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MINING ASSOCIATION.

The second meeting of the Princeton branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held Wednesday evening, April 22nd, with President H. Webb in the chair.

The principal matters up for discussion were the drafting of bylaws for the governing of the local association, and the proposal of the government to rai e the tax on crown granted mineral claims.

While no resolutions were passed for forwarding to the executive, the majority present were of the opinion that it would be a benefit to the country, in case the tax was raised, for the government to lower the amount of work to be done in order to hold a crown granted claim from $200 to $100.

Some thought the change would be beneficial and should be advocated, whether the tax was changed or allowed to remain as at present.

The stoppage of work that usually follows the crown granting of a claim under the present law was felt to be detrimental to the camp in which the property was situated, as the claim generally ceased to attract attention after development work was stopped.

The question of a future place of meeting was gone into, and the secretary instructed to write the Department of Lands and Works to see if by any possibility the government building might be used.

After deciding to meet again on Wednesday evening, April 30th, the meeting adjourned.

RAILROAD WORK BEGINS.

The work of grading on the Washington and Great Northern branch from Curlew to Midway has begun, and will continue steadily until the line and branches are completed to every mine in the Greenwood and Phoenix districts, says the Republic News. The spurs to the Granby smelter will also be rushed to completion.

It is reported on excellent authority that no satisfactory grade has been found for the line between Midway and the Okanagan, where the engineers have been at work for the past year. To avoid heavy grades it has been ascertained that it will be necessary to make long detours and loops on each side of the summit between the Okanagan and Kettle rivers.

The line surveyed through from Republic to the West Fork and Bonaparte Creek, which is followed to the Okanagan on a water level, with no switchbacks, loops or heavy climbing, is said to be actually no longer, between Curlew and the Okanagan River than the circuitous route via Anarchist Mountain. The lighter work along the West Fork route is in its favor, but the main consideration with Mr. Hill in the location of his line to the coast in the grade. The West Fork route would also open the richer mineral, timber and fruit growing belts.

Members of the engineering corps, high in authority and competent to know, have said that the West Fork route would be built in the near future.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The B. C. Legislative Assembly would hardly be living up to its reputation if it failed to furnish us with a few surprises every session. These usually come in the form of exhibitions of political gymnastics, the commonest feat being to jump from the opposition to the government side of the house by the pulling of certain strings in the hands of members on the treasury benches. The swallowing, holus bolus of a policy unpopular with the electors and contrary to the platform on which he was elected, is another favorite performance of the B. C. political acrobat.

The present session is no exception to the general run.

Again we see the wonderful swallowing feat and the automaton-like movements of certain members in response to the pulling of the proper wires.

Houston of Nelson, Neill of Alberni, Gilmour of Vancouver, and E. C. Smith of East Kootenay, are the principal performers at the present legislative vaudeville.

They must be held responsible for the perpetuation of one of the most shamelessly corrupt governments that has existed in the history of the Province. It is a heavy load to bear.

HEDLEY NEWS.

M. K. Rogers has started a camp near the flume to save the men walking to Hedley for their meals. About ten men are now employed building the flume. W. A. McLean has charge of the work.

The men employed on the stamp mill are getting timbers on the stone foundations, and part of the frame work has been erected. Lumber is being hauled from Tillman's mill for the flume and stamp mill.

J. A. Schubert is building a warehouse to hold his surplus stock.

Max Wilson has the contract for painting L. W. Shatford's big store and Dr. Roll's drug store.

Dan Johnson, well known to old residents of the Nelson district, arrived in Hedley by the last stage.

Neil Huston is fitting up his block for hotel purposes and has recently applied for a license. The new house will be known as the Commercial Hotel. W. J Lawrence is taking charge of the dining room.

The Townsite Co. have men at work cribbing up Twenty Mile Creek, so as to confine the stream to its main channel.

To celebrate the completion of the addition to the Hotel Hedley, the proprietor, D. G. Hackney, is giving a dance.

McDermott & Nelson, owners of the Grand Union Hotel, are contemplating building an addition to their popular hostlery.

A determined effort is being made by the Hedley Townsite Co. to rid the camp of Chinese.

