

# THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK II.

SANDON AND CODY, JUNE 25, 1898.

CHAPTER 40

## HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Dick Shea was in town yesterday. There was no council meeting this week.

The fire bell is being placed in position.

A. E. Rand, of New Westminster, is in town to-day.

T. L. Mitchell spent a couple of days in town this week.

Tom Clair, it is said, will again open a saloon in Sandon.

The weather department should hang the climate out to dry.

William A. Bauer, of Vancouver, arrived in Sandon Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Field are going to take up a residence in Kaslo.

Jim Williamson has gone to the newest town in Kootenay, Brooklyn.

Jim Delaney is managing a store in Glenora at a salary of \$300 a month.

Harvey & Anderson have taken their pack train from Silverton to Glenora.

John Buckley returned in the early part of the week from a visit to Republic.

Stanley Henderson, of Vancouver, superintendent for the Mutual Life, is in Sandon.

John Munroe is doing effective work in Sandon in the cause of good government.

The New Denver Brass Band will discourse symphony in Nelson on Dominion Day.

Mrs. Jos. Millward, of New Denver, is spending a few days visiting friends in Sandon.

Geo. Alexander, of the International Navigation & Trading Company, was in Sandon Tuesday.

Supt. Beasley and Contracting Freight Agent McDonald paid Sandon a flying visit on Tuesday.

E. O. Nelson, of Silverton, has gone to Brooklyn with the intention of looking up a business location.

Two weeks from today will be polling day, and the voters will be busy giving Green the red ticket.

Joe Martin, of Rossland, is doing assessment work on all his claims on Wilson creek and the North Fork of Carpenter.

J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., was in town last night on his way to Kaslo, where he expects to meet Premier Turner on the platform.

J. C. McIntosh, of the Customs office in Kaslo was in Sandon on business in connection with his department on Tuesday.

The Sandon base ball team will not play in Nelson on the 1st. The chapple town would not offer sufficient inducement.

A meeting of the supporters of the Independent candidate was held in the Green committee rooms last night. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Kellie and Cliffe. The attendance was not large.

McDonel & Foss have shipped part of their outfit to Brooklyn, where it will be used in the construction of the railway at that point.

Hon. J. H. Turner, premier of British Columbia, was in Nelson yesterday. He is expected in Sandon in a few days to address the electors.

C. W. Harrington returned from South Dakota last night. He reports having a pleasant time at his old home in Vermillion.

Work on the reconstruction of the wagon road between New Denver and Three Forks will commence to-day. Big Sandy McKay is foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rogers, of Vancouver, Miss E. L. Rogers and Miss L. Angus, of Victoria, and Mr. D. F. Angus, of Montreal, were a party of tourists registered at the Reco this week.

## SLOCAN MINES.

The Star has 100 men on the payroll.

The Slocan Sovereign has entered the lists as a shipper.

The Nelson smelter is making a bid for the dry ores of Slocan lake district.

The Mollie Hughes made a shipment of nine tons to the smelter at Trail this week.

J. W. Miller, from old Mexico, is the new superintendent at the Whitewater Deep. It is his first visit to Kootenay.

The compressor plant for the Noble Five arrived over the C. P. R. yesterday morning. No time will be lost in putting it into position.

The Whitewater management are considering the feasibility of profitably concentrating the ledge matter on their property. Nothing but clean ore of high grade has heretofore been handled at the Whitewater. Tom Mitchell is figuring on a plant.

The Minnesota Silver Co. are doing active work on the Ivanhoe and Elgin and will soon commence to run a long tunnel. It is their intention later on to build a concentrator in Sandon and tram the ore. At present the citizens of Sandon might bring more trade to the town by assisting this company to build a wagon road, which would also help the Canadian and Adams groups.

As British Columbia is and always must be pre-eminently a mining country, it will be gratifying to all residences of the province to know that a program is in the very near future to be carried out by the department of mines which cannot but prove of the greatest practical advantage to the province, as well as to the great benefit, more directly and particularly of prospectors and mining men. This scheme has been under consideration for some time, and is in brief, the establishment at Victoria of a school of mines and a museum of minerals.

The Trail Blazer is still blazing at The Denver.

## A STRONG MAN.

Since the existence of the Slocan the district has not had a strong man to represent it in Victoria. An opportunity has arisen to procure just the man we need by the election of John L. Retallack. He is heavily interested in the mines and prospects of this great white metal camp and it is to his own as well as our interest to see that the Slocan gets a square deal. John is a man of force and he will not be brushed aside like a fly. He is a fighter and can be depended upon to stay in the ring longer than any of the previous representatives Kootenay has had in Victoria. John has enemies. So had Christ when he was on earth. No man is perfect, but when it comes to who should represent the greatest silver camp of Canada in the local legislature, why John L. should do it. He is so far ahead of Bob Green for that kind of a job that the distance between them cannot be traversed by the naked optic. Green is a nice man around home, but, as the Slocan representative in Victoria he would have about as much weight as a sack of feathers.

## Bought the Townsite.

W. A. Ross and "Barbarian" Brown have completed a deal by which they become owners of the Bell pre-emption, which includes the major part of the Whitewater townsite. They have also bought Bell Bros. saw mill and timber limits and J. H. McKinnon's Whitewater Hotel. Nelson Martin has taken charge of the hotel and will board the men employed in the Whitewater Deep mine and the sawmill as well as doing a general hotel business. Some important developments may be looked for in connection with this deal.

## Stole the Newspaper.

The man who stole a sawmill and came back to lay claim to the dam has been discounted by an enterprising young resident of Kuskonook, who, according to the B. C. News, stole the plant of the Kuskonook Searchlight and, just as an evidence of good will, borrowed some \$7.50 from the owners to pay freight to Kaslo to start an opposition paper. A Mexican recently stole an abandoned mine tunnel in California and offered to sell it to the city of San Francisco for an aqueduct, but a man who is brave enough to steal a newspaper in this prosaic age is, to say the least of it, a refreshing surprise.

## Brooks' Entertainment.

Fred Emerson Brooks entertained a crowded house in Virginia hall on Thursday evening. Though announced by glowing testimonials, he was undoubtedly a pleasant sur-

prise to his audience. Brooks is all that is claimed for him—poet, humorist, orator. It would be hard to overrate his abilities.

## Payne Closed Down.

Monday morning last the men at the Payne were given their time and everyone sent down the hill. Operations in the mine were entirely suspended for a short time. As is usual with this company, no reason is offered in explanation of their unexpected move, although it is understood that the shut down will be of brief duration, and already a small force has been put to work again.

## SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to June 24th 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star,	: 3,487½ tons.
Ruth,	: 5,464
Payne,	: 10,500½
Idaho Mines,	: 1864
Noble Five,	: 519½
Reco,	: 1128½
American Boy,	: 29
Slocan Boy,	: 45
Wonderful,	: 42
Ajax,	: 58
Majestic,	: 12
Freddie Lee,	: 16
Mt. Adams,	: 15
Last Chance,	: 1384
Goodenough,	: 35
Cananian Group,	: 20
Sovereign,	: 54
Trade Dollar,	: 15
Queen Bess,	: 204
Fountain Fraction,	: 5
Miscellaneous,	: 10½
Ajax Fraction	: 18
Wonderful Bird	: 5½
Argo	: 2½

Total, : : 23,783½ tons

Shipments over the K. & S. for the week ending June 24th : Slocan Star 60.

