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PRINCESS MAY SOLD

Interesting Mining Review for the Week.

Rich Ore From the Jubilee and Bow Bell---New Stiike on the Lost Horse ---Several Deals Pending.

Chas. Powell has bonded the Princess May claim to M. J. G. Lock, of London, Eng., for the respectable sum of $35,000. The Princess May is one of the banner properties on Copper mountain. Mr. Powell has shown great enterprise in developing his property and thoroughly deserves his good fortune. Last year Ex-Governor McIntosh had the claim under bond, but as his deal on the Sunset mine fell through, the bond was allowed to lapse. Competent mining men claim that the Princess May has the best surface showing on Copper mountain, the work done this spring having shown up an immense body of ore. The property has been developed by means of open cuts and surface stripping, proving the width and extent of the ledge. Mr. Powell receives $5,500 cash, the balance of the purchase price being made in payments extending over a year.

Mr. Lock intends forming a syndicate in England to work the property, and it is possible that active operations will be commenced this fall.

An assay from the Bow Bell claim, on Whipsaw creek recently discovered by the Guttridge party, gives a total value of $217 per ton in gold. The ledge is said to be nearly 5 feet wide, the ore being a rich white quartz.

R. Stevenson is jubilant over a recent assay of ore from the Jubilee claim, on Copper mountain. The returns show a value of $104 in copper and gold. The property is located about two miles south of the "Sunset." A deal is now pending for the property, with prominent British Columbia capitalists.

Messrs. Burr and Jones are busing deepening the shaft on the Sunrise. A sample of the ore taken from the bottom of the shaft proves the value of the property. The copper values are distributed evenly through the rock, giving equal value to the ore which is improving rapidly with depth. It is the intention of the owners to thoroughly test the mine by sinking the present shaft to a depth of 100 or 150 feet.

The Sunrise is one of the pioneer locations on Copper mountain as well as one of the most promising. It adjoins the famous Sunset mine, the ore being of much the same character, with the exception that the Sunrise ore is of finer grain. Average assay values run about six per cent. copper and $4 to $6 in gold.

A number of new locations have been made in the Aspen Grove district during the past two weeks. Summers creek, a branch of One-Mile, has also been thoroughly prospected and quite a few good finds recorded.

A discovery of almost solid copper glance is reported from Mamette lake district. Specimens shown of the ore are very rich, and as there is said to be quite a ledge of it, the find is likely to prove valuable. Mr. George McCroskery, of the Hotel Princeton, has acquired an interest in the property. George is becoming quite a mine owner. He holds interests in some of the best claims in Roche river district, the El Pasco, Eldorado, Wellington and Lincoln, also in the Old Tom on the Tulameen, assays from the latter claim running as high as $46 per ton.

Summit camp is attracting a good deal of attention at present. The development work done this year has shown up strong ledges of fine galena ore. Assays from Summit No. 1 and adjoining properties run from $130 to $240 per ton. Several well known mining men are now visiting the camp with a view to investment and it more than likely that several deals will be recorded in the near future.

Sale of Lamont's Ranch.

Angus Lamont, one of the pioneer ranchers of the Similkameen, has sold his ranch to Mr. J. C. Lock, of London, Eng., for $10,000. Mr. Lamont's ranch is beautifully situated on the bank of the Similkameen river, about eight miles south of Princeton. It comprises a total acreage of some 400 acres, half of it being very fine bottom land. The property will be very valuable for a smelter site lying as it does between Copper and Kennedy mountain.

Specimens Wanted.

The proprietor of the Hotel Jackson has had a fine Cabinet built for specimens of ore from the different mining districts. He will be glad to display specimens from any good properties, and owners are requested to bring or send same to him.

Death Dealing Heat.

August 11th was the hottest day yet experienced in the large eastern cities. New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Chicago and Milwaukee all report a number of deaths and prostrations from the terrific heat. The thermometer registered 102 in New York, while humidity was over 57 per cent. At the weather bureau in Washington, D.C., the official thermometer registered 101.

King Victor Emmanuel III.

King Tictor of Italy took the formal constitutional oath on August 11th. The ceremony was a most imposing one, the young sovereign being received everywhere with the greatest enthusiasm. The burial of the remains of the late King Humbert took place on Sunday, the interment being strictly private.

A public subscription fund has been raised to provide Princeton with a temporary school. School will be opened or about Sept. 10th. Parents who have childre n who will attend are requested to send particulars as to age and class to Sec. Princeton school, care of Star.