FAIRVIEW LIBERALS.

The Liberal Association of Fairview, through its secretary, Wm. Love, is communicating with other Liberal associations in the Similkameen riding with a view to forming a district association, the object being to prepare for a party line fight at the next election of members for the local legislature. The convention called for this purpose would also consider the selection of a suitable candidate to contest the riding in the party's interest.

As there is no Liberal Association at Princeton, it will not be possible at present to have this place represented in the district association in case such an organization is formed.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Messrs. Whitwell and Bryant came in from the Boundary on Sunday last. Mr. Whitwell has taken a position at the Hotel Tulameen, and will become a permanent resident of the town.

E. Sterz, manager for the Imperial Brewing Co., Ltd., of Kamloops, B. C., came in late last week from Penticton on business.

Allan Curtis, a brother of Smith Curtis, M. P. P., of Rossland, came in Monday on the stage, and intends spending the season in this section.

Road Supt. Stevenson, who came in on Sunday last from Nicola, had the remains of the old pier underneath the Tulameen bridge removed during his visit here.

W. F. Revely, W. J. Lawrence and Neil Huston, were up from Hedley on Thursday.

Judge Spinks, of Vernon, failed to put in an appearance on the 23rd inst., and county court had to be postponed. The date at which it will be held will be announced later.

A. E. Howse of Nicola Lake, has gone to Victoria to attend the executive meeting of the Provincial Mining Association. Mr. Howse feels that he can ill afford the loss of time and money that such a trip entails, but having been selected as the executive representative of such a large and important mining section, he is impelled by a sense of duty and loyalty to the district to make the necessary sacrifices. Those engaged in the mining industry in this section will appreciate Mr. Howse's action in representing them at this important gathering.

Miss Minnie Haegerman spent last week in town as the guest of Mrs. B. Thomas.

E. F. Voigt of Copper Mountain, recorded the work on 35 claims in Voigt camp this week.

O. Marstrand of the Vancouver Breweries, Ltd., came in on Sunday last from Penticton. Mr. Marstrand is showing samples of an excellent roofing felt being manufactured now in Vancouver by his son, T. Marstrand.

F. P. Cook, of Granite Creek, was in town Thursday.

James D'Arcy left on Tuesday for Hedley.

A party of distinguished officials of the Great Northern Railway Co. have been visiting the Boundary country. The party included Louis W. Hill. President of the Spokane Falls & Northern and son of President James J. Hill. Their visit is thought to augur increased activity in the building of the Coast-Kootenay.

The Princeton branch of the Provincial Mining Association has arranged to hold its meetings in the school house until word can be received from the Department of Lands and Works regarding the using of the Government building.

The mail service via Penticton starts next week.

HOW VERY EASY

it is to spend small sums of money when you have a large amount about you. How much safer and better it would be to keep your spare money in the bank. Bank of Hamilton, Kamloops, is at your service.

WEATHER REPORT.

Princeton meteorological readings for week ending Apr 22, 1903:

		Maximum Thermometer	Minimum Thermometer
Thursday,	Apr. 16	58	21
Friday,	" 17	54	27
Saturday,	" 18	57	26
Sunday,	" 19	59	26
Monday,	" 20	57	25
Tuesday,	" 21	61	33
Wednesday,	" 22	58	32
	Mean	57.71	27.14

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SPENCE'S BRIDGE TO PRINCETON.

The agitation to induce the Dominion Government to construct a telephone line from Spence's Bridge on the C. P. R. to this place, in which Mr. Stuart Henderson, of Ashcroft, has been so active, is a movement of vast importance to this section, and also to the large number of settlers along the route of the proposed line.

At present we have a splendid district, destined at no distant time to attract great attention in the western mining world and even now containing a considerable population, engaged for the most part in mining and ranching.

No portion of British Columbia today, that is not enjoying transportation facilities, is attracting so much attention as this section, and the interest of outsiders is amply justified by the strongest evidences of potential wealth in the coal, mineral and agricultural resources we possess.