Over the C. P. R. for the week ending June 21: Payne 180, Sovereign 20.

Total 260 tons.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

Presbyterian church—Regular services in Virginia hall morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Sharpe, of New Denver, will preach both morning and evening.

Methodist Church—Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev A. M. Sanford, A. B. The pastor will preach at the morning service on "The Compensations of a Christian Life," and in the evening on "Members of the body of Christ."

Bears are frequently seen in the mountains around New Denver. On the N. & S. passenger train Conductor McKay carries a fine rifle and travellers by that line are liable any day to witness a bear fight, an attraction offered by few roads in the world.

A. Whitlaw, representing Turner, Beaton & Co., was in the city yesterday.



#### Mineral Act Amendments.

The prospecting season is now on and the prospector has the usual crop of the annual "tinkerings" with the Mineral Act to contend with. In this connection it may be well to note some of the most important changes that have been made in the act.

The prospector need no longer be in danger of losing his claim by reason of not being able to secure a post with which to mark his line. The amendment now provides that in cases where the prospector cannot secure the necessary posts by reason of the claim being staked above the timber line, or from other causes, he may erect monuments of earth or stone.

In the case of fractions staked from now on, whether staked correctly or not, the surveyor may adopt the boundary lines of the surrounding claims provided no side exceeds 1500 feet in length. This gives the locator the vacant ground which he claims, even if he has failed to stake it in such a manner as to take it all in, a thing almost impossible with any but a skilled surveyor.

Where extensions are staked in such a way as to form wedge-shaped fractions between the ends of the claims the amendment act authorizes the surveyor to include such fraction, provided he does not cover more than 51.65 acres, the area of a full claim, and provided further that the two location posts are together.

If a claim owner fails to record his assessment work during the required time of one year, he is now, on showing cause for such omission, allowed 30 days additional time in which to make the record on payment of an extra \$10 fee.

Another change regarding assessment work is that requirement which called for work to the amount of \$100 each year. Now a miner may do and record as many assessments as he pleases, by paying the recording fee for each assessment done to the extent of \$100.

In 1897 the act was amended so as to provide that, up to May 1st, 1898, the cost of survey should count as work done on the claim, not to exceed \$100. That is, it counted as an assessment, and as work toward the crown grant. The last legislature extended the time to May 1st, 1899.

The contestants to an application for a certificate of improvement and the issuing of a crown grant must have his claim surveyed immediately and file a plan made and signed by an authorized provincial land surveyor, with the writ.

From now on, in proceedings against the title of a mineral claim, each party to the proceedings shall give affirmative evidence of title. Heretofore, the burden of proof was on the contestant.

Pulling down or defacing legal posts erected to make a boundary or location of a mineral claim or any writing by law required to be thereon, is liable to imprisonment for six months, or a fine of \$250, or both. This will apply to posts on old and abandoned claims as well. It is a common practice to use the old stakes of such for relocating.

#### A Highway for Chinamen.

When in 1865 young Edgar Dewdney surveyed his now famous trail along the southern boundary of British Columbia he little thought that in a third of a century it would degenerate into a highway for China-

men, but that is now one of the principal uses to which the trail is put, says the Rossland Miner.

From Keremeos to Fort Steele the Dewdney is the only all-Canadian route extant, unless one travel far north to the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, and subsequently return to the southern portion of the province over one of the railway's numerous feeders. There are plenty of more direct routes between the towns in south Yale and Kootenay, but the road in every case dips at some point or another into United States territory. The Americans do not dote upon the humble Celestial, and, what is more, they have passed exceedingly rigid laws preventing him from intruding in their domains, so that the highways that diverge into Uncle Sam's territory are impassable for the sons of the Orient. The Dewdney trail, then, is their only means of communication, and there is a constant stream of Chinamen traversing it at every month in the year, bound for the camps along that old-time highway.

#### Oldest Coal Mine in Europe.

Some time ago it was proposed to celebrate this year the 700th anniversary of the discovery of coal in Europe, which it is claimed was made near Liege in Belgium in 1198. Dr. F. Battgenbach has now published a pamphlet to prove that the first discovery was made 85 years earlier, in 1113, in the basin of the River Worm, north of Aix-la-Chapelle. He brings forward much evidence to prove that outcrops of coal were worked in that year and long after by the monks of Kerkrade, who first discovered its qualities as fuel and utilized the mineral, or "black earth," as it was called. The word "kuhl," an old German term meaning a pit, was the origin, according to this statement, of the German "Kohl" and the English "coal."

The generally accepted legend has been that coal was first used at Liege by a blacksmith named Hullo, from whose name comes the French "houille"—coal, says the Engineering and Mining Journal. He found that the "black earth" which outcropped near Liege could be used in the forge instead of charcoal. Coal, however, had been used at Sheffield, England, some 15 years earlier.

#### He Got a Straight Tip.

The archbishop of Manila, Monsignor Nozaleda, announces that he has had a communication from God which has promised him that the "Yankee pigs" will be driven out of the islands and that Spain will be triumphant in the end.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Lord Salisbury confirmed the reports of the concessions granted to Great Britain in the vicinity of Hong Kong, which, he said, in addition to giving a slight extension to the colony, also secured strategical surroundings which commanded Hong Kong, and without which, in case of war, Great Britain would have been put to certain disadvantages. The concessions, the Premier pointed out, had become imperative in consequence of the events of the last few years. He could not say that an immediate danger was apprehended.

Young Mr. Leiter, who went up like a rocket came down like a Slo-can snowslide.

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## EAST CANADIAN NEWS.

The estate of the late Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P., of Toronto, is valued at \$28,000.

An oil well producing 1,000 barrels per day, has been struck some two miles out of Thamesville, Ont.

Alexander Robertson, who, previous to his retiring four years ago, had been manager for 25 years of the Bank of British North America at Brantford, Ont., died on Monday, June 6th.

The Presbyterian Publishing Company, of Toronto, is in financial difficulties. Eighteen printers have been laid off. This company publishes the Dominion Oddfellow, the Congregationalist and the Rural Canadian.

Sir Adolphe Chapleau, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, is reported to be in a very critical condition, and it is expected that he will not recover. Enquiries by cable, telegraph and otherwise are pouring in from all quarters.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, and the Hon. Sydney Fisher, expect to sail for Great Britain on July 1st. They will address boards of trade and other institution on the agricultural interests of the Dominion.

The "curled leaf" is doing a very great deal of damage to the Niagara peach orchards, and it is feared that this year's crop will be injured very materially. Fruit men do not know whether it is the aphid of other years, or a new pest that is the cause of the trouble.

A fashionable wedding was solemnized in Ottawa on Wednesday, by which Mr. Darcy Scott, barrister, a son of the Hon. R. W. Scott, Canadian Secretary of State, was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Queenie Davis, the daughter of Mr. M. P. Davis, contractor.

The Crown Prince of Belgium was in Montreal and Quebec the week past, and was toted around in the usual way to gaze upon the public buildings and other points of interest. The reformatory in Montreal, which is in charge of the Belgian Brothers, was one of the institutions visited by the Royal Belgian.

