

SIMILKAMEEN



Adversity Willingly Undergone is the Greatest Virtue.

The Similkameen and Nicola Districts Contain Unequalled Wealth-Producing Mineral Resources Which Have Been Retarded in Their Development by Rival Railway Interests and Supine Governments, But the Dawn Which Follows the Darkest Hour is at Hand.

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PRINCETON, B.C., SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1904.

\$2 a Year, in Advance.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

LETTERS OF INQUIRY

Fire Protection and Appointment of Fire Wardens in Town—Mineral Exhibit Proposed.

At the board of trade meeting on Thursday evening there were present Messrs. Willerson, French, Lyall, Stevenson, Ross, Thomas, Cowan, Jackson, Groves and Wright. In the absence of Secretary Waterman, J. M. Wright was appointed pro tem.

Communications were received from Hamilton and Pembroke, Ont., parties requesting information as to investments, maps, &c., and from L. W. Shatford, M. L.A., through president, explanatory of question previously referred to him, which was deemed satisfactory by the board, details of which are reserved from publication for the present.

The attention of the board was directed to the inadequacy of proper fire protection upon which a general discussion ensued. The consensus of opinion was in favor of procuring hooks, ladders and buckets for present service, to be followed later on by a small hand engine if the citizens deem it well. The appointment of fire wardens was brought up and the statutory meeting for their selection was left to the government agent, whose duty it is to convene. The duties of the wardens will consist mainly of enforcing the legal requirements of fire protection to life and property.

A resolution embodying certain changes in the route of the proposed telephone line so as to include Fairview and the Junction house, near Okanagan Falls, thence to Penticton, was carried and the secretary instructed to forward to Ottawa for W. A. Galliher, M.P., to present to the government.

Notice of motion to form a bureau of information was introduced and read a first time.

The question of sending mineral exhibits to the St. Louis Exposition was debated, the members resolving themselves into a committee of the whole and individually to do something for the purpose of thus making known the mineral wealth of the Similkameen.

On motion Charles Willerson was appointed to provide a letter for the board two weeks hence. The board adjourned sine die.

The president of the Vancouver board of trade in his annual report says: "In the Similkameen and Nicola sections not a great deal of progress has been made, these sections being badly handicapped by lack of railway communication. It is to be regretted that another year is to go by without anything being done to assist those engaged in exploiting these rich districts."

RAILWAYS PROSPER

LARGE PROFITS

Large Net Increase in Returns Also Greater Mileage of Road—Electric Railways Increase.

By a report just issued from the Dominion government the gross earnings of Canadian steam railways for the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$96,064,527, an increase of \$12,398,024 over the year previous. The net earnings totalled \$28,583,093, or \$2,260,092 more. There were 22,148,742 passengers carried by steam railways or 1,468,768 more than in the previous year. There were 47,373,417 tons of freight carried, being a gain of 4,996,890 tons. The total mileage on July 1 was 19,077, of which 18,714 were in operation. There were 209 miles built during the year.

Gross earnings of electric railways amounted to \$7,223,677, a gain of \$737,239 over the year previous. The net earnings aggregated \$2,760,819, as compared with \$2,683,583. The passengers carried by electric railways totalled 155,662,812, a gain of 17,981,410. There were 371,286 tons of freight carried, an increase of 105,104. The mileage on July 1 last was 729, showing that 201 miles were constructed during the year.

Robins have again come from their southerly homes to charm and cheer with chirp and warble after an absence of about four months.

The A. E. Howse Co. are fitting up the Harris block for business and new goods are now on the way to replace those destroyed by fire.

The Dominion house of commons opened on Thursday, 10th inst. The life of this parliament does not expire until next year and it is not improbable that still another session may be held.

George Aldous, in offering heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in the saving of his property from the Tulameen fire, states that everything possible was done to stop the flames and everybody worked up to their limits.

