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HEDLEY IS BOOMING

NICKEL PLATE MINE

Great Construction Works in Progress—Water the Motive Power—Laborers Few, "Harvest" is Ready.

No one, without a visit to Hedley City, could have even an approximate idea of the amount of work done and yet to be accomplished in connection with the Daly Reduction Co. and the Yale Mining Co., conjointly and popularly known as the "Nickel Plate." A tramway reaching to the mines, some four miles distant with an ascent of nearly a 1000 feet per mile and a flume tapping 20-Mile creek two miles upwards from the mill are by far the largest works of the kind in the Similkameen.

Tunnelling through mountain and bluff, along vertical banks, threading its way over precipice and gulch the flume is a triumph of engineering skill over rugged nature. The tramway route offered no less physical resistance to the builders than did that of the flume, yet one can see in both the all-conquering power of mind over matter.

Genius, money and well-aimed energy have had full play in the development of the mine and in the construction works now being carried on at Hedley. The buildings and plant give the observer an impression of that stability and permanency which are lacking in a purely experimental undertaking.

The Nickel Plate is a free-milling gold proposition which carries other elements of value to be treated as the smelter is erected. On the plateau adjoining the Hedley townsite and which was until recently an Indian reserve, it is proposed to erect a large smelter. An unforeseen difficulty in the negotiations for the land for the smelter has arisen (to which the STAR may refer in a future isssue) which has delayed plans and work on the structure.

The chief of staff, M. K. Rogers, is a C.E. of some years service with Jas. J. Hill the railway king and dealer in fine old stocks and securities. Mr. Rogers is a man of most exemplary life and character, taciturn, yet ready in good works, he has the respect of all. Others of the staff are: Wesley Rogers, C.E., P. Jones, mine superintendent; J. McNally, chief of construction; W. A. McLean, overseer; S. L. Smith, chief accountant; Frank Bragg, storekeeper.

An idea of the enormous expense in the building and installation of the ore mill may be had from the fact that the nearest railroad, over which all the machinery came is some two hundred miles distant. From there it is transferred to a small steamer of very limited cargo space, and landed at Penticton, thence brought on four and six-horse freight wagons to Hedley City at an average rate of a cent per pound for this distance of fifty miles. Some of the pieces of machinery weigh up to 13,000 pounds and the stamp-mills, known to freighters as "Rogers' pianos," eight in all, averaged about four tons each. These, with snpplies for a hundred men, tramway material and mining implements hauled over a mountainous road always in bad condition and heavy grades, will give the eastern reader a faint idea of the huge aggregate in cost and difficulties encountered in the primitive stages of mining in the wild west. The conservative business methods of the general manager, Mr. Rogers, preclude the possibility of knowing the cost to date. however, expert estimate places it at not less than $1,500,000, which includes bonding liabilities. But the mine warrants the expense and that is the desideratum in all business ventures.

Hedley City is the liveliest town of its size in the interior. Its hotels are always full, and, as in the case of the Commercial, an annex has been found hardly adequate for the demands upon this popular hostelry. There are two excellent general stores, in one of which, Mr. Schubert's, is the post office. There is a first class butcher shop conducted by Messrs. Edmonds & Cawston, a livery and feed stable run by Fred. Revely; a drug store and all the other businesses usually found in a bustling mining camp.

Good sidewalks have been laid and a lot of street improvements made by the townsite company of which C. Oliver is the energetic resident manager.

A fine hotel is now under construction at a cost of $15,000, and a large residence for M. K. Rogers has been completed.

Princeton looks with no jealous eye on the success of Hedley but rather glories in her sister's welfare and prosperity and sends a hearty Godspeed to all who try their fortunes there. Nobody doubts that the Nickel Plate will become one of the historic mines of this country in phenomenal wealth, and no one doubts that there are others in the nearer vicinity of Princeton equally as rich. Hence, the working of the Nickel Plate will be an incentive to capital and hasten that essential to the development of the Similkameen—a railroad.

Jack McDonald, "Podunk" Davis and Tom Sloan left for the coast via Hope mountains last Sunday.

