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HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

J. K. Clark returned Tuesday from Rossland.

G. M. Spencer paid Kaslo a visit Thursday.

There are five banks in Nelson now. The Imperial is the latest to open there.

E. H. Tomlinson presented the Sandon Brass Band with a check for $10 yesterday.

It is rumored that the local C.P.R. office sold a ticket to Rosebery yesterday. Van Horne has been notified.

E. C. Ersloh, a London, Eng., capitalist was in town this week. Mr. Ersloh holds several interests in this district.

Dan McKechnie fell off a Last Chance shed on Monday while shovelling snow, and sustained injuries to his right side.

Miss Jane Coombs will appear in Spencer's Opera House for one week commencing Monday 7th. Matinees on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

George Muir, formerly book keeper at the Ruth has gon to the Coast where he intends to study to become an engineer. J. F. Maloney has taken his place at the mine.

It is worth noting that while the Conservative party has been particularly active of late the Liberals are not altogether out of it and a Liberal organization may be looked for in Sandon in the near future.

Our esteemed misnomer, The Mining Review, is now printrd with a beautiful set of patent intestines. This is a great relief to its reader, who will no longer be compelled to gaze upon quite so many deceased advertisments.

The E. R. Atherton Co. has received a car load of Christmas goods, consisting of toys, stationery, fancy goods, etc As soon as it can be checked off the public will be afforded an opportunity to select their holiday presents.

The winter schedule on the Shuswap & Okanagan branch of the C. P. R. recently put into effect makes the trains leave Sicamous on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The C. P. R. express on the way up on Tuesday evening ran into a fallen tree near the safety switch and had all the windows on the starboard side stove in. No one was injured, although some of the passengers were badly frightened. Brakeman Haley had a narrow escape.

The people who live along the gulch, above the K. & S. track in Sandon, are loud in their demands for sidewalks and street improvements. They are taxed equally with other parts of the town and are entitled to some attention by our civic authorities. Give them a few planks. It may count at the next local election.

Strike at the Ajax.

A lead 20 feet wide between walls has just been crosscut on this property. The ore showing in the ledge is steel galena of high grade with a large percentage of lead.

This, with the great showing now exposed in the other two veins at once assures success to the Ajax Co.

Killed at the Dardenelles.

Frank Croft, a miner working at the Dardenelles, was killed on Wednesday by a hugh rock falling on him while in the incline shaft. His mate narrowly escaped with a few bruises.

The Trade Dollar.

Work was commenced on the Trade Dollar on Monday. Jack Sudro is foreman and has eight men working. Several tons of supplies have been packed up to the mine and arrangements made for an active season's development.

This property, which belongs to Wm. Sudro and Geo. Hughes, is considered a very promising one. Considerable work has already been done and several tons of ore placed on the dump. The owners are confident that with the work now under way they will be able to make a mine of it.

The Light that Failed.

On Tuesday evening a very high wind blew down several trees across the flume from which the electric light works derives its power. The water was shut off and the city plunged into darkness, incapacitating the plant both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The citizens had to resort to the light of other days, petroleum and paraffine.

Died.

After an illness of six weeks, Thos. Bucke died yesterday morning at The Denver. Bucke was formerly a resident of Stonewall, Man., and arrived in Sandon only seven weeks ago, putting up at The Denver. A week after his arrival he was taken ill and never rallied. His brothers in Stonewall have been wired the sad intelligence of his death.

A Hebrew in the Toils.

J. Feldman, of Israelite extraction, who has been dealing in watches, diamonds, black jacks, etc., in this district was arrested on Monday and taken to Salmon Arm to stand trial for stealing. It appears that Feldman got a valuable watch to repair from Robt. Stewart of that place, and finding himself inconvenienced by lack of funds while in Sandon, soaked the time piece with Eri Thompson for $130. Feldman will probably have an opportunity to turn some of his valuable time to account at Kamloops, supplied free of charge with a nice watch and chain.

Olympia oysters at the Palace Cafe.

Trouble With the Chinese.

Some of the miners at the Noble Five and Ajax resolved on Wednesday night that the recent importations of Chinese were not necessary and decided to intimate as much to the almond-eyed gentlemen in that neighborhood. Accordingly a deputation of about forty men waited on two representatives of the Flowery Kingdom who were employed in the kitchen at the Ajax and escorted them to Sandon, reminding them that their presence in the district was considered un necessary. On the way down another native of Cathay employed at the Noble Five offices and one from the Payne were gathered in and all four left at the Vancouver House over night with a copy of the K. & S. timetable.

On Thursday the Ajax Chinamen left on the south-bound train, taking their Saratogas. The ones from the Payne and Noble Five decided to take chances and returned to work. This is about the first but may not be the last trouble with the Chinese in the Slocan.

Locett Again.

George Lovett, who has created more business for the police court than any other individual in the city, was in trouble this week.

Following up the family feud, Lovett refused to let Wm. Wilson cross his property to deliver a load of wood to Mrs. Brown. Robt. McTaggart, who is Mrs. Brown's star boarder, resented the interference and expressed his sentiments rather forcibly, Lovett emerging from the brief unpleasantness with a face like a slaughter house. The wood was delivered and Bob proceeded down street to celebrate another glorious victory for the American flag. It cost him $5 to settle with the law on Wednesday and he is still a trifle hazy as to whether he was fined for being drunk, for striking Lovett or because he didn't kill him.

Work of Kaslo Board of Trade.

Under date of October 17th J. B McArthur writes to the Kaslo Board of Trade that he found the Canadian commissioners to the Quebec conference in possession of every fact that bore in any way upon the silver-lead ore question, and not only familiar with the facts, but also anxious to meet the views of those engaged in the industry. This has been brought about, Mr. McArthur says, by the educational campaign of the Kaslo Board of Trade, their literature being in the hands of each member of the commission. The statement submitted by the Provincial government through the Hon. Joseph Martin was also founded on the same. Mr. McArthur expresses himself as satisfied that lead will be one of the commodities effected by a reciprocity treaty if one is made. If no treaty is made the requests laid before the government by the Kaslo board for increased import duties upon lead products will be practically acceeded to.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

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

From Sandon.		
Payne,	:	6,610 tons.
Ruth,	:	1,366
Slocan Star,	:	1,417
Last Chance,	:	370
Sapphire	:	18½
Coin	:	13½
Wonderful Bird	:	1¾
Soverign	:	80¼
Wonderful	:	8
C M Wilson	:	2
Treasure Vault	:	40
Reco	:	19
Miller Creek	:	40
From Concentrator Siding		
Idaho	:	834½
Alamo	:	471
Cumberland	:	56
Queen Bess,	:	665
From New Dencer.		
Bosun	:	244¼
California	:	60
From Whitewater.		
Whitewater	:	105
From McGuigan.		
Rambler	:	65
Antoine	:	75
Total,	: :	12,568 tons

Shipments over the K. & S. for the week: Last Chance 40, Soverign 20, Miller Creek 20, Reco 19. Payne shipments not given.

Over the C. P. R. for the last three day in October: Payne 180 Slocan Star 60.

Total for the week from Sandon: 339 tons.

From Three Forks for the week: Idaho 162, Queen Bess 102½. Total 264½ tons.

Sy White Heard From.

