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BUILDING EXTENSION

Of Great Northern to Chilliwack and Similkameen.

The people of Chilliwack are smiling and feeling very happy, for the news has spread that the Great Northern Railway Company, which controls the V., V. & E., is not going to cease the construction of branch lines, as it is at present surveying from Port Kells east, says the Vancouver World. The line contemplated will be extended over the Hope mountains to the Similkameen country. Undoubtedly it was for this purpose that the V., V. & E. charter was secured. News from Phoenix and other mining towns says that the right-of-way has been purchased into these places. The statement that the V., V. & E. railway and the Great Northern are one and the same company is thus confirmed. The near future will see a line of railway constructed from Port Ellis to Phoenix, passing through Chilliwack and the Similkameen valley, to Nicola. A prominent official in the employ of the company was asked his opinion of the possibility of getting over the Hope mountains. His reply was that the grade would not be much more than two per cent., and by allowing this grade the road could be so constructed as to come down through Sumas, with a branch line back to Chilliwack. The grade would be a little too steep to enter Chilliwack direct

Work on the Cloverdale-Port Guichon spur of the Terminal railroad and ferry company's system is progressing rapidly, and will soon be completed.

READY TO SHIP.

The Orient Journal says that the First Thought mine near that place will resume operations as soon as arrangements can be made for the smelting of the ore, and gives the following description of the property, which is owned and has been developed by a Canadian company:

"It is estimated that the First Thought has 30,000 tons of ore ready to ship, which will average over $35 in gold to the ton. It is considered one of the most valuable gold mines in the northwest. Besides paying nearly $75,000 for the property, P. Burns and his associates, the present owners, have expended over $25,000 in development work under the supervision of Alexander Sharp, M. E."

Bare patches are beginning to show on the snow covered hillsides. This has been the longest winter in many years, according to old timers.

THE FUEL PROBLEM

Will Be Solved By Building Coast-Kootenay.

The B. C. Review, published in London, Eng., contains the following excellent article on the fuel problem of Southern B. C.:

"The B. C. mining industry seems to be persistently dogged with ill-luck in addition to its other troubles. The labor situation at the mines appears to be satisfactory, and the outlook was encouraging for a largely increased tonnage both from the Boundary and Rossland mines, when another strike at the Crow's Nest Colleries is announced. This means loss and discouragement to practically all the mines in Southern B. C. which have to smelt their ores, as the furnaces have to be shut down, and for want of ore accommodation the mines must discontinue stoping. There is no doubt that the Crow's Nest Coal Co. have made every effort to develop their property so that an adequate supply of coke may be forthcoming, but they have already been much handicapped by colliery accidents and strikes, and they are now threatened with another long labor dispute. It is unfortunate that the C. P. R. do not own their own their own coal mines in East Kootenay, so that the requirements of the smelters could be met. Had not the building of the line into the Similkameen been unjustifiably delayed large supplies of coal and coke would today have been available from these mines, and the smelters would not have been forced to close down. There is fuel in abundance to be found in Southern B.C., and there is undoubtedly a good opening for capital to acquire some of these coal areas and provide the necessary means of communication with the smelting centres. Just prior to the announcement of the strike one of the officials of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. stated that the present output was 2,300 tons a day, and the company were making arrangements for a daily output of 10,000 before the end of the year."

A CONVENIENCE.

A checking account with a bank is a great convenience, not only to business men, but to others as well. More people would keep such accounts if they knew just how to go about it. We gladly assist those who need help in getting started. Deposits received by mail.—Bank of Hamilton, Kamloops.

T. Sloan came up from Hedley on Saturday last.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

From Princeton to Spence's Bridge.

Mr. Stewart Henderson of Ashcroft, B. C., has received the following letter from the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, regarding the construction of a telephone line from this place to Spence's Bridge:

OTTAWA, March 14, 1903.

STUART HENDERSON, ESQ.,
Barrister, Ashcroft, B. C.

SIR,—I have been directed by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing 11 petitions praying for the construction of a telephone line from Spence's Bridge to Princeton, B. C., and to state, in reply, that your letter and the documents accompanying it will receive the careful attention of the department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
FRED GELINAS,
Secretary.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

Latest reports from Fernie indicate that a settlement of the strike there is almost arranged and a definite announcement to that effect is confidently looked for within a few days.

The agreement will be made for a period of two or three years, so that in future the mining industry of Southern B. C. will not be subject to the severe set backs of the past through failure of the coke supply.