$22,500.00 For Princeton.

The estimates asked for Princeton and district amount to the large sum of $22,500. The Star expected to be able to report in this issue that the amounts had been voted, but owing to unavoidable delay a late report informs us that the Government has not been able to bring them down to the House so far, and it will probably be early in the coming week before they are passed. The amounts effecting Princeton are as follows:

Princeton-Keremeos road (West Yale portion)	$10,000
Government offices and lock-up	5,000
Survey of Hope road	1,500
School house	1,000
Two small bridges across One-Mile creek	500
New bridge across Tulameen river (asked for by Government engineer)	4,500
Total	$22,500

Mr, R. H. Parkinson, P. L. S., of of Princeton, and Fairview, has received a telegram from the Lands and Works Department, instructing him to complete the survey of the Princeton-Keremeos road.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Mr. C. Barber left for the Pacific coast, via the Hope trail, on Wednesday.

Mr. J. Moran, well known in the Slocan country, is registered at the Hotel Jackson. He is on a mining trip through the Similkameen.

Mr. A. F. McDonald returned from Grand Forks on Tuesday. He reports considerable activity in mining in the Boundary district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lock left for the Pacific coast and London, Eng., on Sunday's stage. They expect to return to Princeton early in November.

Manuel Barcello, one of the pioneer cattle men of Keremeos, passed through Princeton on his way to Hope early this week. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

Mr. C. F. Warner, of Yale, B. C., made a trip through the Similkameen via the Hope trail this week. He is greatly pleased with the country and will return early next month.

J. B. Silverthorne, of Lytton, returned to Princeton on Sunday. He left for Summit Camp the same day, where he will make a thorough examination of the silver-lead properties now under development.

D. D. McPhail, of Greenwood, and Mr. Bushill, of London, Eng., are registered at the Hotel Jackson. Mr. McPhail is showing Mr. Bushill the wonderful mineral showings that the Similkameen country possesses. Mr. Bushill will probably invest before returning home.

Mr. W. J. Waterman returned from Victoria on Thursday, coming in on Smith's stage. He reports very favorably on the result of the Princeton delegation to secure appropriations for the town and district, and says that as soon as the sums asked for pass, the House work will be started.

Mr. R. G. Mounce, who has spent the past year prospecting in the vicinity of Arrow lake, arrived in town last night by way of Keremeos, and left this morning for his home in New Westminster, via the Hope trail. Mr. Mounce expressed himself as greatly pleased with the country in this vicinity.

Mr. R. Stevenson came in from Summit camp this week, bringing with him several magnificent specimens of galena ore. A number of men are working their properties and the work done is proving the claims to be fully as rich as the surface showings indicated. Mr. Stevenson owns one of the best claims in the camp and intends thoroughly developing it this fall.

The Chinese War.

The situation at Peking is still desperate. U. S. Minister Conger telegraphs that the legations are under siege. The total losses of the legations are over 60 killed and 100 wounded. A report has reached London from Shanghai that the Imperial artillery has been again turned on the legations. The enemy are attacking in force and it is feared the Europeans will not be able to hold out much longer. The allied forces are steadily fighting their way to Peking and it is hoped may reach there in time to save the united legations.

Plot to Capture "Bobs."

Lord Roberts has wired to the war office as follows: "A plot to carry me off has been discovered. It was clumsily conceived. The ringleaders and all concerned are now under arrest." The British press are united in demanding that the Boer prisoners at Pretoria should be kept under rigorous guard.

The plot to capture and kill Lord Roberts has been hatched by a number of prisoners in parole.

A late telegram from Pretoria gives particulars of a number of small engagements in which the forces under Generals Buller, Rundle, Hunter and Kitchener took part. A number of prisoners and a quantity of ammunition were captured.

REMARKS ON SAMPLING.

The prospector who has to sample his own claim and wishes to know the truth, naturally asks how he is to do it, and the following remarks are for his benefit, not for the expert—they are only outline directions for following a well-beaten trail—the expert knows many short cuts—but unless one is pretty familiar with the country, it is safest and as quick to stick to the trail.

The two pre-requisites to accurate sampling are common sense and common fairness, or honesty on the part of the sampler.

