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### Mining Paragraphs.

Copper is steadily advancing and now stands at a little above 14 cents.

Prof. Brock of the Dominion geological survey, has been examining the Snowshoe mine at Phoenix in behalf of merger interests which include the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star mines at Rossland.

The Dominion Copper Co. is shipping ore from the Brooklyn and Stemwinder dumps to the Trail smelter in coal and box cars there being a scarcity of ore cars.

Manager Pemberton of the Montreal & Boston Consolidated, has given oaders to at once install the new air compressor at the Brooklyn mine, which has been on the ground for over two years, but was not erected before the property closed the last time.

The Last Chance at Greenwood has had a crosscut of 64 feet made on the ledge without gnding the walls. It is a quartz free milling proposition and carries low values. The pay ore is streaky, but there is such an immense body of it that it can, with economical handling, be made profitable The character of this ore is similar to that of the Granite Creek Gold Group but is not so rich.

The Strathmore, another Greenwood mine, has been recently shipping ore which returned $78.72 per ton.

The lode mines of Bolivia are at an altitude of 13,000 feet above sea level. Bolivia produced in 1903 $150,000 in gold and 3,838,520 pounds of metallic tin.

The St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co., operating at Moyie, at its recent annual meeting held at Toronto, declared a dividend of 2 cents a share, payable Dec. 15th. The total dividends to date amount to $210,000.

Mining dividends to the amount of $1,724,282 were paid last month in the western states and B.C. So far this month the large sum of $2,028,010 has been declared. These figures require no comment.

### Shooting Matches.

For the purpose of affording profitable pastime and encouraging the 'young idea' how to shoot a series of individual shooting matches have been arranged for, in which the prizes will consist of turkeys—the noblest bird that flops a wing or kicks a leg—thus giving everybody an opportunity to lay upon his or her Christmas dinner table one of these palate ticklers. Next Thursday at 1 p.m. will be the first shoot; ranges 50 and 100 yards; 22. calibre rifles only; offhand or rest; to start with pool shooting, 10c. entrance; a turkey also will be shot for. Never mind if you havn't a rifle, buy a box of cartridges and take a hand. Mr. Waterman generously offers the use of his rifle to anyone desiring it. Further information may be had of H. Webb.

## DOMINION ELECTION

### Princeton Pronounced in Favor of Liberal Candidate and Railway.

#### Outlying Divisions Give Ross Majority Excepting Granite Creek which Breaks Even.

On Tuesday, 23rd inst., the last of the Dominion general elections took place in Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo. In this portion of the latter constituency there was not even a ripple of excitement or enthusiasm to denote the occasion. Owing, probably, to the prevalent conviction that the election of the Liberal candidate was foregone a number of votes were not polled on both sides. A considerable number of absentee voters and many immovable non voting aliens will also account for the small totals at Princeton and the outlying polling divisions.

However, the Liberals have every reason to feel gratified, inasmuch as this section gave a large Conservative majority about a year ago which is now converted into a minority. Party lines were clearly defined. Some of the minority clung to the phantom of victory with a fatalism born of despair and all were ready with a reason for the faith within, thus making it easy for canvassers to determine "who's who" in future contests. Mr. Burrill had the following agents, all of whom gave him active and loyal service, in which respect his organization was more efficient than that of the Liberals:

Princeton, C. E. Thomas; Voigt's, J. Rice; Granite Creek, P. Russell; Otter Flat, F. P. Cook. No Liberal agents were appointed.

The vote was as follows: Princeton—Ross, 11; Burrill, 9; Mills, (Socialist) 0 At the last provincial election a total of 62 votes was cast.

Voigt's—Ross, 5; Burrill, 1; Mills, 0.

Granite Creek—Ross, 2; Burrill, 2; Mills, 0.

Otter Flat—Ross, 7; Burrill, 2; Mills, 1.

Hedley—Ross, 45; Burrill, 28; Mills, 13.

Keremeos—Ross, 25; Burrill, 20; Mills, 10.

Nickel Plate—Ross, 4; Burrill, 3; Mills, 0.