The settlement is regarded as a feather in the cap of the new Provincial Mining Association, whose committee has been instrumental in bringing about the peace between the mine owners and their employees.

Jas. Hislop returned on Saturday from a visit to eastern Canada, extending over several months. He came in via Penticton.

Jos. Armstrong, of Aspen Grove, came in over the One Mile trail on Sunday last, in order to sign some legal papers and send them off by the outgoing stage. He left the Portland Friday, thinking to get through by Saturday, but the snowshoeing was so bad on account of the soft condition of the snow, that he failed to reach Princeton until after the stage had left. Joe says if anyone wants a good hard tramp on snowshoes, let them hit the One Mile trail. He returned to Aspen Grove on Monday by the wagon road.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Brief News Notes of Princeton and Vicinity.

W. C. McDougall, Manager for the Olalla Company, was a visitor to town on Wednesday.

H. H. Pitts, one of the directors of the Similkameen Valley Coal Co., who spent last season at Ashnola, and is now a resident of Nelson, B. C., came in from Penticton last Saturday and returned the following Monday.

Geo. McCoskery, at one time a citizen of Princeton but lately a resident of Hedley City, has returned to the metropolis of the Similkameen. George says Princeton looks good enough to him.

H. Webb and Mining Recorder Hunter made a business trip to Hedley on Wednesday last.

F. W. Groves, P. L. S., came in Monday from surveying a number of claims on Copper and Kennedy mountains, for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co.

If the government had spent the money on the roads that it cost to send Stevenson in here, it would have been expended to much better advantage from the freighters' point of view.

Hugh and Duncan McRae, who have been visiting places in eastern Canada and the States during the winter, arrived in Princeton on Monday. They intend spending the coming season in prospecting.

It is rumored that Stables of Cassiar, Neill of Alberni, and E. C. Smith of East Kootenay, are likely to go over to the government side of the house. It is to be hoped the report is not correct.

Angus Stuart has intimated that he will be pleased to get samples of ore from this district weighing 25 to 100 lbs., for the St. Louis Exposition. Prospectors can leave them at the STAR office. This section should be able to make a fine showing of ores if claim-owners are alive to their opportunity.

Stewart and Clark are entitled to great credit for the stage service they have given this place, especially during the past few months. While the roads have been simply impassible to freighters, the stage has only been late a few times. It has cost considerable for the firm to accomplish the task of getting mails and passengers through as it has, and Princeton people are sensible of the fact. John Dignon, the driver, on his return trip last week left Thynne's at 2 a. m., and drove for 18 hours.

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MARTIN vs. SMITH

The fight between Joseph Martin and Ralph Smith for the Provincial leadership of the Liberals seems to be on in good earnest, the Liberal Association of Vancouver leading the fight against Martin by passing a resolution in favor of calling another convention at an early date, the ostensible object of which is Martin's removal from the leadership. It will be necessary that a like resolution be passed by nine other associations, representing as many constituencies, before the executive will be compelled to call such a convention, and the strength of the feeling in favor of a change will be shown by the action of the interior associations.

It is claimed by Martin's opponents that he is unable to unite under him the Liberals of the Province, and the result of the vote by the Vancouver association on the question of calling another convention certainly indicates that the coast Liberals are not a unit in supporting him.

Martin accuses those who refuse to follow him of being actuated by mercenary motives, and desiring to down him because he will not lend himself to their schemes.

It seems hardly possible that such reasons could influence such a very large proportion of the members of the Vancouver association, and it would be a sad outlook for the B. C. Liberal party if Martin's diagnosis of the cause for the strong opposition to him contained even an element of truth.

Martin must be given credit for the passage last session of the redistribution bill, and it is only through his agency we can hope for the defeat of the rotten Prior government, and the bringing on of a general election during the present year. At the same time it is difficult for Interior Liberals to forgive his perpetuation of the Island government that has so long cursed the Province, and in the event of the Prior administration continuing in office until 1904, the blame will be on Martin's shoulders, as he might long since have caused the downfall of the obnoxious Island clique.

His advocacy of the C. P. R.'s claims regarding the Columbia & Western land grant has also been a hard pill for many of his followers to swallow,—in fact with a great number it has absolutely refused to go down.

Martin depends on the Interior constituencies to endorse him, and seems confident of a strong following throughout the country.

In this expectation he has expressed his readiness to fight out the question of leadership at a properly called convention.