In sampling a lead, if the vein-matter is such that it will all have to go for treatment, a section of uniform thickness right across the whole of the face of the lead usually possible for a correct sample. This is not usually possible, so it should be approximated as closely as possible. Wherever it is practicable, make cuts right across the lead—the bigger and more of them the better. In such places as the face or roof of the tunnel or the side of the shaft, several strips should be cut out. Make no selection, take all that comes out of such cut, taking care that that the cut is uniform in depth and width—a thing not easily done if there is a great difference between the friability of the ore and gangue. In extended exposures make the cuts at regular intervals of say 5, 10 or 20 feet—the closer the better—letting them hit where they may, making no selection.

Take all that come out of these cuts to a convenient place, break it up as fine as practicable and by such means as are available; allow nothing to be added or taken from sample.

Thoroughly mix the broken sample. This is best done by the old and tried "quartering method," viz.: Select a smooth, level, clean spot—preferably a floor or canvas sheet; proceed to "cone the sample," placing a shovelful of ore in centre of floor, and directly on top of this another shovelful, thus continuing and forming a "cone." The rest of the sample is then placed, shovelful by shovelful, on the very apex of the cone, so that it distributes evenly down all sides radially. When all the sample is in the cone, it should be flattened into a circular pile, with height about one-twelfth its diameter. This is done by scraping the ore from the apex of the cone radially in all directions. Across the circular line there should be marked two lines at right angles and passing through the centre of pile, so dividing the pile into quarters. Two of these quarters, opposite to each other, are then removed, and the space they occupied carefully swept. The quantity of ore is now reduced to half the original. This operation of coning, and quartering is continued until the sample is reduced to such size that it can be carried to the assayer. Any pair of rejected quarters should also be retained as check, or in case of mishap to regular sample.

Should the lead being sampled contain a pay streak which only would be shipped, it is best to sample this pay streak as if it was a separate and distinct lead, carefully noting the width sampled. It must be remembered that the sample only represents that portion of the lead from which it was taken.

Another and quite as satisfactory a method is to sample, by method described, all the rock that comes out of the prospect, or sample the dump, if there is any, by cutting channels through it, on the same principle as in sampling a ledge, and working down the ore taken from such channels to a convenient bulk.

It must always be borne in mind in sampling that there is liable to be a great difference between the lump and fine ore, and, consequently, a due regard must be had to getting the proper proportion of each.

Hand-picked samples are never reliable, and should always be avoided. As an instance of this: The manager of a certain mine on the coast brought into the government laboratory for close and accurate check on the smelter, a large sample of a shipment of ore. The writer found he had taken "a few lumps out of each sack at random," and advised him to go back, dump every tenth sack, and 'quarter down" as described, which he did. Both samples were assayed; the first gave 14 per cent. copper, the second gave 5.6 per cent. copper. The ore went to the smelter, where it was accurately sampled by experienced samplers, and gave within one-tenth per cent. copper of second result.

Experienced mining men frequently take hand samples of the particular classes of ore in a mine, have these assayed, and from these results they estimate what grade of ore they are mining. This may be correctly done, and it is wonderful how close to the correct assay an experienced man can "guess," but it is uncertain at the best, and dangerous for inexperienced persons to attempt to be guided by such estimates.—B. C. Mining Record.

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Stages Leave Fairview Monday Wednesday and Friday, returning from Keremeos Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

A magnificent reception has been arranged for Lord and Lady Minto on their arrival at Dawson.

Rossland has decided to hold a big celebration on Labor day. It is said the festivities this year will surpass all previous efforts.

The liquor license act was assented to by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor on Friday, August 10th, from which date it becames law.

The Provincial convention of the Liberal Conservative association will be held at New Westminster on August 30th. A number of delegates have already been appointed to attend.

The deadly cut worm is still engaged in destroying vegetation all over the province, although heavy rains on the Pacific coast and in the Fraser valley have served to check the inroads made by this terrible pest.

W. R. Albi of Rossland, who is to be tried on Octobter 16th for shooting Herbert McArthur with intent to kill, has been admited to $10,000 bail. He left for Spokane with N. E. Nuzum his attorney. McArthur is rapidly recovering.

Martin Beattie government agent at Kamloops, who was arrested on account of a shortage in the funds entrusted to his care is making restitution by the transfer of his mining interests and other assets of value. He expects by doing so, to get off with a light penalty.