R. Stevenson has left his summer residence at the foot of Halliford avenue and moved into winter quarters on Bridge street.

Eliza A. Bromley is expected home from Pembroke, Ont., for the holidays. She has been attending college there.

Bert Thomas and Jack Macfarlane have recently been doing assessment work on their mineral claims, Copper mountain.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

### The Ceaseless Grind of the Newspaper Mill for Eager Readers.

#### Telephone Line Ready for Wire—Sweet Autumn Gives Place to Winter's Snow.

Indications of a late and mild winter are found in the tardy departure of migratory birds from this section. Last Sunday two large flocks of wild geese kept up a noisome gabble as they soared westward over the town on their way to southerly climes.

Superintendent Hunter of the telephone line reports that construction is well advanced and that a few more days will find all the poles in position from end to end. The first consignment of wire and brackets has arrived at Nicola lake.

Tom McAlpin came over from Summerland the other day on a business trip. He has been employed on the improvements being made in the town and reports considerable activity in real estate. A lot of Princetonians are in Summerland and they are all making 'dough' to invest here when the boom starts. Mr. McAlpin leaves for Minnesota in a few days on an "important mission" and it is said he will in future register after his own cognomen, "and wife."

The first of the "beautiful" to arrive in Princeton for this season was found on the ground Sunday morning last and bids fair to remain for a few days at least. Last year there were some feet of snow on the ground at this time which did not disappear until late in spring.

Court of revision and appeal will be held in Princeton on Wednesday, December 21st.

Sam Spencer has recently purchased some fine lots on the Similkameen near the grotto. He will erect a residence there and remove to it next summer.

Dewdney & Springett, whose advertisement appears on the third page, are reaching out to the Similkameen for mining and real estate business. They are taking time by the forelock by laying the foundation now for what must be a large and lucrative business when the railway appears. Mr. Dewdney knows every inch of this country having been here with the goldhunters half a century ago. He states on good authority that railway construction will begin in the spring and a great boom is sure to ensue.

Board of trade meeting next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Members are requested to be punctual.

Charlie Asp will sell a racehorse at Wallace's hitching post next Wednesday at 1 o'clock, sharp.

### Pioneer Visits Princeton.

Ex-Governor Dewdney arrived in town on Wednesday via Penticton. He is here on a business mission and will also visit his sister-in-law, Mrs. Allison. The "governor" is still a hale and vigorous unit in the ever diminishing band of daring adventurers who came around the Horn or crossed the plains to the gold diggings in the new found west. Many of Mr. Dewdney's tillicums are in that sleep that knows no waking; a few are still flourishing in wealth and health and he, himself, is renewed in strength and hope. He has large interests in this section, owning the Allison townsite and minor investments. The railway, when built, will enhance the value of his properties manifold and he may yet affix seven figures to his name aiong with some of the future mineral magnates of the Similkameen. He is of opinion that the first railway to tap the Similkameen will start from Spence's Bridge and come down One-Mile, touching the river at Allison. Eventually, he predicts two railways for the Similkameen. The "governor" is of engaging manner, makes friends everywhere and never loses them. He leaves tomorrow for the coast.

### Avoiding Publicity.

In contravention of the law which distinctly states that coal notices, or any other legal notice, shall be printed in a newspaper published and circulating in the district where such coal or other land lies, C. E. Will, as agent for ten persons, has located that number of coal claims on Nine-Mile creek west of Princeton. It appears that Mr. Will advertised in the Kamloops Standard to avoid publicity of his transaction, the whole procedure of staking and locating having been carried out with one Wilmot in a secret and deceptive manner. Anyone making objection to this infringement of the mineral act should notify the department at the capital. The coal lands referred to are subject to re-location if the law has not been complied with in every particular.

At the concert given by the Twentieth Century club of Hedley on the 17th inst. a correspondent states that the program was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The solo by Miss Lizzie Chilson was very good, as also was the piano duet by the Misses Chilson. "Maloney on the Chinese Question" was received with roaring applause. The receipts, which amounted to $43, will be placed in the Twentieth Century library fund. * * L. W. Shatford, M.P.P., has secured an option on the T. Ellis estate at Penticton.