Mrs. Schisler, who has been ill for some time, has quite recovered, to the evident delight of her many friends.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., is very busy in his office at present, his field work having been so pressing as to leave him little leisure.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

THE PASSING 'SHOW'

Brief Notes of Current Events—Fine Weather for Rancher or Prospector—Spokane Man Seeking Coal.

To the many inquiries from abroad received at this office regarding the Similkameen the well-meant hint is thrown out that "seeing is believing." Come and see.

A leader for the Liberal party and a brand-new premier for the Conservatives will complete the war footing of both parties for the approaching session on Thursday, the 26th day of November next.

Born—The wife of D. J. White, Penticton, on the 17th inst., of a daughter.

Wm. Kearns, a young man of powerful physique living near Fairview, was so injured in an athletic contest that his life is despaired of and his removal to Vernon hospital made necessary.

The fine weather of late has enabled ranchers to finish their vegetable and grain-hay harvest which had been delayed by unusually excessive rains. Passers-by could not have failed to notice great quantities of "murphies" at Hugh Hunter's ranch and also at the Indian Reserve and J. Bromley's. Unlike most mining camps all the vegetables and most of the fruit can be grown on the spot for the Princeton market. Fortunes await the ranchers here as soon as the mines begin to ship which is contingent on the arrival of the "iron horse."

Some correspondence of a recriminative turn, offspring of the recent elections in the Similkameen, has been sent to the STAR for publication. In the conduct of a paper it is not all "grist that comes to the mill," therefore, as no good purpose would be served by publishing these communications, their acceptance is respectfully declined.

Autumn, with its sweet and bracing air, its beautifully tinted leaf of tree and shrub, and velvety lawn of hill and dale, make a scene in and around Princeton that could not fail of being the painter's delight. There are some very fine views for the camera or brush at any time of the year here but the difficulties of transportation no doubt deter artists as well as settlers from coming here.

Jack Budd and Howard Aldous arrived in over the Hope trail on Tuesday last.

Coal boring operations by the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co. have been suspended for the winter, the machine having been housed until spring when further tests will be made. It is understood that the season's work has been very encouraging, details of which will probably be published later.

W, Blakemore, C.E., is expected in from Nelson at any time in connection with his extensive coal interests here.

Messrs. Stevenson, Gwin and Walmsley left yesterday for the tableland lying between Otter Flat and Hope summit. This is their fourth prospecting trip to this region this summer and at each visit they were further confirmed in the belief that there is "any amount" of hidden wealth there. They expect to be back in eight days.

J. and F. Gladdin have returned from their prospecting trip begun a month ago. They are pleased with the results and will make further explorations if the weather continues fine.

Religious services will be conducted in the school house Sunday evening at 7 p.m. by the Rev. Mr. Pleming of Hedley.

George Cook, of Vancouver, is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. Aldous, of the Hotel Tulameen.

Sanson French and Pete Johnson, armed cap-a-pie, have gone on a goose-hunting sally towards Aspen Grove. They expect to produce on return evidence of not having been on a "wild goose chase."

The president of the D.D's desires to publicly express thanks to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the musicale last week. It is intended to present some of the choicer melodramatic plays at an early date to be subsequently interlarded with opera-bouffe.

P. Mertley and Gus Spearing came down from the Cousin Jack Monday and are about to close the deal for a claim adjoining that mine.

W. J. Lawrence of the tourist hotel at Summerland, was in Princeton Tuesday. He reports business good and the travelling trade increasing all the time.

Will be a Coal Baron.

W. M. Dean of Spokane, Wash., was in Princeton Monday and Tuesday on a business visit. He had never seen Princeton before. He has gone home rejoicing and will induce his friends and relatives to invest in the minerals, principally coal, of this country. He has a nominal interest in the North Princeton townsite but for investment he has a penchant for coal, just black coal. Mr. Dean says he saw more indications of coal and the real "stuff" outcropped, in this section than ever before and he has lived in coal regions in the states. He states that there is a barrel of money in Spokane awaiting investment in good steam coal as soon as there is a reasonable certainty of transportation here. He has been associated with the Great Northern in some large contracts and is an alderman of the city of Spokane. Mr. Dean will return after cosulting his colleagues in Spokane and will then, if nothing intervenes, close the deal for twelve coal townships bordering on Nine-mile creek.

