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THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK II.

SANDON AND CODY, JUNE 4, 1898.

CHAPTER 37

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Silver 594.
 Bill Hunter was in town Wednesday.
 James Crossdale has gone to Calgary.
 A man was seen in Rosebery early this week.
 Mrs. and Miss Atherton are visiting in Nelson.
 The Daily Kootenian fell dead last week.
 Henry Giegerich was in town off Wednesday.
 Byron Sharpe leaves for Nelson this morning.
 W. S. Drewry, of Kaslo, was in Sandon Wednesday.
 Black Jack Cogle is prospecting on the Colville Reservation.
 George Alexander returned from the old country this week.
 The dining room of the Sandon Hotel was closed on the 1st.
 S. P. Tuck was over on a wire-pulling expedition on Monday.
 A. G. Gamble and wife, of Nelson, registered at the Reco Friday.
 S. A. Mighton is expected to return from the east this evening.
 E. M. Sandlands was in New Denver for a couple of days this week.
 The passenger traffic is on the increase on both the K. & S. and the C. P. R.
 A washout between Sandon and Three Forks tied up the C. P. R. on Tuesday.
 R. H. Traeman will move his photographic tent to New Denver on Monday.
 John Barnes, express messenger on the N. & S. will spend the summer in England.
 The K. & S. is now selling through tickets to Nelson. Baggage checked right through.
 Wm. Glynn and wife arrived in New Denver where they will reside for the summer.
 George Williamson was in town Monday doing some work for the Hello company.
 The Sandon Restaurant has closed its doors. Hugh Bain, proprietor, has left the camp.
 Fred Nivin, of Whitewater, was in town yesterday. He reports business looking up in that camp.
 Alex Lucas was in town Thursday and Friday acting in his official capacity as recorder of voters.
 Mr. Wiggington, formerly of Trail has taken charge of P. Burns & Co's butcher shop in New Denver.
 Jim Macdonel was in Sandon and New Denver this week. He is contracting on the Crow's Nest road.
 R. F. Green, prospective M. P. P., surveyed the political situation at this end of the line on Wednesday.

The new fire bell has arrived on the scene and will be put up as soon as the hanging committee can get to work.

Ore shipping from the Whitewater mine has been resumed and will be increased as fast as conditions will warrant.

Jack McDonald, late purser of the steamer Slocan, has gone north and will see service on the Stickine this summer.

Curly Robinson thinks that Republic will be one of the greatest camps since the days of Christopher Columbus.

Fishing is good in Slocan lake. Tom Saunders nearly filled his boat the other day with all sizes of the finny tribe.

The Antoine will ship 100 tons a month all summer. The owners of the group are contemplating the forming of a stock company.

"Billy" Perdue will make another trip to Dawson City. It is presumed that he has another meat deal on hand in connection with Pat Burns.

Angus Matheson was the name of one of the men drowned along with W. C. McKinnon on the Stickine river. Matheson was formerly a resident of the Slocan.

Jumble McPhall and Ollie Harris, of Kaslo, went through via Sandon and Nakap to the Larders on Sunday last. They will do some development about the head of Hall creek.

A. D. Williams, who left the Slocan in a rather extemporaneous manner, says he has made \$20,000 as a customs broker at Skagway and is liable to come back and astonish his Sandon friends by paying them what he owes.

The ladies of the Catholic church have decided to postpone the concert which was announced for Dominion Day until about July 15th. Arrangements are being made to have some high class talent appear for the occasion.

The assessment roll will be completed and open to inspection this week. The City Clerk, Tax Collector, Chief of the Fire Brigade and Assessor has purchased a six-inch Hotchkiss gun and a pair of Harvey-ized pants.

By a recent amendment, any names sent in before the day on which the writ of election is issued will be placed on the voters' lists. Alex Lucas of Kaslo, is the officer appointed to revise lists for this district. Send in your name immediately if it is not already on record. The writs will probably be issued about the 15th inst.

The hotels in Skagway are out of Trail Blazer cigars, but not so with The Denver. This well-known hotel has a large chute of them in sight, although the demand may make it pinch at any time.

For the latest styles in Neckties, call at the Post Office store.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met on Monday evening, May 30th, with Mayor Atherton in the chair, present, Crayford, Switzer, Hunter, Broddy and Cuning.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

An account from H. Byers for the fire bell was read and referred to the finance committee.

An account was presented to the S. W. & L. Co. for work done on a landslide caused by the bursting of one of their mains.

Moved by Ald. Hunter, seconded by Ald. Crawford: That whereas a Gold Commissioner has been appointed for the Slocan and Slocan City Mining divisions; and whereas it has hitherto been the custom to make each gold commissioner an assistant commissioner of lands and works, a government agent and a county court registrar; and whereas it is of particular importance that these appointments should be made in this district: therefore the city council of Sandon urgently requests the Provincial government to confer upon the Gold Commissioner for the Slocan and Slocan City Mining Divisions the above appointments without delay.

The first sitting of the Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment of 1898 was set for July 6th, to be held in the council chamber.

The Public Works Committee was instructed to attend to the matter of hanging the fire bell.

Moved by Ald. Broddy, seconded by Ald. Hunter: That the services of Geo. Walte be retained as night watchman at a salary of \$80 per month, for thirty days commencing June 1st.

The city solicitor was instructed to ascertain whether the special act of parliament to confer certain borrowing powers on the city has passed the house.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Methodist Church—Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. M. Sanford. In the morning the pastor will preach on "The Weak Apostle," and in the evening will take as his subject "Christ the Bondman." Special music at the evening service.

Presbyterian church—Regular services in Virginia hall morning and evening at 11:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Cleland.

All you have to do nowadays is to drop a nickel in the slot and get a candidate.

Jim Cameron, erstwhile editor of the Silvertonian tried to join the U. S. army to go to the Philippines, but was turned down at the medical examination as physically unfitted for service.

"Wings," now rustling for The Province, was in town this week.

The Trail Blazer cigar is always in camp at The Denver.

SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to May 27th 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star	: 3,247 1/2 tons.
Ruth	: 5,374
Payne	: 10,040 1/2
Idaho Mines	: 1864
Noble Five	: 519 1/2
Reco	: 1128 1/2
American Boy	: 29
Slocan Boy	: 45
Wonderful	: 42
Ajax	: 58
Majestic	: 12
Freddie Lee	: 16
Mt. Adams	: 15
Last Chance	: 1384
Goodenough	: 36
Cananian Group	: 20
Sovereign	: 34
Trade Dollar	: 15
Queen Bess	: 204
Fountain Fraction	: 5
Miscellaneous	: 10 1/2
Ajax Fraction	: 18
Wonderful Bird	: 4 1/2
Argo	: 2 1/2

Total, : : 23,223 1/2 tons

Ore shipments for the week ending June 3rd, Ruth 90,—K. & S.

Slocan Star 60.—C. P. R.

The Ava claim, near Cody also made a test shipment of 12 1/2 pounds.

Total 150 tons.

The Payne.

About fifty more men were put on at the Payne on Wednesday. The tram is now in proper running order with all repairs completed. All the necessary machinery for the crusher has not yet arrived and as a consequence the ore is being shipped in bulk. Until the crusher is in working order all ore will be shipped over the C. P. R. A large stock of supplies has been laid in at the mine.

A Good Celebration Assured.

Dr. Young and Ald. Hunter, of the committee appointed to canvass the town in aid of the Dominion Day celebration, started out yesterday in that behalf and have met with good success, the response by the citizens being even more liberal than was anticipated. In a few minutes over \$300 was put on the list and this will no doubt be largely added to. A public meeting will be held in the Council chamber on Tuesday evening, at which it will be finally decided as to the nature of the celebration. Committees will be appointed and everything put on a business footing, so that preparations can be put forward as expeditiously as possible. Everyone interested is requested to be present.

Nelson business houses will close at 7:30 during the summer months.

A. S. Farwell will probably run as an independent candidate in Nelson.

Gus Lofstedt, who was stabbed by Walker Beatty in Kaslo on the 24th, is getting better and will be able to attend the preliminary trial to-day.

