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RICH ORE STRIKE

R. A. Brown has 25 Feet on Wolverine.

Without any noise or blare of trumpets R. A. Brown for some time past has been quietly developing the Wolverine, a claim he considers as only second in importance to the Volcanic as a world beater. Wednesday, when he brought down an experimental shipment to the Granby smelter, he made the startling announcement that he had cross cut 25 feet of solid shipping ore without encountering the hanging wall. Mr. Brown naturally feels elated, and is disposed to regard the strike as one of the most important ever made in the Boundary. The footwall is in porphyry.

Development work is being rushed, and it is likely that regular shipments will be started shortly. The claim is situated on the west side of the north fork, about two and one half miles from Volcanic city. It has exceptional shipping facilities, as the C. P. R. track is a few hundred feet below the workings. Mr. Brown will ask the C. P. R. to put in a switch near the long tunnel near Brown's creek. Mr. Brown is receiving many happy congratulations over his good fortune, which he is taking in a matter-of-fact way. Prior to the work now in progress, the Wolverine had been lying idle for nearly three years.—Grand Forks News.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DRIARD HOTEL, NICOLA LAKE.

Chas. Reid, Courtney Lake; John Henderson, Quilchena; Archie Raspberry, Minnie Lake; R. D. Bell, M. D., Lower Nicola; C. I. Wilson, Vancouver; Mrs. Raspberry, Mrs. Currie and child, Lytton; J. Huddard, Vancouver; A. Potocki, Ten Mile; Mrs. L. A. Mickle, Quilchena.

HOTEL TULAMEEN, PRINCETON.

D. R. Young, R. J. Steel, Nelson; J. Hamilton, Bromley Creek; F. P. Cook, D. McPhail, Granite Creek; W. Blakemore, Montreal; P. A. Raymond, Rossland; A. McLean, Penticton; Wm. McDougall, Rossland; F. W. Groves, Greenwood.

HOTEL PRINCETON.

J. W. Luddy, Ymir; A. Nissen, Kaslo; R. L. Cawston, E. Richter, Keremeos; W. Trimble, Vancouver.

The football team held a meeting Wednesday evening to devise ways and means of getting to Keremeos on the 24th, where they go to wrest the championship of the Similkameen from the kickers of that burg.

BILL PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE

For Building of Coast-Kootenay and Canada Northern Railways.

Late Coast papers contain the news of the bringing down by the government of a bill for the construction of two lines of railway, the Coast-Kootenay and the Canada Northern.

To aid the Canada Northern, the government will pay for the first fifty miles of railway, commencing at or near Bute Inlet, the sum of $4,800 per mile; from the end of the said first fifty miles to the point nearest Quesnel to the eastern boundary of British Columbia, at or near Yellowhead Pass, the sum $4,500 per mile; and also 20,000 acres of land for each mile of railway, the Company to sell the land at the current price of government lands, and to accept the cash subsidy in British Columbia 3 per cent. Inscribed Stock.

For the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, the government offers $4,000 a mile for the westerly 80 miles; for the next 100 miles, $4,800 a mile, and for the other 110 miles, $4,000 a mile. The railway must connect with the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company's line for Victoria.

The Canada Northern must also run a ferry to Vancouver Island, and a railway down Vancouver Island to Victoria.

The government also introduced a Bill to borrow $3,000,000 to aid the railways, to pay the overdraft, and to carry on other public works.

$25,000 FOR A HALF INTEREST.

A half interest in the Providence mine near Greenwood, has been bonded for $25,000 by Greenwood parties. The sum of $8,000 was paid in cash, and the balance of $17,000 is to be paid in three, six, and nine months.

The new owners believe they can soon take out enough ore to pay the balance on the bond. At a depth of 50 feet, 30 inches of splendid ore showing free gold, galena, and copper, has been uncovered, that is the admiration of all who have seen it.

AN EXPLANATION.

If you notice a number of forlorn looking ladies wandering in an aimless manner through the wet grass in the early morning, do not jump at the hasty conclusion that troubled consciences have banished sleep from their eyes and drove them forth to seek rest in the contemplation of Nature's beauties at this unusual hour. No! You would be mistaken, they are simply looking for mushrooms.

ROCHE RIVER.

