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BEAUTIFUL SAMPLES

COPPER CRYSTALS

Gold and Copper Found in a Four-Foot Ledge at the Head of Nine-Mile Creek.

Some of the prettiest specimens of ore ever seen in the Princeton mining camp were exhibited by Messrs. Wampole and Baker on their arrival from the head of Nine mile and the slope of Granite creek where they have been prospecting for the past two weeks. Besides the rare beauty of the specimens they are most assuredly hopeful in appearance for values. No assay has been made as yet, but about thirty pieces contained visible gold.

The ledge is from four to five feet wide of rose colored quartz. The country rock is porphyritic with schist adjoining the ledge.

It is difficult to describe the beauty of the rock, but if one can imagine flies of an exquisite shade of green, having flown into the interstices of a mottled quartz and there preserved in all their splendor of color with wings extended, he will get some faint idea of these fascinating specimens.

These bright blue-green portions of mineral, under the microscope, have a fibrous or fuzzy appearance and are crystallized copper. D. Coutenay describes it as shellite; a compositiou of asbestos, aluminium and chromium.

Both gentlemen were suspicious of this part of the country and had been intending to prospect it for the past four or five years. The opportunity, however, only came to them recently and needless to say they are "glad to have been there."

The discovery was made by following some float found on the top of a hill and then by making open cuts uncovered the ledge.

OKANAGAN FALLS.

Joseph Bourassa, popularly known as "Mexican Joe," has sold his ranch to William Hines, of Fairview. Joe is one of the oldest of the old-timers, being now over 80 years old. He mined all over British Columbia, and but for a remarkable vitality must have succumbed to hunger, cold and exposure during his wanderings in far Cassiar and Omineca. In future he will reside in Vernon, there to receive medical comforts in the evening of his days.

Farmers in this section are complaining of the unfavorable weather. Much of the hay is already badly damaged.

S. P. Whitely, our popular townsman, though nearing the three score and ten limit of the psalmist, has fair health and great activity of mind. Mr. Whitely's early day experiences in the gold fields and on the western plains with Indian, bear and desperado, would make an interesting book, indeed, it is stated that a well known writer has received a commission to take his life with pen and ink. Mr. Whitely is the last of a long list of tillicums who hit California in '49.

Rev. Mr. Lang is making extensive improvements on his recently purchased ranch.

W. J. Snodgrass, the Liberal candidate, has just returned from making a flying trip to Greenwood. He reports the outlook for Liberalism in the eastern part of the riding of Similkameen as being very promising.

Miss Florence McLellan is visiting at the home of Mrs. L. W. Shatford, Fairview.

PENTICTON POINTS

New Presbyterian Church in Penticton—Sale of the Ellis Estate.

The new Presbyterian church was recently opened with appropriate services, the Rev. R. W. Craw, of Vernon, coming down for the purpose. On the Monday evening following a concert was given in aid of the building fund, at which Mrs. Dougall, mezzo-soprano, of Boston, assisted by talent from Peachland, furnished an excellent entertainment. Rev. C. W. Whyte, who has attended to the raising of funds and the construction of the building, is to be congratulated on the successful completion of his task.

The latest news regarding the deal for the T. Ellis estate is to the effect that a first payment has been made by the syndicate purchasing the property. The cutting up of this fine estate into numberless small fruit ranches will mark a new epoch in the development of this rich agricultural and horticultural district. About 38,000 acres of land and 4,000 head of cattle will change hands. The price is said to be $400,000.

The first apples of the season were brought into town on Aug. 1. This section has a great future as a fruit country. Apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries, apricots, watermelons and grapes reach a high degree of perfection.

M. K. Rodgers of the Nickel Plate Co. passed through here last week on his way to Hedley. A number of men whom he engaged to work on the flume and tramway were driven out in a Welby special stage by Angus McLean.

J. A. Schubert, who so narrowly missed being the Liberal candidate for the Similkameen, is spending a week or two at Hedley, superintending improvements being made in his store there, which his large and increasing business necessitates.

F. M Gillespie of Hedley was in town last Monday.

J. C. Gray, representing W. H. Malkin, wholesale groceries, Vancouver, came in via Nicola last Saturday.

NEWS OF DISTRICT

HEDLEY HAPPENINGS

New Hotel to Cost $15,000 at Hedley—Labor Day Celebration Has Big Fund Subscribed.