John Charles McIntosh, of Victoria, formerly of Princeton, was recently married to Miss Eva Bond Thoburn, niece of Senator Templeman.

The total insurance on property destroyed in last week's fire was \$6,000. This is much less insurance than was at first estimated and makes the loss of the sufferers all the more keen. Until the underwriter affirms the loss the exact amount cannot be known. It seems that the high rate of insurance has prevented persons from insuring anything like value.

OUTPUT OF THE MINE

CANADA'S MINERALS

Source of Great Wealth to the Country—Granby Smelter Will Again Increase Its Capacity.

Members of the Canadian Mining Institution in session in Toronto were presented with an advance copy of the summary of the mineral output for Canada last year, prepared by E. D. Ingall of the geological survey. The total metallic production is placed at \$33,707,403; structural material and clay products \$8,017,045; all other non-metallic, \$21,202,062; estimated value of products not returned, \$300,000; grand total for 1903, \$63,226,510.

A paper on Rossland ore by E. B. Kirby, manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, shows that the production of that district up to January, 1904, was 1,620,540 tons, worth \$26,000,000.

It is reported that the Hendryx process of treating ores in Republic camp is a decided success.

The Granby smelter at Grand Forks will shortly increase its plant capacity from 2,100 tons to 4,800 tons daily, which means the steady employment of between three and four hundred more men.

The mineral productions of the province of British Columbia for the year 1903 are valued at \$19,200,000, of which amount the Boundary, including Kootenay, produced \$11,932,000.

The lead mines of British Columbia up to the end of January earned \$95,000 of bounty money. There are 88 properties on the list, the largest claimant for the bounty being the Highland, of Ainsworth, which will get \$18,000 for its share, followed by the North Star, Rambler-Cariboo, Payne, Slocan Star and the Ruth.

Five hundred pounds of ore have been forwarded from Kamloops to Ottawa to form a Kamloops exhibit at the St. Louis exhibition which opens in May next. [What is the Similkameen district doing in the matter of an ore exhibit?]

Rossland's ore tonnage for last week totalled 9,466 tons.

The Camborne Miner says: "We do not think there is a town of our size and age in B.C. that can boast of a monthly pay roll of over \$8,000 and has as much work in progress in its immediate vicinity as Camborne. In addition to miners employed there are a lot of lumbermen employed."

Pitchblende, in which radium is found, is of a grayish, brownish or velvet-black color and occurs in veins with ores of lead and silver. The present market value of radium is \$8,000,000 per pound.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

COAST-KOOTENAY

Hamilton Man Desires to Invest in Copper Proposition—Ashnola Brewery Collapsed.

Gordon Murdoch expects to remove to his ranch this spring thus enabling him to apply more attention to farming. He has made about \$800 worth of improvements on his farm besides making a road at his own expense which cost \$250.

A. D. Ross of Granite Creek has been in town and vicinity for the past ten days spending some leisure hours with his many tillicums.

McLean Bros. have completed the survey of their Coast-Kootenay road between Vancouver and Westminster, and between Westminster and Chilliwack. They are confident of a bonus from the Dominion government at the next session. They also believe that the provincial government will stand by them and they in return express a determination to stay with it.

Geo. Wardle of Hedley was in town Wednesday looking over the ruins of the recent disastrous fire and otherwise keeping in touch with his old, familiar stamping ground.

Driver McLean of the Welby line reports all kinds of roads between here and Penticton, there being a foot of snow the first 20 miles, followed by mud and dust alternately the remaining 50 miles.

A correspondent writing from Hamilton, Ont., says: "Myself with a number of others are much interested in the Similkameen's future. Could you inform me if there are any Sunset shares for sale, or any other good copper mine shares and where to apply for information. Also, are there any maps of the Similkameen valley, if so, how would it be possible to get one?"

Luke Gibson left Wednesday morning with a hoisting engine and boiler sold to J. E. Bate by the A. E. Howse Co., Ltd, which he will use at his mine at Aspen Grove.