In Wednesday's Province the following challenge appears:

Editor Province.—Having heard a lot of talk lately about the merits of Billy Hawkins, lightweight champion of Canada. and Melaney, champion of some other place, as boxers, I will say that if either of these men are anxious to get on a glove contest I will accomodate them at any place within reasonable time, weight not to exceed 140 pounds, for from $100 to $500.

S. WHITE.

In answer Jack Melaney expresses his willingness to go S. White, of Sandon, any number of rounds at catch weights, under any reasonable arrangement.

Sultana Sold.

Winnipeg, Nov. 2.—It is reported on good authority that J. F. Caldwell has disposed of the famous Sultana mine at Rat Portage for a sum of $1,200,000, of which $250,000 is in cash, and the balance in stock good at 5 per cent.

Ashamed to Say that he was a Canadian.

James Peterson, an engineer who spent the summer in Dawson and on the Yukon, writes his home paper, the Sarnia Canadian, as follows:

"Away up on the summit of the Chilkoot, on what is supposed to be the international line, our government has planted a Canadian flag. It is cursed by almost everyone who passes it on the way out, on account of the treatment they have received in Canada's northern lands. They give our conntry and its government some terribly hard names. This is altogether the fault of the local officials at Dawson, who are apparently there to do a thieving business. You have to bribe them every time you want anything done. The "public records" of mining claims are not public but are kept out of sight by those vultures who will give no information unless paid liberally for it. They will not record a claim unless bribed to do so, aad as all the creeks are staked from stem to gudgeon, but not recorded, you cannot find out anything as the records are kept secret. It is disgraceful. I feel ashamed to call myself a Canadian when I see how these people have been used and abused in this manner. They would be justified in placing the whole crowd of government officials in Dawson on a raft and sending them adrift down the Yukon, as they talk of doing.

Were the district governed according to the mining laws in use in other parts of the Dominion, things would be all right. A person would have a chance to work a staked claim, and if he did not do so somebody else would. But they have made what they call regulations and permits. You have to stand in line for hours on the street merely to get a hearing at all. Sometimes it takes over two weeks; but if you just enclose a note with $5 or $10 and give it to a mounted policeman to deliver you can get an answer in a few minutes. The same applies to the post office. You can see people lined up on the street two blocks back waiting for mail. There are no post office boxes and mounted policemen act as clerks, four of them, who look more capable of handling a wheelbarrow than handing out letters. Women of ill repute have the preference during all parts of the day, as they are allowed a special side door entrance, and will get your letters in a few minutes time at a cost of $2 per letter. They have a similar advantage at the Recorder's office. Gambling dens are running full swing night and day with open doors. Saloons the same. No license whatever. Houses of ill fame located in the heart of the town; places run with open doors and music galore night and day, and not the slightest attempt made to suppress them.

There is one redeeming feature—good order is kept on the streets. Hundreds of people are surging about all the time, and here and there you will see where some man who has got a late newspaper is standing on a barrel and reading it for the benefit of the crowd.

Paris Bell Case Settled.

The famous Paris Belle suit, which has been dragging along for years, has been settled by mutual arrangement between the parties and will not come up for decision by the privy council after all. This suit, which involved the question of surface rights and of valid locations of mineral claims has been part of the history of Rossland for three years. It involved all the land lying to the east of the old townsite of Rossland, now one of the most thickly populated residential sections of the town. No details are given as to the terms of settlement between the Paris Belle Mining Company, owners of the mineral claim, and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway company.

To Mine Mica.

S. Winter, a stove manufacturer, of Moncton, N. S., recently visited the mica veins at Tete Jeune Cache. He found them 40 to 80 feet thick and brought out more than 600 pounds of specimens. These samples are of excellent quality, it is said, very transparent and of unusual size. Careful tests show that they stand greater heat by 40 volts than any other mica yet tested. It is more transparent than the best samples seen of North Carolina, Wyoming and Montana mica. Mr. Winter has bonded the property and intends to form a company to develop it.

Another New Process.

Kingston.—Dr. Eames, who has a new process of extracting arsenic from mispickle ore, leaving the rock free milling, is putting up a plant in Clarendon Township. It will cost over $25,000 put up by American capitalists. Kingstonians are interested in Dr. Eames' patent, and have furnaces at Actintite.

A New Le Roi Record.

In mining affairs one notable feature is to be chronicled, viz: the new record made by the Le Roi Sunday last of hoisting and placing in the bins 725 tons of ore in 24 hours. The mine has on its payroll over 300 men. The mine shaft is down 815 feet, and the 800-foot station is being cut out.

Cripple Creek's Output.

Cripple Creek, Col., Oct. 31.—The output of ore in this district in October is valued at $1,448,130, the highest for any month in the history of the camp.

Struck Oil at Bellecille.

Belleville has struck oil, and men in the vicinity believe that the oil is good. Samples of the borings have been sent to the Bureau of Mines, but Mr. Blue believes that the samples do not carry much petroleum.

"The number of people who speak English," said the Amateur Statistician, "is now 116,000,000."

"It is a wonder," said the Cheap Cynic, "some of them do not get on the stage."

MISS JANE COOMBS.

[From the Baltimore Gazette.]

Miss Jane Coombs, one of the most cultured and eloquent interpreters of female character now adorning the American stage, closed the most brilliant engagement of the season at Ford's Grand Opera House last evening. At nearly every representation standing room was in demand.

By her rare merits, personal as well as professional, Miss Coombs has made herself an established favorite from Boston to San Francisco. Beautiful and commanding in person, with a strangely sweet and carefully cultivated voice; refined, quiet and natural in her style of acting, never omitting the most trifling detail, nor availing herself of any of the usual theatrical tricks to manufacture sensations—she has won her way into the hearts of all admirers of true dramatic art. Her celebrity as an actress dates back for several years, and the ablest critics in America admit that her personifications are as "Gems in a Diadem of Art." She is a strict adherent to the legitimate school of dramatic art, and her successes are justly deserved. The eloquence of her features in expressing her emotions illustrates the spoken effect of the lines, and the picturesqueness, the groupings, to a very marked and unusual degree. Miss Coombs is one of the few great American actresses, and she seems to avoid on principle anything that can suggest exaggeration. Her ideas are embodied with a grace of case that speaks of studied social and physical training, as well as purely professional culture. In the strongest and most passionate characters she never verges upon the melo-dramatic, never hints at a wish for applause, never exhibits anything but dramatic metal of the true ring. She assumes a wide range of the most difficult characters, but they are all rendered with such artistic power and finish, all absolute truth, that her identity is lost, and we see before us the living embodiment of the character she represents. Miss Coombs can always depend upon a warm welcome, nay, an ovation, whenever she visits Baltimore."

Miss Jane Coombs will appear in Spencer's hall during the early part of next month. She will impersonate a a number of characters, and is supported by a strong company.

Certificate of Improvements

STARLIGHT FRACTION MINERAL CLAIM

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—Joining the Duluth claim in McGuigan Basin.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, acting as agent for W. A. Hendryx, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3380 A, and E. H. Tomlinson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 93414, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1898.

