Nothing Extenuate Nor Aught Set Down in Malice.

SIMILKAMEEN

STAR

Rich in Minerals, the Similkameen Lacks Only a Railway.

Summer Session, or no Summer Session of the Local Legislature, the Great Northern Railway is Coming to the Similkameen Without Delay.
Coal is Mined in the Town of Princeton and Sold at $3 per Ton—The Rivers and Creeks are Auriferous—Vast Possibilities for Lode Mining.

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AMAZED AT COAL AREA.

Attractive Qualities of Similkameen Conceded by Visitors.

J. Y. McAdam and T. J. Smith of Vancouver came in via Kamloops and Nicola on Wednesday evening. Mr. McAdam is a retired gentleman of advanced years, ripe in experience of men and minerals, who delights in travel, in the course of which he frequently makes investments as a sort of hobby, or habit—this propensity will, it is said, be allowed unusual scope in the Similkameen and Nicola districts. He is simply amazed at the extent of the coal area in these districts, while his impressions of the country as a whole are most favorable. He considers the water and climate ideal. Mr. Smith is a mining broker of about a dozen years standing in the province, during which he has handled all kinds of mining propositions, from the "ground floor" to the "finest gilt-edged skyscraper" and his clients are among the most successful in the country. Coal is Mr. Smith's forte; at least he has located 33 square miles of it at Quilchena, in Nicola district, besides holding odd townships of it here and there, with some minor claims on the Tulameen. He is enthusiastic in regard to the resources of the Similkameen and sees the dawn of better days rapidly approaching, indeed, in his diagnosis of the railway situation the grand climacteric would occur within a few months at the farthest. Mr. Smith is secretary of a committee who are anxious to secure a good mineral exhibit from the Similkameen for the Tourist Association rooms in Vancouver. Large numbers of visitors throng these rooms daily and it would be culpable neglect not to have an ore exhibit there of the coal and various other minerals of this district.

His Eye on Princeton.

J. G. Campbell, of Vancouver, came in on his two-wheeled steed last Sunday from Spence's Bridge. He enjoyed the trip thoroughly from a scenic point of view and it was also profitable from the fact that he took many orders for a quick-selling law book, and he is also agent for the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Co. Mr. Campbell had never put Princeton and the Similkameen on his itinerary before, thus everything was new to him. He was charmed with picturesque Princeton, saw its grotto and coal mine, visited the old gold diggings and drank in of the wondrous provision made by nature for man's good in mountains of mineral, grassy slopes and plateaus, rich valleys and glorious climate. "Yes," said Mr. Campbell, "I will keep my eye on this place, for a great stampede will set this way from the four cardinal points of earth when the railway starts." Mr. Campbell is a loyal and public-spirited citizen of the "Giant of the West," and for ten years owned the largest merchant tailor business in that city.

RAILWAY ENGINEERS

Survey Westward from Midway—Inspiration to People Here.

Bright Prospects for Railway—Zero of Hard Times Now Passed—Railway Notes.

Great Northern engineers are exploring for a pass to overcome the necessity of a long detour into the state of Washington in order to escape the heavy grades on Anarchist mountain. According to the old survey 60 miles of road had to be constructed to advance 14 in a straight line. It is thought a pass will be found from Baker creek which will save mileage. The elevation at Anarchist mountain is 4800 feet and at Osoyoos lake it is only 900 feet. West of Midway, in the Similkameen district, engineers are making topographical explorations, and this fact taken in conjunction with the announcement made by President Hill's deputy, John Hendry, when applying for an extension of the V.V. & E. charter at Ottawa, that "construction is to be vigorously prosecuted," may be considered as definite assurance of grading going on this summer This is all very welcome news, as the depression which had settled like a funeral pall on winsome Princeton had become unbearable.

Chief Engineer Kennedy has the following C.E's on his staff: R. H. McCoy, Harry Silke, J. M. Buck and W. I. Bassett. Mr. Hale will do the cross section work.

The C.P.R. officials are in a flurry of excitement and it is believed a race will occur between the two competing lines for the Similkameen.

Midway is being transformed from a quiet, peaceable little burg to a bustling railway centre. The contractors for the extension to Curlew are on the ground with laborers and large outfits. It is expected that as the contracts are finished outfits will be moved into the Similkameen.