Our Dominion militia are now in camp at different points, being drilled in the art of military defense and offense. When the York Rangers arrived at their camp at Niagara the United States garrison at Fort Niagara fired a salute of three guns, thus evidencing the friendly spirit now existing between two countries.

The Ontario Bureau of Mines is going to send Prof. Coleman and Prof. Wilcott to look into the mining districts in the northwestern part of the Province. Bruce Mines will probably be the first place visited, as it is reported that gold exists in the refuse of the old copper mines in that district. The Michipicoten district will also be visited by them.

Capt. Jules Lalonde, of the coal barge Dorchester, belonging to the Thompson Transportation Company, was instantly killed, while overlooking the work of unloading a cargo of coal at Montreal. The chain uniting the shaft to the mainmast of the derrick gave away, and the pulley, wire-rope and shaft fell upon him crushing his skull and causing his death.

The Rev. Aaron Slagt, of Waterford, Ont., died on June 3rd. He was born on a farm near Waterford and spent most of his life in the vicinity. He organized the first Baptist church at Waterford and for many years labored without salary, until he had built up one of the strongest Baptist communities in Ontario. By his death one of the last connections with the early Baptist church has been severed.

The gas works at St. Hyacinthe, Que., were discovered to be on fire about 11 o'clock on Friday night, and for hours the citizens were in dread of another frightful calamity occurring,

which would rival that of a few weeks ago, in which 13 persons lost their lives in the convent fire. But the firemen worked like heroes, totally disregarding their own safety, and at last the flames were got under control, with no lives lost.

The McCaul gold medal in classics has been won for the first time in the history of the University of Toronto, by a member of the fair sex, in the person of Miss Florence Ethel Kirkwood, of Brampton, Ont. All through the entire course Miss Kirkwood has held first place in the department of classics. The first candidate on the roll of those who received the degree of M.A. bore the name of Miss Florence L. Sheridan. When the hood was thrown over her shoulders at the annual commencement exercises of the Varsity on Friday an ovation was given her by the audience.

## THAT ALLIANCE BUSINESS.

The Two Great Countries of the World Fixing Things Up.

In the Washington Senate, last week, a House joint resolution, appropriating \$474,151 to pay the Behring Sea award, was adopted. The appropriation is carried in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, but that measure is still in conference, and the award has to be paid on June 16th.

Commenting on this action by the U. S. government, the London Times, in an editorial which pretty fairly represents the feeling expressed by the other morning papers, says: "The resolution to pay the Behring Sea award is another gratifying instance of the growth of the spirit of friendship and justice toward England, in a quarter where, until recently, such feelings were rarely exhibited. It is a proof of the good feeling which we cordially recognize and reciprocate, as well as a good omen for the establishment of those closer and more cordial relations between the two countries toward which the best minds on both sides of the Atlantic have been steadily moving."

A later despatch from London tells us what Sir Charles Tupper thinks of the retaliations between the United States and Canada. He said: "Canada sympathizes very warmly with the proposed rapprochement between Great Britain and the United States. It has always been our desire to have the most friendly commercial relations with the Republic, but hitherto the United States has not shown any disposition to reciprocate. The McKinley and Dingley bills and the Alien Labor laws present conclusive evidence on this point. I believe, however, that the present time is a propitious one for the settlement of all questions, owing to the changed temper of the American people, and I think they can be approached with a fair prospect of a just settlement."

## HOW THEY HOLD THE COUNTRY DOWN.

Here are some of the reasons why great corporations like the C.P.R. treat workmen as the Crow's Nest Pass investigation shows, and why they act at Ottawa as if they owned the country, the House of Commons, the Government and the Railway Committee of the Privy Council and the Railway Committee of the House. One reason is that railway companies have been more or less identified with election contests in this country and have been contributory to party election funds; another is that men who are in politics and newspapers who are in politics, join the corporations in exploiting the country of subsidies and coal and mineral land franchises; another that members of Parliament and members of the Government put themselves under obligations to these railway companies in shape of free transportation. As long as these scandals continued so long will

the railways continue to act as if they owned the whole country, so long will they defy public opinion and refuse to grant concessions such as reduced passenger rates, to which the public are entitled. It is true, we have a reduced passenger rate, to-day, because of the railway war, but the moment that is over the companies threaten to go back to their old three cent rate, and they think they are entrenched in that rate as long as they stifle the conscience of members of Parliament with free transportation. The party organizations, leading politicians, political newspapers, members of Parliament, members of the Government, officers of the Government have discreditable entanglements with the great corporations.—Toronto World.

## WAR EAGLE ORE.

The mooted question as to whether or not Rossland ores become with depth more silicious and consequently harder to smelt seems to have been answered in the negative by the tests of War Eagle rock recently made at the Trail smelter. The analyses indicate that while of course individual lots vary widely in the proportionate amount of iron and silica, yet on the whole there is practically no difference in the silicious percentage whether the sample comes from the grass roots or from the 625-foot level, which at present is the deepest working in the mine.

In pursuing the tests as to the character of the ore, a sample was taken at the 625-foot level, across the full width

of the vein, which at that time measured six and one-half feet, although it has since gained a foot in width. This sample returned the following results: Gold, .98 ounce; silver, 2.9 ounces; copper, 4.3 per cent.; iron, 34.5 per cent.; silica, 22.5 per cent. The remainder of the ore was made up of sulphur and iron carbonates. This sample, showing as it does an excess of 12 per cent. in iron, might be taken as indicating that the iron proportion increase with depth, but J. B. Hastings, the manager of the mine, recalls the fact that a recent shipment of ore from the very grass roots gave an iron excess of 24 per cent., so that he does not place any particular faith in the high excess obtained from the recent sample taken from the 625-foot level.

Church of England services on Sunday next, the 26th inst., will be at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At 2 p.m. a special service for the Knights of Pythias will be held to which the public are also invited. As it is expected a number of visiting Knights and their friends from the neighboring towns will be present, and the seating accommodation of the Mission Room is somewhat limited, the Presbyterian church has been kindly loaned for the 2 o'clock service.

John L. Retallack has already agitated in Victoria the doing away with the \$5 tax on working miners. The abolishment of this tax will save the miners of the Slovan several thousand dollars.

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SANDON, B. C., JUNE 25, 1898

MR. RETALLACK was a tried and true citizen of the Slokan when the newspapers now opposing him were in the molten pots of the typefoundry, and the little fellows endeavoring to run them were rolling pumpkins, and doing the rush act in juvenile foot ball teams "back east." Mr. Retallack and his friends can well afford to treat such opposition with contempt.

### MR. RETALLACK THE SUPERIOR.

The Ledge sums up the political situation in this manner:

New Denver in particular, and the Slokan lake section in general, has experienced enough tardiness in the development of its resources through the lack of public roads and Government improvements. The fault has largely been because our representatives at Victoria have not been of the right sort of stuff. The deficiency has not been of the heart, but of the head. Undoubtedly they have been earnest enough, and the desire has been there, but the way to do it, the power, the influence, the business capacity, have been lacking, and because of this our section has not received the attention from the Government it is worthy of. To bring the needs of a locality little known prominently before a legislative body and into the channels of governmental notice, it requires something more than mere heart longings and honesty of purpose. A man must have tact. He must have a policy. He must have power, and influence and steadiness of purpose. Without these requirements a man may as well stay at home. He will be of little service in getting for the section any recognition from the powers that be.

