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CYANIDE PLANT

Will Soon be Completed at Stenwinder.

A despatch to the Victoria Colonist says: Information has been received here from Fairview that the New Fairview Corporation now has its cyanide plant well on towards completion, and that it will be put in operation shortly after receipt of the steel bands required, to finish the four main tanks and tubs which are being constructed instead of the larger number, having a much less individual capacity that it had been planned to build. These main tanks will be 36 feet in diameter and to feet in depth, and each will hold about 200 tons of tailings. The cyanide mill building is built of lumber, double boarded, with tarred paper between to keep it tight, and roofed with corrugated iron. Its dimensions are 30 feet by 100 feet, with an extension. There is a large quantity of tailings stored, enough, it is thought, to keep the plant in full operation from now until next spring.

All the other buildings about the property, including those housing the stamp mill and concentrating appliances, have been battened up tight, so are in good shape for the winter. Some 20 men, mechanics and laborers, are employed around the works. A 30 horse power boiler for heating purposes has been installed in the cyanide mill, and C. G. Cunningham of Greenwood, has just finished fitting this building up with electric lights.

Tenders are being invited for sinking the shaft, now down 315 feet, to 600 feet deeper, with the option of continuing 40 feet still deeper. If a contract be let it is probable the stamp mill will be run during the winter to a part of its total capacity. All 46 stamps are now in running order, four new Osterberger concentrating tables have been finished and put in place and four more are now being made on the works. The local management expects to make an excellent showing in the direction of results of mining, milling and cyaniding before next spring.

WEATHER REPORT.

Princeton meteorological readings for week ending Dec 17, 1902:

	Maximum	Minimum
Thursday, Dec. 11-14	8	1
Friday, " 12-17	1	1
Saturday, " 13-17	4	1
Sunday, " 14-18	7	1
Monday, " 15-23	10	0
Tuesday, " 16-12	8	0
Wednesday, " 17-20	2	0
Mean 17.28		0.8

FORTY STAMP MILL

And Reduction Works Ordered for Nickel Plate.

Among the guests at the Vancouver for the last few days has been Mr. M. K. Rodgers, manager of the Nickel Plate Mining Company, of Hedley, B. C., says the Vancouver Province.

Mr. Rodgers' visit to this city was for the purpose of making arrangements for the transportation of a large quantity of mining machinery, which the company he represents will ship to the interior shortly. He also made the purchase of a considerable quantity of supplies in the city for use in the Nickel Plate mines.

The Nickel Plate mines, of which Mr. Rodgers is manager, are situated about fifty miles from Penticton. The Nickel Plate Company is, according to Mr. Rodgers, about to put in a 40-stamp mill, as well as large reduction works for the treatment of the ores in the mine. The contracts for the machinery and improvements, which Mr. Rodgers says will aggregate close to half a million dollars, have already been let, and part of the machinery is already on the way.

The reputation of the Nickel Plate mines is high throughout the upper country. It has been generally understood that they contain an immense quantity of high-grade ore. The owning company has hitherto refrained from making public announcements, or of letting any details of its operations become known.

LE ROI NO. 2.

October Report as Cabled to London Office.

Under date of Rossland, November 9, the company's manager of the Le Roi No. 2 telegraphs as follows:

"Shipments last month amounted to 2,413 tons; contents, 1,042 ounces of gold, 3,350 ounces of silver, 66 tons of copper. The returns from ore amounted to \$19,390. Have located with diamond drill on 300-foot level to the west of tramway dyke upward continuation of ore body. Over footwall slope above 300-foot level diamond drill core shows the ore is 10 feet thick; average of three assays is—gold \$96 per ton, copper 2 1/2 per cent. Will probably require to crosscut to the south 95 feet to open chute; have started to crosscut for ore body." (September: 6,070 tons, value, \$86,351.)

E. J. Dunsmore, the local druggist, was a visitor to Hedley City early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jackson left for Flathead Sunday to take charge of the Dillard Hotel at Nicola Lake.

TRANSVAAL STRIKE.

Good Ore-Body Uncovered on Copper Mountain Claim.

Messrs. Willarsen and Johnson returned to Princeton early in the week from Copper Mountain, where they have been doing assessment work on the Transvaal claim, which adjoins the Sunset on the north. They report that in running a 30 foot open cut five feet deep and three feet wide, they encountered a body of ore fully ten feet wide, which, judging from appearances, will run about 4 per cent. in copper. Messrs. Willarsen, Johnson, Cramer and Whitwell own a fractional claim adjoining the Transvaal, called the Centre Star, upon which they have exposed a similar ore-body running in the direction of the Transvaal ground. Their work was done with a view to determining the continuation of this lead into the Transvaal. This they have succeeded in doing.

