

# SIMILKAMEEN



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## THE BOARD OF TRADE

### DOCTOR WANTED

Similkameen's Necessities —

J. J. Hill's Reciprocity Remarks Find Favor.

At the meeting of the board of trade on Tuesday night there were present the President, C. E. Thomas; secretary, E. Waterman; treasurer, A. Bell, and Messrs. Hunter, Lyall, Summers, Jackson, French, Asp and Wright. The minutes being adopted a communication was read from a lady residing at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., stating that she had observed a letter endorsed by the board of trade and written by C. E. Thomas in the Toronto Globe, and inquiring as to the climate and also the opportunities for establishing a business here. The secretary was instructed to reply as fully as possible; also to write the deputy minister of agriculture at Ottawa re experimental horse breeding station in the Similkameen.

The usual weekly letter for publication abroad and in the local paper was submitted by E. Waterman and heartily commended by the board.

The requirements of the Similkameen district in the matter of roads and trails to mining camps and ranching districts was discussed and the proposition made that at the next meeting a categorical list of all public works necessary for this section should be considered and presented to the government before the estimates for the present year were passed by the legislative assembly.

Consideration of a proposal to invite a doctor to become resident of Princeton was concluded by correspondence being invited from medical men in regard to the vacancy here and its supply, applications to be made to the secretary of the board. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the B.C. Medical Association regarding the matter.

A motion re smelter site and negotiations with certain companies for the establishment of a smelter in the vicinity of Princeton was laid on the table for one week.

In view of recent utterances of President Hill of the Great Northern regarding reciprocity between the United States and Canada it was deemed advisable to give the resolution regarding reciprocity introduced at last meeting a two weeks' hoist in order that communication might be had with President Hill on the subject of reciprocity and proffering earnest cooperation and support in his efforts to secure that desirable end.

The board adjourned till Thursday, January 21st, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. J. H. Bromley is recovering from a recent attack of bronchitis.

## BENEFITS IN STORE

### FOR PRINCETON

"Everything Comes to Him Who Waits"—An Encouraging Letter.

EDITOR STAR—Sir: Now that news of a reliable nature is to hand that the construction of the long looked for Coast to Kootenay railway will be commenced this spring it may be in order to recount some of the benefits we are to enjoy with its advent. Since 1894 an increasing band of prospectors and others becoming impressed with the immense possibilities of the Similkameen district with its vast extent of coal and other mineral resources, have located themselves at the junction of the Similkameen and Tulemen rivers on the beautiful townsite of Princeton, there to steadily develop their various claims and interests and to await under favorable conditions just such railroad construction as is now so close at hand and the speedy influx of capital which is sure to follow.

The immense outcrop of coal on the townsite of Princeton excites the wonder and admiration of all those who visit it. This seam is one of the largest known to exist anywhere and produces a quality of steam and domestic coal unexcelled in Canada. Of the quality and extent of the Similkameen coal measures the writer is in a position to speak authoritatively, he having conducted a great deal of the boring and exploiting done in the district.

With the coming railroad will also come capital to develop the famous gold-copper ores of Copper mountain which will necessitate the construction of roads, tramways, smelters and possibly reduction works, utilizing in the majority of cases the magnificent water power of the Similkameen river and tributaries. Lumbering will become an industry of no little importance, there being a large quantity of valuable timber in the district which will be needed in the construction scheme which is now before us. Use will be made of the deposits of excellent fire clay for the manufacture of fire brick, and other clay deposits of the neighborhood are admirably suited to the manufacture of pottery and building brick. With the development of the few resources touched upon an immense influx of labor, both skilled and otherwise, may be looked for, which will cause great activity in the building line and will enable the ranchers to find a ready market for their produce at good prices, rewarding them and all the rest of us for our years of enterprise and patient effort to make the Similkameen the pride of the province.

Yours truly,  
E. BARR HALL.

Princeton, Jan. 4, 1904.

## CAPITAL WILL COME

### RAILROAD FIRST

Professional Opinion Flattering as to Mineral Resources of Similkameen.

The STAR was favored with an interview last week with G. E. Baker, mining lawyer, of Portland, Ore., who was commissioned to come here in the interests of a mining company. To become proficient in his profession Mr. Baker has made a special study of mineralogy and mining and is therefore, an authority on those important subjects.