To Whom It Most Concerns.

In last week's issue of the Slokan City News, in what was purported to be a report of the 24th of May celebration at Silverton, appeared one of the most scurrilous, abusive, un-called for personal vituperations for which any journal in Kootenay has yet been responsible. Had the article mentioned appeared in any other publication it might have reflected harmfully on the young gentleman attacked, but the notorious rottenness of the News, and the well-known gentlemanly demeanor and good character of Mr. J. S. Gusty is of itself sufficient evidence that the article was, to say the least of it, a piece of vandalism and personal spleen of the lowest order.

We regret that such a thing should occur. We regret the occasion which necessitates a reply to any such ill-timed article. But we take pleasure in making that reply.

In Kootenay there are, unfortunately, as yet no amateur athletic organizations of any consequence. Of necessity, then, on such occasions, as the Silverton celebration, the prizes offered for athletics are not championships or honorary association distinctions such as would be tendered by such organizations, but cash prizes. Such being the case, a certain tangible inducement is thereby offered such pseudo "athletes" as those hailing from Slokan City to indulge in some most nefarious practices which any admirer of clean and honorable athletics should be ashamed to countenance.

J. S. Gusty did not go to Silverton under the impression that he was an all-around athlete, although, as the prize list bears ample testimony, he won a very good proportion of the prizes. Neither did he go there with the intent of indulging in any crooked practice, thereby gouging the public and betraying his friends. If he frustrated such a plan of the Slokan city "athletes" it was not the fault of those same "athletes." If his friends offered wagers on the events of the day it was because they had a fair confidence in his ability; not because they were confederates in a crooked race, as was too evidently the case with some parties from Slokan City.

Mr. Gusty's friends of Sandon still have that confidence in his ability to defeat any one of Slokan City's representatives in an all-around athletic contest. If those gentlemen of Slokan City have a spark of that element of true sportsmanship to which they so ostentatiously lay claim, a friendly contest can very easily be arranged. Any fair contest that would be satisfactory to them would be suitable to Sandon's representative. Any amount of money which they would choose to wager could easily be covered in Sandon. Any time or place which would be suitable to them would satisfy our Sandon athlete. We would respectfully suggest that

a match be arranged to take place in Sandon on Dominion Day. Every one concerned would be accorded fair and courteous treatment, and every facility afforded so that the better man might win.

This article is not a bluff. Neither is it a roast. The PAYSTREAK has no reason to apologise for anything here contained. It is not inspired by any of the parties concerned. It is a candid expression of the opinion of the people of Sandon, who have never yet had to take a back seat to anyone in matters pertaining to pure sports. And, moreover, it is business. If the Slokan City people believe that they have the better man let them produce the collateral. If they have not the courage of their convictions let them muzzle the News editor and shut up about athletics for all time to come.

CHURCH NOTICES.

For the sake of the rector, who is young and artless, let his name be unknown. But the story is true, and it occurred last week, and each woman is busy with its narration. There is an organization in the church; what its uses are only the members know, but it is called "The Little Mothers of the Church." Now, this rector was giving out a notice about it the other Sunday, and how a woman could join it, etc. And then he made this announcement, which created a flutter and a gasp: "Any lady wishing to become a Little Mother can do so by calling on the rector any Friday, in his study attached to the church." And a murmuring wave like a sudden wind in the forest went over that congregation.—San Francisco News Letter

Hamilton Smith's Yukon railway bill has had some important amendments. As it passed its third reading in the Senate yesterday it provides that the construction of the railway is not to be begun until leave to do so is obtained from the Governor-General-in-Council, unless the territory at the head of Lynn canal is declared and admitted to be British territory, or unless the United States concedes free bonding privileges over the territory in question. All the directors must be British subjects.

Canadian trade with the West Indies has received a boom since the outbreak of the war. A letter from a merchant to the Montreal Board of Trade says: "We believe that Canada can and will supply all our food-stuffs." The price received for Canadian flour so far exported to the West Indies has been all that could be expected, leaving quite a handsome margin of profit to the exporters."

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

NEW DENVER

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A SUMMER RESORT

Has few equals in the world. It is the nearest approach to Paradise of any town in Kootenay.

Sandon people, weary with the excitement of business, will find it just the spot to recuperate their tired energies.

Fishing is good, and not restricted to six days a week.

The bait sold in town is high grade and is delicious when drunk out of a bottle in any of the many secluded spots so numerous in the vicinity of the

LUCERNE OF AMERICA.

Take it in next Sunday.

THE PAYSTREAK JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Is feeling the benefit of the improvement in trade. Orders are becoming more liberal and less seldom, payments are more prompt and less excruciating; a general improvement in business is the result of the revival. But

PRICES

Have not advanced one cent. Now is the time to make the necessary purchases. We can turn out anything you happen to require with swiftness and despatch.

An order

FOR COMMERCIAL STATIONERY

Will verify the Statement.

The standard of our work is

THE HIGHEST IN AMERICA.

EAST CANADIAN NEWS.

The British war office has consented to give every veteran of '66 a medal.

The Queen has accepted Lord Aberdeen's resignation of his office as Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon. Peter Mitchell, one of the fathers of Confederation, was seized with an apoplectic fit on May 14th, at the Windsor hotel, Montreal, where he was staying.

Reports from the Michipicoten mining district say that 14 rich claims were discovered the past week, in each of which there is free gold. They will assay thousands of dollars to the ton.

The C.P.R. officials are making arrangements for a fast express to come into service about the end of the month, which will probably make the trip from Montreal to Vancouver in 100 hours.

The Ottawa Government are making a special effort to bring the session to a close about June 1st. Sir Charles Tupper leaves for England on the 28th inst. Messrs. Blair and Tarte intend going to Europe, and Mr. Foster will travel to the coast early in June. Many of the bills, which have been engaging the attention of the public lately, will thus be left over for three months.

Mr. Geo. W. Cline, of Winona, Ont., attempted to kill his wife and son, on Monday last. Cline was at one time a wealthy fruit-grower and owned 300 acres of fine orchard land, but becoming peculiarly embarrassed, his property was made over to Mrs. Cline and their son. Mr. Cline, Sr., became angered during an argument with his wife, because money was refused him, and drawing a revolver fired twice, wounding both his victims, but not seriously. He has been arrested.

John Oliver Mowat, late cashier of the Bank of Hamilton, Owen Sound, committed suicide on the morning of May 14th, in the basement of the Bank. His body was not discovered until 5 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Mowat was a bachelor and resided at the Seldon House, opposite the bank. During the last few months he has had a couple of apoplectic fits, which probably made him despondent and weary of life. Very little is known of him, although his relations in Toronto are very prominent people.

The Queen's birthday has brought new honors to many public men. Among the favored one are four Canadians, three of whom, Messrs. Pelletier, Edgar and Bourinot, have been made Knights of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and the fourth, Dr. Parkin, principal of the Upper Canada College, Toronto, has been made a Companion of the same distinguished order. There is also a report current that Premier Greenway will be knighted also.

Deposits of placer gold have been found along the Vermilion River, close to Lake Wahnapiatae, in the townships of Haumer and Wisner. The district lies about 25 miles due north of Sudbury, and many prospectors have left for the new field. The Ontario Government has decided, "that no individual can obtain more than one claim of 40 acres within any one township or within any six miles of the unorganized territory. Syndicates of individuals cannot obtain more than two 40-acre claims under the same conditions."

It has been ascertained that the young Canadian, Freeman Halstead, who was reported to have been shot by the Spaniards of San Juan, while acting as correspondent for the New York Herald and the London Graphic, is now languishing in a Spanish fortress, in which he has been condemned to be a prisoner for nine years. A cable from the British Consul at San Juan says that Halstead was arrested for photographing new forts and was tried by court-martial and sentenced as above stated. Mr. Halstead comes from near

Burlington, Ont., and has been under the care of Messrs. Freeman Bros., ever since the death of his parents, in his early childhood. His friends are now very anxious about him.