Dr. Whillans, was here on his regular weekly visit on Monday last.

Dr. White and D. McEachren of Fairview made a flying trip to Hedley last week in the interests of the Conservative association.

J. Campbell was in town last week with his camera and took quite a number of photos of Hedley city and vicinity.

L. W. Shatford of Fairview was a visitor to Hedley this week.

A midnight comedy in four acts was enacted by the "Seven Dollar and Haluf Hank Company" for the benefit of the roomers in the Commercial annex on Saturday night last. A comedy, which might have developed into a tragedy, was put on the boards by one of the parties betting his gun and standing on thirteen in a game of blackjack. The fourth and last act came off the following morning in the "tent debum." That is where the tragedy came in. "Poor Hank! Gone but not forgotten!

Chas. Richter has sold out his butcher business to Messrs. Geo. Cawston and Jno. Edmonds.

Work has commenced on the new $15,000 hotel. This hotel when finished will be one of the finest in the interior.

The sports committee are doing their utmost to make a grand success of the sports to be held here on Labor day. Eight hundred dollars has already been raised for prizes.

Jas. Schubert has been cleaning away stumps and brushwood thereby greatly improving the appearance of his store.

Miss McLean left Hedley last week on a visit to relatives in Winnipeg.

Hedley city will be well represented at the Conservative convention at Fairview on Saturday, Aug. 15. An association was formed here on Saturday and a large number of voters joined.

Geo. W. Aldous, of Princeton, was a visitor to Hedley last week.

[illegible] formation. He also has a big showing of black oxide of copper.

Mr. Lougheed has an ore vein two feet wide which undoubtedly carries good values. He brought with him some samples of a copper-stained tree. He says the roots of the tree laid on a copper lead and by absorption the whole tree became impregnated with copper as the stain would seem to indicate. This is a somewhat novel way of extracting copper from ore but nature does some curious things occasionally.

Fred Wells and Mr. Pearson of Hedley are prospecting on the Pasayton river, a tributary of the Similkameen, and expressed their opinions to Mr. Lougheed in praise of the country.

[illegible] ate of ore. There is some free gold in Woods' quartz ledge, which is also rich in copper glance.

Gus Pouwels has a quartz ledge in schist

PRINCETON PARAGRAPHS

Personal, Mining and Local News--New Ore Found on Copper Mountain.

The recent discovery on the Helen H. Gardner is creating much curiosity and speculation. Expert opinion is to the effect that it is likely to prove the most important discovery in the Similkameen. The ore is a chalcopyrite in a magnetite gangue and is altogether different from anything on Copper mountain. It is believed that the true mineral vein has been found and rich as Copper mountain has been known to be it has now increased 50 per cent. in the estimation of many by the recent discovery of this rich ore. An error was made in stating last week that Bob Cramer was the owner of this claim. It belongs, it is understood, to Greenwood parties.

Miss M. L. Whillans, teacher of the Princeton public school, has passed the teachers' examination at Vernon and granted a certificate.

A. Gallinger is down from Boulder creek and reports development going on with an ever-increasing ore body in sight. A tunnel 140 feet in length and a shaft 60 feet deep has been made.

Robert Stevenson went up to Summit camp where he is having some work done.

Van Mills left on Thursday via Penticton for Spokane where he will remain a week or two before deciding where he will finally locate. Mr. Mills accumulated a comfortable competency in mining during his five years' residence here and he now feels like enjoying the fruits of his labor. While here he won the good will and esteem of all, being one of those gentlemen, all too few, who adorn life's highway and live in memories green and unfading.

A. F. Gwin will arrive in Princeton about the 9th inst. and will be prepared to invest and deal in mineral claims.

E. Waterman, manager of the V.F.M. D. Co., arrived home from Vancouver on Sunday last.

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POLITICAL PARTIES.

In this age of free speech, free thought, free press, and liberty of action far beyond that which our revered ancestors enjoyed, it would be folly to attempt to force any set of opinions, principles or beliefs upon any man, or portion of intelligent humanity. This is pre-eminently the age of reason. If men are to be enlisted in a cause, be it political, religious or any other, there must be a logical presentation of facts backed by the power of an earnest and sincere spirit which can carry conviction into the minds of the most obdurate and make them loyal adherents to that cause. Force nor intimidation never yet made a true follower of any political party. But, unfortunately, there are some self-styled "labor champions" with whom neither reason nor good judgment seem to prevail. Hence it is there are so many petty offshoots from the two great parent stems of politics in this country and the United States.