17/9/98.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase two hundred and fifty five acres, more or less, of unreserved Crown lands within the following described area:

Commencing at the south-west corner of lot 791, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, more or less, to Kootenay lake, thence following shore line to south-west angle of lot 255, thence north following location line of said lot 40 chains, more or less to north-east angle of lot 791, thence 20 chains west along southern boundary of said lot to place of beginning. Situated on Kootenay River about ten miles from Nelson, Nelson Mining Division, West Kootenay District.

BYRON E. SHARP.

Dated September 17th, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

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 license to sell liquor by retail at their premises situate on Reco Avenue in the City of Sandon.

WATERLAND & WESTERBERG.

Sandon, October 22nd, 1898.

Certificate of Improvements.

TOOTHPICK FRACTION.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Cody Creek.

TAKE notice that I Arthur S. Farwell, agent for A. W. McCune, No. 11727, W. L. Hoge, No. 82330, E. V. McCune, No. 85322, and James Graham, No. 10991A, 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.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1898.

A. S. FARWELL.

24/9/98.

Certificate of Improvements.

GOOD DAY MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Payne Mountain.

TAKE notice that I A. S. Farwell, acting as agent for John Bough, Free Miner's Certificate No. 111144, 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.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1898.

A. S. FARWELL.

24/9/98.

Certificate of Improvements.

GOOD DAY FRACTION MINERAL CLAIM.

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

TAKE notice that I A S Farwell, acting as agent for John Bough, Free Miner's Certificate No. 111144, 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.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1898.

A. S. FARWELL.

24/9/98.

Certificate of Improvements.

CHICAGO AND JESSIE MINERAL CLAIMS

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In the Noble Five slide, lying west of the Noble Five group.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. H. Gray, acting as agent for Byron N. White, Free Miner's Certificate No. 43301A, W. H. Franklin, Free Miner's Certificate No. 104930A, and Thomas McGowan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 47361A, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvemens for the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvemenas

Dated this 8th day of September, 1898

J. H. GRAY.

24/9/98.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

T. Linton, stationer, of Slocan City, is figuring upon removing to Sandon.

The new C.P.R tug, now building at Rosebery, will be launched about the 15th inst.

Chas Butler, who has been very ill in the Hospital, is now on a fair way to recovery.

Miss Rosina M. McDonald and Jas. H. Moran were married in Boston, Mass., on Oct. 19.

Hugh Sutherland has added more men to the force at the Evening Star and Columbia.

J. A. Macdonald will hereafter act as purser on the steamer Aberdeen on Okanagan lake.

When grippe or other epidemics are prevailing wear a little crude sulphur in your boots or shoes

The New Denver brickyard has shipped several car loads of brick to the Trail smelter recently.

Billy Sanders, of Kaslo, and P. J O'Reilly are starting a paper in Cascade City They are entitled to sympathy in their coming trouble.

W. C. McLean, of Nelson, and J. C. Ryan, of Kaslo, are two of the most recent captives in the matrimonial belt of Kootenay. They are both doing well.

Word has been received from Harry Pyman, at Los Angeles, stating that he is under medical care there and hopes soon to feel the good effects of the change.

E Shannon states that he has 10 inches of galena on his property on Silver mountain, below the California He has the ledge exposed in four or five openings.

R. I Kirkwood and Frank Wells were in town this week purchasing supplies for the winter for work on the Maban and Ohio claims, on Ten Mile They have put up commodious quarters and will make shippers of the claims before spring

All the men on the Galena Farm were sent down the hill last week and work stopped, only enough being kept at work to keep the pumps running The shut down is supposed to be only temporary.

A tree struck the rear end of the N. & S. train while it was backing into Sandon on Tuesday night Conductor McKay and Brakeman Haley had a narrow escape. The passengers were a little panicky for a few seconds, but no one was hurt although the car afterwards looked as though it had been struck by a military shell.

The Enterprise, on Ten Mile, will soon have a large force of men working again. The long upraise between the No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels was finished a fortnight ago, and as soon as the one now raising to the No. 4 is completed, the force of men will be increased. A tunnel is being driven in from the surface to catch the raise, and this has to go but a few feet further. The property will then be in grand shape.

ROSSLAND MINING NEWS.

The Coxey tunnel is in about 600 feet The ledge has not yet been met. Five men are at work.

Crosscutting is continuing at the 205-foot level on the White Bear. The property is employing 18 men

W. C. Archer is about to let a contract for driving the main tunnel 100 feet further on the Wallingford.

Crosscutting for the ledge on the Evening Star continues under three eight-hour shifts. Six men are at work

It is expected that the development of the Iron Colt will be resumed with a small force of men some time in November.

The Elise ledge has been proven from four to five feet wide, and an average of the whole ledge gives vaules of between $23 and $26.

The Giant shaft is down about 100 feet, and close to six inches of good mineralized quartz is being followed on the foot wall side. Ten men are at work.

The Gopher winze which was being sunk at the 100-foot station in the tunnel has been suspended on account of water, pending the inauguration of power.

On the Iron Horse the double-compartment shaft has reached a depth of 55 feet. The shaft house is completed and grading is in progress for the compressor plant.

The new west drift from the main tunnel on the Alberta is in about eight feet. It shows 12 inches of promising quartz, sprinkled with iron. Three men are at work.

Four men are working on the Abe Lincoln. The shaft is now down about 187 feet and at that level the bottom of the workings shows much quarz impregnated with mineral.

On the Centre Star sufficient excavation in preparation for the new shaft has been done to allow sinking to be started this week. Sixty men are employed at the property.

The winze on the Southern Belle is rapidly nearing a depth of 50 feet Some copper sulphides and some quartz continue to be met The property is employing seven men.

Superintendent McDonald, of the Grand Prize, has been busy for the past week opening a very promising quartz lead on the east end of the property Three men are working on the property.

The Rossland pay roll is now larger than it ever has been yet, and it is growing every day. The value of the pay roll to the town is demonstrated by the activity in business of every kind.—Leader.

The shaft on the No. 1 is down 200 feet and the station is being cut out preparatory to crosscutting. The tunnel is in somewhat more than 225 feet, and shows between five and six feet of beautiful copper ore.

The crosscut in the upper tunnel of the Jumbo continues to show some very good iron and quartz. The new tunnel will give a depth of about 475 feet on the dip of the vein, or a vertical depth of about 400 feet. Ten men are at work.

The new No. 6 tunnel has been commenced on the Columbia-Kootenay. It is 150 feet below the present No. 5 tunnel, and will give a depth of about 80 feet at the westerly end of the group. Superintendent Macdonald is employing 43 men.

The Gertrude shaft is down 115 feet, and the showing is very little changed. A new steam hoist is to be installed at once, and excavation for the shaft house has been commenced. The tunnel is in about 100 feet. Fifteen men are employed at the Gertrude.

On the Commander the shaft is down 270 feet Four feet of good copper ore was lately passed through, but it has dipped out of the line of the shaft, which is being sunk vertically. Fifteen men, divided into three eight-hour shifts, are employed at the Commander.

The Jo-Jo company is considering starting work again on its property, which lies near the Commander on the road to Trail. A long open cut along the ledge was made two or three years ago, but since then not much has been done. Exploratory work in the cut is now in progress.