In view of these facts, and they are indisputable, and knowing personally both gentlemen who are before the voters as candidates of the Slokan riding, appreciating the friendship of both, and acknowledging their respective capabilities, we have endorsed Mr. Retallack, because we believe through him the Slokan can secure better representation and better recognition from the Government than through the election of Mr. Green.

We believe the citizens of New Denver have adopted a policy that should receive the endorsement of every town in the Slokan riding. It is a policy of attending strictly to its own business and advancing the interests of the surrounding country. Its citizens work harmoniously to-

gether with the same end in view, and that is to secure the best results for the expenditure, whether it be of money or of votes. Two men are seeking the suffrages of the people; they are men of long residence in the Slokan and are favorably known. The great question is, through the election of which could the most be secured in the way of Government aid in developing our locality. The petty differences as to politics are insignificant.

Let the legislative ability of the two men be weighed, and compared. Mr. Green will have his supporters and they will have a hearing, but we believe Mr. Retallack is a man of so great superiority as a public man that few votes will be wasted in this vicinity on Mr. Green.

It is quite natural that the late newspaper importations should espouse the cause of Mr. Green. It is customary for raw gentry from the aged agricultural and urban districts to attempt to dictate the country's policy when they betake themselves to a new and thrifty community, and because their efforts are not appreciated they oppose the existing order of things. We are sorry for Mr. Green.

THERE is no denying the fact that Mr. Retallack is the acknowledged choice of the vast majority of voters in the Slokan riding. No better evidence of this could be asked than the fact that every responsible and established newspaper in the riding is supporting him. These papers know what they are about. They are working for the election of the man who can do the district the most good.

### KLONDIKE CLEAN UP.

Government Official Says it Will Surprise the World.

Mr. G. H. V. Bulyea, the member of the North-West Territories Assembly who was sent North to represent his Government, and who passed through Vancouver during the winter, arrived safely in Dawson, and is already preparing to return. In a letter just received from him, Mr. Bulyea says:

"I expect to be back early in the summer. I am making inquiries as to the possibility of going up the Pelly River and thence overland to Edmonton. Old guides assure me that the trip can be made in remarkable time, and if I am satisfied that it can, I will undertake the trip so that I can lay before the Assembly definite information concerning a route which, if opened, would be of immense value to the Assiniboian farmers and the Alberta ranchers."

In another paragraph Mr. Bulyea says: "The town is fairly orderly, although all the hangers-on of a mining town are here. They have, however, a magnified awe of Canadian justice, and the American anarchist on his own side of the line is held in check here without trouble. I have never seen a man carrying a pistol or a knife, nor have I heard an angry word since I arrived here. Times appear to be lively, but a boom is expected as soon as the gold is washed up. This will be finished about the middle of June, and I candidly think that the world will be surprised at the gold output of Dawson region."

"There is plenty of food now at Daw-

son. The scarcity arose because a certain clique endeavored to corner the food supply and trade on the needs of their fellows. They succeeded for a time, but the supply was bigger than the demand, and now you can buy provisions very reasonably. Lumber is \$300 a thousand feet here, and delivered at the mines for sluice boxes it costs \$1 a foot. A man brought ten kegs of nails from Fort Yukon a few days ago and refused a cash offer for the lot, \$4,500. He asked and got \$5 a pound. Wages run from \$15 to \$25 according to the skill required. It is the blacksmiths and tinmiths, however, who are making the harvest. One man was shrewd enough last fall to secure all the stock of iron in town. He is not doing a thing with the boys now. A man showed me an iron bolt he had got fixed the other day. It was a half inch bolt and the bolt had broken off at the nut. All that was required was a half inch splice, new thread and new nut. He had to pay one ounce of gold, current at \$17. Diminutive bob sleighs for hauling lumber were ironed by him at a cost of \$175 per set. A broom costs \$17, and a turkey offered for sale a few weeks ago brought \$150. Meals at the restaurants are now \$3.50 and were \$1.50 five weeks ago."

Major Bludgood—Do you know where Cap'n Smith got his title, general?

General Hotstuff—No, majah, I don't, unless, perhaps, he got it in the war; I can't imagine a fellow getting so small a title any other way, suh.



[L.S.] THOS. R. MCINNES.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To the Returning Officer of the Slokan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District:

WHEREAS His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia has, by a Proclamation bearing date the 7th day of June, 1898, been pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province; and whereas it is necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution, We command you that, notice of the time and place of Election being duly given, you do cause Election to be made, according to law, of One Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the Slokan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of candidates at such Election to be held on the 25th day of June, 1898, and do cause the name of such Member, when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to Our Supreme Court, at the City of Victoria, on or before the 31st day of August next, the Election so made, distinctly and openly under Our Seal duly endorsed upon this Our Writ.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our said Province of British Columbia: Witness, the Honourable THOMAS R. MCINNES, Our Lieutenant-Governor, at Victoria, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

By Command.

R. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,  
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

## To the Electors of the Slokan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District:

### Gentlemen—

At the request of a large proportion of the community, representing every section of the Riding, I beg to announce myself as a candidate for your suffrages in the coming elections.

In respectfully soliciting your votes and support I declare myself a supporter and follower of the Hon. J. H. Turner, as the leader of the only Party in this Province with a defined policy and coherent existence.

During my eight years' residence in this District I have been a consistent supporter of his party in recognition of their attitude in meeting, and in cases anticipating, the requirements and expansion of this great mining region.

### I am in favor of the following reforms:

1. The abolition of the Tax upon Working Miners.
2. The abolition of the Mortgage Tax.
3. The distribution of seats in the Legislature in Direct Proportion to Population.
4. I do not approve of the policy of the late Legislative Assembly in using their influence to exclude foreign railroads, such as the proposed railroad to Boundary Creek.
5. I favor certain revisions in the Mineral and Land Acts, particularly of some easy plan by which the holders of claims can advertise out their defaulting co-owners.
6. In filling all Government appointments I am in favor of appointing bona fide residents of the District in all cases where such can be found competent to act.
7. I believe that the Provincial Legislature should bring all the aid and influence at its command to the assistance of the lead mining industry, especially in the direction of obtaining stronger recognition from the Federal Government at Ottawa of the importance of this industry and the disadvantages under which it now labors.

If you do me the honor to elect me as your representative I will at all times endeavor to protect and further the interests not only of the Prospector but also of all those employed in and around our mines, recognizing that our entire community is dependent upon the mining industry.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN L. RETALLACK.