Messrs. Pouwels and Bonnevier are leaving for Roche River where they intend doing considerable work on the Red Star. They have already exposed on this claim about three feet of the highest grade copper-gold ore in the district. It is their intention to leave their present workings and drive a tunnel lower down the hill. By this means they will cross cut a mineralized zone about 40 feet wide, in which the ore chute on which they have been working occurs, and they confidently expect to strike other pay chutes of a similar nature in driving the 40 foot tunnel.

Jas. Hamilton, who prospected on the Roche last summer has returned to start work on his claims the Vernon and Minto, which he located. These claims are located about 1¼ miles up the Roche on the north side. Mr. Hamilton reported finding some rich copper glance on one of them.

THE BANNER CLAIM.

Jas. D'Arcy and Archie Grant have been doing work on the Banner claim on D'Arcy mountain, about 5 miles south east of Princeton. A cross 15 feet long and 18 feet deep was made, and only one wall as yet has been found. The entire cut is in ore of a fair grade. At the bottom of the cross cut some very fine ore was coming in, specimens brought to town showing copper pyrites, arsenical iron, and galena. The Banner has every appearance of being a very valuable property.

THE DIAMOND DRILLS.

The drill which has been brought in by the Similkameen Valley Coal Co., Lt'd., makes the third now in this district.

The Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co., have been steadily operating theirs on the townsite for the past month or more, and are now down several hundred feet.

The other drill, which belongs to the Holt Syndicate, has also been working for some time.

With three drills working at different points, it should soon be possible to demonstrate the extent of the coal measures between the Similkameen and Tulameen Rivers.

A nice line of ladies' straw sailor hats just received at Howse's; also a choice assortment of summer blouses.

Rev. Mr. Mason wishes to announce that there will be no service at Princeton or Ashnola on Sunday the 18th inst. In future Mr. Mason will be here every alternate Sunday, the needs of the lower country making his absence necessary every other week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Ed. Richter of Keremeos, has been in town for the past few days.

Jack Lee came down from Granite Creek Wednesday, returning the same day.

A football practice will be held on the grounds at 10 a.m. Sunday. All players are requested to attend.

D. R. Young is reported to be quite sick. Dr. Whillans went to Ashnola Wednesday to attend him.

F. W. Groves, P. L. S., has returned from Greenwood. He came in by Keremeos, reaching here Wednesday.

J. W. Luddy of Ymir, came in last Sunday. Mr. Luddy is looking for suitable land in this section upon which to settle.

Luke Gibson left Monday morning for Kennedy mountain, to do assessment work on the Lorraine for the V. F. M. & D. Co.

R. L. Cawston, one of the cattle kings of the Lower Similkameen came up from Keremeos Tuesday on the usual spring cattle drive.

Several loads of machinery belonging to the Similkameen Valley Coal Co's diamond drill passed through town during the week on the way to Ashnola.

Mr. R. J. Steel, of Nelson, who came in with D. R. Young, is a shareholder in the Similkameen Valley Coal Co. He intends spending a month or six weeks in the district.

Wm. McDougall and P. A. Raymond of Rossland, who accompanied Mr. Blakemore to Princeton, have been engaged by the Similkameen Valley Coal Co., to operate their diamond drill.

A. Nissen, who is interested in Aspen Grove camp, came in from Kaslo early last week. He spent several days looking over claims in the camp mentioned, and returned home on Thursday last.

J. M. Hitchings and C. O. French left for Penticton Monday morning. Mr. Hitchings goes from there to Vernon on business of a private nature. They intend returning some time during the coming week.

W. Blakemore, M. E., of Montreal, reached here Wednesday, having come in by Penticton. Mr. Blakemore is here for the purpose of directing the operations of the diamond drill recently brought in by the Similkameen Valley Coal Co., Lt'd.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days from date I will make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasturage in the Nicola Division of Yale District, commencing at a post marked A. (J. E. B.) S. E. corner, thence 40 chains west to Wm. Dodd's east line, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to initial post.

J. E. BATE.

Aspen Grove, Nicola May 5, 1902. m-17

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THE COAST-KOOTENAY AGREEMENT.

The agreement for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay Railway which the government has presented to the legislature is a lengthy document which one will search in vainfrom beginning to end for a scintilla of evidence of a desire on the part of the government to safe-guard in any way the rights and privileges of the people.

On the contrary, every effort seems to have been made to give every available natural resource of value into the keeping of the philanthropic gentlemen who are so kindly consenting to relieve the government of its railway troubles at so much per.