The Mascot tunnel is showing about two feet of mixed ore. The winze is down 43 feet, and shows about two feet of good mixed ore, while the rest of the shaft is well mineralized. The new compressor plant building is nearly framed. The building is 70x26 feet in size. At a recent meeting of the company directors in Montreal it was decided to discontinue Sunday work on its properties, and accordingly operations will in future be carried on only six days in the week. Twenty-one men are on the Mascot pay roll.

The station at the 800-foot level in the Le Roi shaft is being cut out. It will be 18x25 feet in size. The shaft itself is down about 820 feet. The big chute of high grade ore that was lately met in the hanging wall side of the ledge at the 550-foot level has also been encountered at the 500-foot workings.

The shipments from the Rossland mines for last week again surpassed all records. This time the output of the camp reached the enormous total of 4,415 tons. The growth of the camp within the past year is evident when the output for the past seven days is compared with the shipments for the same week in October of 1897. Then the shipments amounted to 1,425 tons Within 12 months the increase has been a trifle less than 300 per cent. The Le Roi broke its own private record for ore production last week, and put out 3,475 tons. The War Eagle is credited with 900 tons, and the Iron Mask with 40 tons. On the basis of $30 per ton as the average value of the ore, the product of the camp for the past seven days was $132,450, equal to nearly $20,000 per day, or $6,986,400 per year.

The machinery for the War Eagle's new electrical hoist and compressor is being erected very rapidly. Some idea of the size of the equipment can be gained from the fact that four of the smallest pieces in connection with the hoist weigh 45,000 pounds. As soon as the plant is in operation, the development of the mine will be centered around sinking the new working shaft. It is now down about 700 feet, and it is expected that within the coming year it will be sunk at least to the 1,100-foot level. The new electric lighting plant is being received, and the underground workings of the mine are to be illuminated with incondescent bulbs Electric bells are also to be put in. All the surface workings of the mine, and probably the underground levels as well, will be connected with the office of the manager by means of telephones. The pay roll contains 220 names.

MINING NOTES FROM MIDWAY.

Messrs. Bergman and McLean return to Rock Creek to-day to continue work on the Hecla in Oro Fino camp.

Men are being hired and preparations are being made for the erection of machinery at the Stemwinder and Brooklyn claims in Greenwood camp.

Work has been started up again on the Pheasant claim in Greenwood camp, the recent strike of ore on the claim having stimulated Messrs. Stuart and Rickards, the owners, to prosecute developments.

The machinery was stopped for a few days during the past week at the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill in Greenwood camp, to allow some repairs to be made to the boilers, but this having been done the pumps were immediately set to work and mining resumed.

Mr. H. T. Ceperley, of Vancouver, on behalf of the British America Development Company, took occasion to invest in some mining property when here a few days ago, he having purchased a one-third interest in the Red Rock a promising claim situated in Greenwood camp.

Head Office in New Denver.

The head office in British Columbia for the Northwest Mining Syndicate, of London, is to be removed from Vancouver to New Denver. Mr. W. H. Sandiford has leased the Harris building, next to THE LEDGE office, and will fit it up for office purposes. The whole business of the company in B. C. will be transacted from this office. Mr. Sandiford having full power to operate for his company from this place.

MISLEADING.

It is seldom a fact that makes most of our woe;
It isn't the thing that we really know.
But the vague intimation that drifts here and there,
Like a cloud o'er the landscape that might have been fair.
'Tis the rumor whose influence swiftly expands,
Like sickly malaria mist through the lands.
Oh, many a dance weary mortals are led
By "what some one told some one that somebody said."

And a halt must be called, though men fain would press on;
The paths they must scan over which they have gone;
They must light up their lanterns and search night and day
For the point where their journeying first went astray.
It's wondr usly lucky life's wayfarers are
If they note the mistake ere they've travelled too far;
If they're early made ware of the wiles that are spread
By "what some one told some one that somebody said."

The Bullion group, on Quartz creek, near Ymir, is to be equipped with complete machinery early next spring. The property is owned by the Alf Gold Mining Company, which also owns the Alf in the South Belt.

The Deer Park shaft is nearly down to the 300-foot level. Crosscutting is to be commenced as soon as the station can be cut out. Fifteen men are at work.

Avoid drinking water which has been run through galvanized iron pipes.

Avoid using anything acid which has been kept in a tin can.

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NEED OF CANADIAN COIN.

JUST what is the reason of it we do not venture to say, but the fact is the press of Canada is very slow to take up the question of establishing a Canadian mint. And when the matter is touched upon it is done so in such a gingerly manner as to leave an impression that it is a question of doubt whether a mint in Canada is of any great importance. We note one exception, however, in the B.C. Mining Critic, which handles the question in a common sense way that we enjoy seeing. It says: "The Canadian Bankers' Association, which has been in session this week in Toronto has been discussing the matter of the large circulation of American currency in Canada at par, and is decidedly of the opinion that some means should be taken to check it. One very effective means, we might suggest, would be the issuance of a sufficient amount of Canadian currency in gold and silver coin to carry on Canadian business. At present our coin currency is totally inadequate, and we consequently borrow this medium of exchange from our neighbor to the south. Canada has no gold coinage at all, using almost wholly the coinage of the United States.

"It has been pointed out that Canada, a country now producing such an enormous quantity of gold and silver, should establish a mint and do its own coining, instead of paying the mint of Great Britain for performing that service for us. The objection on the part of the Government so far has been the matter of cost, occasioned both by the operation of a home mint and the loss by wear and tear on the coinage. The claim is that it pays Canada to use its neighbor's gold coin free of charge rather than provide coin of its own. And in the past we have not seen that the chartered banks of Canada have had any objections to this condition of affairs. It is not likely, indeed, that there is any objection even now by the banks, except on the grounds that the great influx of American currency is displacing correspondingly the bank notes of these chartered institutions. The objection they are making now would appear to be an entirely selfish one; and they would be almost as much opposed to a Canadian mint as to the free use of American coins, for the reason that it would mean no gains to them.

"But there is a national side to the question. It does not comport with the dignity of Canadians that they should continue always to use foreign coins. The country has now taken its stand high up among the precious metal producing countries of the world, and from the standpoint of self respect, if nothing else, it should have its own gold coinage produced from its own mint, and it should be an abundant coinage."

TT is a fact not generally recognized that the Slocan Division produced nearly as much from its mines during the years 1896-7 as all of the other divisions in the West Kootenay district combined. During this period the production from Slocan mines was valued at $5,290,734, while that of Trail Creek, Nelson, Ainsworth divisions and other parts reached the amount of $5,477,704, just $187,170 greater than that from the Slocan. This year's production will exceed that of last year, and it will be surprising if the Slocan does not beat the combined production of the other divisions by several hundred thousand.

BACKCAPPING.

To look for a mining camp in the world that is not infested with one or two or a dozen "backcappers" is a vain search. Slocan has them along with everything else that is of a good, bad or indifferent nature, and we suppose that so long as God gives mortal man breath to breath, this extremely tiresome individual will flourish. "Backcappers" are not found in any particular set. They are sometimes prominent in mining circles and again they are not. But all have the same complaint, and are ever ready to talk against that section wherein they have not a mineral holding to dispose of.