## THE VOTERS' LIST.

Following is the list of voters for Sandon, Three Forks and Cody:

## SANDON-143.

Acerell, Luther D  
Alexander, L. Benson  
Alexander, Henry B  
Balmain, John W  
Bain, Allen  
Barrett, Patrick W  
Baur, John R  
Bell, James C  
Boyd, Daniel  
Bragg, Harvey W  
Cameron, Dougald  
Cameron, Ewen A  
Cameron, John H  
Cameron, John R  
Cassidy, Sam  
Christie, Jas  
Christie, Frank L  
Clarke, John  
Clark, Wm S  
Clarke, Patrick  
Dalton, Brimsley  
Donnelly, John M  
Doolin, Lawrence  
Fallows, Wm W  
Farquhar, Thos  
Fisher, James  
Green, Geo E  
Gipin, Wm  
Gray, John  
Hawke, John H  
Housou, Geo  
Karr, David  
Karr, Wm  
Kennedy, Wm E  
Landrau, Frank  
Lawson, Wm F  
Lawrence, John T  
Latham, Jas  
Leake, Harry  
Manning, John W  
Marshall, Jas  
Martin, Jas V  
Merrick, Geo F  
Meyer, Ernest  
Michols, Arthur E  
Milroy, Arch  
Mills, Thos  
Miller, Matthew  
Moore, John Thos  
Mourne, Daniel  
Murchison, C. H.  
Munro, Alex J  
Munroe, John  
McArthur, Alex C  
McDonald, Wm  
McCallum, John D  
McDonald, John A  
Nash, Harry  
Osburn, Alfred  
Palore, N. La  
Parkman, Wm J  
Percival, John A  
Pitts, Herbert H  
Phillips, Matthew L  
Remillard, Louis N  
Ritchie, Fred  
Sanford, Albert M  
Sandilands, Evelyn M  
Savage, R. H.  
Sewell, Frank C  
Silverwood, Richard  
Slason, Edward  
Taylor, Eli  
Thompson, Frank T  
Thompson, Howard D  
Urquhart, John K  
Wainsley, Chas  
Wilson, Wm G  
Young, Geo P

## THREE FORKS-104.

Allen, Alfred C  
Anderson, Wm  
Bellan, Joseph  
Bowen, Colin  
Caldwell, Jas Tomeson  
Cameron, Roderick  
Campbell, John  
Carpenter, Edick C  
Chisholm, Peter  
Davidson, Edgar H  
Davidson, Wm  
Eccles, Willie  
Edgar, Wm L  
Fletcher, Andrew  
Forten, Jos  
Gague, Peter  
Gannon, Patrick  
Gaudron, Peter  
Hancock, Wm T  
Harbour, Herbert W  
Kerins, Thos  
Kirkwood, Robt I  
Knight, John  
Latham, James P  
Lawlor, Wm Henry  
Martin, Jean B  
Martin, Edward O  
Martin, Jos B  
Merkley, Walter  
Muir, Alex  
Mullen, Arthur  
Murray, Walter  
McAuliffe, Wm  
McCallum, Daniel  
Anderson, Archibald  
Annance, Peter  
Bruel, George  
Butler, Frederick  
Chisholm, Archie  
Clark, Wm H  
Clark, George  
Collison, John  
Cunning, Robt  
Dayles, Wm C  
De la Haye, Chas  
Edwards, John W  
Ernest, John  
Foster, John  
Glover, Wm M  
Grant, Peter  
Griffin, Henry  
Houston, Wm  
Knight, John  
Knight, Martin  
Lemieux, Jas A  
Lovatt, Samuel  
McCaig, Donald G  
McDermitt, Jas D  
McDonald, Chas  
McDonald, Jas W  
McDonald, Randal  
McDonald, Peter A  
McGillivray, Archie  
McKinnon, James  
McKinnon, Stephen

McCluskey, John  
McCaig, Duncan  
McLean, Angus  
McNicholl, Chas

Nicholson, Chas  
Peake, Richard  
Pitts, Herbert H  
Pollock, Thos Campbell  
Provost, Frank  
Quarry, John M  
Ratcliffe, Robt L  
Smith, Wm  
Shone, John  
Tallmire, Jos  
Thompson, Jas H  
Vallance, George  
Welch, John A  
Wilson, Geo Ed  
Powers, John J  
Pratt, John  
Peterson, David  
Power, Michael  
Robertson, John  
Strainaway, Reginald  
Stiles, Arthur  
Tierney, John J  
Woods, James

## CODY-15.

Brady, Peter A  
Baker, Fred Chas  
Dockstader, Arch B  
Henderson, Silas J  
Langill, Robert  
Levi, Thomas  
McGulgan, Phillip J  
Shepard, Frederick  
Stewart, Wm  
Bennett, George  
Dockstader, John  
Hill, Joshua  
Lux, George  
Stott, George  
Sloan, Robt

This list is complete up to June 6th. There is, or will be, issued a subsequent list containing the names of voters whose applications reached headquarters after this date.

## STONE MONUMENTS WON'T GO.

Are Not Declared to be Legal Posts in the Amended Act.

There seems to be a general misinterpretation of the clause in the Mineral Act relating to the use of stone monuments in staking mineral claims. The belief is prevalent that stone monuments can be used as legal posts where there is no timber handy to mark the boundary lines of the claim. By a close reading of the section relating to this matter it will be understood that stone monuments can only be used in making the location line from post to post. Section 16 of the amended act, passed May 4, 1898, reads:

"A mineral claim shall be marked by two legal posts, placed as near as possible on the line of the ledge or vein, and the posts shall be numbered 1 and 2, and the distance between posts 1 and 2 shall not exceed 1,500 feet, the line between posts 1 and 2 to be known as the location line, and upon posts No. 1 and 2 shall be written the name given to the mineral claim, the name of the locator, and the date of the location. Upon No. 1 post there shall be written, in addition to the foregoing, 'Initial post,' the approximate compass bearing of No. 2 post, and a statement of the number of feet lying to the right and to the left of the line from No. 1 to No. 2 post."

"\* \* \* When a claim has been located, the holder shall immediately mark the line between posts Nos. 1 and 2 so that it can be distinctly seen; in a timbered locality, by blazing trees and cutting underbrush, and in a locality where there is neither timber nor underbrush he shall set legal posts or erect monuments of earth or rock not less than two feet high and two feet in diameter at base, so that such line can be distinctly seen."

Just what meaning the legislature intended to convey by the words "legal posts" in the last paragraph, is hard to understand. What constitutes a "legal post" is set forth in previous acts and is well understood. Stone monuments are not declared to be legal posts in the amended act or in any previous act.

## BIG RAILROAD CONTRACTS.

Millions of Dollars to be Expended on the Road to Midway.

Mann, Foley & Larsen, the combination of contractors who will construct the Columbian & Western road from Robson to Midway, are building camps at Brooklyn, about 15 miles above Robson, where the road will leave the Columbia river. This will be headquarters for construction, from which work will be directed. Substantial cabins and necessary buildings are being erected and an immense

quantity of supplies were received this week. The grading outfits will be shipped to several points along the line of the road in order that work may be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The estimates put the price of the 100 miles of road between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000, says the Trail News. It is one of the largest contracts ever let in the west and it is doubtful if there is another single contract of 100 miles of road in the west that has cost so much per mile as this line will cost. The great expense is due to heavy rock work.

The 100 miles contract is for only one-third of the proposed line. The remaining 200 miles are to be built as soon as the present contract is completed and it is understood that the contractors having this first work in hand have the preference on the contracts of the balance of the road.

The sub contracts will be let immediately. There will be sub contracts for stone work, for grading, for furnishing ties, and for all the different portions of the construction, including grading, bridging, tracklaying, furnishing and laying ties—in fact doing everything but putting in the equipment. The line is to be 105 miles long, one of the contractors said, and from three to five thousand men will be employed. They will come from all over the country, many from Canada. Work has commenced. The agreement is to rush it through to early completion.