What his strength is in other ridings, it is of course difficult at this time to say; but we believe his following in the constituency of West Vale will not be found either numerically strong or of an influential character.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Apr. 5. Nickel Plate mine—Service 2:30 p. m.; Healey City 7 p. m.
" 12. Princeton—Service 11 a. m. S. 10 a. m.
" Granite Creek—Service 7:30 p.m.
" 19. Princeton—Service 7:30 p. m.; S. School 3:30 p.m.
" 20. Princeton—Service 11 a. m. S. School 10 a. m.; Granite Creek 3:30 p.m.

IN THE SUPREME COURT Of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the
"Land Registry Act" and Amending Acts, and
In the Matter of Hedley Townsite.

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Honorable, the Chief Justice, at the City of Victoria, by M. K. Rodgers, for an order amending the plan of Hedley Townsite, filed in the Land Registry Office at Kamloops, by closing all streets in that portion of the said Townsite lying east or south-east of 20-Mile Creek and south of Haynes Street, and bounded on the east by the eastern boundary of the "Mafcking" mineral claim, and on the south by the southern boundary of the "Mafeking" mineral claim;

And take notice that by an order of the Honorable the Chief Justice, dated the 17th day of March, 1903, it was ordered that notice of the said application and of the said order be published for six weeks in the "Similkameen Star" and in the "Vancouver Weekly News-Advertiser," and that said notice be posted up for six weeks in the Land Registry Office at Kamloops, and that the said application be adjourned to be brought on at the expiration of the publication and posting of the said notice, and in the event of no cause then being shown why the said plan should not be altered as aforesaid, that the said application be granted.

Dated this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1903.

BODWELL & DUFF,
Solicitors for Applicant.

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Improvement Certificates.

NOTICE.

Iron Mask Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Wolf Lake, South Fork Similkameen River.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B56486, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, 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 28th day of March, 1903. m-23

NOTICE.

La Reine Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—On Kennedy Mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B56486, 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 28th day of March, 1903. m-23

NOTICE.

Vancouver, Home Rule and Jubilee Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B56486, 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 claims.

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

Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1903. m-23

NOTICE.

Covington, Portland, Vicksburg and Quebec Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Aspen Grove.

Take notice that I, J. E. Bate, Free Miner's Certificate No. B48561, agent for The Portland Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. B63355, 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 claims.

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

Dated this eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1903.

J. E. BATE, Agent.

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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:—

Situate in the Yale District, in the Province of British Columbia; about four miles southeast of Princeton, on the east bank of the Similkameen River, commencing at initial post,—

and running 80 chains east, along the south side of C. O. French's claim, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

C. B. MURRAY.
M. K. FRENCH, Agent

Located this 5th day of March, 1903. m-28

Notice of Forfeiture.

To John Lamont and James Jacobs, or to whomsoever they may have transferred their interests in the "Alice" mineral claim, situate on Wolf Creek, adjoining the "Copper King" mineral claim on the east side, District of Similkameen.

You and each of you are hereby notified that we have expended $102.50 in labour and improvements upon the abhve mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your por proportions of the above mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

Dated at Princeton, B. C., this 24th day of Jan. 1903.

MICHAEL FOY.
JNO. PATTERSON.
VICTOR RYDER.

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NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court will be held at Princeton on Thursday, April 23, 1903.

By Order,
HUGH HUNTER,
Registrar County Court.

Princeton, Feb. 28th, 1903.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To James Matthews, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Wet Day" mineral claim, situate on One Mile Creek, one mile from Burn's ranch, Similkameen District.

You are hereby notified that we have expended $102.50 in labour and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your p.oportion of the above mentioned sum which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

Dated at Princeton, B. C., this 7th day of February, 1903.

MICHAEL FOY.
JNO. PATTERSON.

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Wanted; More Platinum!

Platinum is the only precious metal that is really of industrial use. Gold and silver are valuable for decorative purposes, but platinum is almost indispensable in certain branches of industry. The fact, for instance, that its coefficient expansion is almost exactly the same as that of glass, and that it can therefore be imbedded in glass without danger of cracking, has made it of importance in electricity; but this is only one of the numerous points in its favor. Unfortunately this metal is very rare; it can not of course compete in this regard with such rare metals as are only chemical curiosities, like radium, of which it is estimated that the whole earth contains only two pounds; but the rarity of these substances is hardly felt as an industrial stringency. Says a writer in the "Revue Scientifiue" (January 17):