"What are your impressions of this district Mr. Baker?"

"By having transportation facilities the Princeton district will rank among the best in mineral product."

"Have you faith in the mineral resources of the Similkameen as to quantity and value?"

"The ore is to be found in large quantity with the most favorable conditions for mining and, for the large ore bodies, may be considered high grade."

"Do you know of any capital waiting for investment here?"

"You will find no difficulty in obtaining capital when it is demonstrated that the investment will be given an opportunity to produce."

"What do you think of the possibilities of this district?"

"The district, particularly around Princeton, cannot be excelled, considering coal, ore and water power."

"How do you like the situation of Princeton?"

"Princeton is located in the right place if its inhabitants will faithfully and honestly work together and for the interest of the community at large. Both rivers give splendid opportunities for incoming or outgoing railways."

"Are the coal measures here likely to be of value when transportation is afforded?"

Quality of coal has a great deal to do with its output. It has been demonstrated that the dip is towards a great depth and the size of the veins discovered are exceedingly large. Considering these two favorable conditions I look forward to splendid results in coal lands."

"When the railway is built to Princeton do you predict a quick rise in all values here or do you think some other place will be the center?"

"Princeton is both the logical and natural center as the rivers, roads, trails and complete mineral belt indicates; it is the best known site and if proper attention is given it will be the terminus for several branch railroads in the near future. Considering the opportunities for tonnage I am surprised the district has been so sadly overlooked. Anybody with the slightest observation must be aware of neglected conditions—ask and ye shall receive."

## LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

### PERSONAL NOTES

No County Court—Farm Sold at Good Price—Early Day Cold in Cariboo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick of Hedley were in town Monday and were the guests of Mrs. Allison.

C. Barber and J. E. Coulter have gone to Keremeos to work for Al. Johnson in the Bullock-Webster sawmill.

Ronald Hewat and brother, Angus, have gone to Hedley where they have engaged with Frank Bailey in a large wood contract.

Wm. Lowe and Hans Richter have been rounding up some fat cattle on the hills which is proof enough of a fine climate and good grass.

F. P. Cook was in town Monday to attend county court but learned on arrival that there was none, no notice of postponement having been given. Other litigants had a similar unpleasant experience.

Subscribers to the STAR who are in arrears are respectfully, yet urgently requested to pay up. A number have been reading this paper for the past two or three years without paying anything for it. Kindly remit.

The transfer of the F. H. Oelrich ranch to Percy Rowlands was completed Wednesday, the consideration being \$3,000 spot cash for 320 acres. The price is considered reasonable and almost certain of a great advance within a year.

Billy Green, self styled "Cock o' the North," was in town a few days this week exchanging the compliments of the season with tillicums and talking war, politics and reciprocity. He is a free trader of the Bright and Cobden school but believes in protection so far as it will keep Chinamen out of the country. Mr. Green left for his country seat yesterday after being delayed a couple of days in a young "blizzard." Gus Spearing will be his guest for a few days.

Sitting around the fire in friendly circle the other evening, Robert Stevenson, who has had more hairbreadth experiences as a fearless frontiersman than any man now living in B.C., told of having met with a cold wave in the early days in Cariboo. He was camped in a black pine cabin when in the night the thermometer fell to 100 below zero inside the cabin and 60 below outside. He says black pine draws the cold and he ate breakfast next morning clothed with two pairs of mitts and four pairs of pants. In spite of his threescore-five years Mr. Stevenson is as fresh 'as a daisy,' his moustache curls just as it did when first he had a sweetheart some forty years ago. He hasn't got an enemy in this or any other world. Today he is driving a tunnel in the Jubilee on Copper mountain and will be worth a million when the railway comes.

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## THE RAILWAY.

