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COAST-KOOTENAY CONTRACT SIGNED

Promoters will Now Approach the Federal Government for Reasonable Assistance.

Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, stated to the Province this morning that the contract between the government and Messrs. McLean Brothers, of this city, for the construction of a short line of railway from the Coast to Kootenay, had been signed and the negotiations finally completed.

The contract was sent to the east recently for the signature of Lieut.-Governor Joly, and was returned a few days ago to Victoria. When Mr. Wells arrived from the interior on Wednesday, the document was here awaiting his arrival, and was signed in Vancouver.

Contingent upon the building of the line, the contract provides for a government subsidy of $4500 per mile, payable either in cash or inscribed stock of the government, as the latter may at the time determine, but it carries no land grant with it, as is popularly supposed. The general terms of the contract are exactly the same as provided in the act passed at the last session of the Legislature.

TO APPROACH THE DOMINION.

Now that the contract with the Provincial government has been finally concluded, Messrs. McLean Bros. will enter into negotiations with the Dominion government, to see what the Federal authorities will do in the way of assistance for the proposed short line. While no definite action on the part of the Dominion authorities is expected before the next session of the House, the matter will probably be brought before members of the government and the cabinet this autumn by Mr. Norman McLean, who intends making a trip to Ottawa for that purpose.

"Once the Dominion determines upon satisfactory assistance to the enterprise, we are ready to go ahead and build the line," said Mr. Norman McLean, when talking over his firm's plans this morning. "We have the preliminaries well under way, and the financial part of the proposition is in promising shape. Let no one suppose we have been moving in the dark, for we have complete surveys and plans of alternate routes, with all possible information regarding these estimates, profiles, etc. It is a business proposition, and we are putting it on a businesslike basis from the start. Of course, all this is costing us a good deal of money, but we are prepared to carry it through, if the Dominion government now gives us a reasonable amount of assistance.

"We have made several surveys and it is one of these alternate routes that will be finally selected. One line makes the distance from Vancouver to Midway 293 miles, another 302 and a third 312 miles. On our profiles there is no grade heavier than two and a half per cent., and these levels have been arranged on a survey starting from water level of the Fraser River at Hope. As a matter of fact, the line at Hope will be 700 feet up the mountain, so that the heaviest grade that will actually occur will be under two per cent. Any railroadman will know that this compares favorably with the best lines in the country. The highest points of the different divides over which the alternate surveys pass range from 3512 feet to 4460. The oldest survey, as a matter of fact, runs even lower than the former figure.

DOWN-GRADE HAUL EAST AND WEST.

"The development of the coal and coke of the Nicola and Similkameen and the mining resources, especially of the latter section, are of course what we consider assured matters on which the success of the railway will be certain," continued Mr. McLean.

"Here is the position of affairs: The coal and copper and gold mining country is practically at the top of the divide, that is to say, that the haul either way from the mines to the coast and from the mines to smelters of the Boundary country, is down grade, and therefore cheap. The mining country is one of the very richest in the province, and we have it from different mining men and companies that a very extensive development will occur immediately a railway is assured. We can carry coal to the coast to compete with the Vancouver Island product, for the reason that it is of equal quality and can, we think, be more easily handled, and we can take coke into the Boundary on a down-grade run only half the present distance of transportation from the Crow's Nest Pass. The mining district will afford an excellent market for the hay and oats and other farm produce grown in the Delta and Chilliwack, and from all we can see from conservative estimates there will be an excellent business from the start. Of course the development of the mineral country is a big condition of success for the railway, but we believe that this is assured, that smelters are certain to be built there, where coal, coke and fluxes are right on the ground, and all other conditions are more than favorable. The railway will run through no waste country. The districts it will tap will be either mineral or farming sections of the best kind."—Vancouver Province, Aug. 2

Died—Sunday Aug. 4th, at the home of John Norman, Thos. Cole, aged 73 years.

THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Enthusiastic Advocate of the Hope Trail as the Best Channel of Communication With the Coast.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Mr. Emil E. Voigt, the well known Copper Mountain and Similkameen mining engineer, is visiting the City. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Voigt travelled to the Coast via the Hope trail, preferring the day and a half horseback journey via this route to the four days occupied by the stage and railway route via Spence's Bridge and the C. P. R. Speaking of his trip, Mr. Voigt states that either for business or pleasure, the Hope trail is by far the best route; for business it is much shorter, and for pleasure it takes one through magnificent scenery and across a country intersected with numerous unrivalled trout streams. He cannot understand how any surveyor could condemn this route for a railway to the Coast; in his opinion it is a most suitable and in fact the only feasible line to take to bring the Coast in close touch with the Similkameen and surrounding country. He also pointed out that the railway route is a matter which should receive the consideration of the business men of New Westminster and Vancouver. When the Similkameen and Copper Mountain districts are opened up by the railway, it will open up one of the largest mining sections in the Province.

TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF COAL

The Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co. are driving a 178 foot tunnel near the east end of the Similkameen bridge to connect with the tunnel running in from the water's edge a little further down the river.

Bins will be built near the mouth so that a considerable stock of coal can be always kept on hand.

The old tunnel will be useful for draining the workings, and will also provide good ventilation.

Mr. Ernest Waterman, the resident manager, says that with the better facilities for mining which the new tunnel will give, the company hope to be able to reduce the price of coal at least a dollar a ton.

The new tunnel will have a grade of about 5 per cent.

Dr. Whillans made a trip to the Nickel Plate mine in Hedley camp early in the week.

A late coast paper contains the news that McAdams, the editor of the Sandon Paystreak, appeared before the full court on Friday, August 1st, and tendered an apology, after which he was released.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Rev. A. E. Small left for his home at Lytton on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richter left Thursday morning for Keremeos.

Cap. Brigman and T. A. Rogers left for Aspen Grove on Thursday last.

W. Lawrence and S. Spencer were both visitors to Hedley this week.

Mr. J. C. McIntosh left for Victoria on Saturday last, going via Penticton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waterman returned from the Okanagan late last week.

Messrs. French Bros. and Day have gone on a fishing trip to Skagit River.

Hugh and Duncan McRae returned Wednesday from the Coast, coming in over the Hope trail.

A. R. Barrow, P. L. S., came in from the coast over the Hope trail, reaching here on Sunday last.

Mr. Geo. Kirby of the firm of Wm. Hine & Co., Keremeos, was a vistor to Princeton last Saturday.

Mr. W. A. McLean returned from Midway at the latter end of last week, bringing in his family, who will in future reside at Ashnola.

Mr. H. Hunter, the Mining Recorder for this district, reports for July the recording of 49 claims, 28 bills of sale, and 88 certificates of work.

Delinquent tax-payers had better make a rustle and square up with the government, otherwise property on which taxes are due will be sold.

Jno. McDonald and Harry Swan returned Monday from a long prospecting trip through the Cariboo district. They think the Similkameen is pretty near the "best yet."

T. J. McAlpin returned Wednesday from Summerland on Okanagan Lake, where he has been working for some time past on the big C. P. R. hotel that is being erected there.

F. P. Wilson, representing McLennan, McFeely & Co., and F. A. Richardson, representing Ames Holden & Co., of Vancouver, drove up from Keremeos last Wednesday, and left for Nicola Lake Friday morning.

The Driard Hotel at Nicola Lake has passed under the management of Mr. C. W. Simpson, who, for fourteen years was with the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. as steward. He was steward on the Islander at the time it was wrecked, and passed through some harrowing experiences. Mr. Simpson is making a great many changes and improvements in the Driard, and the wants of the travelling public will in future be well attended to.

Hotel arrivals are unavoidably crowded out this week.

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COAL MINING ACCIDENTS.

The catastrophe at Fernie, in May, by which so many miners were destroyed is rapidly being forgotten, and we hear of no important changes being mooted in the laws regulating coal mining in the province. It looks as though the only reason more stringent regulations are not being devised is because of the slightly increased cost of mining that would fall upon the mine owners.

This should not be allowed to stand in the way for one moment when the health and lives of British Columbia's coal miners are at stake.

The province could safely abolish all laws on the subject and sustitute instead a law by which the company losing a high percentage of its men through preventable causes would forfeit its mines to the state. It would be safe to wager that the coal companies would be very careful under such circumstances to safeguard in every possible manner the lives of their workmen. The Cranbrook Herald says that false economy in the way of lack of facilities for sprinkling the coal dust, did without a doubt, materially assist in bringing about the Fernie catastrophe, and adds: "The government should demand in the future of all coal companies, greater assurance of safety, even if the dividends have to be curtailed to secure them.

McADAMS' SENTENCE.

McAdams, the editor of the Sandon Paystreak, who has been sentenced to nine month's imprisonment in the Victoria gaol, besides having to give bonds for $4000 with good securities as a guarantee of good behaviour in the future—failing to secure which he must spend another year in gaol, is meeting with considerable sympathy on account of the severity of his sentence.

It is generally felt that the dignity of the bench could have been amply vindicated by the imposition of a much lighter penalty. There is no doubt the language used was ill-advised and offensive, but the men attacked seem hardly the proper ones to judge their assailant, and the sentence passed does much to confirm McAdams' description of them as "prejudiced."

A CORPORATION ORGAN.