C. Schisler has been on the Penticton route freighting and reports the roads in fair condition.

J. M. Tilton of Armstrong haa located on Five-Mile and is well pleased with the agricultural possibilities of that section.

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## SCHOOL OF MINES.

There are persons to whom it may seem premature to now set up a claim for a school of mines to be located at Princeton. Others, again, are of opinion that a good and useful institution of the kind specified cannot be too soon brought to the attention of legislators and the public generally. If, however, in the opinion of some, it can be reasonably shown that there is need of a school for the education of young men in mining and mineralogy neither the time of its agitation nor the place of location should act as let or hindrance to weightier considerations of the proposition. The necessity for it must be established, then in season and out of season its strenuous advocacy is warranted. And here the assistance of specialist, prospector, miner or layman is invited in impressing both governments of the immediate need of appropriations being made at the forthcoming sessions of both the federal and provincial houses. After the heat of a political campaign here is a subject which has tangibility and will be of practical service in promoting the greatest industry in the province if not in the Dominion. It is heartily commended to the consideration of all editors and an expression of opinion through the press is invited from all interested in mining.

In a mineral country, such as British Columbia, it is of prime importance that a technical education be afforded on the spot to those who intend to make mining a life avocation. If not misinformed, there are agricultural colleges and experimental farms in nearly every province and territory of the Dominion but only one school of mines at Kingston, Ontario. Its location, some two thousand miles away and in a district which affords little for mineralogical research in comparison with this section of the Similkameen, is a serious drawback to would-be students from this far distant province. Here, however, there are nearly all the varieties of mineral, including rare elements, which afford scope for mining and laboratory work; thus supplying practical tuition and demonstration at the very door of the institution when once established.

If thorough and competent mining men are to be had, they must live and grow, as it were, in a mineral atmosphere, where their environment is forever bringing them into practical touch with existing conditions. It is scarcely reasonable to expect that a mining expert from Australia or Mexico, where conditions are different, would have the knowledge or advantage that a local education or training would give. The location, therefore, of the proposed school of mines in the heart of a mineral district is essential for the purposes of practical illustration and for successful training and teaching. In connection with the school free assays and analyses under the supervision of a competent instructor could be made for the benefit of scholars and indirectly to encourage prospectors and the mining industry generally.

The member for Yale-Cariboo represents a mining constituency and his efforts will, no doubt, be bent in the direction of encouraging by legislative measure anything that will foster the industry; and it is not too much to hope that the member for the Similkameen in the local house will also originate some scheme to bring before that honorable body whereby the founding of a school of mines may be consummated. The blending of the efforts of both members with those of the press and individuals is sure to accomplish all that is required for such an institution.

There is considerable reason to believe that the diamond drill will play an important part in the future in prospecting and developing mineral claims. Recent experiments with an adapted machine show that it is the least expensive and most satisfactory way of testing mineral lodes.

## NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To STEVE MANGOT or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Gold-Platinum mineral claim, situate on Champion creek, a tributary of the Tulameen river, in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district.

Take notice that after the publication hereof once each week for ninety days, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required by section 24 of the "Mineral Act," being chapter 135, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897, in respect of the Gold-Platinum mineral claim, situate on Champion creek, in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District, British Columbia, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in your co-owner, Daniel Coutenay, free miner, who has made the required expenditure.

The amount due by you in respect of the said mineral claim, not including costs, is $33.33.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1904.

DANIEL COUTENAY.

## 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 point on the west line of lot 300, 20 chains south of the north-west corner of lot 300.

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

F. W. GROVES, Locator.

Princeton, 7th Nov. 1904.

Commencing at a point on the west line of lot 300, 20 chains south of the north-west corner of lot 300,

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

T. H. PARR, Locator.

Per F. W. GROVES.

Princeton, 7th Nov. 1904.