Readers of the daily papers will have noticed some strangely inconsistent freaks in the telegraphic reports emanating from eastern cities regarding the proposed railway from the coast to Kootenay. One day it was published that President Hill's engineers had found a route with easy grades through the Hope mountains and on the following day certain railway organs in this province gave it an unqualified denial. This imposition upon the reading public is both exasperating and very tiresome. Little wonder that some people are skeptical as to a railway being ever built into the Similkameen. But, when one considers the conflicting interests of two mighty railway corporations the cause of all these falsifying reports is readily accounted for. The fact that British Columbia has been considered a preserve of the Canadian Pacific rather stimulates its open and covert hostility to a proposition that will certainly cut off a large and profitable territory from a field that might have been all its own but for the dog-in-the-manger policy it has so unfortunately adopted. Pampered with enormous gifts of cash and land from the people of this Dominion and given such sweet-meats and confections as freedom from taxation, foreshore rights and townsites without number, it has indeed become the spoilt child of Canada and the terror of many. Its already distended corporation seems never to be full for it is ever asking for another loaf and all the crumbs. When President Hill makes an announcement it is almost sure to be contradicted; give the denial no heed.

That there are easy grades and an eminently feasible route via

Hope mountains prominent engineers have given unchallenged data in published reports, officially and also in private conversation. Following are some quotations: "To make connection with the Boundary country and the coast there now lacks the link between Midway and the mouth of the Fraser river and to make this connection there are at least four feasible routes through the Hope mountains, viz: Via Allison Pass, Skagit Pass, Coquihalla Pass and Railway Pass. \* \* \* In regard to cost of construction these different routes figure out within a few hundred dollars of each other and average about \$35,000 per mile, fully equipped for traffic." —Frank Moberly, C.E." That is certainly plain and emphatic enough to satisfy any "doubting Thomas" as to the feasibility of route. Now, as to those "easy" grades and which certain newspapers have been only too ready to publish telegrams denying their existence, the following will suffice from a gentleman who is willing to stake his reputation as an engineer and who avows the absolute reliability and correctness of his figures the statement is made that "from Princeton to Tulameen summit in the Hope mountains a uniform grade of 1.25 per cent. can be obtained, and from Tulameen summit to Hope, an easy grade of 2.25 per cent., which is the maximum, can be found." On other mountain railroads the grades are often double those quoted.

Having thus disposed of the oft-repeated and now exploded assertion made by certain railway "tools" and a defunct government that a route was impracticable, the grades being too heavy, it is only a step in logical progression to point out the cause of obstruction by these ultra-patriotic and hidebound defenders of the home road as opposed to the foreign road. They say that native enterprise should be encouraged and fostered rather than the American and that the resources of the country do not warrant a competitive railroad system. Of the latter, President Hill is the best judge on the continent in regard to remunerative resources for his road to draw from, and as to the patriotic bugaboo it is worked in politics and in business by the grafters, the truly loyal man will welcome anything of general benefit to the country and will not question its source. The Hill system has now got its terminus at Vancouver after a long and hard-fought battle with the Canadian Pacific and the city too. It is to be earnestly hoped that the end of injunctions has been reached and that those legislators who promised to assist railway construction into the Similkameen will rigidly adhere to the fulfilment of those election

pledges. If Hill does not build this year it is up to the government to begin with as little delay as possible and build the Coast-Kootenay road.

## 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 marked Jos. Graham's N.W. corner, adjoining W. McDonald's S.E. corner,

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres. JOS. GRAHAM, Locator, Nicola, Dec. 8, 1903.

## NOTICE.

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Commencing at a post marked L. Quinville's N.E. corner and adjoining W. N. Murray's N.W. corner,

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres. L. QUINVILLE, Locator, JOS. GRAHAM, Agent, Nicola, Dec. 11, 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 post on the east and adjoining Jos. Graham's coal location;

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

H. W. ELLIOTT, Locator, JOS. GRAHAM, Agent, Nicola, Dec. 8, 1903.

## NOTICE.

Queen Alexandria and Marquis of Lorne mineral claims, situated 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. B79660, 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 certificate of improvements.

Dated this 21st day of November, 1903.

FRANCESCO FERA.

## NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, Sydne R. Almond, acting as agent for the other owner and myself; i.e., John A. Cairns, free miner's certificate No. B79661, and James S. Ross, free miner's certificate No. B79662 and Sydne R. Almond, free miner's certificate No. B74427, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

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 October, 1903.

S. R. ALMOND.

## NOTICE.

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

Take notice that Alexander D. Ross, free miner's certificate No. B77121, 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, 1903.