The Vancouver Province in its issue of July 24th quotes from the editorial columns of the STAR the opinion of Price Ellison, M. L. A., regarding the practability of building a line of railway through the Hope Mountains.

The Province does not give the STAR'S comments on the matter, and leaves the impression that we endorse Mr. Ellison's views. On the contrary, we quoted Mr. Ellison in order to show the fallacy of his contention, and the Province is guilty of what practically amounts to a misrepresentation in quoting as it does.

If any proof were required as to the ownership of the Province, this item would certainly furnish it.

A CANADIAN MINT.

The information has been given the coast papers by a Dominion government official, that plans for the establishment of a mint have been under consideration for some time, and that a location will be selected immediately. It will probably be located at either Vancouver or Ottawa.

It is likely we will soon be handling big round dollars made of silver from the Slocan and bearing the Canadian coat of arms.

The Similkameen will undertake to supply copper enough to do the eastern cent belt, once the railway reaches us.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

Here is a contrast. At Johnstown, Pa., the other day the coal company gave $1,000 to each of the surviving families of the victims of a terrible colliery disaster. The Crow's Nest Coal Co. subscribed at the rate of less than $80 for each victim's relatives, and the total subscriptions from the public only average about $250 for each life lost. —Phoenix Pioneer.

Improvement Certificates.

NOTICE.

Muldoon and Lucky Silverthorne Fraction Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—At Friday Creek.

Take notice that I, T. A. Rogers, acting as agent for the Mira Monte Gold Mining Company, Ltd., Free Miner's Certificate No. B58268, 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 4th day of August, 1902.

T. A. ROGERS.

NOTICE.

Fraser, Fraser Fraction, Bench Fraction, and Hamilton mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—On Kennedy Mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hugh McRae, Free Miner's Certificate No. B63249; John Mac-ay, Free Miner's Certificate No. B63364; John R. Laughlin, Free Miner's Certificate No. B63343; and W. D. McIntyre, Free Miner's Certificate No. B63332 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.

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Notice of Assignment.

Pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901"

Notice is hereby given that Edgar Moir Allison, of Princeton, in the District of Yale and Province of British Columbia, rancher, has made an assignment of all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, to Herbert Webb, of Princeton, aforesaid, store manager, for the purpose of paying ratibly and proportionately, and without preference or priority, all his creditors.

Said assignment was executed by the assignor and by the assignee on the 12th day of July, 1902.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Edgar Moir Allison, will be held at the office of J. Charles McIntosh, Barrister-at-Law, Bridge Street, Princeton, on Thursday, the 31st day of July, 1902, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

All creditors are required to file with Herbert Webb, the assignee, full particulars of their claims and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them, and notice is hereby given that after the third day of September, 1902, the assignee will proceed to distribute the assets among the creditors of those whose claims or debts he shall have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any creditor of whose debt or claim he shall not then have received notice.

Dated this 14th day of July, A.D. 1902.

J. CHARLES McINTOSH,
Solicitor for Assignee.

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at Princeton on Monday, October 13th, 1902.

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OF INTEREST POLITICALLY

SMITH CURTIS, M. P. P.

The Brilliant Member for Rossland Visits Ferguson and Incidentally Talks Politics.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P. for Rossland riding, came into Ferguson Friday night last, going out again Saturday night for Fish Creek, where he is interested in mining property, and from thence to Victoria, where he will investigate some mineral deposits on Vancouver Island. Mr. Curtis spent most of Saturday looking over some mining property near Ferguson, but before leaving town called at the Eagle sanctum where the Eagle editor subjected him to a questioning on matters pertaining to mining, and also on the political situation in the province. Asked as to the correctness of Mr. Joseph Martin's self praise for having been the means of getting the land grant to the Canadian Northern railway thrown out as reported in the Eagle from the Rossland Miner. Mr. Curtis said that Mr. Martin's assumption was absurd for he had nothing to do with its being thrown out, but his action in the matter during the past two sessions of the house was wholly different from what he seems to wish to lead the people to believe. Not only did Mr. Martin not take the stand he is reported to have said he took, but none of his followers in the house ever took such a stand. As to the report that the elections may be brought on before another session, Mr. Curtis said he thought it very probable that the government would bring on a general election, for they cannot hope with the government as now constituted to carry any important legislation, because of their small and wavering majority. The government's actions last session were very generally condemned, and there appears to be little confidence left for the government in the hearts of the people.

Being asked if he thought party politics would be introduced into the next general election contest, Mr. Curtis said he did not much think they would. If they were there would be at least three parties, the Liberal, Conservative, and Progressive. If this is done he would certainly support the Progressives. Mr. Curtis said, however, it was his decided wish to drop out of politics, and he did not intend to run at next election if he could possibly avoid it. Mr. Curtis also said that he worked hard and conscientiously last session to get legislation passed that would benefit the whole country, but though a lot of time was consumed little was accomplished. He characterized the legislation passed and attempted by the Dunsmuir government as surpassing in stupidity that of any preceding government. What was given away of the country's resources was far in excess of what the Turner or any other government had given.—Lardeau Eagle.