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THE GAME OF 'FREEZE-OUT.'

To take a backward view of the past is the wise and profitable act of every well-balanced man or community. It is from the past that experience, the greatest of all teachers, gives the chart for future guidance through the sinuous channels which all of life's mariners have to sail. The careful skipper on the bridge of his ship more often gets his bearings from astern and port or starboard than from a bow observation. The future historian of the Similkameen district will not be far astray in referring to the present business depression in Princeton as the "midnight of our dark days." At no period of its existence has there been such discouraging influences at work in delaying progress of this great mineral section.

Looking back to the time of the first discovery of gold, some forty years ago, there has been so little progress in comparison with the vast possibilities of the country that it is scarcely worth taking into account. The influx of thousands of miners in later gold excitements gave the country a more than continental fame. Placer mining was the only industry of the country up to seven or eight years ago, then the presence of great ore bodies rich in quite all the more valuable metals was made known by the persevering prospector, the immense coal areas were unknown until very recent years and the dawn of agriculture here only came as the murky clouds of prejudice and unbelief rolled away.

The inexhaustible resources of the country are known wherever the Anglo-Saxon has trod or the English language spoken. Experts have been here from every financial centre on the continent and in the Old Country, all of whom gave expression to an unqualified belief in the wealth and extent of the mineral deposits. The story of the Similkameen has been repeated over and over by the press of two hemispheres until it is well nigh stereotyped in the minds of readers. Wherefore, then is all this delay and agonizing suspense in the advancement and development of the Similkameen? That question is on every man's tongue.

In retrospect one can see the great game of "freeze-out" begun some dozen years ago by the huge railway octopus in association with political accomplices to keep out all competition to its monopoly. Up to the present time, by injunctions a-plenty and by preventing necessary legislation there has not been a competitive line of railway built to the Similkameen, nor is there much hope of one under present political conditions. The next step in the frigid game is to be rid of the poor mine owner. By withholding transportation the millions of tons of ore now in sight is as if it were not. The prospector and mine holder cannot live on wind so they slough off their interests to any person who will buy the properties. These properties drift into the hands of paid emissaries of railway officials who, because of their position are in possession of knowledge regarding railway projects which is denied the outside man.

Thus the game of "freeze-out" goes on. The railway monopolist with the aid of the political grafter, practically have this country by the throat, just as they have a certain coast city. Every move to induce a railway to come into the Similkameen has been checkmated. The only solution of the deadlock lies with the federal and provincial governments both of which have it in their power to construct without let or hindrance.

The trouble, in great part, has arisen from the fact that in the past the claims of the Similkameen have never been enforced upon the governments. There has been no champion found among the legislative representatives of the district who would try to remove the obstacles to our progress. Other districts have telephone and telegraphic facilities, public roads to order, and as in the case of the Windermere district a railroad is to be built with a Dominion subsidy to connect it with Golden, said railroad parallels a navigable river and a first class trunk road for the whole distance. The Similkameen offers many fold greater inducements for a railroad than the above named district yet there is neither railway, decent highway, nor a navigable river.

Not one farthing has been spent in the actual construction of a yard of road in this district during the year and this the greatest revenue-producing district in proportion to population in the whole province. There are three roads of imperative necessity to be built, viz: The Aspen Grove road, the Copper mountain road and the trunk road to Hope begun some years ago and dropped after some twenty miles had been made. These roads should have been built years ago. Just now their construction would be a boon and a blessing to Princeton and add greatly to the popularity of the government undertaking it.

Profiting by the mistakes of the past in utilizing them as beacons and lights to warn off the rocks and shoals of the future, let not courage flag nor hope wane, for "every cloud has its silver lining" and the darkest hour precedes the dawn," and Princeton as well as other places will yet reap the full reward of patience and long-suffering and bask in the sunshine of prosperity.

Dissolution of Partnership

The partnership heretofore existing and known as Thynne & DeBarro is this day dissolved. All accounts are made payable to me at Otter Flat Hotel.