ALEX. D. ROSS.

## NOTICE.

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

Take notice that Alexander D. Ross, free miner's certificate No. B79616, 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, 1903.

ALEX. D. ROSS.

## NOTICE.

Canadian Belle Canadian Boy Fractional mineral claim, situated in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain, east of Wolf creek.

Take notice that J. N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Richard Seaman, free miner's certificate No. B79777, 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 21st day of August, 1903.

N. F. TOWNSEND.

## 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 3 miles south of Princeton, com-

ingence at the south-west corner of J. M. Wright's coal claim,

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to point of commen-

cement, containing 640 acres.

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

Located Dec. 4, 1903.

## NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

To GEORGE H. SPROULE or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in Mount Temple mineral claim, situate on Rabbit Mountain on the Tulameen river and about one and one-half miles from the first flats in the Yale mining district in the province of British Columbia.

You are hereby notified that I have expended \$214.00 in labour and improvements upon the above named 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, being \$107.00, the same will be now due and payable, together with all costs of collection, and in case of default in payment of the same, the same will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

Commingec at a post marked Jos. Graham's N.W. corner, adjoining W. McDonald's S.E. corner,

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facilities and proper mine development) sell for more than \$5, can now be had for a few cents.

Anyone interested in the ores of Copper mountain can find a report on the same by O. N. Scott of the Kingston school of mines in the Canadian Mining Review of July, 1902.

With the great variety of ores to be had and the abundance of good coking coal in the Nicola and Similkameen districts, the latter will in the near future be one of the largest, if not the largest, copper-gold producer in America, and I predict that two of the largest inland towns in British Columbia will be located in the Similkameen and Nicola valleys.

The trade of this district can be secured to Vancouver by the building of the Coast-Kootenay railway. When the powers that be see fit to build this road the smelter question will be easily settled. Keep your eye on the Similkameen.

Yours truly,

JULIUS BERGMAN.

RAILWAY JOTTINGS.

A letter has been received at Vancouver from George A. Begy of St. Catharines, Ont., vice-president of the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal and Railway Co., stating that all the capital stock had been underwritten and 10 per cent. paid up. Security to the extent of \$5,000 has been deposited with the provincial government as an earnest that work will be started before October next. If it does not the company will lose the cash put up. The company has made a proposal to the administration that the province guarantee the bonds of the railway for 20 years. In consideration of this being done the company will pay the government a share of the gross earnings of the road. Mr. Begy states that the company feel that the business to be done in the Nicola valley alone is so large that the construction of the line would not cost the province a dollar.

The Great Northern has at last reached Vancouver over its own line. The opening of the New Year saw the running of the first train over the line just completed from New Westminster to that city. The Great Northern promised to have the line completed by Jan. 15, but it was a fortnight ahead. The road connects at New Westminster with the branch to Cloverdale and Port Guichon on the Fraser, which in turn has connections with Victoria and Seattle by strictly Great Northern services. The Hill lines are now absolutely independent of all others in reaching Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, the three chief coast cities of British Columbia. Hill had been working slowly but surely towards this end for a decade and now he has carried out plans conceived a long while back. All that now waits finishing is the provincial bridge over the Fraser at New Westminster. Until that happens in the spring car ferries must be used across the river. It has been given out on high authority that the branch just opened between New Westminster is the first link in a line to the north by means of which the Hill system will get connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. If the Klondike then offers sufficient inducements the cross country road will be carried to the Yukon and there will be an American system stretching from New York, through St. Paul and Spokane to the United States possession of Alaska.

It is claimed that a line to the north would tap a country not alone valuable for its lumber and minerals, but possessing arable land sufficient to provide for a large number of settlers.