## NOTICE.

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

Commencing at a post marked 7, S.E. corner of post No. 6, and running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, back to post, containing in all 640 acres. situated on the Lumbum lake range in the Quilchena basin, Nicola valley.

JOHN LAMONT, Locator,

S. ANDREW HARTMAN, ag't.

Dated Sept. 29, 1904.

## NOTICE.

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

Commencing at a post marked No 8 and running 80 chains south, 80 chains west, 80 chains north, 80 chains east, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Situated on the Lumbum lake range, Quilchena basin, Nicola valley.

S. ANDREW HARTMAN, Locator.

Dated October 1, 1904.

## 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 placed ten chains south of the S.W. corner of lot 1042,

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

W. C. McDOUGALL.

Dated July 23, 1904.

## NOTICE.

Copper Glance, Azurite and Alpine mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for John R. McRae, free miner's certificate No. B72143, and Hugh McRae, free miner's certificate No. B62083, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants 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 9th day of July, A.D. 1904.

## NOTICE.

St. Lawrence, St. George and St. Helen mineral claims situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Bear creek.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for William Henry Armstrong, free miner's certificate No. B78468, and Charles F. Law, free miner's certificate No. B72110 intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 29th day of August 1904.

## NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 100 acres of Crown lands for pasturing purposes: Bounded on the north by lot No. 969, on the west by lot No. 257, on south by Chas. Asp's preemption on east by China creek, in all 100 acres more or less.

E. E. BURR, Locator.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1904.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasture land situated in the Nicola division of Yale district, north of and adjoining Boulter's preemption, lot No. 1155, starting from his N.E. corner, thence west 80 chains, north 20 chains, east 80 chains, south 20 chains to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres.

LUKE GIBSON.

Dated this 17th day of September, 1904.

## NOTICE.

Silversides and Ironsides mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: Camp Hedley.

Take notice that I, J. Fraser Campbell, agent for Sydney M. Johnson, free miner's certificate No B41751; H. W. Yates free miner's certificate No. B78808 and J. Fraser Campbell, free miner's certificate No. B78807, 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 first day of November, A.D. 1904.

## 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 80 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at a post marked W. D. Y. and running 20 chains north, 40 chains east 20 chains south, 40 chains west, back to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less. Situated about 8 miles from Princeton on Wolf creek.

W. D. YOUNG.

Princeton, Nov. 11, 1904.

## NOTICE.

Northern mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for J. S. C. Fraser, free miner's certificate No. B42433, Joseph Wright, free miner's certificate No. B75373, and L. G. Barron, free miner's certificate No. B57500, 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 13th day of October, 1904.

## 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 marked E.S.N's south-west corner,

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, and adjoining J. Lang's locations on the east boundary.

E. S. NEAVE, Locator.

ERNEST WATERMAN, Agent.

Princeton, October 10, 1904.

## NOTICE.

Cousin Jack, Ymir, Morning, Oshkosh, Winnebago, Blackbird and Berlin mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Boulder creek Mountain.

Take notice that Alexander Gallinger, acting as agent for the Boulder Mining Co Limited, free miner's certificate No. B72141, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants 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 3rd day of October, A.D. 1904.

## NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and oil on the following described land:—

Commencing at a post marked J.G. at the south-west corner of the Hamilton ranch, near Coutlee thence north 40 chains, west 40 chains, south 40 chains, east 40 chains to the post of commencement.

JESUS GARCIA.

Nicola Lake, Sept. 22, 1904.

## NOTICE.

Summit No. 1, Copper Head No. 1, Bullion No. 1 Yellow Jacket No. 1 Fractional, Nelly No. 1, Nelly Fractional, Yellow Jacket No. 1 mineral claims, situate in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Bullion mountain, east of the townsite of Olalla.

Take notice that I, R. H. Rogers, as agent for Robert Gaede, free miner's certificate No. B78828, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants 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 16th day of September, 1904.

REGINALD H. ROGERS.

## NOTICE.

The O.I.C. fractional and Crackejack mineral claims situated in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district. Where located: Camp Hedley.