The roof of the Ashnola brewery has caved in owing to the great weight of snow which had accumulated during the winter. Luckily no employees were in the building at the time of the collapse, indeed, as this brewery doesn't brew it has no need of employees. But Ashnola will yet loom up with all the industries that usually make towns and cities, because the mineral is in proximity and agriculture is capable of great expansion as the well-tilled farm of Angus Lamont would seem to demonstrate.

Tenders are invited for the delivery of telephone poles along the route of the proposed telephone line between Penticton and Vernon.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The second annual convention of the Provincial Mining Association has gone on record as being most successful and interesting in every respect. No extraneous matters were introduced to mar the object of convening; not a jarring note was sounded nor friction felt throughout. Politics and social questions were strictly tabooed, notwithstanding the predictions of some morbid minds that the Association would develop into a political machine or become the tool of capitalists. If labor has not been as strongly represented numerically as it should have been it is labor's own fault. The Association may now be said to have crossed the Rubicon of its existence and to be fairly set out on the crusade that gave it birth. It is manned and equipped for offensive and defensive work and cannot fail to prove a power "behind the throne" on all mining matters requiring legislative treatment. Freed from all taint of political animus the deliberations of such an influential body of men must be profitable to all and no man can afford to withhold his support of either membership or contribution. Princeton, by reason of its importance as a mining centre, must have a representative on the executive as well as have delegates to the general meeting, and no doubt would have done so ere this but for the overtowering interest in railway construction into the Similkameen.

A smelter at Hedley would be a great convenience as well as a decided benefit to the country at large, but the question of procuring a site seems to be a bone of contention that threatens to drive the smelter into the ever outstretched arms of Uncle Sam. It seems strange that a question of such vital importance to the country should be capable of a narrow and selfish interpretation so as to cripple, hamper or endanger the mining industry in the Similkameen. One would think the proper authorities would be able to decide off-hand who were entitled to the reserve and smelter site and at once proceed to allocate it. But the interminable maze of political pull and influence is allowed to

overshadow the general good for the sake of a few flies on the wheels of progress. If there be competitive and well sustained claims to the same property the matter of adjudication is open to many methods of settlement. It is now up to the government to terminate the trouble or be held guilty of neglect.

The fire which occasioned the loss of a large amount of property last week in this town affords some precautionary hints that may well be taken advantage of. As everyone knows the natural enemy of fire is water, without which no fire can be controlled or confined while there is fuel for it to feed upon. Fire in its incipient stages may be held at bay or even extinguished by chemical agencies, but water is so much cheaper, convenient and less destructive of goods that its superiority is most obvious. Water in abundance and convenient withal in towns like Princeton can only be obtained from deep wells. It is well, therefore, that an unflinching supply of water should be the first consideration, followed by the installation of powerful pumps and hose sufficient to reach to any part of adjacent buildings. Fixed ladders on the roofs and sides of buildings with a platform on the apex of them for water barrels and foothold are necessary. Until Princeton is large enough to afford a paid fire brigade the best substitute would be a volunteer brigade with small hand engine and hook and ladders. With these fire fighting appliances the rates of insurance would be lessened and personal losses diminished. Last week's fire is a serious loss to the owners of both properties destroyed and a notable loss to the town of Princeton.

The Nickle Plate people at Hedley have transferred their banking account from Vernon to Seattle to obviate the payment of a tax on bank deposits. There is no law to prevent others from doing likewise and Uncle Sam is sure to welcome all hard cash customers from B.C. The government talks about an "all Canadian" railway route in the exuberance of its patriotism, and straightway imposes a tax that drives money out of the country.

Notice in the B.C. Gazette of the 25th Feb. to the effect that all overdue payments in respect of pre-emptions must be paid by the 15th day of April next or the records and agreements concerning such lands will be cancelled. This is a most drastic procedure but it shows the extremity of a resourceless government. In any case, at least a half year's notice should be given.

