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A RACE FOR THE SIMILKAMEEN

By Rival Railroads.

The apparent calm in the agitation for the building of a Coast to Kootenay line, is deceptive in the extreme.

Under the surface of the C. P. R.'s apathy in the matter exists a determination to be the first to tap this rich district, and a constant fear that its powerful competitor, the Great Northern, will succeed in outdoing it. This fear has been heightened by the entrance into the Boundary of the V., V. & E., (which is practically the Great Northern), and this in spite of the most strenuous efforts put forth by the Grand Forks and Republic Railway, (which is practically the C. P. R.) to prevent the incoming of the rival road.

The following from the Phoenix Pioneer gives a good idea of the situation :—

"There has been no love lost between the C. P. R. and the Great Northern for a number of years. The former has persistently fought the latter's attempts to tap the rich Boundary country, and thus far successfully. The theory now, however, is that the C. P. R is about to withdraw its objections to the Great Northern finishing its lines to Midway and Phoenix, providing the lines are built no farther into the Similkameen—the ultimate destination—this year. This would give the C. P. R. one year's start of the Great Northern if the C. P. R. decides to continue its own line from Midway to the Similkameen this year, for which all surveys are now complete. In many quarters this is thought to be the intention of the C. P. R.

"By this arrangement Jim Hill will get into the Boundary's chief camps, but for a year at least will not build any farther. At every turn his progress into the Boundary has been blocked in the past, and while the Hot Air line is not given out as being owned by the C. P. R. as yet, it is thought to be very close in the councils of the great Canadian corporation."

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING OF COAST-KOOTENAY.

Late coast papers bring the news that the government expects to shortly conclude the contract for the building of the Coast-Kootenay line.

The proposition, it is understood, will not be in the terms of last year's Bill, but will provide for a million acres of land, $5,500 per mile for 230 miles of road and $3,400 per mile for 100 miles. It is not stated what company the government intends making the contract with.

This is certainly a great change from the Bill of last year, which provided for government control of freight and passenger rates, a tax of two per cent on the gross earnings of the road, a subsidy of not over $4,000 per mile, and the right to purchase after twenty years. Last year's Bill made no provision for a land grant. It was felt at the time that the Bill was framed to meet the wishes of the C. P. R.—not as a contract under which they intended building, but in order to prevent the construction of the road by a rival company. This belief will be strengthened by the bargain the government now proposes to make.

PROVEN DOWN TO 1000 FEET.

Long Crosscut Tunnel of the Ymir Mine Strikes Ledge.

The Nelson Miner gives the following particulars of the striking of the Ymir ledge in the long crosscut tunnel which was run to tap the ore body at a depth of 350 feet below what were formerly the lowest workings in the mine:

"After tunneling 2,150 feet on the Ymir mine on Friday the main ledge was tapped at a depth of 1,000 feet. When the last information was received the tunnel was seven feet into the ledge, and the farther wall had not been reached. The ledge was found within a few feet of where it was expected, and the values and character of the ore are the same as those of the higher levels. This is considered of great importance as it is a good indication that the formation is unbroken to the great depth reached. The conditions revealed by the results of this work demonstrates the Ymir to be among the largest metalliferous mines of the province, and probably the most profitable.

"This tunnel was commenced about eighteen months ago and work has been carried on in it continuously. The great depth to which it proves the mine and the strength of the ore body where encountered make the event of Friday the most important that has occurred in the mining history of the Ymir camp or of Nelson district."

VISITING ASPEN GROVE.

Messrs. Kidder and Wright of Terre Haute, Indiana, are now at Aspen Grove examining the holdings of the Portland Mining Company, in which they are stockholders. On their way in they stopped at Nelson. The following from the Miner of that place gives some particulars of their plans for the operation of their Aspen Grove properties:

"William Kidder, a flouring mill manager of Terre Haute, Ind., and A. W. Wright, mining promoter, were guests at the Phair yesterday. They are representatives of the Portland Mining Co., which owns four claims in the Aspen Grove camp in the Similkameen division. About a year and a half since Mr. Wright acquired control of four claims in the camp. They are high grade claims, and the ore carries small values in gold and silver, but runs about 10 per cent. in copper. Mr. Wright proceeded at once to Terre Hate, where he succeeded in interesting William Kidder and others, and a company known as the Portland Mining Company was formed with a capital stock of $1,500,000. The work of development was begun some time since. The company sent an agent out last year and he returned with a satisfactory account of the richness and extent of the veins on the property. Now Mr. Kidder has come to British Columbia and will examine the mines of Rossland and Phoenix, and the smelters of Grand Forks and Greenwood, in order to determine what will be the best method of mining and reducing the ores of the Portland Mining Company. Messrs. Kidder and Wright left for Rossland yesterday."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. E. Howse left for Nicola Lake on Sunday last.