## English Capital for British Columbia.

In an interview with Mr. R. Hardiman, who has just returned from London, England, where he has been during the past three months in the interests of the Associated Gold Mines of British Columbia, Limited, of London, England, he stated to the representative of the Mining Critic that his corporation is a very strong one financially, and that they intend to vigorously prosecute development work throughout the Province. The board is composed of strong business men of the highest standing in London financial circles, the chairman of the corporation being Guy Prim, M.P. for Bedford; vice-chairman, Duke of Manchester. The London offices are situated on Northumberland avenue, W.C. Capitalization of the company \$500,000.

Mr. Hardiman states further that the Associated Gold Mines have purchased a large number of properties in the various mining camps of the Province, and intend to proceed with development work immediately. He mentions, as being among the most valuable property acquired by the company, the Klondike and Yukon claims in the Big Bend district, the I.X.L. group in the Lardeau, the Queen Hill and Primrose on Goat river, the Mabel group of four claims on Tyachton creek, Bridge river district; the Robert E. Burns, East Kootenay; and a group on Texada island.

The company is now making arrangements to open up the Mabel group, between the Ben d'Or and Ida May properties on Cadwallader creek, and also the Sinbad group on Tyachton creek, and within two or three weeks a gang of men will be working in charge of one of the best known mining men of the district. The company's engineer is Mr. W. Pellew Harvey.

If you wear a flag, look to it that it is right side up. An extremely pretty girl rode to the capital in an electric car the other day. She was tailor-made and trim as a cruiser, and tucked in front of her jacket was a silk flag about the size of a handkerchief. Something about the flag appeared to distress an elderly gentleman who sat opposite her. He fidgeted about and he frowned. At last when she left the car he approached her and spoke.

"Pardon me," said he, "but won't you please change that flag? You're wearing it upside down, and that is a signal of distress."

George Wilson, well-known years ago in Nelson and Three Forks, is packing supplies to the California.



[L. S.] THOS. R. MCINNES,  
CANADA.

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To whom these Presents shall come.—Greeting.

## A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EMMETT, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, it is advisable to establish the following polling places in the several and respective Electoral Districts hereinafter named:

NOW KNOW YE that, by virtue of the authority contained in the "Provincial Elections Act," the Lieutenant-Governor in Council declares that the following polling places shall be and they are hereby established for the several Electoral Districts, the names of which are set opposite such polling places, respectively, that is to say:—

Kaslo.....	
Ainsworth.....	
Pilot Bay.....	
Argenta.....	
Sandon.....	
New Denver.....	
Silverton.....	West Kootenay
Slocan City.....	Slocan Riding
Robson.....	
Jubilee Point, Houser Lake.....	
Whitewater Station.....	
Three Forks.....	
Coer Park.....	
Slocan Junction, C. & K. Ry.....	

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOS. R. MCINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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The Dean—I can't think what to preach about next Sunday. Nobody seems to take an interest in anything but war now.

His Wife—Why not take a day off and let the canon fill your pulpit?



## 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.

**JUNE 14**—Survey Fraction, south fork Carpenter, J. J. Kelly.  
Star Fraction, Three Forks, Thos. Hurtean.  
**JUNE 15**—Agate, Houston creek, David Butchart.  
Bear Fraction, north New Denver, Harry Sherran, Herman Clever.  
Porcupine Fraction, same, same.  
Vivet, south fork Carpenter, E. M. Sandilands.  
**JUNE 17**—June Bug, Miller creek, Jas. H. Moran.  
Bertie, Payne mountain, Duncan Cameron.  
**JUNE 18**—Warbird Fraction, north fork Carpenter, C. W. Gustafson.  
Florence, Tributary creek, Archie McLeod.  
Hanaui, Carpenter creek, E. Strickland, C. D. McRae.  
**JUNE 20**—Emma Star Fraction, north fork Carpenter, John I. Kelly.  
King Oscar, Bear lake, John Emdal.

### ASSESSMENTS.

**JUNE 14**—New Springfield, Sampson.  
**JUNE 15**—Gipsy, Good Hope, Shakespeare, Little Jumbo, Felix, Dixie, Hummer, Milton, Dewedin, Derby, Conundrum, Black Rock.  
**JUNE 16**—Hudson Fraction, Monitor No. 3, Awayon, Smoky Falls, Sandon Chief, Young Dominion Fraction, Prior, Benoseot, Lorna Doone, Lorna Doone Fraction.  
**JUNE 17**—Ophir No. 4, Lost Tiger, Shoe Swap, Perth, May Bell Fraction, Liberal No. 3, Phil Pounder, Silver Leaf.  
**JUNE 18**—Pinnacle, Emblem, Altona.  
**JUNE 20**—Dolly Varden, Ensign, Dolly, Vulcan, Crackerjack, Clara Moor.  
**JUNE 21**—Freddy, Bonaparte.

### TRANSFERS.

**JUNE 15**—Conundrum 1, Arthur G. Brown to Frank C. Sewell, April 5.  
Eastern township, Camp Lodge, 1 in each claimed by each C. W. Baldwin and J. C. Hartman.  
**JUNE 16**—Broken Lock, 1/8 to each, Frank L. Byron to L. F. Holtz and A. S. Williamson, June 15.  
Fidelity Fraction, protest filed against any sale by Geo. Campbell, by Frank L. Byron, L. F. Holtz and A. S. Williamson, June 15.  
**JUNE 17**—Bosphorus and Gibraltar, Wm. J. Tretheway to The Dardanilles M. & M. Co. Ltd., June 13.  
La Paloma 1, R. J. Jennings to A. C. Behue, June 8, \$100.  
Frisco 1, Luther F. Holtz and A. S. Williamson to Evan F. Lloyd, June 11.  
Jeanette, W. H. Smith to A. H. Blumenauer, March 12, \$4,500.  
**JUNE 20**—Raymond B., Richard B., Jeanette, A. H. Blumenauer to Frank Kelly, trustee, June 20.  
Miles, Oscar Burbank to Geo. W. Hughes, May 20.  
The Blomarch 1, John Emdal to P. O. Swanson, June 20.

### CRUEL, CRUEL FRAUD!

"The Copper River gold discoveries are a myth. Four thousand people are trying to overcome insurmountable obstacles to reach the much boomed country at present, and they are going in merely on reports started evidently in Sound cities. No one has yet come out from Copper River with gold and the whole thing as far as I could ascertain is a huge fraud."

T. O. Rogers, Norwalk, Connecticut, a member of the Connecticut and Alaska Mining and Trading Co., who has just returned from the north, made the above statement to a Province representative recently.

Mr. Rogers, with Dr. S. E. Kortright of New York, and J. Springfield, of Atlanta City, New Jersey, returned from the Copper River district on the steamer Albion, which reached Nanaimo last night, bound for Portland. The party came over on the steamer Joan this morning and left on the C. P. R. for their respective homes.

### WERE CRUELLY DECEIVED.

The story told by Mr. Rogers proves beyond a doubt that thousands of people have been cruelly deceived into going into a country, which is an unknown quantity as a gold producer and which presents terrible obstacles before it can be reached. He also gives the full particulars of the terrible avalanches on the summit of Valdes glacier which buried 30 people and caused the death of 10, it is supposed.