"Kit," who for many years has delighted the readers of the Mail and Empire by her original, witty and charming pen pictures of scenes here, there and everywhere, of people living and dead, of the city and the country, etc., is now engaged in writing up an entirely new subject for a woman. Needless to state that her letters are being looked forward to with delight by an immense cavalcade of her admirers. In fact, "Kit" has gone to the scene of the present Spanish-American war. Out of a very large number of applications she was the only woman who received permission to go thither.

NEW DENVER MEANS BUSINESS.

New Denver's legitimate wants are many and its citizens are just determined enough to get all they can from the Government by way of financial assistance.

Tuesday night a public meeting was held in Clever's hall, attended by upwards of 70 people, for the purpose of petitioning the Government by resolution to take active steps towards carrying out the public work in and about New Denver, for which appropriations are already made.

S. T. Walker was called to the chair and the meeting was at once brought down to business by the introduction of the following resolution by Messrs. Kerr and Fauquier:

"Whereas, a great many men are out of work in the Slocan District, and whereas, there are loud complaints of the delay in proceeding with the public works; therefore this meeting calls upon the Government to spend the appropriations for this year at once, and particularly to commence work at once on the New Denver-Three Forks wagon road, built in the Government office in New Denver, the wagon road from New Denver to Silverton, and the expenditure of \$500 in public improvements on the streets and Government property in New Denver.

"And further, that the Government be requested to carry out the above works by day labor at \$3.00 a day, and to employ none but men of the district in the work, whether as superintendent or as laborers."

The question of fire protection was called up by Mr. Mitchell by the reading of an article stating that the Provincial Board of Underwriters have sent from Vancouver Mr. Ross, as their agent, to inspect the fire appliances and apparatus of the several inland Kootenay towns, that their condition might be learned, in view to fixing a new rate of fire insurance.

After briefly discussing the matter the secretary was instructed by resolution "to advise the proper authorities at Victoria that it is the sense of this meeting that the usual appropriation be immediately made for the purchase of proper appliances for fire protection in New Denver, and for the formation of a fire brigade to be comprised of volunteer residents of this town."

After giving a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Clever for the use of his hall and the passage of minor resolutions meeting adjourned.—The Ledge.

IMPORTANT STRIKE.

On the Fidelity a very important strike was made this week. The ore chute was uncovered for a distance of 25 or 26 feet at the western line of the claim, 600 feet from the original workings, and to all indications is as strong as at the point where the workings are located. This shows the continuity of the lead. Work on the tunnel into Fidelity hill is being pushed with renewed vigor and a crosscut will be run to find the ore chute there, a distance of 300 feet in the opposite direction from the workings.

FOUGET WITH A GRIZZLY.

Wm. Moir of Kaslo has a Rough Experience With a Bear.

Wm. Moir, of Kaslo, had a hard fight for his life last Thursday with a grizzly while on his way to do assessment work on his claim, a short distance above Sproules. He was climbing the steep mountain side with a pack on his back and an axe in his hand when he was suddenly confronted by two large bears. The larger one made for him at once. Moir had not time to free himself of his pack and had to fight for his life as best he could hampered as he was. He dealt the bear a blow with the axe, cutting deep into the animal's neck.

The rush of the attack sent both man and bear rolling down the hill together in the snow. Moir held on to his axe and kept trying to work clear of his pack. The bear first bit Moir on top of the head making several bad scalp wounds. He then crunched his left arm at the elbow, and finally bit his left leg badly from the thigh to the ankle.

Moir all this time kept fighting and once choked the bear off by a grip on his throat. He finally got free of his pack and with a few well directed blows of his axe succeeded in dispatching the bear. Turning to look for the other bear, who had watched the struggle with apparent unconcern, Moir found that he had gone. He estimates that the entire struggle did not last over ten minutes.

Worn with the conflict and blinded by the blood streaming down his face, Moir started back for Sproules, binding his bleeding arm with one of his suspenders that the bear had bitten in two. It took him over six hours to cover the three miles, and when about 6 p.m. he staggered into the hotel at Sproules nearly fainting from fatigue and loss of blood, it was the first intimation that any one but himself had of his thrilling experience.

His wounds were dressed, and in a few days he will be about as before.

LOOKING SIGHTS EVERY DAY

The North West Mining Syndicate, with its head office in London, Eng., has been licensed as an extra Provincial company. This is the company represented in British Columbia by Mr. W. H. Sandiford, and which is operating the Mollie Hughes group.

The No. 1 shaft on the Mollie Hughes ledge has been connected with the crosscut tunnel at a depth of 50 feet, and driving on the ledge has been commenced. The ledge has also been found on the No. 2 tunnel, below the railway track. This will give backs of 250 feet. Two other ledges have been discovered on the property, which are being opened up and explored.

For cold and sudden chills heat a number of large thick newspapers as hot as possible over the stove, in the oven, or wherever it is possible to get them very hot without catching fire; fold thick to hold the heat, then place at the back, on the sides, or over the extremities of the patient, changing as the heat is lost. They will relieve pain and are much better than wet cloths to promote sweating.

THE WAKARUSA BAND.

You talk about your Brooks' Band, and Sousa at his best—
An' Thomas' big orchestra, an' Boyer an' the rest—
Their hifalutin' music, I suppose, is good enough
For city folks, who educate on operatic stuff;
But when you want to reach the heart an' make it laugh an' sob,
An' be in touch with nature-like, an' make it thrill an' sob,
With melody an' music that a child can understand,
You ought to hear a concert by the Wakarusa band.

They ain't up on concertos an' cadenzas an' the like—
But you can't beat 'em grindin' out a quickstep on the fiddle;
An' when they play "Old Nellie Gray," an' "Where the Daisies Grow,"
My memory goes a-iddin' back to the long, long ago;
An' music that'll work like that an' strike your very soul,
An' send you full of memories an' all your past unroll—
That kind of music playin'—his is highest mission, an'—
That's why I like to listen to the Wakarusa band.

I saw the great director in Chicago at the Fair,
With all their fine musicians annihilatin' air;
A drum 'd bang a horn 'd blat, a clarinet 'n' shriek—
An' if you call that music, say, you ought to hear me speak;
I want the kind of music that'll melt into the heart—
I wouldn't give a playunc for all their classic art;
Let educated critics gulp it down and call it grand—
But I'll just sit and listen to the Wakarusa band.
—Dave Florence.

When to Stop Advertising.

When the population ceases to multiply and the generations that crowd on after you and never heard of you stop coming on.

When you have convinced everybody whose life will touch yours that you have much better goods and lower prices than they can get anywhere else.

When you perceive it to be the rule that men who never advertise are outstripping their neighbors in the same line of business.

When men stop making fortunes right in your sight solely through the direct use of the might agent.

When you can forget the words of the shrewdest and most successful business men concerning the main cause of their prosperity.

When every man has become so thoroughly a creature of habit that he will certainly buy this year where he bought last year.

When younger and fresher houses in your line cease starting up and using the newspapers in telling the people how much better they can do for them than you can.

When you would rather have your own way and fail than take advice and win.

When nobody else thinks it pays to advertise.

A Missouri editor, is candid enough to make this statement: "We would not accept a bribe, and yet we are free to say we cannot support candidates without some sort of remuneration, as we have a large family to support, and space is worth money. But please don't offer us anything to our face, but, if you feel grateful for our assistance, just contrive to loose ten or twenty dollars in our office, where we can stumble over it accidentally, and thank heaven for it in the silence of our sanctum. By this means we can overcome our scruples, and keep our conscience as clear as maple syrup."

The Newmarket Hotel,

NEW DENVER, B. C.

Provides ample and pleasant accommodation for the travelling public.
Telegrams for rooms promptly attended to.
STEGE & AVISON, Proprietors.

THE PAYSTREAK.

Is issued every Saturday in Sandon, in the heart of the greatest White Metal camp on earth.

Subscription \$2.00 a year
Strictly in advance.

Address: THE PAYSTREAK, Sandon, B.C.

SANDON, B. C., JUNE 4, 1898

QUITE RIGHT.