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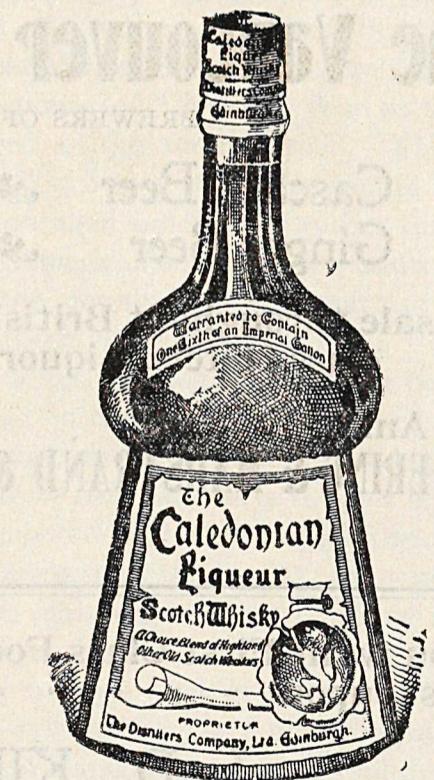
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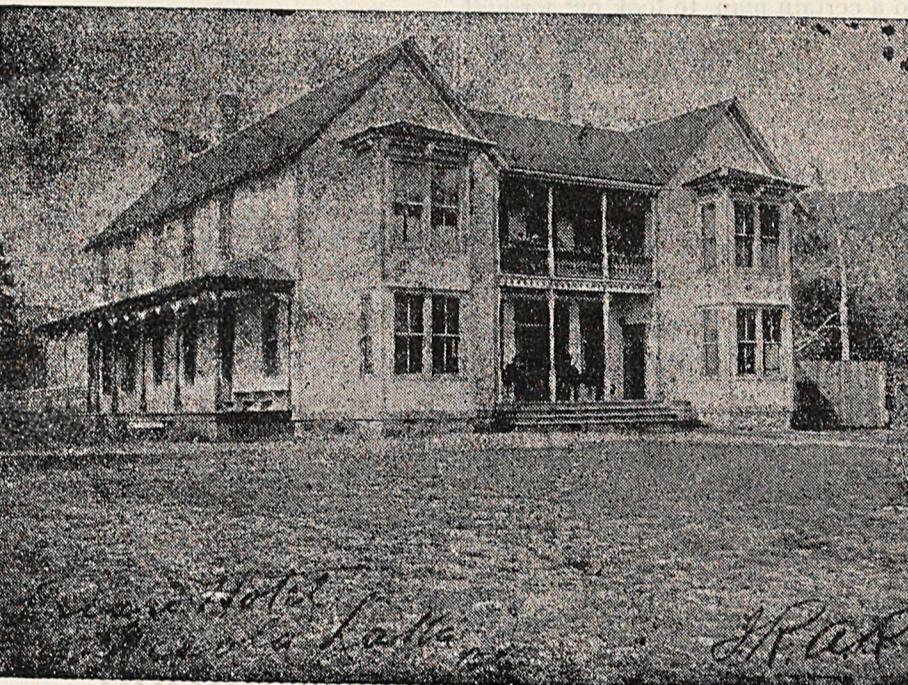
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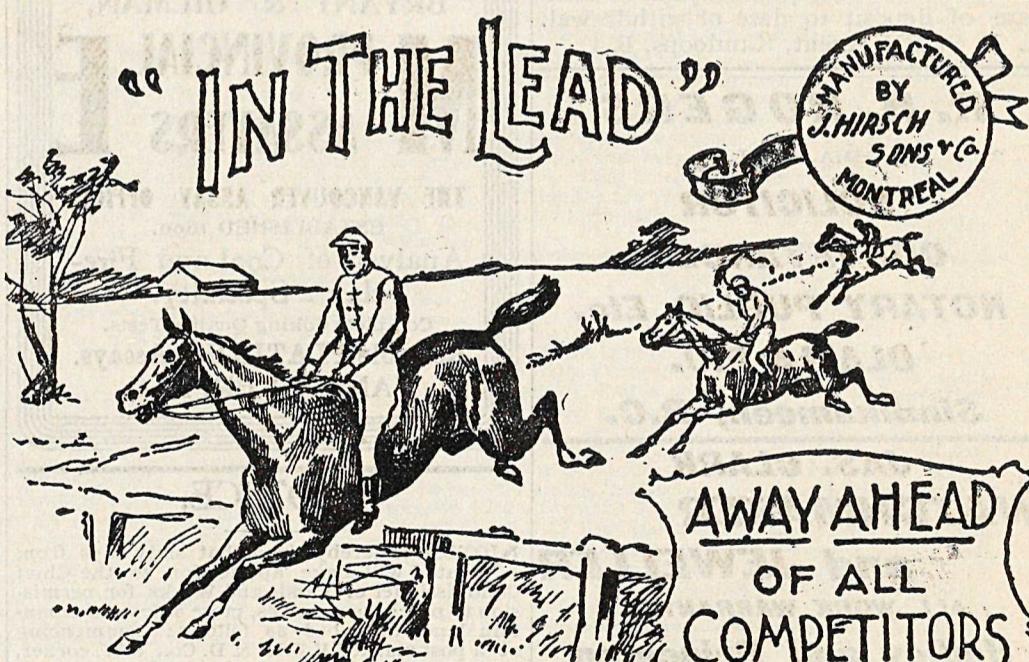