His story, which is most interesting, is as follows: "When the news of the rich gold strikes in Alaska and the North-West came east it was decided by certain people to form a company to

send a large expedition up there. The Connecticut and Alaska Mining and Trading Co., with a capital of \$70,000 was formed and 34 of us, mostly from Norwalk, in that state and vicinity, started out. We had not decided just what point to start out for, but when we reached Seattle we heard such glowing reports of the Copper River district that we decided one and all to go up there. We were told that most fabulous finds of gold had been made there and that the country was more accessible.

"Before we left our company was registered in Washington State, as there were few restrictions there.

### A TERRIBLE TRIP.

"Well, after obtaining a most complete outfit we started out on the schooner Moonlight in February and reached the Valdes in March. At Valdes we opened up a store and formed a township, with Dr. Kortright of our party as secretary. Then our party started up the country over the glacier to the Copper River district. The trail was simply awful. Yawning crevices seemed to await us on every hand and we frequently had to crawl along on our hands and knees, in order to avoid being hurled into eternity. To add to our wretched condition we learned shortly after we started out that the gold country is a myth. No one had ever penetrated it to any extent, and no gold had ever been brought out of it.

"At the time there were about 4,000 people on the trail, most of them in wretched plight. Then disaster overtook us in the shape of snowslides. The first occurred on April 30th, after five days of incessant snowing. It must have snowed 15 feet in that time and the condition of affairs was simply awful. About 506 people were camped on the summit, including my party, when without a moment's warning and with an awful roar the huge mass of snow and ice descended upon us.

### THIRTY PEOPLE BURIED.

"Fortunately my party was not in the path of the avalanche, but one of our tents further down the trail was buried, no one fortunately being in it. About 30 people were buried by the slide and the work of getting them out was immediately commenced. Tons and tons of snow were removed before we could reach some of them. Although only two bodies were recovered, those of Joseph Fournier, of Chicago, and B. Van Anthrupe, address unknown, it is supposed 10 or 15 people are still under the slide.

"It is hardly likely that their bodies will ever be recovered. The two men whose bodies we dug out were in sleeping bags when the slide took place. Poor fellows, they apparently had no time to even move before they were smothered under a mountain of snow. The following day, May 1st, another and smaller slide occurred, burying people and outfits, but as far as we could learn no fatalities attended it. Many became discouraged after the disaster and turned back. However, the majority of the prospectors are still pushing forward to reach the mythical gold fields, and have reached what is termed the first lake on the other side of the summit of the Valdes glacier.

"Why are they still going forward when they hear such discouraging reports?"

"Well that is a very hard question to answer. One thing is certain and that is that there is nothing in sight for them in Copper River and they know it. Most of them think that they can push right in to Circle City, but long before they reach there, their provisions will run out. Of our party 24 were determined to push on into the interior. When we turned back and said goodbye to them it was with the feeling that we would never see many of them again.

"I cannot express myself too strongly about the fraud perpetrated on us and hundreds of others, in inducing us to go to that awful country. It is not a gold country so far as known, and taken at the best is a most perilous trip.

"Capt. Abercrombie of the U.S. army, the head of the Copper River exploration party, came out just before we left to get a pack train. About 25 of his men are still at Valdes, which is now a town of about 400 people.

"It is the intention of Capt. Abercrombie to try to discover a summer route to the interior. At present the trail over the Valdes is good only during parts of February, March and April. If the captain fails to discover a summer trail it will kill everything up there. His present intention is to get a short route to Circle City. Most of the captain's men are sick of Alaska and want to return to participate in the war against Spain."

## KASLO & SLOCAN RY

### TIME CARD

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Leave	8:00 A.M.	Kaslo	Arrive	3:30 P.M.
"	8:35	South Fork	"	3:15
"	9:35	Sproule's	"	3:15
"	9:51	Whitewater	"	3:00
"	10:05	Bear Lake	"	1:45
"	10:18	McGuigan	"	1:35
"	10:38	Cody Junction	"	1:12
Arr.	10:50	Sandon	Leave	1:00

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CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING.

### A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. ENKES, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature, We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Legislative Assembly of our said Province; and do further declare that, by the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in

due form, for calling a new Legislative Assembly for Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on the seventh day of June, instant, and to be returnable on or before the thirty-first day of August next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, the Honourable Thos. R. McInnes, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,

S. H. TYERWHITT DRAKE,  
Registrar of the Supreme Court.



## PROCLAMATIONS.

[L.S.] THOS. R. MCINNEN,

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and to all whom it may concern,—GREETING.

### A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. ENKES, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, We have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of British Columbia, to dissolve the present Legislative Assembly of our said Province, while its sittings are prolonged until summoned for dispatch of business.

NOW KNOW YE that We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly accordingly, and the members thereof are discharged from further attendance on same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: Witness, the Honourable Thos. R. McInnes, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,

S. H. TYERWHITT DRAKE,  
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

25th June, 1898.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint Fletcher S. Andrews, Esquire, to be Returning Officer for the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District; and His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint and declare the Government Office, Kaslo, to be the place for the nomination of candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly in the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District.

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# OUR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER.

## An Old Timer in Kootenay—A Brief Sketch of His Career.

John L. Retallack struck the Kootenay country somewhere back in '91 and located at Alinsworth, then known as the "Hot Springs Camp," where he was engaged in the ore hauling business and later in real estate. In the fall of '92 he moved on to Kaslo, still carrying on the same line of business in mining, real estate, etc. It was at this time that he became interested in the now famous Washington mine, having grub-staked one of the original locators of that pioneer property. In '93 he went into the private banking business, which he carried on successfully until February, '97, when the advent of chartered banks did away with the usefulness of his institution. It is said he wound up his four years' banking business in six weeks which goes to show a conservative management and splendid control in matters financial.

John L. has always had the interests of the mining industry at heart and has been instrumental in bringing a considerable amount of capital into the country. In February of last year he went to England where during his stay of a few months he consummated the recent White-water deal and did effective missionary work for the Shean generally.

During the winter of '96 he was a prime factor in the movement against the iniquitous tax of 2 per cent, on gross returns of Kootenay ores which the government at that time proposed. Through representations at that time made this tax was reduced to its present status 1 per cent of smelter returns. While in Victoria in this connection he was instrumental in frustrating the plan of scheming monopolists to gobble up all water privileges within a radius of four miles of Sandon.

Mr. Retallack has no business save mining, being interested in several large properties, notably the White-water and Washington. Consequently his best efforts will be directed toward furthering the interests of the mining industry.

Two of the chief planks of J. L. Retallack's platform in the present campaign are of essential interest to the Slokan, i. e.: the abolition of Free Miners' licenses for men engaged in the hazardous occupation of mining, and the enactment of some measure by which defaulting co-owners of claims can be made liable for assessments and other expenditures.

## About Divining Rods.

The pros and cons of the theory of the divining rod are again being discussed in the English newspapers.

The superintendent of the fire brigade testifies to a case within his experience in which a water finder was commissioned to operate on an estate of the existence of which he was previously ignorant. He got to work, soon found the presence of water, and, fixing upon the nearest and most conveniently placed spring, gave the probable depth at which water would be discovered in sufficient quantities at seventy-five feet. At seventy feet the water came in and at seventy-seven feet operations had to be stopped, as the flow became too heavy. Some of the tools had to be left in the well, as there was not time to remove them all. The well supplied the stock of the

farm through the dry summer of 1896, never failing in its flow. Twelve months after a second well was sunk barely a stone's throw from the first. This correspondent regards the power to find water as the result of a force, magnetic or otherwise, over which the finder has no control, and which he is unable to explain. He also says that the operation of finding water produces a marked degree of fatigue to the operator.