A correspondent in England has the following letter in a London paper:

Permit me to observe that the home investor does not seem to be aware of the potentialities of the silver mines in British Columbia. Next to Klondyke, the Rossland district only has attracted attention, and the English companies promoted, with one or two prominent exceptions, have confined their operations to the reputed gold camps. It may be heresy to talk hopefully of silver, yet I believe that the richest properties in the Province are in the Slocan, where a friend writes me the proportion of profitable properties is fifteen or twenty to one in Rossland. The Galena fiasco may have prejudiced the public here, but years back American prospectors recognised the value of quartz mining and the immense silver-lead deposits, and where the British mining speculator or promoter now fears to tread our Yankee cousin is enjoying a real good thing. Compare a gold mine yielding, say, \$30 to the ton, or £6, with a galena proposition regularly returning from 60 oz to 100 oz. of silver and up to 50 and 60 per cent. of good lead, besides copper possibly. Is that a contemptible average where the cost of working is relatively small? With bar silver below 2s. per oz. standard, surely there is more money in one ton of silver-lead ore than in four tons of low grade gold-bearing stuff; and I know of many reliable men who on that account prefer the Slocan to Trail Creek."

It is surprising how small things count up. The exchange on a bank cheque is 25 cents on a hundred dollars. This is a trifling amount and as a rule we do not notice it, but if some day we get a cheque on Toronto for a million the exchange would loom up in a more substantial manner and we could not afford to pay it. Owing to this we will not accept cheques of that denomination unless the exchange is added.

CANADA HOLDS HER OWN.

Despite all the powerful influences that have fought against Canada she has held her own in America. Speaking of her progress, Dr. J. G. Bourinot, in The Forum, says: "At present a population of 5,000,000, against 1,000,000 in 1840, with a total trade of \$250,000,000, against \$25,000,000 in 1840, and with a national revenue of nearly \$40,000,000, against \$700,000 in 1840, inhabits a dominion of seven regularly organized Provinces, and of an immense territory, now in course of development, stretching from Manitoba and Ontario to British Columbia, whose shores are washed by the Pacific ocean. This dominion

embraces an area of 3,510,000 square miles, including its water surface, or very little less than the area of the United States with Alaska, or a region measuring 3,500 miles from east to west and 1,400 miles from north to south. The magnificent valley through which the St. Lawrence river flows from the lakes to the ocean, is now the home of prosperous, energetic and intelligent communities, one of which was founded nearly three centuries ago. A remarkable system of waterways, consisting mainly of the Red, Assiniboine and Saskatchewan rivers, extends through the plains of the territories as far as the base of the Rocky Mountains and fertilizes a region whose capabilities for the production of foods are probably not surpassed on this continent. The mountainous country to the north of Lake Superior is rich in gold, copper, nickel and other valuable minerals, which are already attracting the attention of enterprise in Europe and America. The gold mines of British Columbia are most productive and the great bulk of the precious metal still lies buried in the rocks of that immense Province. The coal mines of Vancouver island have no rivals on the Pacific Coast, while those of Nova Scotia and the Territories are capable of infinite development. The treasure of gold now attracting capital and people to the dreary country through which the Yukon and its tributaries flow now seems to be inexhaustible, and must add largely to the population and wealth of the Dominion, which, year by year, sees its resources increasing in extent and value. The fisheries have long been the envy of the United States, and the agricultural production is as great as that of most favored sections of that country. Its climate and resources—the best springs of a nation's energy and wealth—are those of the northern, middle and western states."

A WAR SACRIFICE.

When first I told my wife that we had better let him go,
I never seed on mortal face a look o' keener woe!
Jes' seemed as if her heart'd break, an' in her eyes there come
A sort o' wild, appealin' stare that seemed to strike me dumb,
An' when at last she swallowed down the choke
As if she could talk
She said she guessed she never had 'jes' sich a sudden shock,
But she would leave it all to me, an' if I thought it best
To let him go she'd try to bear the burden in her breast.

I told her at a time like this when war was in the land
That everybody in their way should lend a helpin' hand,
An' since the Gov'ment had need o' Jack we'd ort to do
Our share in the emergency by lettin' of him go.
I knowed it would be lonesome 'round the ranch when he was gone,
We'd miss his voice in mornin' song at risin' time at dawn,
We'd miss his old familiar step a ploddin' 'round the place,
An' miss, perhaps, the most of all his earnest, honest face.

We talked about our Jack that night, my wife's eyes full o' tears,
An' me a chokin' in the throat like I'd not done for years,
Gur I jes' want to tell you, pard, it's mighty tough to part,
Perhaps to meet no more, with one that's nested in your heart,
But Jack is climbin' up in years, although yet big an' strong,
An' we decided in the end we mightn't have him long,
An' as the agent offered us a price that wasn't low,
We both concluded it was best to let the ol' mule go.

—Denver Post.

THE BODILY TRUTH.

We ain't the delight o' the nylons, the dawlin' and pet o' the world;
They winks when they see us a-comin', their lips is sawcefully curled,
They 'as the opinyun—it's o'is as they don't like no pines for cornmeal—
As we fight in the 'oldest games, but makes us hit art o' the deal,
And trusts us, believin' they knows just what sort o' pertiter we are,
As far as they're able ter chuck us—thanks be as the time isn't far,
It's winkin', an' grinnin', an' jabbin', an' don't go no further nor that,
But whichever o' the poppular nylons, it isn't Orithe Britain—that's flat.

Dunno 'ow it is, but it is so, and us and the world don't agree;
'Praps we takes up 'so much o' the atlas for one little speck in the sea,
And sometimes we 'as bin in error, it's no good a shirkin' the fact—
An' sometimes when we've bin in error, it's somebody else 'as gort whacked,
'Arrever it is, 'ere we're standin'—erect, but we're standin' alone,
And knows if we wants a thing done, then we've gort ter do that on our own;
And the whisper it runs through the nylons, whenever a c'mode' offends:
"Grite Britain? 'Ois 'awl-a-brica easy She ain't gort no friends."

No friends? It may be, but we might 'ave. There's writtin' an' notes will efface,
There's a tie as no folly can loose, the tie between men o' one race,
The orders as Nychur 'as writtin' cawn't never be rubbed art agine,
And the pass, with its blunders an' bloodshed, saws 'art at that tie, but in vize,
And nar, when the sky's cloudin' over, the sound o' the battle is near,
The voice of art vice staws a speakin', the 'int as it offers is clear:
"Friend Jonathan—'s'poin' you wants us—remember we're 'ere."

—London Chronicle.

FAULTS.

Everybody eats, drinks, breathes and sleeps, and everybody who has the due allowance of legs and feet walks. Yet not one person in a hundred does either of these things properly. That is the verdict of a writer in a French scientific publication, La Vie Scientifique. He tells wherein people err in these important particulars, and gives instructions as to how the errors should be corrected.

As to sleeping his specifications apply more to France and the continent of Europe generally than to this country. In this country few beds are enclosed in the absurd heavy curtains which are so common in France—curtains which cut off the supply of oxygen.

It has long been axiomatic in this country that bedroom windows should be open at night, that the bed should be without curtains and in the middle of the room and that the room in the daytime should be exposed to all the sunlight possible. And these axioms are what La Vie Scientifique points out most impressively to its readers.

As to walking the errors are confined to no particular nation. People of all countries walk badly, and their chief mistake is in regard to the centre of gravity of body. It should be kept as nearly as possible, in locomotion, at an even distance from the ground. Most people wobble, lurch or hop in their gait, thus alternately raising, lowering and throwing first to one side and then the other the gravity centre. This greatly increases the fatigue of walking, an unnecessary fatigue, which is accurately represented by the weight of the body multiplied by the sum of the distance

that the centre of gravity is elevated either from the horizontal or uselessly lifted and lowered on the perpendicular line. Furthermore, care should be taken not to walk on either the toes, the heels or the side of the feet. The foot should be placed flat on the ground and the knee, ankle and hip joints should be moved evenly and each assigned to its just allowance, and no more of the work.

As to eating, drinking and breathing, the common errors are generally well known and as generally prevalent as they are well known. Everybody knows that it is bad to drink iced liquids in great gulps, just as everybody knows it is bad to gobble food without proper mastication. Iced drinks swallowed in gulps do not quench thirst; food bolted without being chewed does not nourish the body. Both bread dyspepsia and other ills. And in the same way breathing through the mouth instead of the nose leads to annoying and often deadly bronchial ailments.