Midway Advance: "A corps of Great Northern engineers, under Chief Whitcombe, left Midway to go over the line of the V.V. & E. west of here. It is expected that construction on that road through the Similkameen will be commenced this summer."

Alex. McDonald, of Princeton, has secured a sub-contract of 2¼ miles near the Summit on the Great Northern Phoenix branch.

A. O. Peterson has about 30 men and a number of horses and mules clearing right-of-way south of Midway.

Great Northern engineers and C. Sims, report having found a much easier pass

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Brief Paragraphs Gathered into Windrow by Editorial News Rake.

Visitors Find Unmistakable Evidence of Smouldering Greatness in this District.

Rivet your vision on the Walla-Walla.

Jack Budd came in Saturday via Hope Pass bringing with him a fine stallion purchased on Lulu island and a thoroughbred jackass.

J. Bromley has finished seeding and fencing his upper ranch and is now ready for haying on his homestead. His fruit trees promise a splendid yield.

J. H. Jackson has some very fine mineral specimens in his cabinet at the Jackson hotel which he will endeavor to have duplicated for the Spokane exhibition.

An error was made in the paragraph last week inviting applications for the position of public school teacher—instead of salary $50 per month it should have read "$55."

Billy Rice, of Nicola, came in Saturday to see Princeton for the first time. He likes it, as everybody does, and will locate here the first opportunity. He was surprised at the thrift and enterprise noticeable, even in the absence of a railway and telephone.

At the sitting of the License commission on Wednesday all the applications made were granted. However, there were two lincensees at Hedley who made application outside of this district, in which they properly belong. This is an injustice to which the attention of Mr. Shatford, M.L.A., and the attorney-general is directed. It is bad enough to rob this section of its fair prestige without stealing away its revenue and patronage.

Arrested on Suspicion.

J. Murray, of Nicola Lake, and two other men, brought in some horses captured from a man named Barrett and his partner, who were driving horses that were claimed by others. Barrett and his pal were arrested at Nicola and sent by the roundabout way of Sicamous to Fairview, where they will be tried. A lot of trouble has arisen lately near the boundary by horses being run over the line from both sides of it. A squad of mounted police should be stationed there until the country is rid of the banditti which infest that part of both countries. The owners of missing horses should write a full description of them to Chief Hussey of the provincial police, whose duty it is to recover if possible. Deane is the supposed name of Barrett's partner and is said to live near Okanagan Falls.

THE COUSIN JACK.

High Grade Gold Proposition with Extensive Ore Zone.

A. Gallinger and T. A. Rogers of the Cousin Jack were in town Tuesday on a business visit. Mr. Gallinger has about completed preliminaries for extensive developments on the above group. It goes without saying that the Cousin Jack is one of the richest gold propositions in the Similkameen—assays prove that—but it is the enormous ore body which will attract investors and give the mine an enduring fame. Both gentlemen are sanguine as to future dividends, but, until there is transportation afforded the most that can be expected is exploratory and ore testing research. It is only by persevering effort and expenditure that these gentlemen have succeeded in, thus far, proving their property and bringing the Boulder mining company into favorable recognition here and abroad. They are not in any sense, boosters or inflationists, preferring rather to have the mine stand upon real merit, a method which will be approved by the thoughtful and upright investor in Boulder stock.

Impressions from the Coast.

Geo. Aldous arrived home from Vancouver on Tuesday, where he had been for the past six weeks accompanying his wife in her protracted illness. Dr. Hall, specialist, states that Mrs. Aldous will recover with certain surgical treatment, which will be given later. Mr. Aldous states that the interest manifested in the Similkameen at the coast hinges on the construction of the railway. A number of claims in the vicinity of the Sunset mine on Copper mountain have been bonded by a strong financial institution in Vancouver and development work is anticipated as the result of the deal. Mr. Aldous also states that there is an oft heard report of the Nicola railway being built this summer, and his own personal impressions are that a great railway boom is within calculable distance. The rebuilding of the Tulameen hotel, destroyed by fire last March, will depend on local business conditions, and when Mr. Aldous erects again it will be on a larger and improved scale. His impressions of Vancouver are that its destiny is great, beyond the most optimistic prophecy, but he thinks the people there are a trifle slow to appreciate the tributary wealth of the Similkameen, insomuch that they do not bestir themselves to procure railway connection.

