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HEDLEY HAPPENINGS.

A Hallowe'en Social—Organ for the Church is Installed.

Hedley City, Nov. 3.—Much complaint is made about the road between here and Princeton. Lately there have been large droves of cattle over the road which loosened boulders and made almost bottomless sloughs of the mud holes. The "Rocky Roads to Dublin" are not 'in it' with the rocky roads to Princeton.

Hallowe'en was duly celebrated by a social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joiner. An enjoyable evening was spent in musical entertainment and in the provision of toothsome sundries for the palate. A feature of the evening was an interesting debate on the Alaskan Boundary award in which Uncle Sam was badly worsted.

Richard Carew, who has been ill with typhoid fever is now convalescent.

Mr. Woodman, architect for the Daly Reduction Co., has returned from Seattle accompanied by Mrs. Woodman.

A new Doherty organ has been placed in Grace Methodist church. Competent musicians pronounce it to be a first-class instrument. Miss Whillans is organist pro tem.

The boys about town must have forgotten their old-time pranks on Hallowe'en or were on their best deportment as no puerile freaks have been reported.

George Allen has gone to Spokane on a visit to friends.

William Haynes, provincial constable of Fairview, was in town today on official business.

The Western Way.

It is typical of western life and its happy abandon from the formalities of the effete east to see ladies with baby in arms and rifle off to the hills and lakes in quest of game. Two of Princeton's married ladies, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Thomas, are accomplished equestriennes as well as deadly in aim and frequently bring in trophies of the hunt which "lordly" man would "blow" about for days.

The round-up of cattle belonging to local and Keremeos cattlemen has been finished. The average of beef cattle this year is equal to the highest of any previous year. Grazing has been of good quality and abundant. Even at this late date there is plenty of green grass on the hills.

Copper mountain lies in a southern and not westerly direction from Princeton as in error printed last week.

John Downing, nearly a year in the employ of the A. E. Howse Co. has gone to Nicola lake in the same company's service. Mr. Downing had many friends here and all wish him health and prosperity.

AURIFEROUS RIVERS

GOLD DREDGING

The Tulameen and Similkameen Give Up Treasure With Primitive Appliances.

It was placer mining which first drew the attention of goldhunters from all parts of the continent to the Similkameen. Large amounts of gold were taken from the bars on the rivers by the old hand process with rocker and grizzly. There was also hydraulicing on the benches by various companies, all more or less successful. The great cost of getting material and supplies on the ground has militated against any successful effort in recent years to extract either gold or platinum from the placers by machinery.

A slight idea of the extent of alluvial gold deposits may be had from a survey of the old workings along the rivers and creeks. Vast amounts of gold and considerable quantities of platinum were taken from these diggings by white men and Chinese. As high as $100 per day with primitive appliances were cleaned up by men who are still living here.

So far as now known this district is the only platinum producing part of British Columbia, but neither it nor gold has ever been scientifically mined here. The Chinese are about the only placer miners working the rivers and creeks. No one knows how much they are making as they "no savee" when asked as to their luck. The persistency with which they work and the occasional bag of gold dust which go to merchants indicates profitable workings.

If the Chinese with their ancient methods of gold washing can make it pay surely a modern equipped dredge with its enormous capacity would give splendid returns. The Tulameen and Similkameen rivers as well as Granite creek are, beyond doubt, rich in gold and platinum which can only be recovered by dredging.

These rivers and their tributaries offer an excellent field for investigation by scientist or skilled dredger. The government should send an expert here to examine and report on the feasibility of gold dredging. Anyone can satisfy himself of the presence of gold, platinum and large quantities of black sand who can manipulate a gold pan.

E. Boening, contractor for the large hotel at Hedley was in town Thursday to procure lumber for the building.

Kit Summers went to Greenwood with W. Richter this week taking with them a bunch of beeves.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

COUNTY COURT

Search for Lost Mine—Developing Bear Creek Properties—Lady Huntswomen.

County Court will be held at the court house, Princeton, on Monday, 11th January, 1904. Judge Leamy of Grand Forks, will preside.

John Riddle of Boulder creek was in town the early part of the week on business.