MELBOURNE'S HIGH DAYS.

Charles Short, writing of Melbourne during the gold fever, in the Pall Mall Magazine says:

Gold threatened to become as common as silver in the days of Solomon. In one year £12,000,000 in eight years £95,000,000, were won. Some men at Golden Point made as much as £400 a day. Another exceptionally lucky party unearthed 34 pounds of gold in one day. No wonder that such "pockets" were termed "jewelers' shops." Occasionally a nugget worth £10,000 was unearthed. The result of this sudden influx of wealth almost without labor, and with risks which are infinitesimal as compared to Klondyke, was the temporary demoralization of the population. Melbourne, in the height of the gold fever, has been described by one who knew it well as "a fevered, drunken, delicious Pandemonium." The lucky ones—and there were thousands of them—squandered their riches in the most reckless fashion. Some of their fantastic tricks would scarcely be credited were they not attested by witnesses still living. The game of ninepins, we are told, was played with bottles of champagne, for which he who broke least had to pay; dozens of the same costly wine were emptied into tubs, and drunk from tin paunikins, spirits and beer being added to give "body" to the beverage, one man, in imitation of Caligula, shod his horse with gold; sandwiches made of banknotes were devoured; silver wrapped up in banknotes was thrown to popular actresses instead of flowers—in fact, money was so plentiful that the reckless diggers could not "knock it down" fast enough. They thought they only had to dig a few feet in the earth to get plenty more, and for a time it almost seemed as if this were so. Such were some of the characteristics of Victoria's hot youth.

Uncle Moss—Dat swelled laig come from kickin' mah son Jim on de haid.

Jones—I guess Jim ain't foolin' around mules now.

Uncle Moss—No, sah; he's got er bettah job testin' armoh plate loh de gov'ment.

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SLOCAN CITY

"BILLY" MCKINNON DROWNED.

A Pioneer of the Slocan Crosses the Great Divide.

A short despatch last week announced the fact that W. C. McKinnon, of Silverton, had been drowned in the Stickine river. The following particulars are taken from the Daily Province:

"McKinnon was taking a party of five men into the Yukon country and had reached Telegraph Creek with their outfit, with which they were ready to start over the trail. Before making the start, however, McKinnon decided to visit Glenora for his mail and taking two members of the party, started down the river. A few hours after they had left Telegraph Creek a man on the bank just above Glenora saw a man clinging to an upturned boat, being carried down the river. Nothing could be done to help him, for even had a boat been handy and have been launched it could not have caught the upturned craft. A few miles below Glenora the boat was again seen, but this time without its unfortunate passenger who must have lost his hold soon after he was seen from the bank. McKinnon's body was found but nothing was seen or heard of those of his companions. There is just a bare chance that the two men reached shore but again so many men are passing up and down daily that had they been safe the fact must have been reported.

"How the accident occurred is of course a mystery, but the section of the river where it happened has always been considered dangerous.

"McKinnon was well-to-do and was financing the expedition of which he was the leader. Considerable money was found in his pockets when the body was picked up."

W. C. McKinnon was one of the pioneers of the Slocan having been in the store business with Wm Hunter in several towns of the district. For a long time he was one of the owners of the steamer W. Hunter, and took an active part in the management of that boat last year. His sudden death came as a shock to all his friends and his brothers and sisters, who reside in Silverton, have the sincere sympathy of all who knew him.

AROUND NELSON.

Thomas Kane, of the Second Relief mine, says that the Second Relief has 25 men working and the force will be increased to 50 or 75 men before the middle of the summer.

A. M. Bullion of Seattle, Samuel L. Brisbois of Ymir, and J. M. O'Toole of Rossland, have a force of men at work on the Bruce, on Bear Creek. They have a fine ledge eight feet wide running through the entire claim. Surface assays give \$10.50 in gold and copper.

E. Croteau, owner of the Dumas, situated on Wild Horse creek, will resume work on that claim in a few days. Over 110 feet of tunnel work has been done on this property and two and a half feet of solid ore has been struck which has assayed as high as \$70 in gold and silver to the ton.

One of the most promising properties in the Ymir district is the Bullion group consisting of the Bullion, Woodside, Mohawk and Crouch Hill mineral claims, situated about one mile west of Ymir, on Quartz creek, and owned by the All Gold Mining company, of Brantford, Ont. A shaft has been run 10 feet on a lead and another shaft 25 feet on No. 1 lead on the Bullion, and they now have a 24 foot ledge of quartz that runs high in gold and copper.

LIVELY TIMES IN DAWSON.

These are lively times in Dawson, the closing of the mines and the arrival of a quantity of American mail has brought hundreds of men from the gulches and the streets by day and the saloons by night are densely crowded. There is

but one dance hall open and the miners crowd into it in such numbers that it is almost impossible for one to elbow his way through the crowd. Tammany hall, the rival dance hall, was closed two weeks ago because the supply of whisky was exhausted. Several saloons have lately been forced to take the same step and there are now only four saloons running. The others are patiently awaiting the arrival of a fresh supply of liquor.

Men with dog teams are arriving daily over the ice from Skagway and Dyea. Four separate dog teams came in yesterday and there were one or two each on the preceding days. The men report the trail to be in bad condition between the Pelly and Stewart rivers. One party brought in a roasted turkey that had been cooked and frozen in Seattle. The turkey was raffled off in the Pioneer saloon, there being 75 chances at \$2 each. The owner of the turkey realized \$140 net for the venture.

NEWS OF YMIR.

A Rossland Miner correspondent at Ymir says: Toney Modigh, manager of the Salmon River & Porcupine Mining Company, who own the Guttenberg, situate on Porcupine creek, has been here for several days. Last Friday he visited the Guttenberg and states that the property is about clear of snow and the company will put a force of men to work about the first of June. There has been considerable work done on the Guttenberg and the company is well pleased with the looks of the property.

The Ymir Development Company reports the sale of several thousand shares of Porcupine & Salmon River stock. The recent rich strike on the Flossie R has been the main cause of this stock gaining so much favor with the buyers.

The steel rails for the Tamarac and Dundee tramways have arrived and were unloaded here last Friday. The tramway for the Dundee is about completed with the exception of laying the rails, which will commence at once.

Thomas Kereeme purchased a one-fourth interest in the Plymouth group from Temple Seeley. This property was located by John P. Curtin, Temple Seeley and Tom Stack about a year ago. It is situate on Tamarac mountain, close to the Tamarac mine. There will be considerable development work done on this property during the summer by its present owners, Messrs. Curtin, Stack and Kereeme.

James Westgate has started four men to work on the Friday, which adjoins the Porto Rico. Although little development work has been done on this property up to the present time, Mr Westgate has refused two or three good offers for the Friday.

J. B. Stover and Toney Modigh recently bonded the Old Joe claim, situate a few miles below Erie and opposite Beaver. There has been considerable work done on this property and the showings are good. A force of men has been put to work on the Old Joe.

Frank Tomblyn, of Nelson, will put a force of men to work on the Royal Oak claim, which adjoins the famous Ymir mine, within a few days. Mr. Tomblyn had considerable work done on this property last summer and fall and he is well pleased with the way the Royal Oak is looking at present.

Chris Creamer has been doing assessment work on the Bruce, situate one and a half miles south of Ymir and close to the Flossie R. This property is owned by Dr. Sinclair, of Rossland. There is a well defined ledge four feet wide on the Bruce, and surface assays give \$5.80 in gold and copper.

Fred Reiser and Tony Modigh have started to work on the Copper Belle, situate on Stewart creek. This property has a fine ledge some three feet wide running through the entire claim, and assays have been made as high as \$12 to \$15 per ton in gold from surface rock. The property will be worked steadily during the summer and fall.

BOUNDARY CREEK COUNTRY.

There are over a dozen freight teams on the road from Marcus with machinery for the Mother Lode, Stemwinder, Brooklyn and Athelstan mines.