The San Francisco Call says some pertinent things about this individual: "The worst enemies many mining sections have are among their own residents. They pretend to know all about its mines, their history, product, probable future and their value. Then if some enterprising owner succeeds in getting investors interested enough to come and look at his claim, these 'backcappers' get in their work. Instead of bringing out the good points of the properties, they bring out all the bad ones and give the property a 'blackeye' to any sale in which they can have a finger. If a cyclone or an earthquake could be induced to select this class of people for general destruction a great many more mines could command capital with which to operate. Even a camp with plenty of good mines and prospects will have uphill work to advance if it contains a few men of this kind. Any deal they may be in on is all right, but those with which they have nothing to do are sure to get the rough side of their tongue. Of course, a stranger will be apt to listen to an old resident, who tells him apparent facts concerning the mines of his section, and it is for this reason that men of this kind can do much harm. Many a mining sale has fallen through because of hints or innuendoes from such people as this. Men about to invest in mining property are timid at best and any cunningly devised story adverse to the mine is apt to find a ready listener. No decent person wants to see capitalists swindled with worthless claims, of course, but it is usually those which have merit which are attacked by the blackmailers, backcappers or hoodoos to be found in almost every mining camp in the mining regions of the west."

CABLE advices from England state that the syndicate of which J. Morris Catton is the head, and which got a charter from the Parliament of the Dominion last session, will immediately commence the construction of a telegraph line to Dawson. The first portion will be a cable to Skagway.

Dolly goes visiting for the first time since she can remember, and midnight finds her wide awake. "Dolly, dearest," says her mamma in despair, "why dont' you go to sleep?"

"Please, mamma, I ain't acquainted with the bedclothes yet!"

LEAVIN' HOME.

When a feller sort of packs his traps an' goes
away from home,
Whar' the birds are allus singin', and the honey's
in the comb—
Whar' the sunshine is the brightest an' the heart
beats all in tune,
An' life's as sweet in winter as in rosiest days of
June.

No matter how the skies look—if they're just as
bright an' blue
As the eyes with which your sweetheart twinkles
messages to you—
You'll find 'em growin' misty with a haze on
field and grain,
An' your eyes'll sorter twinkle and the lids'll
hide the rain.

For the distance—it looks lonesome, an' though
roses red an' white
Air just as sweet off yonder, with the dews an'
with the light,
As the ones in the old time garden, yit—it's
mighty far to roam—
An' you know more of the roses in the little spot
called "Home."

So, packin' up for leavin' sorter makes you fumble
'round
For handkerchiefs to dry the tears that will
come trickin' down!
An' though you say it's foolishness, yit the
world's so wide to roam,
An' the best world for a feller is the little world
at home.

AN AUTUMN CAROL.

Oh, our hearts are aglow with contentment
That impregnates our loftyty flat.
Where life has a joyous presentiment—
From the cook to the overied cat;
Though lately we shuddered with terror
And chills at the heat's long delay,
The landlord has repented of error
And there's heat in the steam-pipes to-day!

So lift up your voices and be joyous,
For the north wind is robbed of its bite,
And the cold draughts that used to annoy us
Are zephyrs of balmy delight.
No more will the tremors of freezing
Our underclad weakness betray;
Away with chilled ankles and sneezing,
For there's heat in the steam-pipes to-day.

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WANTING ZINC ORES.

Representative of an English Company With a new Process of Smelting.

Several months ago Mr. Arthur Brown was through the Kootenays looking for zinc ores. Mention was made of the fact at the time, but very little information was given out to the press by Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown arrived in Nelson last week and to a Miner representative gave the object of his visit. It was generally known that Mr. Brown was in Kootenay looking after zinc ores, but there has been some misapprehension as to the objects of his mission Mr. Brown said that though he had been looking for zinc bearing ores, yet, contrary to the supposition of many, it was not zinc he desired to buy. The fact of the matter was that the company he represented controlled a new process by means of which silver could be extracted from zinc just as easily as from lead. Mr. Brown declined to describe the process, contenting himself with saying that it was a smelting process, and the flux used was sulphate of sodium, known to commerce as salt cake. The introduction of this process will render valuable hundreds of silver properties which are now worthless owing to the presence of an excessive amount of zinc in the ore. For instance ore bearing 35 ounces of silver, 30 per cent. lead and 30 per cent. zinc, can be handled by the new treatment so as to leave the mine owner a handsome profit.

The works of the company are situated between Manchester and Liverpool, on the Manchester ship canal, and have now a daily capacity of between 350 and 400 tons, a capacity which can be increased indefinitely as circumstances may require. There is practically unlimited capital behind the scheme.

Mr. Brown has entered into several provisional contracts for large amounts of ore, and the only thing that remains to be settled is the freight rate, and he has every confidence in being able to do so, the new industry should attain large proportions. It is the intention of the company to have the ores sampled at the nearest sampling works, and the full value of the ores, after deducting freight and treatment charges, will then be paid in cash at current English prices to the mine owners. This will be a great help to property owners without much capital, as at present they have to wait some time before getting the full returns.

CALIFORNIA CLOSED DOWN.

With the shipment of 40 tons of ore to the Nelson smelter this week the California has been closed down for the season. It was originally contemplated to work the property as late into the winter as possible, but Mr. Marks finds that such a plan would not be profitable, since the excessive freight and packing charges eat up the profits on the ore, and it is useless to stope the ore so long as the high rates are probable. The transportation charges from the mine to the smelter amount to $255 per car load, or nearly $33 per ton. It costs $12 per ton to have the ore packed to the wharf, which amounts to $240 per car load. This, added to the excessive freight charges of about $31 per ton, leaves a very small profit to the owners after paying for taking the ore out. A wagon road to the mine would reduce the cost of transportation to shipping point to a nominal figure and enable the permanent working of the property.—Ledge.

Likely to be Settled.

A Nelson despatch states that the Provincial Government has issued a fiat granting a petition of right in order that the claim of Charles Dundee to the railway addition of the city of Rossland may be decided in the superior court. As is well known, the land in dispute was held by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company, but now by the Great Northern Railway Company. The matter having been in dispute for some time past, it has retarded, to a considerable extent, the building up of Rossland. The grounds in dispute are the natural townsite, and are largely built upon by squatters, many of whom have been anxious to buy out their rights, if they could only be assured as to the proper parties with whom to deal. It is now certain that in a short time the ownership to the land in question will be settled, and an obstacle to the rapid growth of Rossland removed.

A True Definition.

The Minister of Mines gives notice in the British Columbia Gazette that section 24 of the Mineral Act, which provides that "a Free Miner, or Company of Free Miners, shall be allowed to perform on any one or more of such claims all the work required to entitle him or them to a Certificate of work for each claim so held by him or them," shall be construed as not applicable to a mineral claim for which a Crown Grant has been issued. That is, that in doing the work on one claim for a group, the work must be done on a non-Crown granted claim.

Clabon Gets $6,750.

Judge Walkem gave his judgement on Thurday on the finding of the jury which tried in the Supreme Court some two weeks ago the Clabon-Scott action The judgment was that the plaintiff, Clabon, be paid the value of the 25,000 shares at the time of trial, viz., 27 cents or a total of $6,750, and costs of the action. This was based on the fact that the jury found defendant had agreed to give plaintiff half his interest received. That the shares had been pooled without plaintiff's sanction, and that the shares were worth 27 cents at the time of the action.