D. Taggart and N. Sinclair arrived from the coast this week and are camped in the suburbs pending the arrival of freight. Mr. Taggart has come prepared to permanently locate here and will prospect during the summer.

The road leading up from the Similkameen bridge is in bad condition and travellers complain bitterly.

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ONWARD, CANADA.

The synopsis of the budget speech delivered by the Dominion finance minister, Hon. W. S. Fielding, which is printed on the fifth page of this paper, contains the text upon which much of the political merits and demerits of the governing parties may be based. Looking backward through the vista of years, which the comparative statements and figures of the minister cover, the policies of the great Liberal and Conservative parties are contrasted so vividly as to leave no doubt in the mind of the reader as to the excellence of the one over the other. The eloquence of those figures tears in shreds the teaching and preaching of the Conservative high priests for a higher protective tariff. The past seven years of Liberal plenty as contrasted with the preceding eighteen years of Conservative scarcity is an emphatic tribute of praise to the Laurier administration. In seven years the Liberals had surpluses amounting to $54,000,000; in eighteen years of Conservative misrule the total of surpluses was not $10,000,000. Further comment is unnecessary.

LIBERAL VS. CONSERVATIVE.

Some Opposition members of the House of Commons and their followers outside of it say that it is of small moment which party is at the helm of state, the country is bound to advance. True, in a new country, such as Canada, its evolution from a chrysalis to that of the full grown and inhabited state, is in obedience to natural laws. But a cultivated growth is always superior, and without the wisdom of men to accelerate it a country would be centuries in maturing, thus Asiatic, African and some European nations at present afford striking proof of the necessity for economic and progressive legislation. Had Conservative rule in Canada been prolonged till today, instead of surpluses there would be deficits, instead of progress there would be stagnation, and the country would lapse into the condition of those named—of a certainty there would be no second transcontinental railway. Any observer of the methods of the two political parties in the past score of years will have noticed the non-accumulative and extravagant legislation of the Conservatives as compared with the progress and economy of the Liberals. The bargains made by the respective governments with the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Pacific railway companies is illustrative of the business methods of both parties—the one got all that they asked in land, money and completed line, with innumerable concessions and privileges thrown in by the ever-indulgent Tories—the other receives a cash bonus of thirteen millions of dollars only and is subject to building and operating conditions which entirely safeguard public interests. The Canadian Pacific is a Conservative road, manned by Conservatives and run on strong party lines during an election campaign. The Liberal party has always held aloof from corporation influence and entanglements, hence its creation of a permanent and independent railway commission to adjust rates and settle all kindred questions outside of political interference.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

The elevation of Francis Loveit Carter-Cotton to the office of president of the council at Victoria recalls to mind that gentleman's record in the Semlin administration. That Loveit Cotton loved office is verified by the fact that he was finance minister, provincial secretary, minister of public works, and, some were jealous enough to say, premier, all at one time. Poor Semlin, even if he were the real premier, could not have slept well with such an ambitious and monopolistic minister in his cabinet. How will it fare with Richard, cœur de chickeen? Mr. Cotton is an industrious man. In that particular he will be very lonely in Dick's cabinet. As to Mr. Cotton's ability, it is very much overestimated by the Conservatives, but, of course, he will shine in a cabinet which lacks even mediocre ability.

NOTICE.

Olympian 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 Joseph Wright, free miner's certificate No. B75373; J. S. C. Fraser, free miner's certificate No. B42433 and L. G. Barron, free miner's certificate No. B67500, 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 25th day of April, A.D. 1904.

Mineral Exhibit

Spokane Fair

Prospectors and others are invited to contribute mineral specimens for an exhibit at the Spokane Fair. Specimens should be of about 25 lbs. weight with names of claim and owner attached. Specimens will be received by C. E. Thomas, F. W. Groves and at the Mining Recorder's office.

BY ORDER,
PRINCETON BOARD OF TRADE.

Advertise in the Star.

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. Green's ¼-S. 3, and ¼-S. 4, placed on east side of Coldwater river, about 3 miles south of Coutlee.

And running 40 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, and then 40 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

WILLIAM RICE, Locator.
CHARLES STIRLING, Agent.