PRINCETON BOARD OF TRADE—Rooms centrally located. Membership solicited.
C. E. THOMAS, President. E. WATERMAN, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Tune Bug mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, free miner's certificate No. B7204, acting for self and Sydney M. Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B47751, and Claud M. Snowden, free miner's certificate No. B6363, 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 11th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Homestake mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Sydney M. Johnson free miner's certificate No. B47751 and Herbert R. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. B72318, 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 11th day of February, 1904.

NOTICE.

Copperania mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Thomas Henderson, free miner's certificate No. B7193, Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate No. B72318, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. B72317, intend 60 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 11th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Nubian fractional mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate, B72318, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate, B72317, 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 11th day of February, A.D. 1904.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the matter of Charles Johnson, deceased, and in the matter of the "Intestate Estates Act."

Pursuant to an order made herein, tenders, addressed to the Administrator in care of the undersigned, will be received up to the SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 1904, for the purchase of the pre-emption claim of the above deceased, situate in the Nicola division of Yale district, and described as being situated on the north side of the Tulameen river, about four miles west of Princeton, B.C. and formerly occupied by Charles Johnson.
Tenders shall state (1) the amount offered for the pre-emption before Crown grant, (2) the amount offered for the same after Crown grant. It is required that the party or parties whose tender may be accepted shall execute an agreement for the purchase of the lands and shall upon the execution thereof pay to the administrator thirty per cent of the purchase moneys or as the Court may direct.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Further particulars may be obtained upon application to the undersigned.
Dated the 18th of January, 1904.
L. P. ECKSTEIN, Morrison block, Grand Forks, B.C., Solicitor for Charles B. Peterson, the Administrator, Grand Forks, B.C.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles Johnson, deceased, late of Tulameen river, near Princeton, Farmer.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Charles Johnson, who died on or about the 15th day of January, 1902, are required to present the same to the undersigned Administrator or his solicitor, full particulars of their respective claims.
And further take notice that after such date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice and that the said Administrator will not be liable to any person of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution.
Dated the 18th of January, 1904.
CHARLES B. PETERSON, Administrator.
L. P. Eckstein, Grand Forks, B.C., solicitor for said Administrator.

NOTICE.

Ingersoll Belle mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate No. B6374, Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, Edward Brown, free miner's certificate No. B72318, and Smith Curtis, free miner's certificate No. B72317, 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 11th day of February, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Magnetic mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for Hannibal L. Jones, free miner's certificate No. B6374, and Arthur B. Clabon, free miner's certificate No. B75545, 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 11th day of February, 1904.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

TO ANTONIO SCARPELLI and any person to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Victoria and Two Brothers mineral claims situate at 16-Mile Creek in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district.
You are hereby required to take notice that I have expended for re-ordering certificates of work done on the above claims for the years ending June 10, 1901 and June 10, 1902, the sum of Ten Dollars being an expenditure necessary to enable me to hold said claims and you are hereby required to contribute your share or proportion of such expenditure, namely, three dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents, together with all cost of advertising. If you fail or refuse to contribute such amount, including printing, within ninety days from date of first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, your interest will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.
Dated this 12th day of December, 1903.
FRANCESCO FERA.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LAND BY TENDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that under instructions, sealed tenders endorsed "Tender for Lot 2465, Osoyoos," will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, next, for the purchase of Lot 2465, Group I, Osoyoos Division of Yale District, lying west of and adjoining the townsite of Similkameen City, and containing 100 acres by admeasurement.
Every tender must be accompanied by cash or marked cheques equal to 20 per cent of the amount tendered. This deposit will be forfeited in case the balance of the purchase money is not paid within sixty days of the notification of the acceptance of a tender, and returned if the tender is not accepted.
The highest of any tender not necessarily accepted.
L. NORRIS, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Vernon, B.C., January 20th, 1904.

STRAY MARE.