No doubt error exists in both the Liberal and Conservative parties. If remedy is to be made, however, it will not be accomplished by deserting the party in a factious and petulant spirit, but by manfully contending for the right and stamping out wrong from within the party fold. As well might a sailor desert his leaking ship without putting a hand to the pump. In both there is a lack of courage born of a fear that is cowardly and demeaning. After nearly a quarter of a century as a labor unionist the writer firmly believes that the Liberal party more nearly answers the purposes of the workingman than any other political organization, not even excepting the Labor party itself. Labor can scarcely hope to ever hold the reins of government, seeing that workingmen will not cohere as other portions of the body politic do, therefore it must remain a mere fragment of either of the two great parties—Liberal or Conservative.

Liberal and Republican, Conservative and Democrat are nearly the same in principle and conduct. Just as the Liberal party in Canada has always been foremost in reform and progress, so has the Republican party in the United States been identified with every movement in which advancement and equal rights were prime factors in the nation's welfare. Conservative and Democrat have for their party shibboleth: "Let us hold what we've got" and retain the old-established usages and institutions without change. Liberal and Republican principles tend to give the greatest good to the greatest number—the masses. Democratic and Conservative principles favor the greatest good to the few—the classses.

In Canada, under Conservative rule, a pseudo aristocracy sprang up in imitation of the real article in the old country, and but for providential interference there may have been a Tupperian dynasty established that would have been difficult to overthrow had it not been for the general elections in 1896. Under Conservative government that greatest of all modern thefts was perpetrated which enriched a few bankers and made a millionaire lord of a skin-dealing Hudson bay factor. Knights of the realm were as "common as mud" after the Pacific railway scandal.

The present Liberal government at Ottawa is far in advance of any of its predecessors in extending to workingmen the rights and recognition which had been so long in vain demanded. The department of labor is an institution of the Liberals and serves to keep the government in touch with the workingman. It has been a great help in the settlement of labor disputes and fully bears out all that was predicted of it for the cause of labor.

It is not without a blush of shame that union men have to confess that those who pose as the "champions of labor" know little of unionism, having never held a card of membership; are inconsistent, as was proven in the case of Foley and the Chinaman, and make tools of workingmen for selfish purposes.

CHURCH NOTICE.

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" 16— " 3 " " "
" 23— " 7 " " "
" 30— " 3 " " "

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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.
HERBERT H. THOMAS.

NOTICE.

Sunrise, Mabel fraction and Milo fraction mineral claim. Situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Edgar E. Burr, free miner's certificate No. B63383 acting for selfand agent for James Sutherland, Chisholm Fraser free miner's certificate No. B42433; Le Baron DeVeber, free miner's certificate, No.B69038; Frank S. Burr free miner's certificate, No.B56795; Elmer A. Ralf, free miner's certificate No. B75343; and Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate, No. B63374, 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 2nd day of July, 1903.

NOTICE.

Jennie Silkman, mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, David O. Day, acting as agent for David O. Day, Free Miner's certificate No. B63369, Llewellyn G. Barron, Free Miner's certificate No. B57900, Thomas M. Day, Free Miner's certificate No. B63385, Douglas M. French, Free Miner's certificate No. B77122, Free Miner's certificate No. 63369, 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 30th day of June, A. D. 1903.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissionar of Lands and Works for a licence to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on Lindlay Creek:—

Commencing at a post marked J. C. Schumaker's north-east corner, being the south-east corner of J. B. Humphrey's coal claim, thence 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, back to post, containing in all 640 acres.

J. C. SCHUMAKER.
W. MURRAY, Agent.

Located June 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post marked James Carlin's south-east corner, thence north 40 chains more or less to the south-west corner of the Indian Reserve, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 80 chains to initial post, containing in all 320 acres more or less.

JAMES CARLIN.
W. MURRAY, Agent.

Located June 23, 1903.

Commencing at a post marked J. B. Humphrey's south-west corner, being the south-east corner of A. Reynolds' coal claim, running north 80 chains to James Carlin's south-east corner, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to initial post, containing 640 acres.