Take notice that I, Louis O. Hedlund, F.M.C. No. B78063, for myself and agent for John Greenhill, F.M.C. No. B78964 and H. P. Nelson, F.M.C. No. B62074, intend, sixty days from date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants 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 19th day of September, 1904.

LOUIS O. HEDLUND, Hedley. B.C.

## NOTICE.

Hattie and Copper Jack mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: In Aspen Grove camp.

Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for J. S. C. Fraser, free miner's certificate No. B75740; Henry S. Poulinier, free miner's certificate No. B72121 and Emerson E. Wells, free miner's certificate No. B88508, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining crown grants 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 29th day of August, A.D. 1904.

## NOTICE.

Take notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of crown lands for pasturing purposes: Commencing at a post marked F.L.H's S.W. corner: Thence running 80 chains west, 40 chains north, 80 chains east 40 chains south, back to point of commencement, in all 320 acres. Situate about 12 miles west of Princeton and is bounded on the south side by the meandering line of the Tulameen river.

F. L. HAMMOND,

C. O. FRENCH, Agent.

Dated 7th September, 1904.



## LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Bill Martin, Jim Jameson and Sergeant Gulliford are out on the hills for mowitch which are fairly plentiful and in prime condition.

Miss Day, sister of T. Day, left for her home in Oregon on Thursday morning. She will probably return next spring and spend the summer here.

F. R. Whitwell writes to friends here that he has got a peachy job in the Senator mine in the Boundary. He is in correspondence with New York financiers and expects to bring in a carload of capital for investment on Copper mountain and Nicola next spring.

C. O. French has gone up to Granite creek to inspect operations at the Granite Creek Gold Group.

The Christmas tree fund is growing every day. Help the ladies along in their philanthropic efforts.

A. Popplewell, a well known Cariboo miner, has gone to a Victoria hospital suffering from an accident received at Lafontain.

"When I was a student at the University of Virginih," said Surgeon-General Rixey of the United States navy, "there used to be an old man named Tom Crab who cleaned my boots and ran my errands. Tom one morning came into my room in an excited and gay mood. "My daughter, sir," he said, "has a little baby, a fine child. Twelve younds in weight." "When was it born?" said I "This morning," answered Tom. "Is it a boy or girl?" "Do you know, sir," he said, "I forgot in the excitement to find out whether I was a grandfather or a grandmother!"

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ANGUS STEWART.

Princeton, Nov. 19, 1904.

## Court of Revision and Appeal=North Yale

NOTICE is hereby given that Courts of Revision and Appeal for North Yale will be held at the

Court House, Kamloops, on Thursday, December 15th, 1904, at 11 a.m.;

Court House, Nicola Lake, on Monday, December 19th, 1904, at 11 a.m.;

Court House, Princeton, on Wednesday, December 21st, 1904, at 2 p.m.

Dated at Kamloops, this 19th day of November, 1904.

ALEC. D. MACINTYRE,

Judge of said Court.


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### Humorous.

An angry woman walked into a grocer's shop and banged a piece of some yellow substance on the counter. "This," she said, "is the soap that does the washin' o' itself; the soap that makes every washin' day a kin' o' glorified feast; the soap that gets a' the linen white as snaw an' as sweet as a hazel nut, and lets the delichted hoosewife play wi' the children; an' here I've been scrubbin' three mortal hours wi' that lump an' got nae mair lather oot o' it than I could get oot o' a brick." "I beg your pardon," said the grocer, calmly, "but that isn't soap. Your little boy was here yesterday for half a pound of cheese and half a pound of soap. That's the cheese." "The cheese!" exclaimed the woman. "Then that accounts for the ither thing." "What other thing?" "I lay awauk the hole night wonnerin' whit made the Welsh rabbit we had for oor supper taste sae queer."—London Tit-Bits.