Machinery is now being put on the Stemwinder. A contract has been let to James Panch to run a tunnel of 600 feet to connect with the main shaft.

Work is being steadily pushed on the O.K. and Lucky Boy properties in Seattle camp. The ore now on the dump is said to assay from \$80 to \$100 in gold. The claims are owned by Alderman O'Connor of Grand Forks.

On the Snowshoe, under bond to an English syndicate, represented by R. W. McFarlane, for \$5,000, a shaft has been sunk 135 feet and a crosscut run at the 110-foot level. So far the showing is very satisfactory, and 10 per cent of the bond has been paid. The mine will likely be equipped with machinery soon.

It is reported that A. H. Harrison, superintendent of B. C. mine in Summit Camp, has purchased the Silver Dollar property up the North Fork of the Kettle river, on a bond for \$35,000. Mr. Harrison made a big payment for the B. C. mine itself when a few days ago he handed over in Greenwood to John W. Keough and Sons, the sum of \$27,000. This is the largest individual payment ever made in Greenwood with respect to Boundary Creek mining properties. The B. C. was bonded nine months ago for \$30,000. It was then a prospect, but the indications were so encouraging that Mr. Harrison had no hesitation in giving the bond at that figure. He at once went to work to develop the property. A steam plant was secured, a shaft sunk 160 feet. About 400 feet of drifting was carried out on the upper level and 100 feet on the lower level. The development was in ore nearly the whole of the time with the result that there is now 1,200 tons of high grade copper ore on the dump. The first payment on the bond was made six months ago. Before making the \$27,000 payment the B. C. was experted by Dr. Hatch, an English mining engineer of long experience.

The Father—Here, you sir, stop hugging up my daughter in that shameless manner.

The Lover—Huh, when did you get to be press censor?

TRAIL CREEK SMELTER.

Sol Cameron's big crew of graders are moving earth at a lively pace on Smelter hill and getting the ground in good shape for the construction of the roast kilns, says the Trail News. Mr. Cameron will burn and lay over two million bricks, which will go into the construction of the 48 roast kilns and the two big stacks.

Two options have been signed for the purchase of the Bruce mine, above the saw mill. One of them provides for the expenditure of \$30,000 in development work, in consideration of which the purchasers are to have 52 per cent of the stock. The second option puts the price of the mine at \$90,000, with a cash payment of \$10,000.

There is not a merchant or business man in Trail but who can conscientiously say that a marked improvement has come over the state of trade in the past few weeks.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The Whitewater Deep on the same vein as the Whitewater, but lower down, has evidences already of an 18-inch seam of the very best ore. The company is now preparing to drive a new 2,000-foot tunnel lower down than its present strike, which will be near the level of the country, but sufficiently high for a reasonable dump. The company will use a water wheel to secure a full supply of fresh air in its workings.

Victory-Triumph Force to Be Doubled.

D. B. Bogle, managing director of the Kootenay Gold Fields syndicate, is visiting the properties of the company on Sophie mountain, Rossland, to examine the new strike recently made on the Victory-Triumph. The vein is in 17 feet wide and has a paystreak of three and a half feet. The ore runs on the surface about \$15 per ton. Mr. Bogle feels so much encouraged over the strike that he has made arrangements to immediately double the force. The new strike is something distinct and separate from the main lead, the ore of which averages \$18 to the ton.

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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.

- MAY 25—Baltimore, Four Mile, Edward Stewart, Rable, north of Mollie Hughes, D S MacIntyre, Dandy Fractional, Carpenter, Dan McLeod, Bidgood, Carpenter, David Clark.
- MAY 26—Lone Water, same, Willie Eccles, Bodie, Bear lake, J H Wexley.
- MAY 27—Hyak, north of New Denver, George Davis.
- MAY 28—Dewey, Bannock Point, J E Barrett, Gaglia, Goat Mountain, David Brenner and Russell Thompson.
- Eliza Fractional, Three Forks, Wm Gallagher.
- MAY 30—Marmon, Houson creek, David Murphy.

ASSESSMENTS.

- MAY 25—Trade Dollar, Sir Frederick, Little Ben, Queen Ann, Joseph H, Altona, Dayton No 2, Atlas No 3, Eureka, Mineral Hill, Summit, Richmond.
- MAY 26—Hemlock, Isis, Confidence, Caladonia.
- MAY 27—Carlton, Lakeview, Alpha, Lakeview Fraction.
- MAY 28—Palmito, Cornrocker, Fairhaven, Noonday, Hit-or-miss, Muchacho.
- MAY 30—Boss, Atlanta, North Star No 4, Aitchson Fraction, Heather Bell, Grey Eagle, Fourth of July.

TRANSFERS.

- MAY 25—Isis 1/2, Wm S Drewry to Robt Williams, March 30.
- Medford, Cinderella, A B Dockstader to Leonard B Keyser, April 15, \$9,255.
- MAY 27—Bonaparte 1/2, Adam Seala to Rose Cortiana, May 25.
- MAY 28—Soho 1/2, Jas Brown to Jas C Ryan, May 15, \$1,200.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

- MAY 20—Poplar, W H Beamish.
- MAY 21—Legal Tender No 2, Thos Benton.
- MAY 25—Lydia Jane, Thos Bianch, Matanz, Peter Arnot, Chapleau, Fractional, David Arnot and A T Balderson.
- MAY 26—Treasure Vault, Harold Ellis, Anglo American, J G Dewar, Kinsight, J T Tipping, Birch, T J Day.

ASSESSMENTS.

- MAY 20—Noonday, Quebec, Susana, Humboldt.
- MAY 21—Celebration, Cougar, Sunlight Fraction.
- MAY 25—Corker No 3, Forty-Eight, Sadie B, Clarot.
- MAY 26—Hornum, Lucky Boy, Lemon Star, Get There Hill, Reno, Accidental, V and M, F L C, Mayflower Golden West, Lone Lodge.

TRANSFERS.

- MAY 20—Nancy Hanks No 2, 1/2 of 5/8, E W Nettleton to H E Graves, \$30.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

- MAY 21—War Cloud, A Jardine and E Bork; Experiment, Thos Wall, Bonanza, Ott Johnson.
- MAY 24—Brownie, Andrew Miller; All America, Louis Herman; Jewel Fraction, R T Martin; Unexpected, R Mitchell; Eagle, H P Johnson, A Johnson.
- MAY 25—Monte Cristo, G Walker; Snow Birds, John Stinson; Homestead, M Marble; St Thomas, James McNeil; Omir, M Marke; Emma Rillios, W Y Williams.
- MAY 26—Bobby Burns, Robt Mitchell; Olympia, T Johnson; Superior, Duncan McDonnell.

ASSESSMENTS.

- MAY 21—Elk Range, Iron Queen, Carson, Umpire, Celebration, Ormonde.
- MAY 25—Uncle Mike, Silver Tip, Valparaiso, 40, Robbie B, Deer Lodge, Anaconda, High Ore, Kato, Butte, Big Five, Sultan, Lucky Bob.
- MAY 26—Cumberland, Lubeck, Little Bell Fr, Silver Bell, Hub, Iron Cap, Ruthie Bell, St Joseph, Lavina, Fourth of July, Monie, Florence.
- MAY 27—North Star, Glasgow, Normandy.

TRANSFERS.

- MAY 21—Elk, Elk Range, M H Goldwater to P Silvertan.
- Pilot 1/2, D Grant to Samuel Underhill.
- Bright Hope 1/2, Thos Workman to same.
- Treasurer 1/2, Samuel Underhill to Thos Workman.
- MAY 25—Gold Commissioner's Permit to R E Brown re Crown, grant for Whitewater Deep Fraction M C.
- MAY 26—I C, Ed Becker to J Munro.
- See 1/2, Wm Ginol to Dominion Mining and Development Co.
- Mayflower 2/16, J A Finch to J L Montgomery.

IMMIGRATION.