CHARLES DEBARRO.
Sole Proprietor.

Dated Otter Flat, Sept. 29th, 1903.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 a stake marked N.E. corner W. C. Lyall's coal claim,

And running south 80 chains, along the west side of A. S. Jackson's coal claim, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement.

W. C. LYALL, Locator.
J. H. JACKSON, Agent.

Dated Otter Flat, Oct. 4, 1903.

NOTICE.

Similkameen mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district.

Where located: On Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves,, free miner's certificate No. B72044 acting for myself and John McLean free miner's certificate No. B68820, 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 3rd day of October, 1903.

F. W. GROVES.

NOTICE.

Queen Alexandria and Marquis of Lorne mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Robert Stevenson, agent for Ernest Victor Bodwell, free miner's certificate No. B76660, 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 October, A.D. 1903.

ROBERT STEVENSON.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after 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 on the Tulameen river, joining J. A. Mohr's claim on the west. Commencing at a post on the N E corner thence running south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains, back to initial post in all about 640 acres.

G. S. MOHR.
J. A. Mohr, Agt.

Located Sept. 10th 1903.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal on the following described lands:

Joining J. A. Mohr's claim on the north. Commencing at a post on the S W corner thence running north 80 chains thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains back to initial post, in all about 640 acres.

C. G. MOHR, Locator,
J. A. Mohr, Agt.

Located Sept. 10th 1903.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal on the following described lands:

Situate and joining G. S. Mohr's claim on the north. Commencing at a post on the S E corner thence running west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains, back to initial post, in all, 640 acres.

J. H. MOHR, Locator.
J. A. Mohr, Agt.

Located Sept. 10th 1903.

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 640 acres of mountain pasture land described as follows: commencing at a post marked F.A.H's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to initial post.

A. E. HOWSE.

Nicola, Aug. 7, 1903.

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 640 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: commencing at a post marked F.A.H's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to initial post.

FRED. A. HOWSE.

Nicola, Aug. 7, 1903.

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 the N.W. corner post of Princeton townsite, situated about a half mile from Princeton on the south side of the Tulameen river.

And running 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, to point of starting, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. MARTIN, Locator.

Dated Princeton, October 8, 1903.

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 a post on the south bank of Nine-mile creek, one mile from the mouth of Whipsaw creek.

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres. To be known as the J A. Gilker coal claim.

W. C. MCLEAN, Locator.

Dated Princeton, Sept. 29, 1903.

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 a post on the west bank of Nine-mile creek, one mile from the mouth of Whipsaw creek,

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less. To be known as the J. A. Gibson coal claim.

W. C. MCLEAN, Locator,
Dated Princeton, Sept. 29, 1903.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. Mr. Pleming came up from Hedley Friday on his bike in three hours, going on to Granite creek today.

Seventy degrees in the shade on Tuesday. Indian summer has many charms. May it linger long.

"Smoky" Chisholm and P. Burns came in Tuesday from Aspen Grove to sell a few coal claims and do a little painting for the town after which they "wandered back again."

There were some loud screeches in the zoo the other day when the owl-eyed lynx slipped his chain and made a grab for a lady's portmonnaie. The lady's companion jumped on the woodpile and gave such an unearthly yell that it woke Jim Beatty up who came out and lassooed the brute. Thar'll be trouble with that 'link' yet and Tuck 'll have to put up damages.

Judge Spinks of Vernon, who usually holds court here, is announced to be married soon.

A General Banking Business

A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. Capital $2,000,000. Reserve Fund $1,700,000. Interest allowed on Savings Bank deposits of one dollar and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal. A. H. SKEY, Agent, Kamloops, B. C.

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NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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 an initial post planted at Bromley's S.E. corner, [L 406] thence south 40 chains, thence west 110 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 110 chains to the place of commencement and containing 440 acres more or less.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1903.
THOMAS H. PARR, Locator.

DOMINION ELECTIONS.

Yale-Cariboo Electoral District.