Al. Johnson left on Tuesday for the coast via Hope and will take some horses from Chilliwack with him to sell at Vancouver.

T. J. Walmsley left for Victoria on Wednesday intending to return early in the spring to be in readiness for mining and prospecting operations. This is Mr. Walmsley's first season in the Similkameen and he is so favorably impressed with Princeton and district that he will permanently locate with his family here.

Jesse Beaver, who was recently married in Spokane, arrived on last Saturday's stage.

R. C. Brooke, of Port Hammond on the Lower Fraser, was here two days recently. He is a large rancher in the Fraser valley and states that much damage was done the crops by high water and continuous rains. He came to get a sniff of Similkameen ozone and otherwise recuperate from the enervating effects of the depressing moisture at the coast.

Wm. Richter and J. Lowe of Keremeos, were in town Tuesday.

STAR office improvements interior and exterior have been in progress during the week by Contractor McFarlane assisted by Billy Clements. A large and commodious out-structure also a handy coal bin will serve to make quarters warmer for the "devil" who will in turn be able to make it hotter for certain legislators who have neglected this district.

R. Stevenson, jr., his brother John and O. Evans of Chilliwack left via Hope with a bunch of bronchos for the Vancouver horse market.

The attendance at the public school indicates a flourishing condition. During Miss Moore's term so far the number of pupils in actual attendance has been 18, of whom twelve are boys and six girls. Instruction in vocal and instrumental music is given and some scholars have evinced an aptitude in voice and taste for music that is encouraging to the teacher.

A grand ball at Keremeos on Monday evening, Nov. 9th, is sure to be well patronized by devotees of the "light fantastic."

MINING NOTES.

Mineral Gleanings From All Parts of the Similkameen.

Messrs. Stevenson, Walmsley and Gwin returned from another search for the Lost Mine. The weather was unfavorable in the higher altitudes and the snow, though light, impeded the search. Mr. Stevenson is confident of finding it and will resume explorations for it during next year.

Coal from the Vermilion Forks Co's mine in town is being freighted to Hedley for the Daly Reduction Co. by W. H. Wheeler.

Waterloo ore at Camp Mckinney runs about $26 per ton, of which $20 is saved on the plates. The mine employs 25 men and the mill is running full time. The clean-up for September amounted to $10,000.

The Dominion Copper Co. of Fairview has resumed work. The electric power plant in connection with the same will be begun as soon as the surveys are completed.

The Stemwinder mine at Fairview is working 30 men. The high grade ore lately struck is holding out in quality and quantity.

The Daly Reduction Co. at Hedley is making slow but sure progress. It is expected stamps will be dropping in about eight montns from date.

Energetic Mining Man.

C. F. Law of Vancouver who has large coal and metal interests in the Similkameen and Nicola districts is inspecting his properties with a view to greater development. He will keep a working force on the Bear creek group all winter and will also do some exploratory work on his coal holdings. Mr. Law's strenuous advocacy of a railway has not been in vain. Financial aid has been enlisted in a railway enterprise of which he is the moving spirit and which will take tangible form as soon as legislation has been acquired.

There was a row in the zoo the other day between the bob-tailed lynx and a yaller canine. In trying to separate them Tuck, the Jackson house hypnotist, got a swipe from the lynx's right on one of his left digits which started the 'claret' freely. There is little danger of blood-poisoning from the wound as some of Seagram's balm was immediately applied to the cut and a small draught taken inwardly. The lynx is growing rapidly and is putting on his best coat for winter use.

A trainload of miners left Butte this week for British Columbia. The great strike of miners there has driven these men to other mining regions.

The Spokane papers say nothing about smallpox in that city, yet it is stated that a virulent type of it is prevalent.

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CONDITION OF BUSINESS.