Picked specimens from the Transvaal which Mr. Willarsen brought down would run between 12 and 15 per cent. in copper.

EXPERIMENTS WITH ELMORE PROCESS.

Interest in the Elmore oil concentration process was revived in Rossland by the arrival of Mr. Hayman Chaudet of London, technical representative of the Canadian Oil Concentration Company, which controls the Canadian rights of the Elmore process.

It is his intention to forthwith construct at Rossland what is termed a "hand" plant for experimental purposes.

With this plant any and all ores submitted will be thoroughly tested to ascertain if they are amenable to the Elmore process.

The erection of larger plants will not be recommended until it is clearly demonstrated that the ores from properties interested can be handled profitably.

W. A. McLean, the popular Mayor of Ashnola, left here on Tuesday for Penticton.

F. H. French of Fairview, was up during the week making arrangements for lumber for W. T. Shatford's new store at Hedley City. W. S. Wilson has the contract for building the store, which will be 25 feet wide by 60 feet long.

Miss Black, who has taught the Princeton school for the past year and a half, left on Sunday's stage for her home in Victoria.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Brief News Notes of Princeton and Vicinity.

F. P. Cook and J. W. Dryden of Granite Creek, spent a few days in town this week.

W. J. Lawrence of Hedley City, was a visitor to town on Sunday last.

W. Wilson came up on Monday from Hedley City. He was temporarily disabled, through a wound, in the hand in which he caught cold. It is now healing nicely.

The genial Judge Murphy of Granite Creek, visited town this week and regaled the good folks of this place with an assortment of his inimitable stories, told as only the Judge knows how to tell them.

Mr. Cody of Vancouver, with his wife and three little ones, drove in from Spence's Bridge this week, reaching here Tuesday. Mr. Cody has taken up land between here and Wolf Creek Mountain, on which he intends settling.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., left Princeton on Thursday for Greenwood, where he intends remaining for the next couple of months. Mr. Groves intends bringing his family in with him when he returns.

Al. Johnston has taken a contract for supplying Cook & Co. with five hundred thousand feet of logs for their One Mile Creek sawmill.

A number of enjoyable dances have been held lately at Granite Creek and up the Otter Valley. The people up the Tulameen appear to have the pleasant knack of "pulling together."

SIMILKAMEEN DIAMONDS.

Inquiries made during the week regarding the operations while here of Herbert Weyms, the prospector who recently stated in Vancouver that he believed he had discovered diamonds in the Similkameen, elicited the information that the claim spoken of on which the supposed gems were discovered, is not on Kennedy or Copper mountains, but higher up the Similkameen, in the vicinity of Roche River. Large beds of conglomerate composed of similar material to those of the Kimberley diamond fields, are reported to exist near the head of Roche River, by prospectors who have been in to that section. It seems curious, however, that the gems were not discovered by placer miners who have worked the Similkameen River for years, if they really exist in this district.

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WRIT NOT ISSUED.

It appears that the writ has not yet been issued for the holding of the West Yale election. It was announced that nominations would take place on Dec. 10th and the election on Dec. 20th, but the withdrawal of Mr. Denis Murphy from the field is evidently causing the government trouble, and it desires more time in which to select a suitable candidate to take his place.

In the meantime the election in North Nanaimo will indicate to some extent the temper of the electorate, and the government may find it expedient to resign without contesting this seat. The result of the North Nanaimo election will have little or no weight with the voters of this riding. The government will meet a crushing defeat in West Yale no matter what candidate is selected or what influences are brought to bear on the electors.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

The announcement that the Grand Trunk people, says the Nelson News, were prepared to extend their road to the Pacific without calling upon the government for a subsidy turns out to have been premature. Two of the company's chief officials are now in Victoria, and in an interview granted the representative of The Daily News, they stated that they would ask for similar subsidies to those granted other transcontinental lines. If they want as much as the C. P. R., got the simplest plan for the gov-

ernment to adopt would be to issue them a crown grant for that portion of the Dominion not owned by the former.

Whatever justification there may have been for heavily subsidizing the C. P. R., none can be offered in support of another transcontinental line. It is admitted that there is plenty of traffic for a second line, and the Grand Trunk should not be expected to be bonussed to go after something that is bound to prove eminently profitable.

When it was first announced that the Grand Trunk proposed to build through to the Pacific Coast without asking for a subsidy a general disposition was evinced to let them go ahead even if it did mean a temporary setback to the construction of a state owned transcontinental railway. Now, however, that they declare that they must be subsidized, popular feeling will be more strongly pronounced than ever in favor of the government undertaking the job.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

Joseph Chamberlain can make a great speech in fifteen minutes, whereas it is beneath the dignity of a Canadian statesman to open his mouth unless he can keep it open for three hours and a half.—Toronto Telegram.