For the month ending Aug. 11th, ore shipments from Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines to the Granby smelter total about 4,500 tons. The first car load shipment from Buckhorn, Deadwood camp, was sent to-day to Trail. Returns from the initial shipment car from Sunset, the same camp, of ore taken from the 200-foot level, ran slightly under $20 to the ton, principally in gold. The returns are considered excellent.

British Columbia as a Mining Camp.

Evidences of a general revival of interest in British Columbia mining investments are many. Since the settlement of the labor troubles, which for months retarded development and brought the industry almost to a standstill, there has been a renewal of operations that has created a healthier and more encouraging tone than ever. While there has been greater excitement in individual sections, the promise of general interest and progress was never so good as today. It is a curious fact that there is no one section of the province on which attention is centered; but many camps are just entering upon the permanent stage and others are nearing important milestones in their history. Conditions are such that the next few months must see developments of the greatest importance, and it is almost certain that these developments will be accompanied by a large influx of capital and heavy investments in many districts. The turning of attention towards British Columbia and other northwestern mining fields is frequently commented upon in the eastern press, and it appears to be the general opinion of those in closest touch with financial-mining conditions that this part of the northwest will be the center of the next period of large money activity.—Spokane Review.

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It is officially announced that the government has determined to abolish in its entirety the obnoxious 10 per cent. royalty, and to establish at Dawson a government assay office, where the gold will be taken from the mines at its exact worth, certificates being issued, which the banks will cash at full face value. A small export duty will be imposed upon the gold itself. It is also stated that two members of the Dominion Parliament are to be elected from Dawson in October.

The "town trustees" of the would-be town of Allison do not object to the bridge being built at Princeton. How nice of them. Would the said "trustees" please send us their photographs.

Princeton merchants all carry Blue Ribbon Extracts.

Mr. Dewdney apparently has a mania for starting townsite companies. But has he ever made a success of the business? He is reported to have gone to Sidney Inlet, on the northwest coast, to start another town, where he has copper mines.

Blue Ribbon Extract of Vanilla is the best on the market.

Several of our "poverty stricken" citizens are putting in their time and money this week improving their premises. Mr. Spencer has been putting on the finishing touches to his $500 "shack"; Dr. Whillans is moving his "shack-office" [not to Allison] but to another lot in Princeton; Chas. Richter has started construction on a several hundred dollar cottage; Summers & Richter have spent $35 or $40 in painting their meat market, and several other parties are talking of building before the month is up. It is too bad that they insist on throwing their money away in Princeton, but then they have E. Dewdney's "sympathy."

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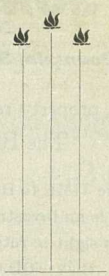

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In the Similkameen.

Summit Camp, Similkameen.—We are camped on the summit of the big divide that reaches up from the Keremeos valley and extends westward for many miles, nearly to Princeton. Here it is cold and wind rather obtrusive, but on the whole the climatic conditions are bracing and healthful. Fancy yourself walking over ten feet of snow in the middle of July! This has been one of my experiences lately. But the snow is only to be found in the gulches or "draws" on the north side of the mountains, and in many instances remains until next winter's "beautiful" covers it over like a clean tablecloth hiding a dirty kitchen table.

The summit of this divide, or rather the many summits, covers an immense area, and exhibits many divergent characteristics. Standing on one of these highest points one sees dense forest lands heavily timbered with pine, fir, spruce and balsam fir; miles of dead trees lying thickly piled on each other, as if they were the victims of a sudden tornado, stripped of every vestige of bark and glistening white in the glaring sunlight, acres of long green waving grass on which a host of cattle could be fattened, and beautiful park lands with bare swards dotted with clumps of firs, lend a charm to the foreground of a mighty panorama. Far, far in the distance, to the south, west, north and east, forming a complete circle to the picture, there rises the snow-clad peaks of mountain ranges that seem to be much higher than those nearer at hand. These peaks may be 100 miles away. They may be more. The eye cannot measure such an expanse accurately.

The formation is granite, with lime now and again. Immense iron cappings are distinguished on nearly every hill and mountain in sight by deep red splashes. These red bluffs are really the outcroppings of huge mineral bodies. In all the instances that have come under my notice so far, good copper has been exposed by the first shot in these red cappings. And besides these copper bodies there are veins of the white arsenical iron which carries such high gold values in this district. On the Nickel Plate mine, which can be seen from this point, being about four miles south west, samples of this iron have given values of $600 per ton. These leads are not very large, averaging between two feet and four feet in width, but the copper leads are immense. I have seen them opened for 12 feet and no wall in sight, and from surface indications most of them will be well nigh 100 wide.