Prospecting and mining operations for the past six months in the Similkameen have been, on the whole, of an encouraging character. While there have been fewer prospectors in the field than formerly the ratio of mineral discoveries and of claims located has not decreased, nor have the results from mining operations been less satisfactory than in previous years. Of course there has been less money in circulation in Princeton and immediate vicinity this year than ever before in the history of this particular section, but it has not been for lack of field in which to prospect or invest. The turmoil of politics and the total absence of any government expenditure in the construction of sorely needed roads together with the uncertainty of a railroad has driven workingmen and capital into more luckily situated localities. Retrenchment and economy is the natural outcome of the business depression in Princeton. It is a lesson in the school of experience which can be used to great advantage when the boom times and the railroad arrive. Men have lost their heads in the flush of prosperity having never passed through the furnace of adversity and their financial carcases have filled the boneyards with sad warnings. Let all profit by the business reverses of today in renewed wisdom and poise of mind, tomorrow is radiant with hope and bright with promise.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Munroe doctrine and Uncle Sam's doctrine are as different as theory and practice. Munroe warned off all the powers from setting foot on any part of America; Uncle Sam takes an island or a slice of a continent when he feels hungry and none dare say him nay. Munroe is expulsive, Uncle Sam is expansive, the two combined are very repulsive to Canada. Thank Providence there is some land left in Canada after the Alaska award has been made, which will grow spuds and wheat too, and, as in Similkameen, it will produce black diamonds and yellow metal also. All that Canadians ask of Uncle Sam from this time forth is that he will cease rooting around our back yard. If he loves Miss Canada he should come in at the front door and not sneak over the back fence into the kitchen. Canada now owns up to the North Pole, including the venerable stick itself. A notice to that effect should be posted on the pole and save the necessity of another arbitrary arbitration.

That labor papers have their share of difficulties is evident from the fact that the Clarion (Socialist) and the Independent of Vancouver are appealing for money to lubricate the cogs of brain and press. Labor is neither adhesive nor cohesive hence its straggling efforts for better conditions invariably fail.

A recent amendment to the Naturalization Act is: That no one can apply for naturalization without having given notice in writing of his intention three full weeks in advance, and having his name posted in a conspicuous public place by the registrar of the court.

Sale of Lands for Unpaid Delinquent Taxes in the Princeton Assessment District, Province of British Columbia.

I hereby give notice that on MONDAY, the 7th day of December, A.D. 1903, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, I shall sell at public auction the lands hereinafter set out of the persons in said list hereinafter set out, for the delinquent taxes unpaid by said persons on the 31st day of December, 1902, and for interest, costs and expenses, including the cost of advertising said sale.

LIST ABOVE MENTIONED.

Name of person Assessed.	Short Description of Property.	Column No. 1. Delinquent Taxes. Taxes.	Interest at date of sale	Column No. 2.	Column No 3.
		$100.62	$11.30	Statutory Costs and Expenses.	Total.
		270.00	30.38		
Keith, J. Stevenson, Robert	74, G1	$100.62	$11.39	$2.00	$113.92
	299.300, G1	270.00	30.38	2.00	302.38

HUGH HUNTER, Assessor Princeton assessment Division, Princeton, B.C.
Princeton, Nov. 1st, 1903.

NOTICE.

Arlington, Canadian Belle, Canadian Boy Fraction, mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain, east of Wolf creek.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Richard Seeman free miner's certificate No. B7477, 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 21st day of August, A.D. 1903.

N. F. TOWNSEND.

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 Rodwell, free miner's certificate No. B9660, 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.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a railway and telegraph and telephone lines over the following route: Commencing at a point at or near Spence's bridge, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, thence in a south-easterly direction to Nicola, thence to Aspen Grove, thence southerly to Otter Flat, thence southeasterly by way of Granite creek and Princeton following generally the course of the Similkameen river, to a point at or near the International Boundary, either at Osoyoos lake or Midway, with power to construct a branch from Princeton to Copper Mountain.

Vancouver, Oct. 17, 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 (situate, lying and being about fifty chains south from the Tulameen river and on east bank of Cedar creek, in Similkameen division of Yale district) marked N.W. corner A. S. Jackson's coal claim,

And running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, to place of commencement.

A. S. JACKSON, Locator.

Dated Otter Flat, Oct. 4th, 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.

"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. B7028 and Sydney R. Almond, free miner's certificate No. B7447, 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.

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.