For the westerly 80 miles of the road the company is to receive $4,000 a mile; for the next 100 miles running easterly from the eastern end of the first 80 miles $4,800 a mile, and for all other portions of the railway (not exceeding 150 miles), $4,000 per mile will be granted. In addition to this cash subsidy of $1,400,000 the government agrees to give one million acres of land to be selected where possible in blocks ten miles square in the districts contiguous to the line of railway. The province also agrees to aid the company in getting a cash bonus from the Dominion government.

The million acres of land granted to the company will include the timber, petroleum and coal rights, subject to the usual royalties, with the exception of the timber used for construction purposes.

Settlers will not be allowed to pre-empt the lands given to the company, but may purchase them in the manner provided by section 30 of the Land Act, except as to area.

After 20 years the company has the power to withdraw its lands from the market.

Free miners will be allowed to prospect for minerals on the company's lands, and shall also have the privilege of acquiring the surface rights on mineral claims located, the price not to exceed five dollars per acre.

The railway and all the lands, workshops, stations, and other possessions of the company shall be exempt from taxation for a period of ten years. After a lapse of this time a tax of two per cent. on the gross earnings of the company will be levied, or in lieu thereof the property of the company will be subject to the usual municipal and provincial taxation.

Briefly summed, the salient points of the agreement are these: A cash bonus from the province of $1,400,000; a further subsidy of probably as much or more from the Dominion government, and grant of a million acres of land from the province.

In order to raise the amount required to subsidise this line, and the Canada Northern, the government is authorizing a loan of $3,000,000 upon which the already overtaxed population of the province will be compelled to pay interest.

And all this is to be given for the building of a road which should be built as a strict business undertaking, and will, without doubt, pay good interest on the money invested within a year of its completion. But the cash subsidy, although large, is the least reprehensible part of the agreement. It is the giving of such vast tracts of lands, of which the government appears to have no adequate idea of the value of, that is most to be condemned.

The coal lands alone are likely to be worth more than the cost of the entire line.

How will the struggling prospector view an addition of $250.00 for surface rights that he must pay on claims located on the company's lands?

How will the prospector for coal like the cornering of all vacant coal lands by a large corporation?

Where will the poor home-seeker looking for a place to locate turn to for a little land that will be easily available?

Does it not look as though this short sighted policy was designed to hinder the development of our natural wealth of forest and mine instead of aiding it, and to make a close preserve of the country for the benefit of a few greedy exploiters?

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NEW HAND DRILL FOR MINERS

Will Strike Two Hundred and Ten Blows Per Minute.

W. W. Waite of Colfax, Wash., has patented a new hand drill which he has on exhibition at Spokane. Mr. Waite patented the drill about a year ago and let a contract for its manufacture to the Jeffery Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio, but owing to the strikes throughout the east he was unable to get them on the market last fall as expected. The first car load will arrive in Spokane about May 1.

The drill is unique in many respects. It consists of four four-pound hammers on steel handles about 15 inches in length, attached to a balance wheel which turns by a crank. At every revolution of the wheel there are four strokes of the hammer, thus making it possible to strike 210 blows a minute with little exertion. The weight of the drill is about 150 pounds, which is an important fact to be considered where transportation is difficult. It is claimed that it will do the work of from four to six men, according to the quality of the rock.

The simplicity of its working can perhaps be more readily understood when it is stated that at every stroke of the hammers the drill is turned and held automatically for the next stroke. It has exactly the same movement as a miner makes when swinging the hammer, with the exception of doing away with the return motion, which ordinarily consumes about 80 per cent. of a man's energy.

Small Boy's Letter.

A small boy, who is spending some time in the country, writes his mother as follows: "I got here all right, but forgot to write sooner. A fellow and I went out in a boat and the boat turned over and a man got me out. I was so full of water I didn't know anything for a good while. The other boy has to be buried when they find him. A horse kicked me over and I have to have some money for fixing up my head. We are going to set an old barn on fire to-night, and I should smile if we don't have some bully fun. I shall bring home a tame pole-cat if I can get him in my trunk."—Ex.

Government Telegraphs.

At a meeting of the Canadian Press Association, Sir Sanford Fleming, who is one of the highest authorities on telegraph and cable services, said:

I submit for your consideration three remarkable facts:

(1) Canada remains the only country in the British empire where the telegraph is not state-owned.