One of the worst drawbacks under which we now labor is our very imperfect and slow means of communication with the outside world, and no effort should be spared to enlighten the government as to our condition in this respect, and thus induce it to construct the line as speedily as possible.

The telephone line between Nicola and Kamloops has been of immense advantage to that section, and has also been a paying proposition.

With connections at Nicola the new line would greatly increase the earnings of the Nicola-Kamloops line, and should also pay well on its own account.

It is to be hoped therefore, that Mr. Henderson's efforts, supported as they have been by most of the residents between here and Spence's Bridge, will prevail in securing for us this much desired boon. Certain it is that no public work in B. C. at present is more worthy the Government's attention.

COLUMBIA-WESTERN GRANT.

John Oliver, the Farmer Orator from the Delta, is giving the Provincial Government a warm time over the attempt made last session to give the C. P. R. 900,000 acres of land, known as the Columbia & Western land grant.

He accuses the government of trying to deceive both the Lieut.-Governor and the legislature, by bringing in a bill allowing the C. P. R. to choose its lands in southeast Kootenay, which it appears is contrary to the terms of the act by which the original grant was made, wherein it was stipulated that the land should be contiguous to the line of railway.

Rich discoveries of coal and petroleum were made in southeast Kootenay before the C. P. R. had selected its lands, and with its usual haste to gobble everything in sight that might prove valuable, the big corporation prevailed on its legislative tools to substitute the coal and oil lands for those of less value along its line of railway.

Mr. Oliver is moving for the appointment of a committee to make a full investigation of the matter.

CHURCH NOTICE.

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

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:—

Situated on Nine Mile Creek, and joining on west line of Goodall's location, commencing at post

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

JACK LANG.
S. SPENCER, Agent.

Located April 18, 1903.

Joining on west line Mitchell's and on south line Lang's locations, commencing at post,

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres.

M. K. FRENCH.

Located April 18, 1903. m-16

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 at the head of Bromley Creek, about six miles southwest of Princeton in the Yale Division of Yale District, British Columbia, commencing at a post

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

Located this 12th day of April, 1903.

m-9 JAS. HISLOP, P. L. S.

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:—

Situated on the southeast branch of Cedar Creek.

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

J. AMBERTY.

April 1, 1903. m-2

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:—

Situated on the southeast branch of Cedar Creek.

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

DONALD MACPHAIL,
DUNCAN MACPHAIL, Agt.

April 1, 1903. m-2

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:—

Situated on the southeast branch of Cedar Creek.

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

CHAS. DE BARRO.
J. AMBERTY, Agent.

April 1, 1903. m-2

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 land:—

Situate on the southeast branch of Cedar Creek,

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

DUNCAN MACPHAIL.

April 1, 1903. m-2

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:—

South of the Nicola River near Lindlay Creek, commencing at a post marked J. M. Murray's northeast corner.

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

J. M. MURRAY.
W. G. MURRAY, Agent.

Feb. 28, 1903. m-2

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:—

South of the Nicola River near Lindlay Creek, commencing at a post marked J. F. McD. Murray's southeast corner.

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.

J. F. McD. MURRAY.
W. G. MURRAY, Agent.

Feb. 28, 1903. m-2

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Situate south of Nicola River near Lindlay Creek, commencing at a post marked D. J. Starwalt's northwest corner.

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

D. J. STARWALT.
W. G. MURRAY, Agent.

Feb. 28, 1903. m-2

Notice of Forfeiture.

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

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

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

MICHAEL FOY.
JNO. PATTERSON.

my-2

Improvement Certificates.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B96486, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

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

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B96486, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

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

NOTICE.

Vancouver, Home Rule and Jubilee No. 2 Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B96486, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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

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

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, J. E. Bate, Free Miner's Certificate No. B98851, agent for The Portland Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. B63355, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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

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

a-25 J. E. BATE, Agent.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

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

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

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

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

IN THE SUPREME COURT Of British Columbia.

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

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

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

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

BODWELL & DUFF,
m-9 Solicitors for Applicant.

Kootenay Coal Lands.