Mickey Foy, the celebrated song and dance artist struck town Thursday.

A party of three, Mr. D. P. McCrae and Messrs. R. and J. Snowden, came in from Greenwood last week, via Anarchist Mountain and Keremeos.

Messrs. McDonald and McKenzie rode up from Grand Forks last week, reaching here on Saturday. They intend to spend the season prospecting in this district.

Divine service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in Mr. G. L. Mason's house. A hearty invitation to everybody. Sunday school will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock. All children invited.

The news has been received of the death in New York of Mr. Jno. E. Coleman, President of the Boston and British Columbia Mining Company, which has been operating for some years on Granite Creek.

Inspector Stewart is expected in on to-day's stage to examine the local school. A session of the school will be held this afternoon in order to allow him an opportunity to judge of the progress made by the pupils. He intends leaving again Sunday morning.

Mr. H. Swan, who has been working with the Hislop survey party, returned to town on Saturday last. He has gone to do some further prospecting on the Comet claim. This claim adjoins the Diamond B., belonging to Mr. J. Beaver, which was discovered to contain platinum in its ore. Harry is confident that the rich Diamond B. lead can be traced through the Comet ground.

Mr. Ernest Waterman is erecting a barn near his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richter intend leaving for Loomis on Monday next.

The balance of the machinery for McLean's sawmill reached here yesterday.

Three freighters arrived from Penticton last night, loaded with flour for A. E. Howse.

A meeting will be held in the sitting room of the Hotel Tulameen Wednesday evening April 9th, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of organizing a local football club. All kickers are invited to attend.

THE DIAMOND DRILLS.

The diamond drill with which Alexander Sharp, M. E., is prospecting at depth the coal grounds of the Holt Syndicate, has been placed in charge of Mr. John Hamilton of Nanaimo, with Mr. F. W. Hemer of the same place in second charge.

Messrs. Hamilton and Hemer came in on last week's stage. They are considered two of the best diamond drillers on the Pacific coast, having made it their exclusive business for over twenty years, during that period operating drills on Vancouver Island for the New Vancouver Coal Co., and Dunsmuirs.

The drill belonging to the Vermilion Forks Mining & Development Co., will be set in operation early in the week under the superintendence of Mr. Barr-Hall. Drilling will be continued on the townsite in the same place where the drill was first stated.

MARCONIGRAMS.

Vancouver, April 5.—A flock of yellow legs are preparing to make their annual migration into the Similkameen. Tell prospectors to try and tame their wild cats.—Expert.

London, Eng., April 5.—Very sorry to learn you cannot arrange for the sending of a representative from your famous mining district to witness the King's coronation.—Colonial Sec'y.

New Denver, B. C., April 5.—Clean up your upper stopes and get ready for a fresh bunch of wisdom from the columns of the April Claim.—Lowery.

Victoria, B. C., April 5.—Government is anxiously awaiting this week's issue of the STAR before deciding whether to resign at once or wait till it is kicked out. —Dun-suir.

Witchita, Kan., April 5.—Have arranged for the appearance of Carrie Nation and Miss Stone in Princeton on the 1st of May. Carrie will exhibit her little hatchet and Miss Stone will show the latest thing in brigands.—Major Pond.

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A. E. HOWSE.

TO THE PUBLIC.

In announcing the recent change that has taken place in the management and ownership of the STAR, we feel it is due our patrons and the public to say that it is our intention to conduct it in such a manner as will merit general confidence. Its columns will contain the latest and most interesting news obtainable, and marked attention will be given the mining interests. Its columns will be open to all who wish to use them, provided always, the matter is one of public interest, and due regard is given the space at our disposal. We recognize most fully that it will be impossible to please everyone, and it may be as well to say now, that we do not expect to. It will be the policy of this paper to "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY.

It is little wonder that the enormous expenditure on our public works has become a nightmare to the Chief Commissioner. Every session needed improvements are cut out of the members requisitions on the grounds of economy, etc. We wish to point out that this would, as a rule, be unnecessary if some system was introduced regarding expenditure on our roads. The employment of Road Superintendent Stevenson at an annual cost of about four thousand dollars for salary and travelling expenses, is utterly devoid of satisfactory results. One instance that some one is responsible for, is the location of our road men at Granite Creek. No reasonable man could justify the necessity of men travelling ten miles and back in a day to do a few hours needed work at Princeton, yet this is one of Mr. Stevenson's elaborate plans, or in other words, his system of expending public money.

This same wanton waste can be found all over the province. It is probably useless to point out the need of reforms, yet if we are ever to be provided with a good roads system, the public must be educated to that point where they will unite in demanding a thorough reorganization in the management and expenditure on provincial highways.