It is held by those in touch with the movement of the poorer populations of Europe that an era of extensive emigration to Canada has fairly begun. The

record of the land sales of the C.P.R. and other land corporations bear out this statement and add the comforting assurance that a larger proportion of the emigrants reaching this country are now staying within our borders than has heretofore been the case. Hitherto a great many people have come to the Dominion, but a very large percentage of them have only remained in the country for a short time before joining the army of Canadians who sought opportunities in the United States that seemed to be denied them at home. The consequence has been that while the population of Canada has increased steadily, the gain has not been at all rapid. But of late there has been a falling off in the exodus of native Canadians, together with a greater influx of Europeans and a larger percentage of the latter have remained with us. There has also been a noticeable movement of people from the United States to the Dominion, and at the present rate of progress the next census ought to show a very notable increase in population.

This is caused to a great extent by the change in economic conditions in the United States. The emigrant is no longer welcomed in the domain of Uncle Sam. The agricultural land there is practically all taken up. The labor organizations have secured severe legislation to protect themselves from indiscriminate competition, and the intending emigrant is closely scrutinized and often unceremoniously rejected. On the other hand Canada has come to the front with astonishing rapidity. The Diamond Jubilee festivities served to concentrate the attention of Europe upon the Dominion and this notice was intensified by the news of the gold discoveries. Confirming and strengthening the growing belief of the people of Europe in Canada, came reports last fall of a bountiful crop, and hundreds, probably thousands, of letters went across the Atlantic from colonists on the prairies, telling of how well they had fared in the land of their adoption. All this will militate to our advantage.

The incoming tide will of course not be all desirable in its character. The settlers from Central Europe will naturally seek the prairies. They will settle in colonies, so as to avoid isolation among a people who speak an unfamiliar language. The people from the United Kingdom will in very many cases seek the older provinces and British Columbia may expect to come in for a large share. As means of communication are opened through that province the fertile valleys of the mainland and adjacent to the mining camps will be occupied. Hitherto the majority of those who have gone into the interior have aimed at doing something directly or indirectly connected with mining. Comparatively few have intended to devote themselves to farming. And yet if a man's object is to make a living and leave his family comfortably provided for, he will be much more likely to do so in British Columbia by taking a good piece of land near a mining centre and farming it intelligently, than by pursuing the fickle goddess with a prospector's pick in his hands. Better means of communication are needed to enable farmers to make the most of such opportunities, but these have been arranged for and will soon be provided, and with the steady expansion of our transportation facilities will come the exploitation of the thousands of acres of fertile land thus brought within reach of a market.

Hot Talk Against Leiter.

Saturday Review: The scarcity of wheat has forced up the price in England to 55s a quarter, and the price of bread is following the price of grain by leaps and bounds. To the poorest classes in England this advance in bread will undoubtedly cause considerable suffering, but in France the price is already much higher, and the people, having a lower standard of wages, are suffering more severely. In Spain, however, where the nominal condition of large numbers is a condition of patient poverty, the line that divides scarcity from starvation has already been crossed. The consequence

is that there are bread riots all over the country. The starving Spaniard little thinks that the tyrant who is crushing the life out of him and his wife and children is an enormously rich young man far away in Chicago. This youthful millionaire, Mr. Joseph Leiter, is probably causing more misery in the world to-day than the worst Arab slave dealer or the most abandoned criminal, for the vast area of Mr. Leiter's depredations on the poorest classes in Europe far more than counterbalances the greater intensity of suffering inflicted by his rivals in iniquity. The long arm of the modern millionaire reaches to alien millions that will never hear his name, and young Leiter, by his manipulation of the wheat market, is to-day carrying starvation into secluded Spanish villages and crowded city slums, setting the sharp rack of hunger at work to pinch and peel his victims. It is out of the last coppers of the indigent and the miserable that this Chicago millionaire cheerfully levies his blood tax in order that, at the expense of starving men and women and little children, he may add fresh millions to those he has already amassed.

Moral Effect of the War.

Two ladies were talking in an avenue car. "This war is perfectly dreadful," said one. "Indeed it is," said the other. "Couldn't be worse." "Yes, it would be worse if the Spaniards were treating us as we are treating them." "Of course; I don't mean that. I mean in its moral effect." "I hadn't noticed that particularly." "I didn't till yesterday." "In what way?" "On my husband." "He doesn't want to enlist, does he?" "Oh, no, I don't mean that. It is on him and my little boy, too." "Not on that innocent child?" "Yes. You know the little fellow has been marching around at a great rate with his tin sword and gun, and yesterday afternoon he informed me, to my horror, that he was going to fight the d—n Spaniards. Think of that, will you? And he a prize Sunday school scholar." "Horrible!" "Yes, and when his father came home I told him about it and insisted that he take Willie and give him a good whipping for swearing, and what do you think he did?" "Told you to do it yourself, as my husband always does." "No, he didn't, either. He told me that under the circumstances it was not swearing, and that the boy could say what he pleased about the d—n Spaniards. And he's a member of the church himself."

A FATHER'S SORROW.

Never was a father's sorrow so touchingly expressed at the waywardness of his boy than in the words of Michael Nulty in bidding his son Tom good-bye in the Joliette prison, a few days before his execution, May 23, for the Rawdon murder: "I kiss for your mother and for your sisters," he said. "They are unable to come to see you and in their name I bid you good-bye. Your father never will see you alive again. Remember all the advice I have given you. Think of God and give up your life to him who calls for it. Say your prayers every day and don't be frightened of hell. You are buying back your soul. May God pardon you as I have already pardoned you." All this time Tom had been kneeling at his father's feet, pressing his hands and asking pardon. The death-watch who was present all the time, broke down utterly and could not repress his tears.

CANADA GETS NO CHANCE.

After all is said and done is this country as corrupt as it is supposed to be? Politicians may slander the country

by their habit of assuming that honesty will not pay.

Public opinion speaks to politicians largely through individuals and the tendency of the politicians in office is to strive to please the individuals who exert influence and the corporations which put up campaign funds.

Benefit to the country is not always an incident in the schemes which are furthered by a premier and his advisers who intend to strengthen their Government. Politicians are prone to magnify the value of the smooth man who can manage individuals by his "slickness" and to belittle the value of the strong man who can manage public opinions by his strength.

Bad as the country may be it is entitled to have in its lifetime one set of rulers who will assume that it is honest, until it proves itself dishonest, and if a Government which will stand by the people is ever seated in Ottawa, the people ought not to be condemned until after they have failed to stand by that Government.—Toronto Telegram.

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10:00	"	Bear Lake	1:00	"
10:30	"	McGowan	1:30	"
10:30	"	Only Junction	1:15	"
10:30	"	Sandon	Leave 1:00	"

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The Travel to Klondike.

A Western States contemporary, discussing the volume of this traffic, speaks as follows:

The extravagant guesses as to the amount of traffic to the Klondike this spring have come far from being realized. So light has been the travel, in fact, that railroad men are wondering if it has been worth the three month's fight with the Canadian Pacific, and the loss of revenue on regular business consequent upon the reductions made upon all western lines and the Grand Trunk.

"During the winter many railroad men made personal visits to the north Pacific coast points to ascertain the probable volume of Alaska traffic. Almost without exception they placed the total at 150,000 to 200,000. Since begun, accurate count has been kept on all passengers on all boats going to Alaska ports. Up to April 1st the number of passengers had not reached 25,000. It is conceded that the rush is now over, and the best evidence of this is the fact that the boat lines have reduced their rates \$10 a ticket. Hence 30,000 will more than cover the entire traffic for the season, exclusive of that which went overland, and which is very small.

"For this business transcontinental rates were reduced more than 60 per cent., the fare from St. Paul and Missouri river points being only \$10, yet the reductions do not seem to have stimulated traffic to any appreciable extent. Furthermore, these low rates are in effect still, and the prospects of getting them out are very poor, for the Canadian Pacific and the American lines are no nearer a settlement than when the fight began early in the winter."