(2) With two single exceptions, Canada and the United States, the telegraph service of every civilized nation on the face of the globe is controlled by the state.

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"I leave it with you, gentlemen of the 'Fourth Estate,' to determine how long this condition of affairs should last in this British Dominion."

Thus advances public opinion on state ownership of public utilities.

Time Works It Out.

Comparatively, it is only a few years since the development of the great lode mines of British Columbia began. The first to recognize the possibilities lying dormant in this so-called sea of mountains were our Yankee cousins. At that time even Canada's greatest railway had no thought of penetrating this part of the province, but was only intent on through traffic. Venturesome Americans came and saw and conquered the everlasting hills, and forced them to give up their wealth. Many of them became rich in the process, and opened the eyes of the eastern Canadians.—Phoenix Pioneer.

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PYRITIC SMELTER.

The Plant that Boundary Laughed at May Yet Prove Its Worth.

The Boundary district of British Columbia had an experience with a pyritic smelter which used to afford subject for paragraphs. But pyritic smelting is finding favor elsewhere. London Engineering says:

Sulphur in gold ores has long been one of the banes of the mining engineer, since with the usual methods of gold extraction it has been necessary to remove the sulphur pretty completely by roasting before attempting to recover the precious metal. In a paper recently read before the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, W. F. Koch claims that this sulphur, so far from being a deleterious ingredient, may often be a positive advantage if the older methods of treating such ores are abandoned, and the gold is obtained by "pyritic" smelting. In this case the sulphur, instead of being wasted by roasting it off, serves as fuel, replacing an equivalent quantity of coke. The ores charged into the furnace are quartz ores, lime ores, quartz and lime ores, quartz and aluminous ores, all containing gold in varying amounts, and a small percentage of copper. Mixed with these are the pyritic ores, ranging from pyrites with quartz, quartz with pyrites, lime and pyrites, and quartz, lime, alumina and quartz, which form a fairly representative list of refractory gold ores. The furnace used is a simple water-jacketed blast-furnace, having provision for collecting the waste heat which is utilized for warming the blast. This blast should be just powerful enough to get a hot zone right at the tuyeres, a greater supply of air being a disadvantage, since there is then a tendency to set up reactions in the descending column of ore and fuel. For similar reasons the height of ore above the tuyeres should not be too great. The charge consists of a mixture, in the following proportions, of ores, such as those already mentioned: Pyrites 15 per cent., quartz ores 45 per cent. (these usually contain lime and pyrites), lime ores 20 per cent., low grade matte 10 per cent., slag 5 per cent., coke coal, which costs at the furnace in question about half the price of coke. The charge of fuel added is thus about 5 per cent. of the total. Whilst the furnace is at work slag is run off continuously, whilst the matte which contains all the gold, silver and copper in the original charge is tapped out from the bottom of the furnace as required. When copper contents amount to 45 per cent., it is "standard," and can be sold to the large copper refiners, who will extract from it the gold and silver. If this standard is not reached, the matte is passed again through the furnace till it is enriched to the necessary degree. The slag contains only traces of gold and silver and is thrown away. A complete plant, capable of treating 40 tons of ore per day, and yielding 3 to 4 tons of standard matte, costs, it is stated, but a couple of thousand pounds, and stamp mills are not required, since it is unnecessary to pulverize the ores before passing them into the furnace. Mr. Koch holds that this method is likely to take a great development in the future, and will, with the cyanide process, be responsible for a large proportion of the world's output of gold. The process of extraction by chlorination will, on the other hand, tend to disappear, as it is only suitable when ores free from lime, and water, also lime free, are both available, though at Cripple Creek this method is so far the favorite.—Vancouver World.

How's This For Ore.

A remarkably rich shipment of silver ore was recently received at the smelter at Monterey, Mexico. The shipment consisted of sixty tons, for which $800,000 was paid, or at the rate of $13,500 per ton. The ore came from the Palmillo mine in the Parral district. This mine is owned by Pedro Alvarado, a many times millionaire, who was but a couple of years ago a poor peon.

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A. E. LEWIS.

Princeton, April 28, 1902.

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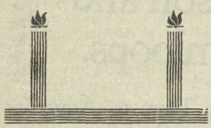

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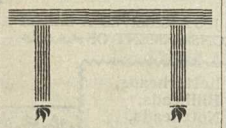

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