A Scotchman's Prayer.

The following prayer is said to have been delivered some years ago by a Scotch minister at Caledonia: "O Lord, we approach Thee this mornin' in the attitude o' prayer, an' likewise o' complaint. When we came tae the lan' o' Canady we expecket tae fin' a lan' flowin' wi' milk an' honey, but instead o' that we found a lan' peopled wi' ungodly Irish. O Lord, in Thy great mercy, drive them tae the uttermost pairts o' Canady; mak' them hewers o' wud and drawers o' watter; gie them nae emoluments, gie them nae place o' abode, ne'er mak' them magistrates or rulers amang Thy people, but if Ye hae ony favors to bestow or any guid lan' tae gie awa' gae it tae Thine ain, Thy peculiar people, the Scotch; mak' them a' members o' parliament an' magistrates an' rulers amang Thy people. But as for the ungodly Irish, tak' them by the heel an' shake them ower the mouth o' hell, but dinna let them fa' in an' a' the glory shall be Thine. Amen."

An Embarrassing Honor.

The obsequiousness of those who hope to advance themselves by being exceedingly polite to their superiors in office sometimes assumes an amusing aspect.

A certain head of a government department was invited, says a daily paper, to dine with others at a table with a cabinet minister. During the dinner the former, who happened to be placed between a door and a window, and had said nothing at all, began to sneeze.

"Are you taking cold, Mr. Brown?" asked the cabinet minister.

"I believe I have that honor and pleasure," answered Mr. Brown, bowing very respectfully.

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Le Roi Mine Making Money.

Manager MacKenzie has officially reported that the estimated profit for last month of the Le Roi mine amounted to $87,000. The statement gives the following figures for the month: First class ore sent to smelter, 11,479 tons, containing 6800 ounces gold, 11,100 ounces silver and 501,100 pounds copper; estimated profit, $66,000; second class ore shipped from dump, 3200 tons, giving 1590 ounces gold, 1696 ounces silver and 73,550 pounds of copper; estimated profit, $21,000, or a total estimated profit of $87,000 for June.

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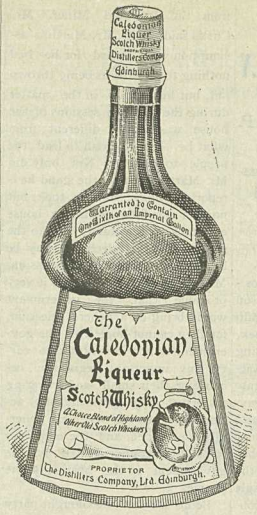

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Coal Location Notices.

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:—

Commencing at Initial Post, thence running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, to point of commencement.

Said land is situated on the north bank of Whipsaw Creek, and joining the Scott Ranch, containing 640 acres.

P. E. WILSON,
H. H. PITTS, Agent.

Dated July 22, 1902.

Land Notices.

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 on the Similkameen River as follows:—Commencing at a post planted on the S. W. corner of Indian Reserve No. 5, thence north 20 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 10 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 30 chains more or less to the Similkameen River; thence along the left bank of the river to point of commencement, and containing 80 acres more or less.

The land is required for residential and other purposes.

RICHARD H. PARKINSON,
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Princeton, June 5, 1902.
Jun-7 CURRIE SCHISLER.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To WM. HOPKINS and THOMAS GRAHAM.

You are hereby nocified that I have expended the sum of ($100.00) one hundred dollars in labor on the April Fool mineral claim, in Olalla Camp.

In order to hold said claim under provisions of Section 24 of the Mineral Act, such being the amount required to hold said claim for the year 1901. And if at the expiration of 90 days of publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required under Section 24, together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in the subscriber.

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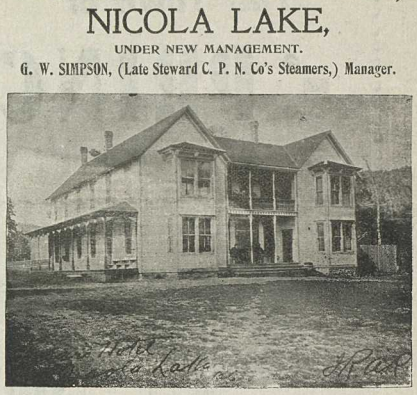

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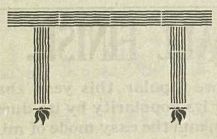

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