Mr. Rodgers, superintendent of the Nickel Plate, has surveyed the Keremeos creek route for a wagon road and found an excellent grade, and although that is the longest way about, it is by far the best route, the other creeks are much steeper. This road will bring a great deal of business to Olalla, which will be a thriving town at no distant date.

The C. P. R. survey also went up Keremeos creek and found a most feasible grade to the summit. As the Nickel Plate people want to get in heavy machinery and have a lot of high grade ore ready for shipment, it is very probable that the wagon road will be commenced forthwith. The more so as a largely signed petition for the same has been forwarded to Victoria from Olalla and surrounding camps.

Snodgrass' sawmill is being erected at the mouth of Cedar creek, about two miles north of Olalla, the boiler and engine have arrived and it is expected that lumber will be obtainable some time during the next two weeks. Grouse are plentiful and deer are seen now and then. —R. W. Northey, in the New Denver Ledge.

For several weeks an endeavor to secure the removal of our local Chinaman has been made, but without success, until the first of last week, when the proprietors of one of our laundries concluded that the boycott was too strong and picked up their duds and walked. The almond-eyed beauties have either gone to Allison or to washee gold.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 240 acres of land, as follows: Starting from a post planted on the south bank of the Similkameen river, joining the west boundary line of Indian reserve, and following the course of the said river 100 chains west; thence 20 chains east to the west boundary line of Indian reserve; thence 20 chains north to point of commencement, and containing 240 acres more or less.

This notice was posted up on the 20th day of July, 1900. K. P. MATHESON.

NOTICE.

Certificate of Improvrment.

VIRGINIA, ALABAMA AND NOONDAY Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District.

WHERE LOCATED:—On Copper Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that I, John D. Anderson, P. L. S. of Trail, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. B93356, for myself and as agent for John S. Clute, Free Miner's Certificate No. 33677., (Trustees) intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

J. D. ANDERSON,

Dated this 11th day of June, A. D. 1900.

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NOTICE.

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MAFEKING AND KIMBERLEY FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS, situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

WHERE LOCATED:—Camp Hedley.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, E. H. Parkinson (Free Miner's Certificate No. B98895) intend, sixty days rom the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1900.

17-26 R. H. PARKINSON.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply on behalf of the Dominion Consolidated Mines Company, Limited, of Fairview, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described tract of land: Commencing from a post marked "Dominion Consolidated Mines Company's north-east corner" and planted at the south-east corner of the Western Hill mineral claim, thence south 100 chains; thence west 100 chains; thence north 100 chains; thence east 100 chains to the point of commencement, and containing 1,000 acres more ore less.

Dated at Fairview. B. C., this 23rd day of July, 1900.

RICHARD H. PARKINSON, P. L. S.,
Agent for the Dominion Consolidated Mines Co., Ltd.

NOTICE.

Certificate of Improvement.

FRISCO MINERAL CLAIM, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District.

WHERE LOCATED:—On Copper mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. D. Anderson, P. L. S. of Trail, B. C., acting as agent for David A. Stewart, Free Miner's Certificate No. 27433, George Gardiner, Free Miner's Certificate No. B279205 John W. Nelson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 19740A, and Reuben E. Shuttleworth Free Miner's Certificate No. B7446, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

JNO. D. ANDERSON,

Dated this 18th day of May, A. D. 1900.

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Creeping stealthily into the ranks of General Jim's army, the followers of Oom Eddie suddenly threw aside their disguise and our peaceful camp was a scene of wild disorder. The story of the skirmish is interesting: General Jim was visiting the canteen of Lieut.-Col. Oldhouse, when a spy was discovered among the visiting officers. Capt. Richard at once arrested the intruder and was engaged in removing him to the guardhouse, when the enemy unmasked their batteries, attacking General Jim and staff in the rear. The treacherous attack was not successful however, although our beloved general received a slight wound, in a short passage of arms with Major-General Lowe Keyes, commanding the rebels. The engagement then became general in the vicinity of Jackson kopje, Longhead, of the mountain garri- attacking the rebel general with fury. He succeeded in destroying Rube's support, cutting out his right wing entirely, but failing to quite shut in his pom pom battery. Then the "Old Scout" closed with the commander-in-chief himself, the hottest engagement of the night taking place between these two famous warriors. The battle raged with varying success, the ground being literally torn up with lurid yells from the combatants. While the main fight was progressing, the remnant of Col. Rube's forces slipped round and made a rear attack on Capt. Carl of the Howis division. It was not successful, for although nearly destroyed by a lyddite shell, Capt. Carl completely demolished the opposing force in a sharp charge, and Lieut. Frederic, coming up with the support, Col. Rube was in imminent danger of being annihilated if a few of his retainers had not succeeded in carrying him away. Meanwhile the main engagement proceeded with varying success until a frontal attack on Major-General Keyes caused him to subside. The whole face of his magnificent array was badly disfigured, but streaming with gore, the gallant general exclaimed, in the words of the immortal poet,