When one takes into consideration the trouble and expense (of scheming) that the Minister of the Interior went to, before he succeeded in landing the Doukhobors in Canada, one must, if he have a heart, sympathize with Mr. Sifton. Think of the number of votes that he expected to get out of these harmless simpletons, and then see how their very idiocy has dashed to earth his fondest hopes.—Moon.

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NOTICE.

Daisy and Lone Star Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located.—At Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, S. R. Almond, for myself and as agent for James Snowden, Free Miner's Certificate No. 10450, Free Miner's Certificate No. 10451, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates 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 17th day of December, 1902.

NOTICE.

Possayton Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located.—At the Junction of the Passayton and Koche Rivers.

Take notice that I, P. W. Groves, acting as agent for Edward Brown, Free Miner's Certificate No. 10450, and Smith Curtis, Free Miner's Certificate No. 10451, intend sixty days from 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 claim, and further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 1st day of November, 1902.

E. W. GROVES, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

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

On the left bank of Nine Mile Creek, about 4 miles from its mouth.

Commencing at initial post and running 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, back to post, containing in all 40 acres.

Located Nov. 25, 1902.

Commencing at north east corner of Benj. Baker's coal claim and running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 40 acres.

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Situated about 1 mile west from Princeton and bounded on the north by the Similkameen Valley coal lands, commencing at initial post and running 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, back to post.

Dated this 6th day of Dec. 1902.

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Granby Shares.

It is slowly dawning on the consciousness of eastern investors that Granby stock is a first class buy, says the Grand Forks News-Gazette. This is evidenced by the recent deal involving the sale of a block of 125,000 shares of treasury stock for \$4 a share. The investors are New York capitalists. The actual selling price for small blocks of stocks offered at rare intervals is now about \$5 a share. This figure represents an advance of \$2 15 over the quotations of less than a fortnight ago. The management is to be congratulated upon the final but tardy recognition by capitalists of the merits of Granby stock as a gilt-edge investment. Everybody in the Boundary knew the shares were a snap more than a year ago and those who had the money were not slow in backing up their judgment and have accordingly reaped a handsome profit. This journal has consistently recommended the purchase of Granby stock as a sure winner, because it realized the magnitude of the mining and smelting operations that are being carried on under ideal conditions and under ideal management. A year hence when Granby stock shall have reached par the individual who fails to get in at present prices will have

only himself to blame. The policy of the company as outlined by Mr. Graves makes very interesting reading and will prove especially reassuring to residents as regards the bright future in store for Grand Forks and the Boundary generally.

Mining and Mechanics.

The influence of mining on modern mechanical progress is noticeable. A century ago there was a wide gap between mining and engineering, or between metallurgy and mechanics. The necessity for pumping water out of a mine was the chief factor in the evolution of the steam engine, and, in return, the main factor in the development of the iron and steel industry was when the steam engine enabled air to be readily pumped into the blast furnace employed for the production of cast iron. The first railway was in a mine, and from that idea was evolved the great lines of railway that traverse the earth.—Mining and Scientific Press.

C. P. R. Lands.

It is not long since the general opinion was that the C. P. R. would not be able to dispose of its land grant within the next hundred years.

A year ago the road had about

18,000,000 acres of land on its hands, today it has not more than 15,000,000, and the sales of 1902 will probably total 3,000,000 acres. The time when it will not have an acre of land on its hands for sale, therefore, appears to be within measurable distance. The land offices crowded daily with land seekers and speculators, and the purchasers are not now confined to the Western States, but the fever for securing lands in Western Canada has spread until there are purchasers from nearly every state in the union, here.—Calgary Herald.

No Trouble to Help Search.

A woman stopped at a cloth counter in one of the large department stores recently and asked to be shown some dress patterns suit-

able for early autumn wear. The salesman began on the lowest row of shelved compartments and pulled out and opened box after box until the counter on either side of him was piled as high as his head with goods. Three times he climbed a ladder to the upper rows and staggered down under a weight of box patterns until, when the woman took a survey of the shelves, but two patterns remained unopened. Then she said, very sweetly:

"I don't think I'll buy any today. I'm sorry to have troubled you, but you see I only came in to look for a friend."

"No trouble whatever, madam," he replied politely. "Indeed, if you think your friend is in either of the remaining two boxes, I don't mind opening them too."

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SCALE OF PRICES ON LEGAL NOTICES.

Says that Granby is Not in Consolidation.

Last Saturday F. L. Underwood, of New York City, a director of the B. C. Copper Co., owning the Mother Lode mine and smelter, visited this camp, and took a look at the Granby mines, accompanied by Frederick Keffer, manager of the B. C. Copper Co., and Paul Johnson, manager of the company's smelter at Greenwood.