CAME TO MY PLACE over a year ago, one and a half sorrel mare, branded BX on left shoulder. Owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take away within thirty days, otherwise will be sold to pay expenses.
AUG. CARLSON.
Princeton, Feb. 27, 1904.

STRAY HORSE.

CAME TO GRANITE CREEK, one gray horse branded half circle A on left shoulder. Owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take away within thirty days, otherwise will be sold to pay expenses.
W. H. HOLMES.
Granite Creek, Feb. 27, 1904.

STRAY HORSES.

CAME TO MY PLACE last April, two head of horses—one sorrel chestnut, bald faced horse branded T on right hip—also one bald faced, bay horse branded P on left hip, P4 on left shoulder and JS on right shoulder. If not claimed in thirty days will be sold to pay expenses.
JOE MARCEL.
Olatia, Feb. 20, 1904.

F. W. GROVES, A. R. COLL., SC. D.,

Civil and Mining Engineer
PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR.
UNDERGROUND SURVEYS.
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Liberals in Council.

The second annual meeting of the Interior District Liberal Council will be held in Rossland on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1904, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. Each Liberal association is entitled to send three delegates. In case any association shall be represented by only two delegates, it may give one proxy in writing to one of these delegates, but no proxies shall be allowed unless two elected delegates are present.

Miss Fitz-Jones (to Smithers, who has claimed first dance)—You're quite an early bird, Mr. Smithers! Smithers (making an attempt at something gallant)—Ah, yes, by jove, and I've caught the worm, too!

"I notice that the young widow Prettyman doesn't have her widow's weeds so much in evidence now." "No, she's clearing those weeds away. I believe she sees signs of a second crop of orange blossoms."

A Scotch minister was one day talking to one of his flock, who ventured the opinion that ministers ought to be better paid. "I am glad to hear you say that," said the minister. "I am pleased that you think so much of the clergy. And so you think we should have bigger stipends?" "Aye," said the old man. "Ye see, we'd get a better class 'o men."

Mrs. Stone—What is the difference between an investment and a speculation, dear? Mr. Stone—If you lose it's a speculation.

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THANKS.

SINCERE THANKS are extended to all those who so earnestly labored to save the property of the A. E. Howse Co., Ltd. from fire, and for whose efforts the loss would have been very much greater.

Yours gratefully,
The A. E. HOWSE CO., Ltd.,
per W. C. LYALL.

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 A. Hickling's N.W. corner, placed on left bank of Similkameen river, about 4 1/2 miles south of Princeton. And running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.
A. HICKLING, Locator,
E. WATERMAN, Agent.
Dated March 9, 1904.

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Court of Revision and Appeal—North Yale.

NOTICE is hereby given that Courts of Revision and Appeal for North Yale under the "Assessment Act, 1903," will be held at
THE COURT HOUSE, KAMLOOPS, B.C., on Tuesday, March 22, 1904, at 11 a.m.
THE COURT HOUSE, NICOLA LAKE, B.C., on Monday, March 28, 1904, at 11 a.m.
THE COURT HOUSE, PRINCETON, B.C., on Wednesday, March 30, 1904, at 2 p.m.
Dated at Kamloops, B.C., this 16th day of February, 1904.
ALEC, D. MACINTYRE,
Judge of said Court.

R. H. ROGERS
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LIBERALS ARE ECONOMICAL.

Postal Surplus Under Management of Sir William Mulock.

The annual report of the postmaster-general for the period ending June 30 last, was issued the other day. The net revenue of the post-office department from all sources, excluding the Yukon and Atlin districts, shows an excess over the previous year of \$478,000 and the total gross revenue exceeded that of 1902 by \$523,349. There was an increase in the expenditure during the year of \$87,842.

The total revenue of the department was \$4,266,127, leaving a surplus of \$395,268. If the expenditure of the Yukon and Atlin districts is included, there will still be a surplus of \$231,728. This exceeds all past records.