Morning Star and Blue Bell mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Summit camp.

Take notice that Alexander D. Ross, free miner's certificate No. B72016, intends, 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 Certificate of Improvements,

Dated this 26th day of September, A.D. 1903.

ALEX. D. ROSS.

NOTICE.

Huckleberry mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Tulameen creek.

Take notice that Alexander D. Ross, free miner's certificate No. B72016, intends, 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.

ALEX. D. ROSS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days from date I will make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 100 acres, more or less, of mountain land, described as follows: Commencing at a post marked V.F.M. & D. Co., S.W. corner, thence due east to the west bank of the Similkameen river, thence along west bank of Similkameen river in a northerly direction to the mouth of Whipsaw creek to the intersection of the east line of Lot 148 with south bank of Whipsaw creek, thence due south along east line of Lot 148 to S.E. corner of Lot 148, thence 20 chains due south to point of commencement.

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E. WATERMAN,
Agent.

Dated Princeton, Oct. 27, 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 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. PARE, Locator.

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, 82 chains east, 80 chains north, to point of starting, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

W. C. 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 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.

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. B7044 acting for myself and John McLean, free miner's certificate No. B61810, 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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Thos. Parr, P.L.S., is surveying coal claims on the east side of the Similkameen.

Luke Gibson has removed to the Tillman saw mill camp.

Joe Wigmore, who is "second base" and professional setter at Tillman's mill, is having a breathing spell from his arduous labors. He reports the mill as running two shifts in 24 hours and cutting over 20,000 feet daily. He says there are a lot of Princeton "old boys" at the mill and they are all making money and saving it for the boom in Princeton next spring.

Neil McCallum of Grand Forks was married at Toronto on Oct. 31st to Miss Sarah Wray.

J. Budd is collecting a band of horses for the coast market and will leave next week to dispose of them.

The Family Herald and Weekl Star of Montreal, a supposedly independent paper politically and circulating widely in this province opposes the Grand Trunk Pacific railway vehemently and nearly all other legislation of Liberal origin. Its readers should not be led astray by its cloak of independency for it is really a strong party paper as its clubbing offers with Conservative newspapers plainly show.

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.

A sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at Princeton on Monday, January 11th, 1904, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

By Order,
HUGH HUNTER,
Registrar County Court.

Princeton, Nov. 7, 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 an initial post planted at the N.W. corner of J. H. Jackson's coal claim (L 239) thence west 70 chains, thence north 60 chains, thence east 70 chains, thence south 60 chains to the place of commencement, containing 400 acres more or less.

S. A. PARR, Locator.
T. H. PARR, Agent.

Dated Princeton, 25th Oct. 1 03.

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.

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FEATHERED SONGSTERS.

Song Birds Coming from England—Means to Protect Them.

The meeting of the Natural History Society of Victoria last week was largely taken up with a discussion concerning the importation of song birds from England. These are expected to reach Victoria this week. It has been arranged to keep the birds during the winter in the aviaries at Beacon Hill park, Victoria, and at Vancouver. In the spring these will be liberated in various parts of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

The Natural History Society is considering the means to be adopted to better protect the birds. Efforts will be made to overcome the destruction from the use of air guns, sling shots and other methods employed by boys. A committee was appointed to take the question fully into consideration with the object of bringing about better means for the protection of these imported songsters.

The Family Friend—I suppose the baby is the sunshine of your home? Mama—Sometimes. Frequently he is the storm center.

Mr. Kidder—Ah, how-der-do, Doc. If you have a few minutes to spare I wish you would come over to my house and chloroform my boy. Dr. Price—What is the matter with the lad? Mr. Kidder—Oh, his mother wants to comb his hair.

Pore Ole Dad.

Ye kin sca'ce pick up a paper
An' its "poet's corner" greet,
'Cept ye'll see er pirty poem
'Bout the mother, saintly sweet;
But ye'll have a time a-searchin'—
Eyes will be er achin' bad
Ere ye'll overtake er poem
At this time for pore ole dad!