Nicola, May 20, 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, described as follows: Commencing at a post situated on the south side of Similkameen river, about 8 miles from Princeton and opposite the mouth of Whipsaw creek marked T.C.R's S.W. corner, thence north 80 chains following the meander of Similkameen river, thence 20 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 20 chains west to initial post.

T. C. REVELY,
W. F. REVELY, Agent.

Princeton, B.C., April 21st 1904.

NOTICE.

Kenley mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale district. Where located: Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, free miner's certificate No. B72039 for myself and for Edwin Barr Hall, free miner's certificate No. B72040, 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 9th day of April, 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 eighty acres of second class land, situated in Osoyoos district: Commencing at a post marked J.L. situated about forty chains north of northeast corner of John Kearns' preemption lot 3098, thence 20 chains east, thence forty chains south, thence 20 chains west, thence forty chains north to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

JOHN LOVE.

Fairview, B.C., April 13, 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 crown lands for agricultural purposes, commencing at a post marked C. A. Joyner's N.W. corner, thence running 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

C. A. JOYNER.

Dated April 8, 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 forty acres of Crown lands for pasturing purposes: Commencing at a post marked F. Frembd's S.W. corner on the east and west line on the north end of my preemption in Otter Valley, thence running 20 chains north, thence 20 chains east, thence 20 chains south, thence 20 chains west to place of commencement.

F. FREMBD

Auction : Sale

Of Government Town Lots in Hedley.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to instructions from the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the following town lots in the Townsite of Hedley, on the Similkameen river, in the Osoyoos division of Yale district, and additions thereto, will be offered for sale at Public Auction at

HEDLEY, B.C., on

Monday, 27th Day of June 1904

Viz., the whole of blocks 7, 8, 12, 13 and 20, Lots 1 to 12 inclusive in Block 10, and Lots 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 in Block 14, and Lots 16 to 22 inclusive in Block 17.

EASTERN ADDITION

Lots 1 to 10 inclusive in Block 9; Lots 1 to 18 inclusive in Block 2, and Lots 1 to 22 in Block 6.

WARRIMOO ADDITION.

The whole of Blocks 6, 7, 11 and 17.

"READY CASH" ADDITION.

Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5, and the whole of Blocks 6, 7, 15 and 16.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock.

TERMS:—20 per cent. cash; balance in thirty days.

L. NORRIS,
Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Government Office,
Vernon, B.C., 31st May, 1904.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To ARCHIBALD GRANT or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in Klondyke mineral claim, situate on Copper Mountain, and about ten miles from Princeton, 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 Klondyke mineral claim, situate on Copper mountain in the Osoyoos 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, Thomas F. McAlpin, of Princeton, Free Miner, who has made the required expenditure.

The amount due by you in respect of each of the said mineral claims, not including costs, is $25.62½.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1904

THOS. J. McALPIN.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To W. E. WELBY and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interests in the Elbe, Sunset, Maid of the Mist and War Cloud mineral claims situate at Camp Hedley in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district:

You are hereby required to take notice that we have for the last two years done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned mineral claims as required by section 24 of the mineral act and have paid for recording the several certificates of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work and expenditure together with all costs of advertising, your said proportion amounting to One Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars ($159.00), exclusive of costs.

If you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion and all costs of advertising within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, which date is hereunder written, your interests in said mineral claims will become vested in us, your co-owners, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.

Dated this 4th day of June, A.D. 1904.

H. W. YATES.
J. F. CAMPBELL.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To PETER SCOTT and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Sacramento mineral claim situate at Camp Hedley—20-Mile Creek—adjoining the Oro Plato in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district.

You are hereby required to take notice that I have, for the last four years caused to be done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned mineral claim as required by section 24 of the Mineral Act and have paid for recording the several certificates of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work and expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your said proportion amounting to two hundred and five dollars, ($205) exclusive of costs.

If you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion and all costs of advertising within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, which date is hereunder written, your interest in said mineral claim will become vested in me, your co-owner, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.

Dated this 30th day of April, A.D. 1904.

DANIEL BRAITHWAITE.

NOTICE.

Tempest fraction mineral claim, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining Company, free miner's certificate No. B72038, 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 April, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Mogul, Mogul Fractional and Red Butte Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Kennedy mountain.