There were only two years in the history of the department when a surplus was shown. In 1902 there was a small surplus of 5,109 and last year the surplus was about half a million dollars. When Sir William Mulock took charge of the department in 1896 there was a deficit of \$781,152. This was reduced to \$47,000 in 1898. The loss of revenue in 1899 and subsequent years was caused by the reduction in the Imperial letter rate from five to two cents, and the reduction in the domestic letter rate, and from Canada to the United States. In 1902 the revenue had grown until it was larger than in 1897.

The number of letters posted in Canada during the year was 235,791,000; increase of 22,163,000 over the previous year. There were 26,646,000 postcards, 5,470,000 registered letters, and 8,152,000 free letters posted during the past year.

In Ontario there were 116,460,000; in Quebec, 50,820,000; in Nova Scotia, 16,820,000; in New Brunswick, 11,210,000; in Prince Edward Island, 2,240,000; in British Columbia, 4,551,000, and in Manitoba and the Territories 23,690,000 letters mailed during the year, making in all 235,791,000.

The stamp issue of the year shows a large increase. It amounted to \$5,305,452, an increase of \$643,098 over 1902. In postal notes there was an increase of \$343,624 in the amount of money transmitted. There was an increase in all other branches and the savings bank business steadily increased.

"MADE IN CANADA."

Exhibition of Canadian Made Goods at Victoria in May.

The Kings' Daughters of Victoria, B.C., are making elaborate preparations to hold a "Made in Canada" Exhibition in that city in the month of May next. The exhibition will be conducted on similar lines to that managed by the Hamilton chapter of Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, and held in their city last September. The Victoria chapter writes, stating that the Canadian west suffers from the slaughter of cheap and trashy United States goods in that market, and that the Canadian manufacturers are not known as they ought to be in that part of our own country. An endeavor will be made to present to the people of the west a valuable object lesson in the resources and industrial development of Canada, and to increase the growth of a strong national sentiment in this mining province. No doubt many of the manufacturers of Canada will take advantage of this opportunity, and we wish the chapter every success in its endeavors.

"If you had \$1,000,000 what would you do?" "I don't know that I'd do anything," answered Mr. Ardinc. "I'd probably wake up and find it wasn't so."

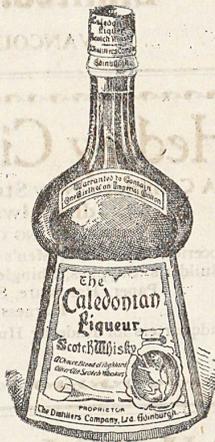
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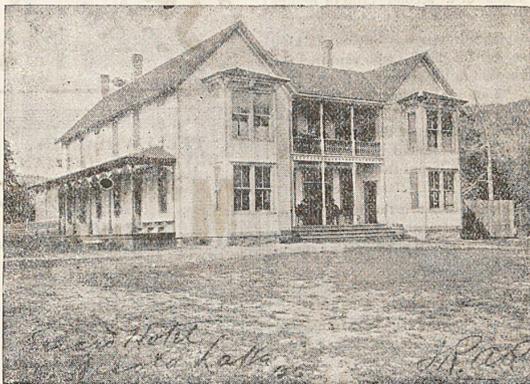
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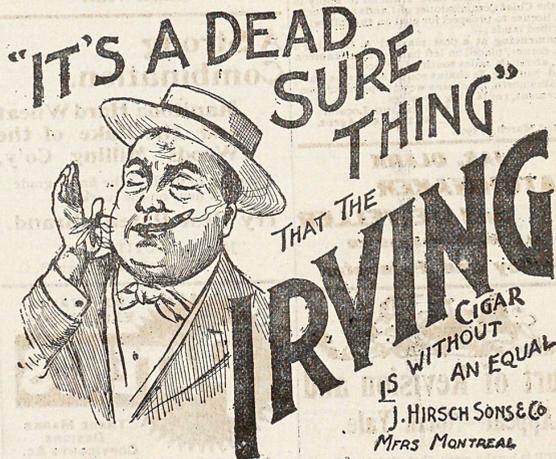
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BOUNDARY MINING.