THE GREAT GRAFTER

It suits the C. P. R. to have the public think it is in no hurry to build through this country, in order that it may extort the last possible dollar from the public treasury, and alienate the last possible acre of land from the public domain. If the truth was known, the C. P. R. is probably far from feeling that "come to me" attitude which it so confidently assumes. The steady progress in this direction of the V., V.& E., or Great Northern, (which has now gained an entrance into the Boundary), makes it plain to the C. P. R. that it cannot hope to much longer retain this rich portion of the province as its special preserve. There are good grounds for believing that the Great Northern intends building into this section before long, bonus or no bonus, and if the public once realized this, the chances of the C. P. R. getting a big haul from the public treasury would be poor indeed. But the C. P. R. cannot afford to allow another road to build into this district ahead of it, and we believe that the granting of an enormous subsidy in cash and land at this stage of the game would be an inexcusable blunder, looked at merely from a business stand point. It is to be hoped the government will show some consideration for the people and a little less for the railway grafters than was exhibited in the case of the Canada Northern.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

What has become of Premier Dunsmuir's scheme for the building of the Coast-Kootenay line as a joint undertaking by the Dominion and Provincial governments? The half-hearted way in which it was put forward, and its quick death from neglect is evidence sufficient of the Premier's lack of sincerity in the matter.

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A NEW INVENTION.

Copper Ore Can be Treated at a Low Figure.

A new invention in smelting that is liable to revolutionize the present method of treating ore has been used and found sufficient, says the Spokane Chronicle. Fred Parker, an attorney of North Yakima, was in the city yesterday. In speaking to a Chronicle reporter concerning the Hydro Smelting & Refining Company of Tacoma, in which he is interested, he said :

"We have been working on this experiment for the past five or six years, and have succeeded in getting down to a point where we can use it commercially. We have a plant erected at West Seattle with a capacity of 20 tons, where we have been making our experiments. One of the chief features of the smelter is that we burn oil, the oil converted into gas by a method protected by a patent. This gives a peculiar white heat that does its work well. We are able to secure 4,400 degrees of heat and can control it any place above 100 degrees.

SAVED FULL ASSAY VALUE.

"We have recently made a smelter run of five tons of ore, purchased from the Tacoma smelter at the assay value of the ore. This value was 8¾ per cent. copper and other values that are unimportant. Under the Tacoma process the ore must be roasted to get rid of the sulphur before smelting. The values then saved are about 80 per cent. and a 40 per cent. copper matte. This shows the success of our plan, when we can save more than the assay value. The high grade copper matte is also in demand as more easily treated.

"We have spent between $35,000 and $40,000 in experimenting, and have now reached the place where we know we have something of great value. We have recently purchased 175 tons of ore from Texada Island, and the consignment is about due at Seattle. About April 15 we expect to start the smelter on a steady run.

CAN TREAT ORE FOR $2.50 PER TON

"This is the first time I have said anything about the new smelter for publication, but I am so thoroughly convinced of its worth that I will put in a custom smelter, after the make of the one we have in Seattle, on Camp creek in the Cle Elum district. I am putting my own money into the smelter. I am interested in a number of properties there, and besides treating the ore from them will take custom ore. The smelter will start with a capacity of 50 tons per day.

"There is one great advantage the new system has shown over the old besides the saving of values, and that is the cheapness of smelting. The fuel used by our process will cost but 50 cents per ton, while the other expenses will be about the same as in an ordinary smelter. We will be able to treat ore for $2.50 per ton.

"We should be glad to get ore from this side of the mountains, and later on will make an endeavor to do so. Bob Young, a mining engineer of Tacoma, is president of the company ; A. W. Catton of Seattle is vice-president and manager, and B. Maclean is secretary."

"MINES ARE MADE, NOT FOUND"

Ossasionally, as the saying is, a mine pays from the "grass roots." This is a very rare exception, says the Black Hills Mining Review. The records of the largest mines of today all show that many thousands, and in some cases, millions of dollars were expended for machinery and labor to open up the ore bodies, sufficiently for their economical and profitable working, before the mines paid expenses and dividends. Everyone knows that time and money must also be put into large undertakings in every other business, before the profits can be expected ; and it is equally so in mining. But the ultimate profits in mining are many times greater than the profits of any other business.

THE TRUE MOTIVE OF TRADES UNIONS.

During the recent epidemic at Tonopah, Nevada, the local Miners' union distinguished itself by the humane manner in which it extended aid to sufferers. Assistance was given regardless of membership to their order, and whether the sick had money or not to pay for attendance. We are glad to see that the county commissioners have donated script warrants of $1,000 to reimburse the union for caring for and burying the dead who were not members of the union. The warrant was drawn to J. L. Butler, who cashed it at 85 cents, and in addition drew a personal check for $1,000 and presented it as a gift to the union. The work of the union can be appreciated by the fact that they disbursed over $3,000 in caring for the sick and burying the dead. The transactions reflect the greatest credit on each and every one connected with them.—Mining Reporter.