IN BOUNDARY AND YALE.

A compressor plant is to be installed on the properties of the City of Paris Gold Mining & Milling Company, near Grand Forks.

A good strike has been made on the Pheasant claim, which is situated in Greenwood camp, and owned by Messrs. W. B. Rickards, of Midway, and A. K. Stuart, of Greenwood. The ore, the extent of which has not yet been determined, is a pyrrhotite carrying copper and gold.

Mr. Haas, E.M., who is superintending the work being done on the Cordick, in Summit camp, by the Adams British Columbia Company, reports that in sinking through the fault in the bottom of the shaft a body of pyritic ore (mostly iron pyrites) has been struck, which assays over $14 in gold. This is a high gold value for Summit camp.

Mr. Minor, of Carson, says the Grand Forks Miner, was in the city this week showing some specimen of ore taken from a recent strike made on the Alpha, located on Eagle mountain, between three and a half to four miles from Grand Forks. The specimen shown contained galena and copper and assayed as high as $185. Mr. Minor says that he has a good sized ledge of it, which is widening as depth is being attained.

The Sailor, a Camp McKinney property, has been bonded to George R. Naden, R. M. McEntire, Thomas McDonnell, N. Leplante and the British America Development Company. The Sailor was owned by Charles Ditz. It is a free milling proposition. Assay running from $18 to $300 to the ton have been secured from the ledge. The Cariboo ledge is supposed to run through the property. The price mentioned in the bond is $15,000. Ten per cent has been paid in cash, $3,000 is to be paid in three months, and the balance in six months.

A group of claims on the North Fork of Kettle river has been bonded to a syndicate, represented by Mr. Shaw, of London, for $44,000. The properties included in the group consist of the Golden Eagle, owned by C. M. Tobiassen; the Alaskys, owned by McCallum and Larson; Mammon and Junction City, owned by Dave Evans and Sam Rose, of Rossland, and J. B. Sargent, of Spokane. Tobiassen gets $35,000, Evans, Rose and Sargent $8,000, and McCallum and Larson $1,000—15 per cent. of which has been paid. Twelve men will be put to work next week. Operations will be continued all winter under the management of J. H. Fox.

Boundary Creek district can very properly claim the biggest copper mine in the world, says the Boundary Creek Times. The Knob Hill, of Greenwood camp, contains a larger body of pay copper ore than any other known mine. A tunnel has been run a distance of 340 feet at right angles to the vein. Every foot of the tunnel is in pay ore, and the wall of the ledge has not yet been reached. Experienced mining men who examined the property have been astonished at the immensity of the ore body. Work on the tunnel is being continued and it will not be stopped until the limit of the ore body is reached. The face of the tunnel is about 150 feet from the surface.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The Prospector says it is the intention of the Alberta & East Kootenay Development company, which owns the Cariboo mine at Moyie, to put in a winter camp this fall, for the purpose of further developing its resources. The property is rich in native copper.

The Sitting Bull and Mary J. have been bonded to a Nelson syndicate for the sum of $40,000. A large number of men are now engaged in developing the property. The character of the ore is a clean high grade galena carrying gray copper. Assays have run as high as 742 ounces in silver to the ton.

Active work is now being carried on at the head of Six Mile creek on the Paris Exhibition group, recently acquired by Victoria capitalists. Supplies for the winter have been laid in, and a tunnel will be run to tap a large body of ore which is supposed to exist.

The North Star mine is one of the greatest silver-lead properties on the continent. Some thousands of tons of ore has already been shipped from this mine, but though it is located within 20 miles of Fort Steele, the cost of transportation has been so great as to discourage the active working of the mine. At present a force of some 35 men is at work making new developments so as to be in readiness for shipping on an extensive scale as soon as the branch road is completed.

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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.

Oct 25—Lady Franklin, Reco Hill, T G Johnson.
Lancaster, Twin Lake basin, J B Cameron.
Big Fractional, Payne mountain, M R W Rathborne.

Oct 27—Sea, Glacier creek, Jos B Martin.
L A M, Howson creek, John Vallance.
Frank F, near Noonday, Jos Brandon.

Oct 31—Rawhide, Mill creek, D McLaughlin.
Mill Creek, same, Wm Thomlinson.

ASSESSMENTS.

Oct 26—Eldorado.

Oct 31—Beachville.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Oct 26—Elvira, to G D McMartin and Peter Durham.
Mocking Bird, to Granville Mining Company.

Nov 1—Rawdon, to Jas L Montgomery, Daniel C Corbin and Geo D Potter.
Cliff and Cliff Fractional, to E M Sandilands.

TRANSFERS.

Oct 25—Vulture, Vault. E M Sandilands and Frederick A Henneberg and M L Grimmett to John T Carroll, agreement to sell all interest, Oct 24.
Adirondack 2/10, Wm Niven to Chas S Rashdall, Oct 25, $300.

Oct 27—Alhambra ½, C M Wilson to C E Johnson, Sept 21.
Alhambra ½, C M Wilson to James A Griffith, Sept 21.
Paymaster ½, Joseph A Green to John Vallance, June 3, 1897.
Adirondack 1/9, Arthur Mullen to Wm Nevin, Oct 26.
Same 1/9, Wm Hunter to Hugh Nevin, Aug 1.
Hobson 11/64, Cuba 3/16, Iroquis ½, E Marvan to John N Peickart, July 21.

Oct 28—Black Diamond ½, Norman McMillan to H M Walker, Oct 24.

Oct 30—Hobson 19/64, Cuba 3/16, Iroquois ½, E Marvin to F S Bongard, July 23.
Black Eagle ½, Chas Neuhaus to Jas D Ryan, Oct 27.
Arab ½, same to same, Oct 27.

ABANDONMENTS.

Oct 7—Hard Scrabble and Hidden Treasure, S K Green

Oct 26—Wilson, E C Pease.

GRANT OF WATER RIGHT.

Oct 25—To Last Chance Mine, 50 inches out of Noble Five Slide, a branch of Carpenter creek.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

Oct 20—Porcupine, Oscar Mullen.

Oct 21—Cheley, John F Wilson; Kitchner, S Beunie; Ottawa, Geo Carney; Copper Hill, A A McKinnon.

Oct 22—Manzanetta, John Stinson; Union Fraction, L C Skaggs; Laughing Annie, W P Freeman; Alabama, Gus Lolstedt; Hobson, A Johnson; White Cloud, A B Walker.

Oct 24—Sulfetma, C Nelson; Grey Eagle, W S Stewart; San O, W J Murphy.

Oct 25—Morning, C K Henry.

ASSESSMENTS.

Oct 19—Salamadef, Silver Bell, Glen Ellen.

Oct 20—Liberal.

Oct 22 Falls.

Oct 24—Jersey, St Hellers.

Oct 25—Black Diamond.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Oct 21—Nil Desperandum to W R Angus

Oct 24—Wedge Fraction to R E Lee Brown.

Oct 25—Maggie to A S Farwell.

TRANSFERS.

Oct 19—Wild Bill ½, Alex Ruffelo to Gus Hoist

Oct 20—Indication, Elmer Coy, S Brooks, D Good, H Mawdsley, Dave Clark to Henry Roy, $7,000.
Jumbo, D F Stroback to P E Fisher.