Speaking at Rossland a short time ago, Smith Curtis, making reference to the action of the Provincial Mining Association in regard to the reserve on lands in southeast Kootenay, expressed himself strongly against its continuance. He said :

"The convention supported unanimously a resolution urging the government to resist the claim of the C. P. R. to the lands in southeast Kootenay known to be rich in coal and petroleum and which have been under reserve since 1890, and also to throw these lands open to prospectors on equitable terms, reserving reasonable supervision over the coal and oil.

"Whether the government will act on this it is hard to say, but if it does not it will be severely reprobated. It appears, although it was categorically denied in the House last session, that crown grants for about half a million acres were issued to the C. P. R. as part of the land grant to the Columbia & Western Railway, which runs from Rossland to Midway. The subsidy act requires that the lands shall be contiguous to the railway, but the government endeavored to grant lands nearly 200 miles away, so that the grant was a fraud on the act. How the Lieut.-Governor, with this act before him, could sign the crown grants, is a mystery to me. It seems to me his clear duty was not only to have refused but to have instantly dismissed Ministers who would ask him to do so outrageous a thing in defiance of the subsidy act and deed away the very richest portion of British Columbia.

"I am sure that for the rights the C. P. R. obtains under these crown grants $5,000,000 could be got from American capitalists. This giving of our best assets away to the railways easily explains why the mining and other industries have to be taxed to death and deficits yawn. Had these reserved lands been opened to prospectors and farmers six years ago royalties on coal and oil and other taxes therefrom would give a yearly revenue of $500,000 now, and a much larger one in future years."

A SLAP AT DUNSMUIR.

Hawthornthwaite Introduces Bill Amending Trade Union Act.

Notice has been given by J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Nanaimo, of his intention to introduce a bill to amend the Trades Union Act by providing that any interference with the right of men to join unions be declared a breach of the law.

This is a direct blow at Dunsmuir and has been provoked by the latter's attitude towards the coal miners and their relation to the Western Federation of Miners. In attempting to prevent his employees joining the federation under pain of a long continued closing of the mines, Dunsmuir is assuredly guilty of intimidating just so much as are strikers should they use threats to dissuade men from scabbing.

It is doubtful whether the bill will reach its third reading, for the government is still under the ex-premier's thumb and they will not let their followers be stampeded in favor of what is a slap at the coal owner whose will they are willing to work.

Uncivilized Civilization.

"As I understand it," said the heathen, "you propose to civilize me."

"Exactly so."

"You mean to get me out of habits of idleness and teach me to work ?"

"That is the idea."

"And then lead me to simplify my methods and invent things to make my work lighter ?"

"Yes."

"And next I will become ambitious to get rich, so that I may retire and won't have to work at all ?"

"Naturally."

"Well, what's the use of taking such a roundabout way of getting just where I started ? I don't have to work now."

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The Ape's "Higher" Education.

It was at the debating society, and the discussion had entered the learned region of evolution.

"Yes," said the Professor, "there is no reason why the ape should not at length become man's equal in intellect."

"He is now," interrupted Waggles.

"Oh, no; certainly not as yet," said the Professor, with an air of superiority, "admit that the ape can walk on his hind legs, can even converse in a language of his own, according to one observer, but man's intellectual equal—no, not yet."

"You forget one thing," persisted Waggles.

"And what is that, pray?"

"You forget that the ape is educated in the higher branches."

And then Waggles reached for his hat.

Not An Easy Task.

A new military prison chaplain was recently appointed in a certain town in Scotland. He was a man who greatly magnified his office. On entering one of the cells on his first round of inspection he, with much pomposity, thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it:

"Well, sir, do you know who I am?"

"No, nor I dinna care," was the nonchalant reply.

"Weel, I'm your new chaplain."

"Oh, ye are. Well, I hae heard o' ye before."

"And what did you hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity.

"Weel, I heard that the last twa kirks ye were in ye preached them baith empty, but I'll be hanged if ye'll find it such an easy matter to do the same wi' this ane."

A Comma Meant Much.

At a meeting of the Women's Editorial Association in Topeka, Kan., one of the toasts was: "Woman—without her, man is a brute." The Salina, Kan., Sun reported the toast thus: "Woman—without her man, is a brute!"—Toronto Star.

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