On the other hand, the discomfiture is announced of a professional water finder who made a tour of the island of Jamaica, where in the dry season, water is a precious boon. He travelled through the island, rod in hand, but met with little success. At one villa e in the Santa Cruz mountains he pegged out part of the course of a subterranean stream, and then retired to lunch at a neighboring hotel. In his absence a wag moved his pegs and lined out a totally different course. On his return the diviner took up the new direction and continued it for 100 yards, not discovering his mistake until it was pointed out to him. At one point, where he predicted water at a depth of 40 feet, there was no sign of it when 250 had been bored, and after going down 300 feet the borer could not be extracted. The same result occurred in many other places, and finally the diviner left the island abruptly. People are now asking who is responsible for the money paid to him.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## No Miners Wanted.

The Republic correspondent of the Spokesman-Review says: "Miners looking for work should not come here. They will surely be disappointed. The Republic is employing only about 50 men and will probably not increase the force until more extensive reduction facilities have been provided. It is true that many mines are being developed, but until working shafts are sunk and tunnels have been run into the leads the number of men who can be employed must necessarily be small. It would be proper to add, however, that miners who are willing to do development for an int rest find no difficulty in securing employment on such terms.

## Dr. Dawson on British Columbia.

Dr. Dawson, the director of the Canadian government geological survey, says there is no need for people to go as far as the Klondike in search of gold, as all along the entire length of the Rocky Mountain region in Canada both gold and silver are waiting to be extracted from the mother soil. Continuing, he says: "The development of the resources of British Columbia has hitherto been slow, but the preliminary difficulties having been overcome, there is every reason to believe it is now on the verge of an era of prosperity and expansion. Everything tends to the belief that as soon as means of travel and transport shall be extended to what are still the more inaccessible districts, these also will be discovered to be equally rich in minerals, particularly in the precious metals, gold and silver.

Mrs. Farmer—You say you was a soldier in the late war?

Truthful Tompkins—Yes'm; I was killed at Antietam.

Mrs. Farmer—Killed!

Truthful Tompkins—Theoretically killed, ma'am; I wuz never heard uv afterward.

"That whiskey is fifteen years old. I know that because I've had it that long myself."

The Colonel—By Jove, sir! You must be a man of phenomenal self-control.

A young widow put up a costly monument to her late husband, and inscribed upon it: "My grief is so great that I cannot bear it." A year or so later, however, she married again, and feeling a little awkwardness about the inscription, she solved the difficulty by adding one word to it—"alone."

The Sandon Hand laundry and Bath House has recently had a first class set of steam fittings put in by Mr. C. E. Bade, and is now better prepared than ever to do high class laundry work, having all the facilities of a Steam Laundry. The bath rooms are the best in town.

## Application for Liquor Licence.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I will apply to the Licence Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a licence to sell liquor by retail in the White House Hotel.

HARRY McDONALD.

Sandon, June 17th, 1898.

## 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, mat, 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 procure, 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 J. A. R. Heyland, agent for Argo Mines, of Sandon, No. 422 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 57 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

A. R. HEYLAND,

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1898.

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L. L. B.

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## BROOKLYN.

### The Newest Town in the Kootenay.

It would require an acrobatic intellect to keep pace with the rapid manufacture of geography in the Kootenay. Three weeks ago the contracts were let for the Robson-Penticton road. Two weeks ago the contractors selected a site for their headquarters camp and supply depot. Last week surveyors were set to work laying out a townsite. To-day we have another town to new to be found on the map.

Brooklyn is situated on the Columbia river almost opposite Deer Park. To-day it is a hamlet of tents, but to-morrow, figuratively speaking, it will be a bustling center of trade. Mann, Foley and Larson, the contractors for the extension of the Columbia and Western, have selected this point as their headquarters. The firm is a combination of the strongest contractors in the United States and Canada, and will build 105 miles of road through the roughest mountain country in the Pacific northwest, to be completed and in operation in the shortest possible period of time. Foundations are laid for several of the company buildings. The general office building will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

The greater number of the company workmen are engaged in clearing and grading the wagon road leading to Cascade City, forty miles inland, on Christina lake, where the contractors will rush in supplies, making that a point where work will be pushed in both directions. At present there are but few men at work, but it is expected that five thousand men will be strung along the line in a few months' time. Less than four miles out of Brooklyn the survey calls for a 3000 foot tunnel. This alone will afford a pay roll of over \$500 a day, and it will take months in construction. Several of the sub-contracts have been let between Robson and Brooklyn, it being the intention of the company to complete this section of the road first. This work is all rock and very difficult. In conversation with a contractor who had a mile of this work he stated that the contract price would not be less than \$50,000. Some idea of the cost of the road may be gathered from this, and there are many, many miles of this work, not to mention the big tunnel almost a mile in length. When this road is completed it will represent the most expensive road ever constructed an equal distance in the same length of time.

Notwithstanding the fact that the town has only been in existence such a short time, it already has a newspaper, the first issue of which appeared last Saturday. Blackmer & Esling, publishers of the Trail Creek News are also publishers of the Brooklyn News, for which they are installing a complete plant.

Notwithstanding that there is not yet a completed hotel in the town, no less than seventeen liquor licences are being applied for.

Hard Luck. No Gold.

Seattle, June 22.—Fifty prospectors who left here last spring for Alaska by way of Copper River arrived here today on their way to eastern homes with hard luck stories and no gold. A. H. Hostetter, of Kagranga, Indiana, was with 200 men that crossed the Tasmuna lake

and reached the Kongsinn river. He said: "Of the many hundreds that landed at the foot of Valdes glacier only one party had been further than the Kongsinn and they returned half starved, having lost their profits in the rapids. It was reported that seven lives had been lost in the rapids, but the report had not been confirmed."

The most discouraging story is told by A. C. Johnson of St. Louis. He said about 800 men have turned back and are waiting for some means of getting out of the country. Some have no money and will have to remain there until the government sends help. They will not starve, for tons of provisions have been abandoned. It is impossible to sell outfits.

### Effects of the War.

Crowding so closely on the heels of the great Klondike excitement, the rapid and ever changing panorama of the Cuban war is apt to distract attention from great events nearer home. In the case of the concert to be given by the ladies of the Catholic church on July 15th this does not apply. Preparations are going forward with unrelenting energy, and Sandon people may be prepared to meet such a dazzling array of talent as they have seldom encountered.

Commencing Saturday, June 25th the C. P. R. will issue round trip tickets, Sandon to Rosebery and return for 75 cents. Three Forks to Rosebery and return, 50 cents. Good going Saturday and Sunday, returning until Monday.

In connection with the Slocan City celebration on July 4th, tickets will be on sale on the 4th at single fare for the round trip from Nelson and Sandon and intermediate points, good to return on the 5th. Service from Sandon will be via regular train going with special service returning, leaving Slocan City at 7 p. m., evening of the 4th. Tickets will be good to return on 5th if excursionists desire to stop over night.

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

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ED. O'BRIEN.

Sandon, June 17th, 1898.

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