A convention of the Liberal-Conservatives of Yale-Cariboo will be held at the Conservative Club Rooms, Moore block, KAMLOOPS, on THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 1903, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the forthcoming Dominion elections in the interests of the Liberal-Conservative party. Local associations are requested to meet and appoint delegates at once. Representation at the convention will be by delegations from the Provincial electoral districts of Grand Forks, Greenwood, Similkameen, Okanagan, Kamloops, Yale, Lillooet and Cariboo. One delegate will be appointed for each twenty or fraction of twenty votes cast at each poll. Accredited delegates may vote either in person or by proxy, but not more than five proxies shall be held by any one delegate. Chair will be taken at 2 p.m. All Conservatives are invited to attend the convention, but only accredited delegates will be allowed to vote.

J. T. ROBINSON,
Member Union Executive for District.

NOTICE.

"D.C." mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Otter creek, west of and near McPhail's ranch.

Take notice that I, Sydney R. Almond, acting as agent for the other owners and myself: i. e., John A. Cairns, free miner's certificate No. B 56324, James Snowden, free miner's certificate No. B72028 and Sydney R. Almond, free miner's certificate No. B74427, 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 21st day of September, A.D. 1903.
S. R. ALMOND.

TO THE PUBLIC

TAKE NOTICE from this date The Similkameen Co., L'td, will not be responsible for any debts incurred without the authority of its President or authorized agent.

HILTON KEITH,
THE SIMILKAMEEN CO., L'TD.
Secretary.

Vancouver, B.C., 16th Sept., 1903.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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, situated about two miles south of D. D. McInnes's ranch,

Commencing at a post, thence running west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains, north 80 chains, back to post, in all 640 acres.

L. M. WHITWELL,
C. O. FRENCH, agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post situated at the north-east corner of L. M. Whitwell's coal location and running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, back to post, in all 640 acres.

D. M. FRENCH,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post situated at the north-east corner of D. M. French's coal location, and running 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, back to post, in all 640 acres.

L. L. FRENCH,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post situated at the north-east corner, of D. M. French's coal claim and running east eighty chains, south eighty chains, west eighty chains, north eighty chains, back to post, in all 640 acres.

F. R. WHITWELL,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Sept. 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post about 3 miles north of L. L. French's coal claim, and running south eighty chains, east eighty chains, north eighty chains, west eighty chains, back to post, in all 640 acres.

H. McCALLISTER,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Located Aug. 20, 1903.

NOTICE.

Triangle Fraction mineral claim. Situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Herbert H. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72023, for myself and as agent for Arthur E. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72022, and William H. Thomas, free miner's certificate No. B72024, 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 8th day of August, 1903.
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"AS OTHERS SEE US."

Ledger's 'Good Words' for the Similkameen Valley.

While the STAR does not always see "eye to eye" with the Vancouver Ledger on some public questions yet it is heartily in accord with and fully appreciative of its efforts to give the Similkameen valley its meed of commendation relative to its great resources in mineral and as a tourist's resort. The Ledger has a cut of the picturesque town of Princeton and letterpress, in all about two columns of valuable space devoted to this district. Other coast papers might well imitate the Ledger in the foregoing thus drawing the Similkameen and Vancouver together in the bonds of business and good will. The Ledger says in part:

"If you want a pleasant outing for a month now is the time to take a train to Spence's bridge. From that point take Clark & Stewart's stage for Nicola and the Similkameen. Nicola is well classed as the garden spot of British Columbia. Its cattle ranges, its coal measures, its splendid farming resources and its mines make, so far as nature can, a rich country. No one can complain of any scarcity of game in any part of the Nicola or Similkameen country.

From Nicola to Princeton, some sixty miles, is, under favorable conditions, a beautiful drive, and the country around the town of Princeton is rich in mineral and agriculture.

The early building of a railway from the Similkameen to Vancouver is most earnestly desired by all well wishers of the province. It will add wonderfully to the prosperity of Vancouver and Victoria if brought in direct communication by rail with the coast cities.

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Bellows—Does your daughter play on the piano? Old Farmer (in tones of deep disgust)—No, sir. She works on it, pounds on it, rakes it, scrapes it, jumps on it, and rolls over on it; but there's no play about it, sir.