I'm not a man dismayed.
I'm not a man afraid;
Come on you sons of hades
Here do or die!
I've fifty planks to bet
I can whip your best man yet;
Trot him out and when we've met
Grassed there he'll lie.

As it would have been taking an unfair advantage of the wrecked condition of the enemy, a truce was declared. The only other incident noticed was an attack on the Jackson kopje, which was gallantly repelled by the famous Stonewall himself, and the enemy, realizing the futility of any further efforts, retired to their camp by the river, weary and worn and sad.

The rebel forces were greatly disheartened by the absence of Col. Hutthim from his post, they evidently putting strong faith in his ability to cover the attack. But the colonel had more pressing business to attend to. A conference was being held at the citadel garrison and plans of attack and defence were being arranged for the general engagement which is expected to take place shortly.

After the cessation of hostilities, General Keyes addressed the allied forces. In the course of a magnificent oration he stated that if great pressure had not been brought to bear on his chest the result might have been different, or if he could only have found the man or men who insulted his probocis his honor would have remained untarnished. He concluded by severely upbraiding his second in command, who, by unseemly interruption, aroused the ire of the fighting chief of the Lowtown brigade. The early dawn of the peaceful Sabbath lit up the scene of strife with its golden rays, discovering broken weapons and discarded headgear lost in the frightful melee of the war of the noses.

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GOOD HORSE SENSE.

Too Much Re-staking and Not Enough Work---An Inspector Needed.

In dealing with Mining Review's contention that the government should aid prospectors by lending them money to develop their claims, the Sandon Paystreak warns Mr. Cliffe, the editor, to beware of what he is agitating for. Why! that would be socialism, in a marked degree. Continuing, editor McAdams puts more solid truth into less space than we have seen for some time. As it appropriately fits the conditions prevailing in the Lardeau, the Eagle reproduces it in full. Says he:

The majority of prospectors do not make an effort to open their properties up. They prefer to re-stake and spend their otherwise unoccupied time in searching for more claims to stake, spending more time and money in the effort than in many cases would make them rich on property they already possess. There are prospectors in this camp who have more claims on record than they could possibly represent in a year if they worked steady all the time. There are claims within a mile of this town that have half a dozen sets of stakes on them. More than one claim in the hands of a man of small means is superfluous. One claim is sufficient to make a man rich. A dozen of them will keep a prospector poor all his life.

It is not a government grubstake that is wanted, but a title in usufruct, or something close to it. It should be imperative that the locator of a mineral claim do a certain amount of work on it before recording his location, nnd it should also be imperative that he do a reasonable amount of work each year. Within a limited number of years he should be compelled to take out his patent and all unworked crown-granted claims should be assessed on their assumed value and taxed to the limit. No man should have privilege to withhold from others resources which he will not develop himself. There are supposed to be laws to similar effect on the statute books of B. C., but they are dodged and avoided at every turn. These laws are full of loopholes and should be wiped off and replaced by an enactment that would be effective. Such a law would compel prospectors to confine their attentions to one or two claims, and it would also prevent psuedo capitalists from holding unworked claims while others proved them valuable by developing adjacent property.

If the government is to go into the grubstaking business it might as well go for the whole amount and take over the mining industry altogether. It would look like the height of generosity for a government to give its mineral resources away to private individuals and then lend them the capital to develop these resources. When the government has the land and money in the first place, why should not the people as a whole gain from the development of the country's resources? At some future date, after the government has taken over the transportation business and the smelting and refining industries, there is no doubt that it will nationalize the mining industry, as has been done in Sweden, Japan, parts of Russia, and, with certain classes of mining, in Chili and Peru. There is already an agitation in Ontario to make the mining and smelting of iron and nickle in that province, a national industry, and there is no good reason why it should not be done.—Ferguson Eagle.