J. B. HUMPHREY,
W. MURRAY, Agent.

Located June 23. 1903.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of George M. Stump, late of Hedley City, in the County of Yale, Free Miner, now deceased, who died in the Month of July, 1902 and of whose estate and effects Letters of Administration were, on the 29th day of May, 1903, granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to William Fraser Cameron of Vernon in said county, Merchant, are required to send in particulars of the same to the undersigned, duly verified by statutory declaration on or before the 1st day of July, 1903.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the last mentioned date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the proceeds of the said Estate amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which he then shall have had notice and he shall not be liable for any claims of which he shall not have received notice.

FRED. BILLINGS.
Solicitor for Administrator.
Dated at Vernon, June 6th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Humbolt Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located—On Copper Mountain, about 600 feet south of the Helen Gardner Mineral Claim.

Take Notice that we, William Alfred Cooper and Alfred Joseph Cooper, Free Miners' Certificates B54742 and B54743 respectively, 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 Thirteenth day of May, A.D. 1903.
WILLIAM ALFRED COOPER.
ALFRED JOSEPH COOPER.

NOTICE.

Copper Cliff and Copper Bluff Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Peter Edmond Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B81146, 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 29th day of April, A.D. 1903. j 20

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 160 acres of mountain pasture land in the Nicola Division of Yale District, described as follows:—Commencing at a stake at the north-east corner of Lot 905, running thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement W. A. DODDS.
Aspen Grove, April 21, 1903. j 20

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PRINCETON PARAGRAPHS

There are loud complaints made re the bad condition of the roads between here and Spence's Bridge. Who's to blame?

It is believed there will be some very fair placer mining on both the Tulameen and Similkameen rivers. The unusually high water this year must have dislodged a lot of gold and deposited it again on the bars lower down the rivers. J. M. Hitchings panned out several colors when the water was high.

Jas. Snowden is a lucky man. Last week a blast was prematurely discharged which inflicted serious bruises, and had it not been for the presence of mind of his partner Jim would have been blown over a cliff into the river hundreds of feet below by the force of the explosion. His partner who had not got the full force of the concussion managed to catch him just as he was being shot over the awful abyss and thus saved him from a terrible fall. He hopes to be able to resume work in a few days.

Vic Ryder had the misfortune to have his tent and nearly all his outfit burned on Saturday night last. He presumes the fire must have originated from the smoldering embers of his camp-fire. His loss will be keenly felt but Vic is not a fellow to repine over such matters—he will get "right in" and hustle a new outfit before "Jack Frost" has a chance to even wink at him.

It is reported that there will be three candidates at the Fairview convention, two Liberal-Conservative (Messrs. Shatford and Pittendrigh) and a Labor candidate (Mr. Nicholson of Camp McKinney.) It is also reported that a Labor man at Hedley will contest the riding on the labor ticket.

Messrs. Lyall and Whitwell made a trip to Copper mountain recently. To say they were pleased with what they saw and the hospitality which they received is altogether inadequate—they were hypnotized with delight. Messrs. Willarson, Johnson and Bryant are quietly working on their claims besides doing some road work which would be creditable to the government. The ore in sighc on Copper mountain, the visitors aver, must be seen to get any idea of their great magnitude and richness.

Conservative Club.

A meeting of Conservatives was held Thursday evening in the Princeton hotel at which about twenty were present. Thomas Murphy was chairman and P. Russell acted as secretary. An address was made by D. McEachren explaining the objects of the club, also a political address was made by Thomas Murphy.

The platform of the Conservative Association was unanimously adopted. C. E. Thomas was elected permanent chairman of the club.

P. Russell and G. Goldsborough were elected delegates to the convention at Fairview on August 15th.

After tendering thanks to the chairman, "Judge" Murphy, the meeting adjourned to meet on Monday, Aug. 10th.

False Reports.

EDITOR STAR—Sir: Reports having reached me, of a damaging nature, re coal properties in Similkameen, I beg to state that I have no connection with Frank Bailey in any coal lands in this country. Spokane and Seattle papers please note. SAM'L SPENCER.

Princeton, Aug. 7.

A General Banking Business

A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamllton. 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.

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:—

Where situated—joining on R. Cramer's location.