Doctor—Do I think I can cure your catarrh? Why, I'm sure of it. Patient—So you are very familiar with the disease? Doctor—I should say so! I've had it myself all my life.

"They're saying you're just like all the other members of the House," remarked the newly elected legislator's close friend. "They say you have your price." "That's a lie," declared the new member. "I thought so." "Yes, I haven't got it yet, but I have hopes."

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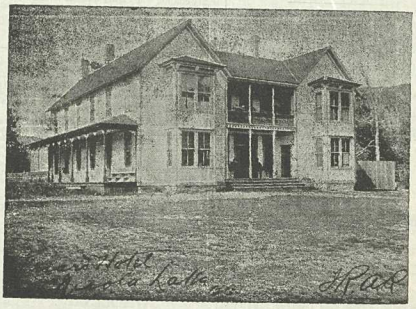

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CANADA'S GROWTH.

Great Increase in Railway Earnings and Expenses.

The following interesting facts are gleaned from the last statistical year book of Canada and printed with appropriate comments by the Financial News of London:

In the statistical summary of the Dominion from July 1, 1867, to June 30, 1902, it is shown that the revenue and expenditure for the first-named year were $13,698,000 and $13,486,000, whereas now they amount to $58,051,000 and $50,759,- respectively. The value of the exports has risen from $57,568,000 to $211,640,000, whilst the imports, which figured at $73,- 459,000 in 1867, now aggregate $212,270,- 000. As regards the railway system of the Dominion, with which we are chiefly interested, the miles in operation in 1867 were 2,269, while by the middle of 1902 the mileage was 18,714. The total capital paid up in 1902 was $1,098,852,000, of which $328,135,000 is represented by ordinary share capital, $132,267,000 by reference, and $404,807,000 by bonded debt, while the balance is mainly derived from aid granted by the Dominion and Provincial governments. Comparing the year ended June 30, 1902, with the previous twelve months, it is shown that the train mileage at 55,720,856 was nearly 1,400,000 miles more, while 2,390,000 more passengers were carried, and 5,377,- 000 additional tons of freight handled, the total as regards the last two items being 20,680,000 passengers and 42,376,- 000 tons of freight. The gross earnings were $83,666,000 as against $72,898,000 for 1900-01, while expenses rose from $50,- 368,000 to $57,343,000. The proportion of expenses to receipts thus decreased from 69.06 per cent. to 68.64 per cent. In respect to the gross revenue of the year 1901-02, passenger traffic contributed $22,600,000 and freight $53,987,000, while the earnings per train mile were 150.13 cents. The Canadian Pacific system naturally had the largest revenue—viz., $36,867,000 while the Grand Trunk came next with $22,212,000, followed next by the Canada Southern with $5,- 151 000. The expenses on the Canadian Pacific came to, $22,823,000, on the Grand Trunk to $14,397,000, on the Canada Southern to $4,672,000, and on the Canada Atlantic, etc., $1,248,000. The receipts of the government railways were as follows: Intercolonial $5,671,000, and Prince Edward Island, $198,000, while the expenses were $5,574,000 and $270,000 respectively. The total net income for 1901-2 was thus $26,323,000, against $22,- 530,000 for the previous twelve months—a very material improvement.

Similkameen Election Returns.

The official returns of the election in Similkameen riding give Mr. Shatford a majority of 66, as the following tabular statement fully affirms:

	Shatford.	McLean.
Camp McKinney	27	19
Rock Creek	13	19
Fairview	47	31
West Fork	8	10
Sidley	13	20
Hedley City	44	40
Princeton	43	19
Granite	7	1
Otter Lake	9	5
Keremeos	20	11
Olalla	17	13
Nickel Plate Mine	5	11
Beaverdell	14	4
Okanagan Falls (maj.)	2	
	269	203

Majority for Shatford (Cons.) 66.

"The lady next door is celebrating her golden wedding." "Married fifty years?" "No—times!"—Puck.

NOTICE.

Summit No. 2 mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Summit Camp.

Take notice that Frank Lambert, free miner's certificate No. B7717, 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 26th day of September, A.D. 1903.

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