not real sports. They refused to send their hose reel team up to compete with our boys on Labor Day.

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The Rossland celebration has been postponed until the 19th so that people may have time to recover from the excitement of Sandon's celebration.

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It is said that New York and Bobcaygeon have postponed their celebrations.

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D. C. McKenzie and E. J. Robie did the square thing when they put up clothing prizes for the drilling contests. The boys don't forget these little items.

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All outsiders are hereby notified that they will get an even break for their colateral on Labor Day. There is no limit but the blue dome of heaven and everything is on the square. All set!

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People suffering with heart failure are warned not to pass the deadline. Everything goes.

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People are commencing to arrive already for the celebration. The woods and hills are full of them.

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Ns real sport will miss the boxing contest. It will be a hot number.

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Hiram Walker sends word that he can't attend the celebration. He will be here in spirit.

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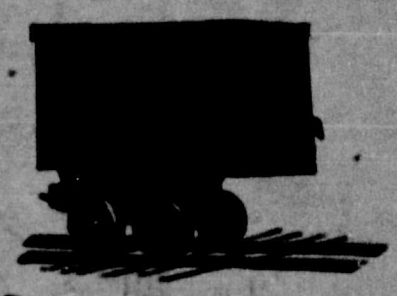

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