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, and 80 chains east. back to post, in all 640 acres.

E. J. DAVIES,
S. SPENCER, Agent.

Located 28th July, 1903.

And joining on west side of E. J. Davies' location, running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, and 80 chains east, back to post, in all, 640 acres.

L. M. DAVIES,
S. SPENCER, Agent.

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NOTICE.

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Commencing at initial post on the north fork of Granite Creek and running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

J. M. HITCHINGS, Locator.

Located June 23, 1903.

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

EDWARD TINGLEY, Locator.
J. M. HITCHINGS, Agent.

Located June 23, 1903.

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

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

Located June 23, 1903.

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

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

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SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

The Population of China—The Gold Product Since Days of Columbus.

There has been so much said of what is poetically termed the "teeming millions" of China, that the official census recently published by the Imperial treasury department of China is of no little interest, since it furnishes a method of determining just how many millions of beings there are in China. It appears that the Celestial Empire contains 426,000,000 inhabitants, and that China proper, eighteen provinces, contains 407,000,000. The number of inhabitants per square kilometer averages 103. For comparison it may be stated that Germany has 105 inhabitants per square kilometer; Belgium, 220; and the United Kingdom, 130. A kilometer is about ⅝ of a mile.

The largest factory of chemicals in the world is said to be the aniline and soda establishment of Baden in Germany. The works employ 148 scientific chemists, 75 technical engineers, 305 clerks, and more than 6,000 workingmen. There are 421 buildings for factory purposes and 548 dwellings for laborers and 91 for officials. One hundred and two boilers furnish steam for 253 engines with 12,160 horse power. A network of railways having a total length of 27 miles, connects with the state railroad system.

The total gold production of the world from the discovery of America by Columbus to the year 1900 is, according to the report of the United States mint, in round numbers, $9,811,000,000. Pure gold of this value would weigh about 16,272 tons, and occupy a space equal to 27,039 cubic feet. Graphically this amount could be represented by a solid circular tower of gold 20 feet in diameter and 86 feet in height. The total yearly world production of gold since 1900 would increase the height of such tower about three feet each year.

Some one with an aptitude for statistics has been doing a little calculation on the subject of the human heart and its activities. The normal heart, it appears, beats about 75 times in a minute, so that an hour's record would be something like 4320 beats. Supposing that a man lived to be fifty, his heart would have beaten 1,892,160,000 times. If a son of this man, more robust than his father, should fill out the scriptural allotment of three score years and ten, his heart beats would number 2,649,024,000. It is easy to understand, after such a computation, why this hard-working servant of the human body so frequently wears out.

Dr. Stiles, of the marine hospital service at Washington, professes to have discovered and "cultivated" a parasitic worm which causes mosquitoes to "die of terrible pains in their stomachs."

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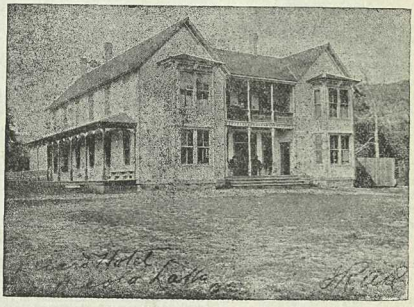

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"We are realizing about $300 a day from the operation of the five stamp mill on the Waterloo, Camp McKinney, B. C.," said Denis Clark. Mr. Clark is one of the largest stockholders in Waterloo, and it is under his vigorous supervision that the property, which has been in hard straits, has been put on its feet until it now ranks among the promising gold producers of British Columbia.

"We are taking out ore only in development," continued Mr. Clark, "and we are treating about ten tons a day. Of the values $200 a day is being saved on the plates and $100 a day is going into the concentrates.

"The development includes a raise from the 250 to the 150 foot level, and another from the 150 to the 60-foot workings. A winze which was sunk from the 150-foot workings for 50 feet showed a fine body of ore, and the raise from the lowest level is being run to connect with it.

"The property is working about 20 men, and we have sent up an assayer who will take charge of the sampling of the mine and will remain permanently.

"There is a streak of high grade ore from two to four feet wide running from $150 to $200 a ton, which extends clear through the ledge. We expect to make shipments of that crude ore as soon as we can start the stopes. In addition to this rich stuff there is six feet of good free milling ore, which will be treated on the ground.