Oct 21—U and I ½, H Draper to J A Otto and W White
U and I ½, H Draper to S P Jobe and J H Jackson.

Oct 24—An agreement to release bond or option held by J R Stephens on Dry Ore and Pandora.
Option given by C Rossiter and J Hetherington to John Empey on Dry Ore and Pandora.
Garland Fraction. A T Garland to W V Papworth 1/18, J Anderson 2/18, H J Matthews 2/18, W Stables 1/18.

Oct 25—Giant, Mountain Fraction and Lone, all, Lost Montain and Nowater ½, U and I 5/8, Midge ½, J H Jackson, D White and H Draper to J F Carroll.
Norman 5/16 R Naylor to J Drumheller.
Lixie, S J Henderson to J Fletcher.
Bell, Eva Ross to J M Martin.
Bell, J M Martin to C W McAnn.
On Time, G Nelson to Abel Milton.
Zulu King ½, G C Spearing to L L Workman.
Penobscott, same to same.

Oct 26—Rustler ½, J H Jones J W Smith, $100.

The pocket is the heart's thermometer.

DUST FLYING THICK.

It Glitters and Dazzles the Eyes of Klondikers in Dawson.

The manager of the Bank of Commerce at Chatham, Ont., has received an interesting report on the banking operations in the Yukon from a member of the bank's staff there. It is dated September 19th, and from it the following is an extract:

"You would hardly believe the value of news here from the outside world. When we got here a man gave $100 for an outside paper one month old, rented a hall and charged $1 admission to hear it read, and even now Seattle papers are difficult to get at 50 cents apiece. I have not been much out of Ontario, but I've seen more money here in circulation in one day than I would see in a month on the outside. Gold dust has been, and is pretty much now, the circulation medium, and whether a man's dust is worth $14 or $18 to the ounce, in trade it passes for $16, the government taking it at $15 For small quantities we give $14 in bills per ounce, and in large quantities, 4 per cent less than the mint price. Our last shipment left here on the 14th of September, and contained 33,711 ounces, or $600,000, it being our fourth shipment, and making a total of more than two and a quarter millions. The Bank of British North America also made their first shipment on the same boat, amounting to $575,000.

"The current rate of interest is three per cent per month to ordinary men, but A1 customers get money at 2½ per cent. While Eldorado gold is worth $15.50 per ounce, Stephen and Dominion are worth $16.50 and Hunker $17.50 per ounce.

"Mr. Ogilvie took the post office in hand to remedy immediately upon his arrival in Dawson. He changed the hour of opening from 9 a.m. to 7 a.m., and the closing hour from 4 to 6 p.m., no intermission being allowed for noon All the old office fittings were cleared out and new ones with 150 letter boxes introduced. The public is now enabled to get mail matter a few hours after its arrival, without having to wait in line two or three days, as was formerly the case."

THE NEW MINES.

Plenty of Gold to be Had Without Going to Klondike.

In a country so rich in minerals as British Columbia nothing in the way of rich strikes is ever surprising. The world knew of Cariboo and knows of Klondike and Kootenay, but it may not be generally known that there are districts almost at home where strikes are made as rich or nearly so as in any part of the Kootenays or even in the great Yukon country. A gentleman of life-long experience in all matters pertaining to mines and mining, in conversation with a World representative, gave him some idea of the mineral wealth that lies in what might be termed the immediate vicinity. "A trip up the coast," says the gentleman referred to, "will speedily convince any man that British Columbia is destined to be one of the greatest mining countries on the globe. Men in Vancouver and Victoria, even those connected with mining themselves, can hardly realize this, but a trip to Texada and Shoal Bay will convince them. The Van Anda mine, which is now down 200 feet, has a body of the finest ore on earth. The Raven is also a promising prospect. The Marble Bay mining property has a lot of splendid ore lying on the dump where it may be seen and examined by anyone. Some of the very highest grade ore has been taken from the Surprise, which has a shaft down 300 feet, and, best of all, a good ledge showing. Another fine looking proposition on Texade Island is the Silver Tip. Going further up the coast, you arrive at the Shoal Bay district. Here high grade copper ore, carrying gold and silver is taken out, equal to anything ever seen in the Kootenay. It might be surprising to many people to know that within 45 miles of Nanamio there have been 150 claims recorded within the last three months. Trails are now under construction from Nanaimo. Very rich copper ore, carrying gold and silver is found at Mt. Siccaar and Mt. Brenton districts The Leonora and Tyee, two adjoining properties, are making wonderful returns considering the amount of development done on them. The claims known as the Copper Canyon mining property, comprising the Victoria, Copper Canyon and Susan mineral claims, owned by P. J. Pearson, of Victoria, are situated on Chemainus river, about one mile west of the Leonora mine. They have been sold recently to an English syndicate, the purchase price being $75,000 When such valuable mineral localities are within a few hours' journey of either Vancouver or Victoria, it is surprising that so many people are not contented with anything short of the far-away Klondike."

Stage Driver Killed.

A Grand Forks, B.C., despatch of the 20th inst., states that on the Monday evening previous, George Curtis, while driving a special stage between Grand Forks and Cascade City, was thrown from his seat and instantly killed. His body was picked up by a team which came following close behind, and efforts were made to resuscitate him, but in vain.

THE BRAVEST BATTLE.

The bravest battle that ever was fought!
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not,
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon nor battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen!
Nay, not with words or eloquent thought
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in the walled up women's heart—
Of women that would not yield,
But bravely, silently, bore her part—
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshaling troop, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave,
But, oh, those battles, they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled up town—
Fights on and on in the endless wars,
Then silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise,
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Were fought in these silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame,
With a spotless and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came,
The kingliest warrior born!

—Joaquin Miller.

SUSPECTED.

She wears neither vest nor suspenders,
Her waist isn't cut like a coat;
She says that those women are foolish
Who want to hold office and vote.

She is sweet and good looking and gentle,
And love, I have oft heard her say,
Is a weapon with which any woman
May, if she minded to, sway.

Ah, well, let her have her sweet notions,
There may be good sense in her plan;
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Four Mile's Prosperity.

The long-promised prosperity for the Four Mile district seems to have commenced to arrive in earnest, and this winter will see more work done on Four Mile properties than any other season heretofore. There are now nearly two hundred men working in the district adjacent to Silverton and the present indications are that this number will be considerably added to during the next few months. What this means to the property owners of the district may be appreciated by considering the recent activity in mining transactions in the district. There never has been a doubt in the minds of the owners about the value of their properties. All that has been required for the Slocan lake properties was sufficient capital to properly develop them. This seems to be coming at last and Four Mile is giving adequate returns for investments made.

One of the most developed of these properties is the Comstock, or Thompson group, on Finnell creek, a tributary of Four Mile. This property was located by the Thompson Bros., of Sandon, who about eighteen months ago, bonded it to the Comstock company. Development has been continuous ever since and that company has now a very valuable property. A mill is now being built to handle the large bodies of concentrating ore shown up on the property, and when this is completed, which will be about New Year, the Comstock will be a heavy producer. A wagon road has just been completed from the mill, on the Four Mile wagon road, to the mine and contracts have been let for bringing down the ore already on the dump. The buildings at the mine are being improved in order to accomodate a large force when the mill starts.