Take notice that I, Charles Willarson, free miner's certificate No. B63394, acting for myself and Peter Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B63393, 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 14th day of May, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

Ada B., Ada B. Fractional and Centre Star Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, Charles Willarson, free miner's certificate No. B63394, acting for myself and Peter Johnson, free miner's certificate No. B63393, and Robert O. Cramer, free miner's certificate No. 63389, and William H. Morrison, free miner's certificate No. 75486, and Furman R. Whitwell, free miner's certificate No. 72045, 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 14th day of May, 1904.

RAILWAY NOTES.

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than expected to avoid Anarchist mountain.

Bert Bryant has a contract clearing right-of-way between Phoenix and Grand Forks for a distance of six miles and has 30 men at work.

Chief Engineer Hoagland and General Manager Ward were at Curlew recently inspecting the route. Engineer Hoagland accompanied by J. H. Kennedy, chief of the V.V. & E. were at Midway recently looking up yard facilities and crossings.

Pat Burns has established a large but cher shop (his 36th) at Midway in anticipation of an army of beefeaters there this summer.

An old rumor has been again revived in the coast papers regarding the project to build an electric railway from Hedley to Curlew on the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad. It is stated that M. K. Rodgers of the Nickel Plate and J. M. Hagerty of the Similkameen Falls Power & Development Co., are making arrangements for the construction of the road, having interested American capital to finance the enterprise. Little credence is given the report here in view of the fact that signs are not wanting of the Great Northern's readiness to build.

Bill Scruby left last week for his fruit ranch near Okanagan lake.

Miles Silverthorne and wife are going into the hotel business at Lytton.

Neil McFadden is doing assessment work on his two valuable mineral claims on Kennedy mountain—the Homestake and Dewey.

Borers and caterpillars have invaded the Fraser river valley. There are none of these damaging pests here as yet.

Miss S. Moore, teacher, invites parents and others to the closing examination of pupils on Friday next at the school house when a programme illustrative of the progress made will be carried out. Miss Moore has resigned her position here and accepted another school in Kootenay whither she will remove after vacation followed by the good wishes of friends here.

L. G. Barron writes from Walla Walla asking the board of trade to secure him "a fine mineral specimen" to exhibit at the Mineral Congress, to which he has been delegated. Prospectors and others please note and address C. E. Thomas.

To fill the vacancy of the retiring school trustee, Mr. Bell, an election will be held next Saturday, the 25th.

River drivers are at work delivering logs to the Hedley saw mill.

A General Banking Business

A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. Capital all paid up, $2,200,000. Reserve and surplus profits, $2,000,000. Interest allowed on Savings bank deposits of one dollar and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal. A. H. SKEY, Agent, Kamloops, B.C.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that I, John P. McLeod, free miner's certificate No. B80240, for myself and as agent for Charles H. Bonter, free miner's certificate No. B75510, 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 18th day of April, A.D. 1904.

J. P. McLEOD.

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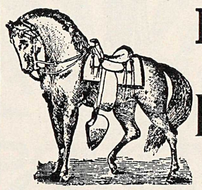
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MINING NOTES.

The merging of the Le Roi, Centre Star and War Eagle under one management is considered a move in the best interests of the business people of Rossland. It will quell that uncertainty of feeling which has existed regarding the operation of the mines.

Up to the first of June the amount of ore sent from the mines of the Boundary was over 2,000,000 tons. This ore has all been shipped within four years, practically, as no shipments of any amount had been made before the C P.R. rails were laid to the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill mines in July, 1900. At an estimated valuation of $5 per ton average, this total would give a grand total of $10,000,000 worth of ore that has been sent out of this low grade section, or about $2,500,000 per year for the four years.

It is reported that several furnaces in the Granby smelter will be blown in early in July during which several improvements at the works will be made.

During the summer the International Coal and Coke Co. plans to expend approximately $350,000 on its coal fields 18 miles east of Michel, B.C., on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway. In doing this, 400 coke ovens are now being put in close to the railroad, and 250 men are at work on the property. With 400 ovens working the output in coke will be about 500 tons a day, while it is the intention to make the coal output amount to 3000 tons a day by September 1. By the first of next year it is planned 2000 men will be working in the fields, while 5000 will probably be employed when the company gets to running at the capacity planned. A number of Spokane men are interested in the property, which has 14 veins, extending seven miles in length and crossing the right of way of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Winnipeg Mines, Lt'd, are to be sold at Phoenix to satisfy 28 lien claimants.