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BRIGHTER PROSPECTS.

With the passing of the estimates in the Provincial Legislature and the commencing of public works in Princeton, the Similkameen mining division will enter upon a new era in its history and will shortly be able to take its rightful position among the many famous mining camps of British Columbia. This district has long been neglected by previous Governments, a mistake which has been proven by the opening up of wonderful deposits of rich mineral under very trying conditions existing from lack of roads, trails, bridges, adequate government offices, etc., etc. This state of affairs is now drawing to a close. The completion of the Keremeos road this fall and the construction of the Hope-Princeton road early next spring will give easy access to the Similkameen from the Boundary, Kootenay and the Pacific coast. The building of government offices, school and hospital and the certainty of telephonic communication in the near future, will be a great inducement to mining men and others to turn their attention to the mines in our vicinity and to establish their homes in Princeton. Already a number of mining deals have been consummated. Several more are expected to be closed during the coming week, and before long the leading properties on Copper mountain will be developed on a much larger scale, while work will be started on several other claims which have lately changed hands. Now that the long period of waiting is over, the people of Princeton will be able to reap a rich harvest from the country they have placed their faith in, a country which will soon be known far and wide as the richest copper and gold mining district in the province of British Columbia.

SKETCHES OF THE HOUSE.

Round the lobby of the House of Parliament many a strange little incident and scene is witnessed at the present session of the Legislative Assembly. John Houston, Nelson's mayor member, expresses himself very freely as to the composition of the Government. When he made his now famous maiden speech, he denounced them in tones of withering contempt. The same afternoon he buttonholed the Hon. Minister of Finance, and linking arms with him remarked: "I say old man, when are you going to London to establish the B. C. agency?"

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The Hon. Dick McBride and the member from Kaslo are inseperable companions. "Handsome Richard" and "Slocan Bob" can always be found together. There is a rumor to the effect that "Bob" is acting as understudy to the Minister of Mines and when the Cabinet is reorganized at the close of the session will be appointed to the portfolio.

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W. W. B. McInnes is by far and way the most fluent and telling speaker in the house. In his speech on the Chinese question last week he commanded the close attention of every member present. After listening to the somewhat prosy efforts of J. C. Brown and the junior member from Victoria, a good speech from a government point of view was made by the minister of mines, which would probably have had a better effect if the member from North Nanaimo had not picked it to pieces in one of the strongest speeches made this session.

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The Hon. D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General, can not now be accused of laziness. He is the busiest man in session in the House, watching the passage of acts and bills with great care, as he is keenly alive to the ability of the leaders of the opposition to take advantage of any weak point which might inadvertently creep into a government act. The strain is telling on him, however, and it is safe to say that no member of the House will be more relieved when the present session closes.

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The new members of the House have not shown any strong debating talent so far. Fulton, Murphy, Garden, Tatlow, Taylor, E. C. Smith, Stables, Dickie and Mounce are seldom heard from, although most of these members are said to be hard workers in committee. There is noticeable in the demeanour of a number of the Government supporters a "limited support only" expression and a determination not to be drawn into discussion until the estimates are passed and the Government show where they are at.

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Premier Dunsmuir is certainly not supremely happy in his dignified position. He puts one in mind of a carefully nurtured only son, who is just budding out in the world and whose footsteps are being carefully guided by his tutors, Messrs. Eberts and Turner filling that position. Sitting between the Minister of Finance and the Attorney-General whenever the Premier is called on to speak both Ministers are to be seen industriously buzzing the ears of the unhappy man. Mr. Dunsmuir is probably not all that could be desired as a speaker but he has a large fund of common sense which would sustain him in his position if left to himself, and not harassed until he hardly knows what he is talking about.

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British Columbia is fortunate in possessing a Minister of Lands and Works who is proving himself naturally fitted for the position. The Hon. W. C. Wells has a great capacity for work, and in administering the affairs of his department is using the same acumen that has made him a most successful business man. To take hold of a department which was nearly two years behind in its routine work, and to resist the clamouring of importunate members for grants for the irrespective constituencies, many of the demands being backed up by threats of loss of support, was a task few men would have cared to face. Mr. Wells has not only accomplished it successfully but has made a number of friends while doing so. In the reorganization of the Cabinet the Government will do well to leave the portfolio of Lands and Works in the hands of the present Chief Commissioner.

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