Mr. Underwood, who left for the east Monday, was seen by a reporter in Spokane, and said something about the proposed consolidation of the Mother Lode, Sunset and Granby properties. He stated that it had not yet actually occurred, as rumored in eastern financial circles, but that in the course of three months the proposition for the amalgamation of the three interests might go through.

Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby Co., was also seen and he denied that any consolidation had as yet taken place. Mr. Graves is reported to have said:

"It is absolutely untrue that we have consolidated with the British Columbia Copper Company. I saw Mr. Underwood at the Hotel Spokane only a few moments ago and he may confirm what I say. He can give some interesting information, probably, regarding the Boundary Creek camps and future improvements, but we have not consolidated. I imagine these stories have been started in New York by brokers to boom stocks."—Phoenix Pioneer.

ELECTRIC POWER.

Big Plant On Kettle River in Operation.

The Cascade Power company, which has developed 3,000 horsepower on Kettle River at Cascade, began supplying power to the Granby smelter Wednesday. The electrical power is transmitted over a pole line to Grand Forks. Later, electricity will be supplied to the Snowshoe and Granby mines at Phoenix, for the purpose of running air drills and operating hoists and ore crushers. The Granby company has contracted to use a maximum of 1200 horsepower from the Cascade Company.

The power transmitted from Cascade to the Granby smelter is being utilized to operate the briquetting plant and the converters. Two furnaces have been in operation. Another furnace was blown in yesterday and the fourth furnace will be started today. This will increase the capacity to 1300 tons daily.—Kettle River Journal.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 600 acres of pasture land in the South Nicola Section of Yale District described as follows: Commencing at a post about 30 yards west of northeast corner post of L. 302 (my pre-emption running north 10 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 100 chains, thence east 40 chains to post.

GEORGE McCULLOUGH,
Ottar Valley, Oct. 24, 1902.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land situated on the Similkameen River and adjoining Lot 258 on the west, commencing at the south-west corner, and running north to Similkameen River, thence along river to south 100 chains south, thence east 40 chains east, to point of commencement, etc.

JOHN H. SMITH,
Sterling Creek, Sep. 29, 1902.

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 pasture land commencing at a post marked A. A. B. Roberts's W. corner, thence north 100 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 100 chains, thence west 40 chains to initial post.

A. B. ROBERTS,
Ottar Valley, 12th Sep. 1902.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase said fraction of land situated near Wolf Creek, commencing at the south-west corner of E. M. Allison's pre-emption, and running north 10 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 10 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 100 chains, thence west 40 chains to initial post. I have certain surveyed lands.

GEO. A. GOLDSBOROUGH,
Princeton, Oct. 6, 1902.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To ALEXANDER ALLAN, of Kelowna, B. C.

Take notice that after the publication hereof once each week for ninety days, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required by section 24 of the "Mineral Act," being chapter 155, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897, in respect of the "Lower Nicola Section of Yale District," British Columbia, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in your co-owner Louis Hedlund, of Hedley City, Free Miner, who has made the required expenditure. The amount due by you in respect of each of the said mineral claims, not including costs, is \$25.65.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1902.
LOUIS HEDLUND.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To SIDNEY M. JOHNSON, of the City of Greenwood, British Columbia.

Take notice that after the publication hereof once each week for ninety days, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required by section 24 of the "Mineral Act," being chapter 155, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897, in respect of the "Lower Nicola Section of Yale District," British Columbia, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in your co-owner C. M. Snowden, of Princeton, Free Miner, who has made the required expenditure.

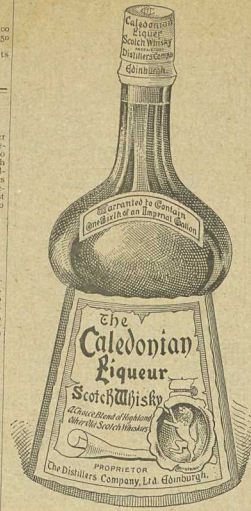
The amount due by you in respect of said mineral claim, not including costs, is \$21.25.
Dated this 20th day of Sep., A. D., 1902
C. M. SNOWDEN.

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The amount due by you in respect of the said mineral claim, not including costs, is \$25.65.
Dated this 20th day of Sep., A. D., 1902
JAMES SNOWDEN.



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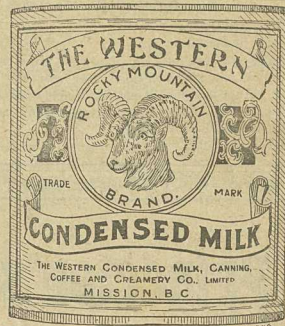
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