"I have taken an interest in the Fontenoy, an adjoining property which abuts the Waterloo close to the Waterloo workings. The Waterloo vein is plainly traceable into the Fontenoy. The latter company, which is largely composed of Victoria, B.C., people, expects to start operations shortly through the Waterloo workings at the 250-foot level."—Spokesman-Review.

Wonderful Increase in Trade.

Canada's aggregate trade for the year ending June 30 last was $467,637,000, an increase of $41,750,000 over that of last year.

There was also an increase in the domestic trade of the Dominion of about $50,000,000. Canada's foreign trade in imports, entered for consumption, and of exports produced in Canada, amounted to one and a half million dollars per working day last year, whereas in 1896 it was about $730,000 per working day.

There was an increase in the export of animals and their products to the value of $18,000,000, which was equal to the entire aggregate increase during the eighteen years in which the country was under Conservative rule.

Canada's trade for the year was $81 per head, as compared with $31 per head in the United States.

The trade figures show a most marked development in the country.

Searching for Diamonds.

R. W. Brock, of the Dominion geological survey department, who with W. H. Boyd, son of the chancellor of Ontario, are now camped in the Lardeau country for the season's work, dropped a valuable suggestion while passing through Nelson the other day.

Mr. Brock says that it is at least possible that diamonds may be found in some of the formations of the Kootenays, and he insists that this is sufficiently probable to warrant prospectors first learning how to look for diamonds and then keeping an eye "open" for them whilst searching the hills. Mr. Brock's suggestion is not a new one.

Diamond fields in other countries have been found quite accidentally and the country has been long prospected before the discovery was made.—Nelson News.

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LIBERAL PLATFORM

12 Sound Planks Upon Which Liberals Will Rally for Victory.

The Liberal platform, as adopted at the Provincial Liberal Convention held at Vancouver, is as follows:

1. The immediate redistribution of the constituencies of the province on the basis of population, but allowing a smaller unit of population per seat for the outlying districts.

2. Government ownership, Dominion, provincial and municipal, of public services of utilities is sound and should be carried out in British Columbia.

3. Should it be advisable at any time to grant aid to a railway company such shall be in cash and not in land and no bonus of any kind shall be given without definite and effective means being taken to safeguard the interests of the province in the management of the road, control of the freight and passenger rates and provision made against such railway having any liability against it except for actual cost.

4. Immediate construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway, the Cariboo railway, the extension of the island railway, a railway from Alberni to a point on the east coast of the island, a road in the northern part of the province from the coast to the eastern boundary with an extension to the northern boundary, the railway from Vernon to Midway by north fork of Kettle river, with necessary branch lines, ferries and connections.

5. The enforcement of the act now in force compelling the scaling of logs by government scalers.

6. That such legislation should be enacted as will result in making the lands included in the various dyking areas available for cultivation as quickly as possible and secure prompt payments of assessments when due.

7. That the government should keep in touch with the conditions in connection with mining, protecting said industry against combines and trusts and if necessary for the purpose build and operate smelters and refineries. No reasonable change should be made in the mining laws without full notice to all parties interested, giving full opportunity for discussion and criticism.

8. As the province can only advance by the settlement within its borders of thrifty and prosperous citizens, and as Orientals never become citizens in any proper sense of the word, we declare it to be the duty of the government to discourage Oriental immigration and employment by every means within its power, and we appeal to our fellow Liberals throughout the Dominion to aid us in our efforts to protect ourselves against the ruinous competition of men having a standard of decency and comfort immensely below that of civilized people, and who shirk every duty and obligation of citizenship which the law will allow them to escape.

9. The government ought to prevent the waste and suffering caused by strikes and lockouts, and an earnest effort ought to be made to provide some means of preventing such strikes and lockouts, and we approve the adoption of compulsory arbitration.

10. The fiscal system of the province is in need of revision. Taxation should bear upon privilege rather than upon industry, and no addition should be made to the debt of the province except for public works properly chargeable to capital.

11. The retaining of the resources of the province as an asset for the benefit of the people and taking effective measures to prevent the alienation of the public domain except to actual, bona fide business or industrial purposes, putting an end to the practice of speculation in connection with the same.

12. The construction and maintenance of roads throughout the province to aid in the development of the mining and agricultural districts.

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