"Platinum is a metal that was unknown until relatively recent times. The ancients did not have it; the alchemists of the Middle Ages, infidel or Christian, did not discover it in their crucibles and alembics. It was not discovered until toward the middle of the eighteenth century. But the curious thing about its history is that while all the other metals, as the need for them made itself felt more strongly, were found in greater quantities, platinum, although greatly appreciated and much in demand, remains very rare. The places where it is found are few. Thus platinum never falls in price, although its value often varies much. In 1822 it brought 10,000 francs a kilogram ($909 a pound); in 1870, after the discovery of the deposits in the Urals, it was 1,500 francs ($136 a pound). But in 1895 it was worth about 3,000 francs ($273 a pound), and in December, 1901, more still. Platinum was first discovered in South America; it was regarded as a form of silver, whence its name—plata being the Spanish word for silver. It is now found also in Colombia, Brazil, Haiti, and Borneo, but it is much more abundant in the Ural Mountains. The Ural mines furnish yearly about 4,000 kilograms (8,000 pounds); the rest of the world, hardly a thousand. Thus Russia controls the production and sale of platinum. It would appear that the Russians had a plan to demonetize their silver pieces coined before 1850, in order that the platinum in them might be extracted; but these pieces have become very rare—the idea had occurred to individual chemists before it was suggested to the authorities. And platinum remains rare—very rare; there is a platinum famine, and industry demands loudly the discovery of new deposits of the precious metal."—Translation made for The Literary Digest.

Not According to Shakespeare.

A negro amateur dramatic society was attempting to give a performance of "Othello." In the scene where Othello demands a handkerchief from Desdemona there was a startling interruption from one of the audience. When the time came for the scene, the negro who was playing the part of Othello bawled out, "Desdemonie, gib me dat han'kerchif!"

No reply.

"Desdemonie, I say gib me dat han'kerchif!"

Still silence.

"Desdemonie, foh de third time, gib me dat han'kerchif!"

But she wouldn't do it.

Thereupon an old negro in the audience, tired of the apparent slowness, spoke up and said, "Ah, wipe yo' nose on yo' cote sleeve, niggah, an' let de show go on!"—New York Tribune.

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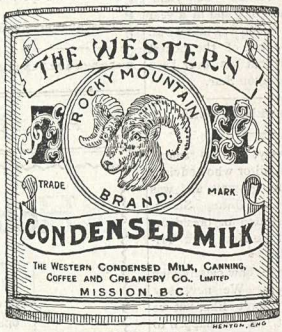

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Senator Teller Misses Chance to Make a Fortune.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, will never forget Christmas day, 1880. It was on that Christmas morning he allowed to slip through his hands a chance to make a million dollars without putting up a single dollar. Two of Senator Teller's friends proposed to purchase the Robert E. Lee mine at Leadville. They were able to buy it for $100,000. On Christmas morning they called around to see Mr. Teller, told him what they proposed to do and urged him to take a one-third interest in the property.

"But I haven't any money," protested Mr. Teller.

"It makes no difference," he was told. "You can give your notes, and before they come due we'll take from the mine more gold than will be necessary to pay them."

"But suppose we don't realize our expectations?" suggested the Senator, with caution.

"Then we will put up the money to meet the notes, and you need not trouble about them."

Senator Teller was assured that his friends knew exactly what they had in hand, but he didn't go in. He thought as he had not the money to put into the undertaking he had no right to reap the reward, if there was to be one. He was assured that they wanted him in the deal, but no persuasion could get him to accept the offer. One month later the Robert E. Lee mine had yielded $200,000 of gold, and in a year a total of $1,500,000 was taken out. It proved to be one of the richest pockets of gold that has ever been found.—Washington Star.

The Way with the World.

Horace Greely, who is remembered as the editor who advised young men to go west, and was known all over the United States, before being defeated for president, as the editor of the New York Tribune, once said:

"It is strange how closely men read the papers. We never say anything men don't like, but we soon hear of it. If we happen to say a good thing, we never hear of that, nobody seems to notice it. We pay some man a hundred puffs, and he takes it as a tribute to his greatness—never thinks it does him any good. But if we say something he does not like, or something he imagines reflects on his character, then our evils are charged against us But we never apparently get any credit for the good we do."

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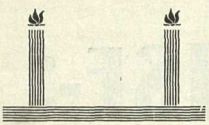

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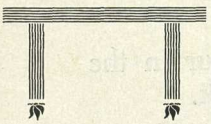

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