The Wakefield, also on Finnell creek, is now a proven mine. Thirty-five miners are up at the Wakefield prepared to stay all winter. All summer development has been going on rapidly and now during the raw-hiding season heavy shipments will be made. The ore is of a very high grade and the returns should be very satisfactory to Mr. Bremner's old country syndicate who put up the money to make a mine of this claim.

The Vancouver is also a shipper, and 20 men are busy taking out ore that will be remunerative to the owners. Reports of strikes in the Vancouver have been frequent this summer and now the ore-showing is said to be something immense. The boys at this mine are a rather jolly set and aim to make life at the mine as pleasant as possible. A very good amateur orchestra made up of members of the force helps to make things pleasant while off shift and Johnny Findley, one of the "rush," who is leader, promises to produce something rivalling the Hungarian Gipsy band before spring.

On the Baltimore Ed Stewart recently made a sensational strike of 18 inches of clean ore. The Baltimore lies about midway between the Wakefield and Comstock, and is under bond to the Northwest Mining Syndicate, W. H. Sandiford's company. Ed Stewart, locator and bondee, has been entrusted with the development.

The Essex, near the Wakefield, has ten men working and the present showing amply justifies the expenditure.

The Emily Enith is looking better than ever and is likely to go on record soon as a steady producer of the white metal.

Evidences of activity are not wanting about the Bartlett group, and several other prospects are working small forces which are being added to from time to time.

The old Galena Farm is really about the only property on Four Mile that is not being actively developed. This property, although usually regarded locally as a sort of white elephant, is one of the best-known in B. C. Considerable work and a lot of expensive machinery has been put on the claims, but last week orders were received to shut down and it is doubtful whether sufficient funds will be forthcoming in the near future to continue the search for ore on the big ledge.

Kitchner Offered a Job.

General Lord Kitchner has been overwhelmed with social invitations since his return to England, but he is disposed to take a rest. He has been asked by two English publishing firms to write a book, and one enterprising American agent has been trying to get him to consent to a lecture tour in the United States, but the commander of the Anglo-Egyptian forces has declined all these propositions.

The Guelph Advocate states that another lunatic figures that it would take a 10,000 horse-power engine seventy billions of years to lift the earth one foot in height. And he didn't tell us where he would build the boiler house and engine room, or on what he would stand his jack-screw. These scientists don't think deep enough.

General Manager Hays is giving a great fillip to the activities of the Grand Trunk railway. He has just commissioned the construction at the shop at Point St. Charles of 200 additional flat cars for use over the system from Portland to Chicago. The cars will cost about $100,000.

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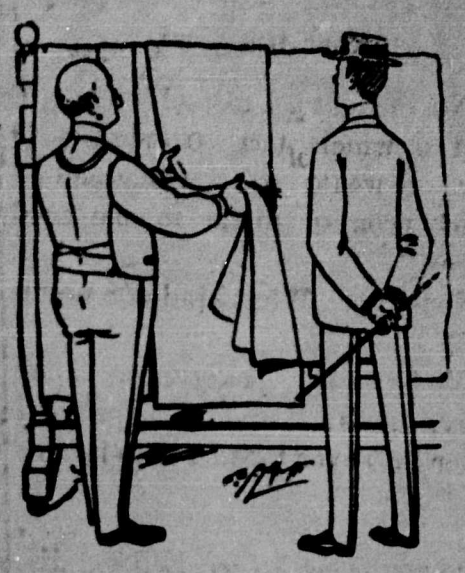

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Banks for Greenwood.

Information reached here yesterday that three banks have established branches in Greenwood this week. The Bank of British Columbia and the Bank of British North America secured premises and opened for business on the 1st of November and the Bank of Montreal followed yesterday. This is a tacit recognition of Greenwood's importance as a commercial and mining center.

Another Smelter Story.

H. B. Alexander, who was in Golden a few days since, stated that negotiations are in progress with a view of the purchase and operation of the smelter at that place, which has been closed for some years. The enterprise will be worked as a copper smelter, and the purchasers will give every assistance to the development of copper properties which will be in a position to ship ore to the smelter. This will be a big thing for Golden.—Province.

The Republic Strike.

The big ledge of the Republic has been crossed and shows 34 feet from wall to wall with 15 feet of pay ore that will run between $150 and $200 to the ton.

The tunnel was run 400 during October, which breaks all mining records. It is just 1400 feet long.

Report of the returns on the shipment of the last two cars of ore have been received. The cars netted the company $15,000. One car carried values of a little over 15 ounces gold and the other 17 ounces.

Fell Down a Shaft.

Two employees of the Sunset No. 2 mine at Rossland met with a pitiful end on Tuesday night, and three others had narrow escapes. The two victims were William Cane, a miner 30 years of age, a married man, and Patrick Nolan, a machine hand. The men were working on a platform when they were overcome with the foul gases, and losing conciousness fell to the bottom of the shaft, their necks being broken by the fall. Fred Holt, employed as a mucker, was also rendered unconcious but was saved by George Drewry. In recovering the bodies Jim McCarthy and Pat Quinlan had narrow escapes.

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.

It is generally understood that instructions have been issued to the Dominion officials at Dawson that on no consideration must they, either directly or indirectly, become interested in grabbing claims, or in any other way conduct themselves in an improper manner; attending strictly to the duties of their office. Doing otherwise will result in their immediate dismissal by the Administrator and his council.

Our old friend Beautiful Snow has returned to spend the winter.

Kept His Vow.

"No, madam, I cannot chop the wood to which you so indelicately refer. It would be a violation of a sacred promise made to me aged mother."

"Nonsense. What kind of a promise?"

"We have the poker habit in our family, ma'am, and I promised mother I'd never touch a chip in any form."

"Do you believe Lief Erikson discovered America?"

"Yes. Anything to spite Spain."

"Uncle Jim, what's a hired assassin?"

"A bad cook."

THE STRIKE IN SANDON.

TEMPUS FUGIT.

Week in, week out, from morn till night,
You can hear the hammers go
And as they go they tell the flight
From their pedestal all in a row.
But the strike shall cease with prices right
And the chorus reduce to solo.
Here are styles in clocks to suit each taste,
From plain design to rich and chaste;
And what will wake you up at morn
A clock with loud and sure alarm.
No house need have uncertain time
But hourly may enjoy the chime.
If you should see them for yourself.
They will not long adorn the shelf.
So much for clocks; now for your eyes,
Should weakness premature arise,
Think what a world of beauty's lost
Neglecting such a trifling cost.
Here you may have optician's skill;
No random fit—he fills the bill.
Objects unknown before you'll find,
Sight strengthened tones and strengthens mind.
In brooches, rings and gems, the fair
May find variety rich and rare.
Some loving swain may show his love
By pledge, like articles above.
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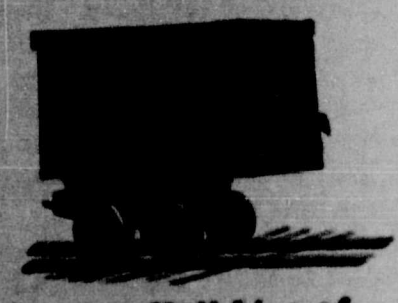
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