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CONTROL OF NICKEL MINES.

Company Formed by Chas. M. Schwab Has Secured Property in Ontario.

It is again reported that Mr. Chas. M. Schwab of New York, and several financial associates have organized a company with $9,000,000 of capital and obtained control of the Canadian Copper Company of Cleveland, the Orford Copper Company of New Jersey, and the Nickel Company of Paris, France.

The Canadian Department of Mines will not be necessarily informed officially of these deals until the new company applies for the bonus on nickelplate or desires any change in the conditions of the leases of the two first-named companies, each of which possesses very rich nickel mines in the Sudbury district of Ontario.

The report of the combination has been received with great equanimity because the mining leases are held under the Ontario Government, which hopes to dictate the terms under which the ore can be exported.

MARCONI'S SYSTEM.

Company Forming to Operate it in the United States.

A company is being formed here to promote the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy in this country. It is proposed to incorporate this company in New Jersey with a capital of $10,000,000, and it is stated that the raising of $750,000 will place it on a commercial basis. Of this latter sum $250,000 is to be paid to the present English company, and Mr. Marconi is quoted as authority for the statement that the other $500,000 will be a sufficient amount on which to start operations.

ONLY CANADIANS.

Seven members of the United States Congress are Canadians by birth. Six of them were born in the Province of Ontario and the other in Nova Scotia. The natives of New Brunswich, who have figured in past congresses, have been effaced entirely, including the Hon. Jeremiah Simpson, better known as "Sockless Jerry," of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. It will be noted all seven are Republicans: Senator James McMillan, of Michigan, born in Hamilton, Ont.; Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, of North Hampshire, born in Cornwall, Ont.; Senator Jos. H. Milliard, of Nebraska, born in Hamilton, Ont.; Senator Thos. Kearns, of Utah, born in Woodstock, Ont.; Congressman Jas. T. McCleary, of Minnesotta, born in Ingersoll, Ont.; Congressman Jas. A. Hughes, of West Virginia, born in Corunna, Ont.; Congressman Wm. Connell, of Pennsylvania, born in Cape Breton, N. S.

A GOOD SCHEME.

The News-Advertiser has a plan, which certainly is well thought out and would, if adopted, do away with much of the jealousy, with which any new scheme of redistribution is at present regarded. It is to make the Island a permanent basis of representation, just as Quebec is in the Dominion. Quebec always has 65 members and the representation of the other provinces of the Dominion is adjusted to the proportion which from time to time the population of Quebec bears to its 65 members. The News-Advertiser would give the Island a fixed representation of 12 members and adjust the representation of the rest of the province on the basis of the proportion which these 12 members would bear to the population of the Island.

LONG LIVED MINES.

Copper mines as a rule are long lived. Some of the earliest opened in the United States fifty years ago are still productive with no signs of becoming exhausted very soon. One of the oldest copper mines of the world is at Fahlun, Sweden. This mine has been worked for 700 years and has produced 500,000 tons of copper, 15 tons of silver, and 1¼ tons of gold, representing a value of $277,500,000. Evidently the people in Sweden are not so much in a hurry as they are in the United States, or their facilities for working mines are not as good. In 1900 a single copper mine in the United States yielded 60,000 tons of copper. At that rate this mine will produce more copper in ten years than the Swedish mine has in 700 years.

OIL IN EAST KOOTENAY.

News has been received in the city that oil has been struck in the Kootenay oil fields, just twenty miles northeast of the Kintla Lake oil fields, on the Canadian side. The company operating there has sunk a well 320 feet, and at that depth there has been secured a large flow of natural gas and a small flow of oil. The drill has struck under the edge of the overthrust, as it is technically called, and may not have to go much deeper to reach the cretaceous formation in which the lake oil is to be found. Those in charge of the operations are greatly encouraged, and drilling will be continued as rapidly as possible.—Great Falls Tribune.

TEMPERING DRILL POINTS.

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ROBERT KELLY.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining Kelly claim on China Creek, and running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

Z. GORDON GOLDBERG.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

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THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Joining on north line of Goldberg's claim and running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

JOSEPH MERRYFIELD.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

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Joining on north line of R. Kelly's claim, and running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

JOSEPH FOSTER.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

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Joining on north line of Merryfield's claim, and running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

DUNCAN GARVIN.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

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Joining on north line of Foster's claim, and running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

JAMES STOTT.
S. J. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 2, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after date I intend to apply to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land, viz.:—Commencing at a point 20 chains south of the northwest corner of my pre-emption Lot No. 968; thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less

The above land lies 60 chains to the south of Lot 720 in Nicola Division of North Yale District.

D. L. MUNRO.

Dated Aspen Grove, March 14, 1902.

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