The above quoted figures, however, appear to represent the estimated volume of traffic making Yukonwards from United States ports, and not to include British Columbia traffic. There has, moreover, been a considerable though reduced amount of travel since April 1st, especially via Vancouver and Victoria. Hence, probably, taking the travel to date and including that which has gone via British Columbia, the Klondike passenger traffic in 1898 may be placed, we think, without exaggeration, at about 35,000, of whom at least 9,000 have gone north via Vancouver, Victoria, Ashcroft or Kamloops, most, of course, travelling through Vancouver or Victoria. There is no present sign of any great rush of travel to the Klondike, and it seems quite certain that all our advance estimates of an emigration thither of at least 150,000 persons this season must be largely discounted. Our western contemporary's estimate of 30,000 is, however, as we have stated, considerably exceeded already, and in all probability by mid-July, before which there

will no doubt be a revival of movement northwards, at least 50,000 people will have made for the Yukon country. We do not, however, now anticipate that the aggregate of northern gold fields emigration will exceed 60,000 persons in all. We feel, therefore, persuaded that it will be to the interest of those concerned in the trade and traffic to act accordingly with considerable caution.—B. C. Critic.

The War and Silver.

The Western Mining World of Butte contains, written from the standpoint of a Western States silver man, the following suggestive leader on the effect likely to be produced on the cause of silver remonetization in the United States by the continuance of the present war:

"If prolonged, the chief issues of 1900—the free coinage of gold and silver—will be overshadowed by international questions, to the infinite advantage of the single standard administration. In urging a declaration of war against the protests of the gold men in congress, the silver men have disqualified themselves from criticising the efforts of the administration to conduct hostilities on a prudent and careful basis, even if the war is thereby prolonged into the campaign of 1900. It looks as if the silver men had been outwitted in dogmas, when the effects of the war upon the issues of 1900 are calmly considered. An inferior result of the war, such as disastrous and expensive foreign intervention, could not be charged up to an administration that ineffectually tried to prevent hostilities; while, on the other hand, a glorious, sweeping victory, foreshadowing peace to the world and prosperity to the American people, would redound to the glory of the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and through him to the party he represents. Whatever the result of the war, therefore the silver forces are placed at a disadvantage when measured by political possibilities.

"The promised revival of silver mining, as a result of the campaign of 1900, becomes more and more remote as 1900 is studied through the focus of the Spanish-American war. From a political standpoint every apparent advantage now rests with the gold men, although there is plenty of room for the situation to change in the swiftly revolving kaleidoscope of American history. Under the circumstances it is somewhat remarkable that the mining states are giving the most noteworthy evidences of patriotism anywhere exhibited, and advertising to the world their keen relish for war. In the light of the future it is clear that the silver states are unselfishly lending to the common cause of the country a devotion to the policy of

war that means the indefinite continuation of the disastrous financial conditions imposed upon us by the reign of the gold standard forces."

Danger Signals.

Patron (in a western railroad station)—Gimme a ticket for Gulchtown.

Ticket Clerk—Yessir, Seven an a half.

Patron—Seven dollars and a half to Gulchtown? Why it's only a few stations from here.

Ticket Clerk—Sevenahalf. Lively now.

Patron—Don't wantit. Gimme a ticket for China by way of Gulchtown.

Ticket Clerk (briskly)—Here you are sir. Five dollars.

Drop into The Denver and get a Trail Blazer cigar. The aromatic qualities of the weed are not affected by the racket in Cuba, and to smoke one is like getting a whiff from a flower garden in Paradise.

Application for Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I will apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a license to sell liquor by retail in The Denver.

WILLIAM DOLAN.

Sandon, June 4th, 1898.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES' ACT, 1897."

"Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Company." Registered the 3rd day of January, 1898.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Company," as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies' Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of Spokane, State of Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is one million dollars, divided into one million shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in the town of Sandon, and Brinsley M. Walton, whose occupation is examining mines and reporting thereon, of the said town of Sandon, is attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:

To acquire, hold, buy, sell, lease, work and operate mines and mineral claims in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia; to buy, sell, mill, smelt, melt, stamp and concentrate minerals of every kind and description in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia; to acquire, buy, sell and lease water power, water sites and water rights, in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia; to prospect, hold, buy, sell, construct, operate and maintain electric, steam and water power plants, for the purpose of furnishing power and light for all and every kind of purpose and object, in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

Certificate of Improvements.

ARGO AND BELT MINERAL CLAIMS. Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located:—Adjoining the City of Sandon.

Take notice that I, A. R. Heyland, agent for Argo Mines, of Sandon, No. 427 A, 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 claims.

And further take notice that action under Section 27 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

A. R. HEYLAND,

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1898.

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Glenora.

There are about 2,000 people in Glenora. Many are becoming discouraged because they cannot get through to Teslin lake. There is only one outfit packing, with 39 horses, and 40 cents a pound is the rate. If the transportation companies wish to retain their business they should make a reduction in the transportation rate of horses to the Stickine. Without horses a man cannot get through over the 150 miles from Glenora to Teslin lake. The trail even then is not in very good shape for man or beast. The Mackenzie-Mann outfit have about six miles of wagon road built. Glenora is a tent town but the city will be about four miles further down the river. Many people who went up should have waited until now and gone in with plenty of horses. Many who failed to get through to Teslin are trying the trail by way of Dease lake. That trail is bad for about 70 miles.

Fast Time on the C. P. R.

If the proposed new C. P. R. time table goes into effect on the main line, some of the "flyers" on the U. S. roads will not be in it with the Pacific and Atlantic expresses. The C. P. R. will have transcontinental "flyers" which will make the flight from ocean to ocean. It is proposed to reduce the time across the continent to about 100 hours, a fraction over four days.

B. A. C. Won't Get It.

Rossland, June 1—W. J. Harris of the Le Roi came up from Spokane yesterday. He says that the opposition to the sale is still united, and he is confident that the property will not be sold to the B. A. C. on the basis of \$6 per share.

Cameron Appointed.

Ottawa, May 31.—In the house today Premier Laurier confirmed the report of M. C. Cameron's appointment as lieutenant-governor of the North-West Territories to succeed Hon. C. H. Mackintosh.

True Bill Against Nichol.

Victoria, June 1.—At the assizes today, the Grand Jury having been charged by Mr. Justice McColl in the matter of the case against Walter C. Nichol, editor of The Province, for the criminal libel of Premier Turner and Hon. C. E. Pooley, returned a true bill.

An Increased Interest in Silver.

London, May 31.—There is much interest in the silver market owing to a run on the bank of Spain, where semi-panic is said to prevail. Large orders for silver are expected as the mint is reported to be turning out half a million pesetas daily.

The Arlington mine, on Springer creek, will start up in a few days with a force of 20 men. Frank Watson, the manager, expects to make regular shipments over the wagon road now being built to Slo-can City.

Neckties to match the glorious Slo-can scenery at the Post Office Store.

The latest and best in sweaters at the Post Office Store.

John Harris of the firm of Harris Kennedy & Co. has purchased the Skylark and Ranger claims on Lemon creek for \$25,000.

Uncle Sam has practically suspended the alien labor law until he succeeds in manning his navy.

Telegraph wires are being strung between Nelson and Kuskonook. From the latter place they will be continued along the Crow's Nest grade to connect with wires now being strung westward from Mc-Leod.

Rossland's War Eagle, after a long cessation from the habit, will hereafter pay dividends of \$30,000 monthly, which is expected to be doubled by fall. This is equal to 18 per cent. annually on the par value of the stock.

Seven years ago this fall Eli Carpenter sold half of the Payne group for \$1,000. That interest is worth more than a million this evening. Eli is away north trying to "Get There" again.

Every business man should advertise in his local paper. Any business that cannot afford an ad is not worth having.

The Slo-can should be advertised abroad. At present its valuable resources are little known in Europe. Although the Slo-can people might not think so, it is a fact just the same.

The body of Charles K. Barritt, the Nelson boy who was drowned on April 11th, was found at Bonnington Falls.

Four years ago yesterday was the day that the great cyclone blew through the Slo-can.

Russia is putting its Port Arthur policy into effect, according to a report that negotiations are on with a United States firm for the establishment of a complete shipbuilding yard there.

Neckties of nearly every shade and style can be seen at the Post Office Store.

A fine line of miner's rubber coats at the Post Office Store.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

One hundred dozen neckties, of the very latest style, direct from New York, just arrived at the Post Office Store. Get one before they are all gone.

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