Shows Vast Possibilities and Resources of the Country.

The mining industry of the Boundary has long since passed the experimental period of its existence and affords a most convincing illustration of what may be accomplished with low grade ores when well directed capital and persevering energy go hand in hand. What may one expect of the Similkameen with ores that far outclass those of the Boundary when the same facilities of treatment are afforded? Then the Similkameen is, geographically, more favorably situated for shipping its coal, iron, copper and lead, being a hundred miles nearer seacoast than the Boundary. The following from the Vancouver World will be interesting to all who have watched the progress of mining in the last few years in the Boundary:

The several mines contributing to the shipping list sent out the following amounts of ore respectively a fortnight ago: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 12,600 tons; Mother Lode to Greenwood smelter, 3,870 tons; Emma mine to Granby smelter, 99 tons; Oro Denoro, to Granby smelter, 891; Senator to Granby smelter, 264 tons; Athelstan Jackpot, to Granby smelter, 132 tons; total tonnage for the week, 17,856 tons; total for the year, 135,437 tons. The Granby smelter treated 13,762 tons of ore, making a total of 104,657 tons for the year to date.

There are upwards of 1200 men employed in the mines and smelters of the Boundary, including those directly employed in ore carrying from the mine to the smelters. The amount distributed in money in the Boundary each month for wages of these men is estimated to be upwards of \$130,000, or nearly \$1,600,000 annually. Inasmuch as a number of properties are not now working that are expected to be operated this spring it is safe to say that in a short time wages will be distributed at the rate of \$2,000,000 annually. Following are the figures on which the above estimate is based: Granby mines, 375 men, \$37,500 monthly wages; Athelstan, 25 men, \$2,500; Mother Lode, 100 men, \$10,000; Emma, 35 men, \$3,500; Oro Denoro, 30 men, \$3,000; Providence, 35 men, \$3,500; Elkhorn, 14 men, \$1,400; Senator, 14 men, \$1,400; Miscellaneous smaller properties, 50 men, \$5,000; Granby smelter, 225 men, \$22,500; Mother Lode smelter, 150 men, \$15,000; train crews, 150 men, \$25,000—total, 1,203 men, \$130,000.

The number of men employed at the mines varies to some extent continually, and sometimes more than the number here given are employed at the different mines and smelters. All miners in the Boundary receive \$3.50 per day of eight hours underground or 10 hours above ground, while muckers receive \$3 for the corresponding time. The railway train crews work long hours and receive extra for all overtime, making the checks of some of them run up into comfortable figures.

"Will you forgive me?" The young and beautiful girl buried her face in her hands. "Alas!" she muttered, "when I told you last night that I loved you, and when I allowed you to press your attentions upon me, I fear that I was not conscientious enough. The truth is that the beauty of the night, and the influence of the full moon—all the surroundings—had such a sentimental influence upon me as to make me lose myself. Will you forgive me? The man she addressed, overcome by the sad truth, was for a time too much moved to answer. But, stifling his emotion, at last, by a supreme effort, he murmured, "And is there no hope? Can nothing be done?" "Nothing," she sobbed. "Nothing—except to wait for another night like that."

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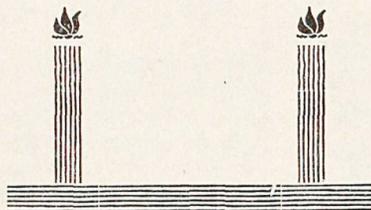
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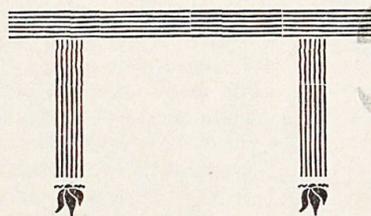
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