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THE SIMILKAMEEN STAR

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## Local Road Superintendent.

EDITOR STAR—Sir: Judge Murphy's suggestion re road superintendent for the Similkameen district at a recent meeting of the board of trade was very commendable. A superintendent of roads for the Similkameen should be appointed at once so that the avenues of travel may be put in good condition by the time the hop picking season begins at Lytton.

It is difficult for the present road superintendent to give this section the attention it merits; the great extent of the roads under his supervision; the difficulty in getting the desired help during the hunting and berry picking seasons; the distance (180 miles) to travel from Lytton to the southeastern boundary of his district, and the easier modes of travel along the railroad—all tend to influence a demand on the part of this young and rising district for better roads and a more equal distribution of government funds.

The road between Hedley and Princeton has, and still remains in an almost impassable condition, despite the fact that Hedley receives all its coal and hay from this point and vicinity. Teamsters are put to a great inconvenience in passing on the graded portions of the road.

We certainly should have a resident road supervisor with a reasonable salary who will be influenced only by the resources of the district and who will not permit the game season to interfere with the employment of labor for the needed repairs.

Hoping the Princeton board of trade may continue along the lines of progress and prosperity for the entire Similkameen, I am, yours &c.,

A TAXPAYER.

Princeton, Dec. 28, 1903.

## Watch the Similkameen.

The following letter appeared in a recent issue of the Vancouver World and will be of interest to STAR readers, chiefly, for the comparative statement of values it contains:

Editor World—Sir: In your issue of December 12, I read your article entitled "Similkameen should have smelter," in which you say a Butte or Anaconda can be built at Copper mountain, at Kennedy mountain, at Anarchist mountain, at Aspen Grove, at Otter Flat or at almost any one of half a dozen other embryonic mining camps in that country. Now, I am not acquainted with all the districts referred to but in regard to Copper mountain it will some day be a bigger copper producer than Butte, Montana. At present this district is dormant for want of a railway. I wish I could say something that would help to wake up Vancouver to a sense of the possibilities of the Similkameen district. Let me tell your readers something about the Sunset mine on Copper mountain. I will first compare it with the Mother Lode near Greenwood and the Granby mines at Phoenix.

The ore from the Mother Lode mine as given by Paul Johnson, late manager of the smelter, contains 2.5 per cent. copper gold \$2 and silver 29 cents per ton. The Granby ores, according to Dr. Ledoux, contain 1.7 per cent. copper, gold \$1.80 and silver 33 cents per ton. The Sunset ore will go 3.8 per cent. copper and \$1 in gold per ton. With copper at 12 cents per pound the gross value of the Mother Lode ores would be \$8.29 per ton, the Granby ores \$6.21 and the Sunset ores \$10.12. The ore body on the Sunset is over 300 feet wide with favorable indications of permanency at depth. There is a shaft down 190 feet with crosscuts 80 feet, all in ore. To show how dead Copper mountain is at present owing to lack of transportation, I may say that Sunset shares which will some day (with railway

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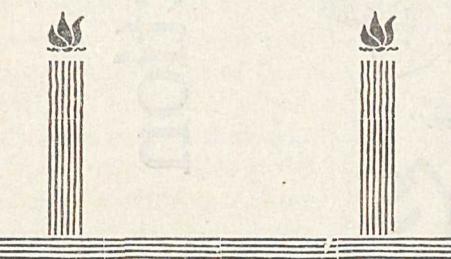
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