One of United States Senator Tillman's favorite stories concerns an old darky who was taken very ill. He called in a physician of his own race, but after a time, as there were no signs of improvement, a white doctor was summoned. Soon after arriving Dr.—— felt the old man's pulse and then examined his tongue. "Did your other doctor take your temperature?" was the first question he asked. "I don't know, boss," replied the darky; "I hain't missed anything but my watch as yit."

A Scotch minister who was in need of funds thus conveyed his intentions to his congregation: "Weel, friends, the kirk is urgently in need of siller, and as we have failed to get money honestly, we will have to see what a bazaar can do for us."


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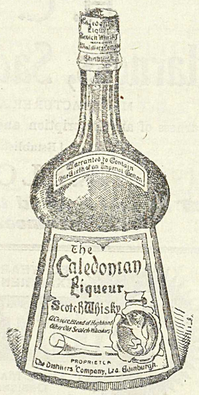


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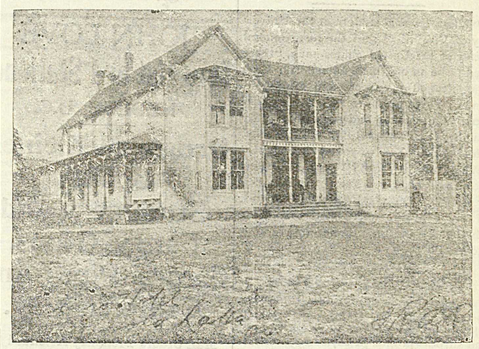

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### MINING NOTES.

With a cash surplus of $131,000, after paying an indebtedness of $26,000, the St. Eugene mine at Moyie has just declared another dividend, bringing the total cash so expended to date up to $250,000. The old board of directors has been re-elected and prospects for the future are flatteringly reported upon.

F. N. Hara, a manufacturer of carriage woodwork in St. Catharines, Ont., and H. H. Collier, a solicitor of the same city, have been in the province in connection with the building of the Kamloops, Nicola and Similkameen railway. The president, Geo. A, Begy, and Senator Kerr of Toronto are largely interested in the company and the Nicola coal region which it will tap. The Dominion government has granted a subsidy of $6400 per mile to aid in the building of the road, and it is anticipated that the B.C. government will also make a grant. The railway leaves the main line of the C.P.R. at Spence's Bridge and runs to Nicola, a distance of 45 miles. It is now proposed to run the railway to Princeton, a distance of 72 miles further and a subsidy for the additional mileage will be asked for both from the Dominion and provincial governments. Enough grading to establish the bona fides of the company has been done recently. The object of the railway is to develop the coal mines of the company at Nicola and also to furnish a railway for the Similkameen valley, which is one of the richest in the world. The coal has a large market awaiting it on the Pacific coast. It is equal to any in the Crow's Nest Pass. Mr. Hara and Mr. Collier made a close examination of all the property in the interest of the company and are very much pleased with the result of their examination.

In 1867 the world produced 491,425 tons of steel. in which but 19,962 tons were credited to the United States. In 1902 the world's output of steel amounted to 34,479 783 tons of steel, of which the United States produced 15,786,406 tons. Canada has only in recent years produced any steel at all, yet her enormous resources of iron ore point to the great industry of steel-making yet to be evolved from it.

A study of the geology of a district enables the geologist to see far into the ground with reasonable certainty and accuracy. The geological cross sections are a standard by which to measure the success or failure of the geologists. It has been said that these cross sections are one part fact and nine parts guess, and that is true, in a way. A geologist reasons from what he actually sees and knows to the things unknown, drawing his logic from the analogy of other districts and from the application of fairly well established physical and chemical laws. A mistake often made by the public is to accept these cross sections, often beautifully regular, literally. Ordinarily the cross sections, especially of large areas, are only approximate indications of the relation and succession of the strata. They are valuable as far as they go, but they do not, nor do they pretend to, give the definite detailed information which is required for economic purposes. The cross sections made by the United States Geological Survey in the lake Superior district have stood the test of actual proof in many cases and have been of great value in the development of the mineral deposits of that region. It is this work that is required in the Similkameen to help prospectors and miners in determining the lay of the mineral—who will move in the matter?


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