No, it isn't wilful in 'em—
Them that write of mother dear—
That thar's never notice taken
Of her old man settin' near.
No, it's never meant to slight him,
But hit looks a little sad—
All the bouquets made for mother,
Not a bloom for pore ole dad!

True, our mother watched above us
Till her dear ole eyes wud ache,
But ole dad he humped to feed us
Till his back would nearly break,
Mother crooned above the cradle,
Gave devotion, all she had;
Still, that wasn't any circus
At this time for pore ole dad!

Do not take one line from mother
When ye write the soul-sweet song,
But if there's a word for father
Now and then, it won't be wrong.
Pore ole soul! He's bent and wrinkled,
An' I know 'twould make him glad
If, while you are praising mother,
Somethin's said for pore ole dad!

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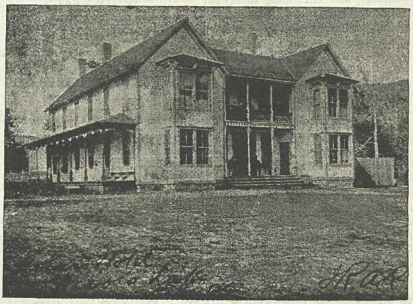

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MINING NOTES.

St. Paul people headed by F. G. Robertson, a capitalist of some prominence, are negotiating for the well known Bull river iron properties in East Kootenay. These claims belong to Cranbrook people, were discovered several years ago and are known to be of considerable value. They carry specular hematite of a high grade, are easily worked and accessible to the railway.

Mining news from all parts of the province continue to be of the most encouraging nature. In the Similkameen there has never been a more hopeful outlook owing to the proximity of actual railway construction.

The usual placer lay-over notice has been given by Gold Commissioner Tunstall: Cariboo from Nov. 1st to June 1st, 1904; Kamloops, Ashcroft and Similkameen from Nov. 1st to May 1st, 1904.

A second payment of $5,000, making $8,000 in all, the balance, $7,000, being due in a short time, has been received by Jack Farrell who bonded the Jack Pot in the Boundary a few weeks ago.

Crow's Nest Pass shares are a gilt-edged speculation. $400 per share is the price. Just as good coal investments right here in the Similkameen and Nicola districts.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co's collieries amounted to 63,191 tons of coal, a decrease of about 10,000 tons from last month. Coke, 17,350 tons.

Over 100 men are now employed by the International Coal and Coke Co., and over 100 tons of screened coal is being produced daily.

The number of miners at the Oro Denoro is to be increasrd at once and the ore output correspondingly.

Just as Greenwood is the mining center of the Boundary so is Princeton the center for North Similkameen.

John A. Manly of Grand Forks has bonded the Pathfinder mine in Summit camp at $100,000.

The Klondike output for 1903 will be over $10,000,000. Last year it was $11,500,000.

Copper has advanced in foreign markets. In New York it is firm at $13.12½.

The Granby mines now employ 350 men.

Lead is now quoted at $4.50 in New York.

Nickel in East Kootenay.

Frank Meen and Jack Donovan, two East Kootenay prospectors, came into Cranbrook last week with samples of rock that show a high percentage of nickel, and experts who have seen the specimens believe that nickel in workable quantities has been discovered. The claims are located at the head of Skookumchuck creek, in the Fort Steele country. The samples are of iron sulphides, carrying considerable values in gold as well as the nickel, and carrying high percentages in iron. The ore was discovered several years ago, but owing to the remoteness of the district did not receive much attention at the time. Since then roads and trails have been built, and the country opened up, so that the discoverers thought the properties were worth prospecting, and the discovery of nickel is the consequence. An unusually large body of iron ore has been opened up and the ledge, if the nickel values stay, is undoubtedly a workable proposition.

This is the first time that nickel has been discovered in commercial quantities in British Columbia. In some of the properties around Slocan City there was found some nickel, but it was always in small percentages. In many other places a trace has been discovered but nothing that paid to save.

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. B77121, 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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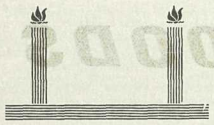

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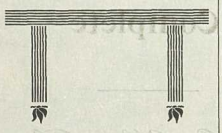

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