Although it is several weeks since the new gold dredge was completed at Lytton it is still lying idle and inactive at its moorings just above the bridge. The winch by which all the hoisting and moving from place to place were to be done, proved altogether too light for the work and another and stronger one is now being specially built at San Francisco. Until that arrives the dredge will be inactive.

Andrew Elliott, solicitor for the reorganized Lake Superior Consolidated Co., says all works of the company, including the iron mines and rolling mills, will be put into operation as rapidly as possible. A special effort will be made to commence the rolling of rails in order to provide for large supplies required for the Grand Trunk Pacific. Not only will the "Soo" be revived by the starting of this immense plant but the whole of Canada will be benefitted thereby.

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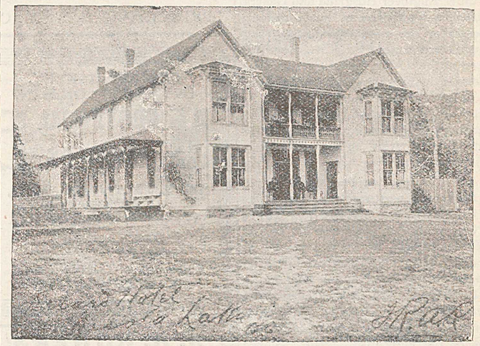

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Liberal Government Shows Large Increases and Surpluses.

Seven years ago last June the Conservative government was in power. Today the Liberals are in power and this is part of their record for the seven years past:

Ottawa, June 8.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, the minister of finance, in presenting his eighth budget yesterday, referred to the prosperity which has existed in Canada during the past year, although a temporary check was given to business in Ontario through the unusually heavy snow storms of last winter.

He said the manufacturers feared the depression would extend from the United States to Canada. In other words, the manufacturers who said a high tariff was best for the country, feared that a depression, which was strong in itself in a high tariff country, would extend to a country with a low tariff. It was true today that business was better in Canada, with a moderate tariff, than in the United States, with a high tariff.

Taking up the financial position, he showed that the surplus for the year ending June 30 last was $14,345,000. He referred particularly to the success which had attended the administration of the post office department.

Coming to the expenditure for the current year, he estimated that the revenue, to the end of the year on June 30 next, would be $71,129,000, and the expenditure $54,500,000, leaving a net surplus for the year of $16,500,000.

He calculated that the reduction of the public debt would be $7,500,000 for the year.

The surpluses thus far under Liberal rule amounted to $58,400,000, making an average surplus of $7,285,000, compared with the average surplus of $544,000 during the eighteen years of Conservative rule.

As to the debt per head, Mr. Fielding estimated that on June 30, 1904, the debt would amount to $46.96, against $49.08 in 1891, and $50 in 1896.

Mr. Fielding referred to the trade of the Dominion, and said that it amounted to $217,000,000 in 1875, $230,000,000 in 1893, and $467,000,000 in 1903.

He quoted from Dr. Saunders' report showing that there was 171,000,000 acres of land suitable for cultivation in the west.

Reaching the tariff, he said that seven years had shown it worked satisfactorily. It was certainly revenue producing. He said Canada would adhere to British preference. There was but one opinion in Canada on this point.

As far as Mr. Chamberlain supported that view they were at one with him, but they did not want to interfere in what had become political strife in England.

Mr. Fielding said that the government would make some changes this year but there would be no general revision. There would be three tariffs in future. There would be a maximum tariff, a minimum tariff and British preference. In regard to woollens there is no increase in the duty. On twine and cordage the duty remains the same. The duty on buggies will be at a minimum of $40 on an open buggy and $50 on a covered buggy.

On tableware and china, the British preference duty is now 20 per cent. and it is proposed to make it 15 per cent. Stallions and mares under $50 will be prohibited.

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The honorable gentleman concluded by stating that a special duty would be placed on dumped or slaughtered goods. No mention was made of lumber.

The speech was regarded as a splendid effort.

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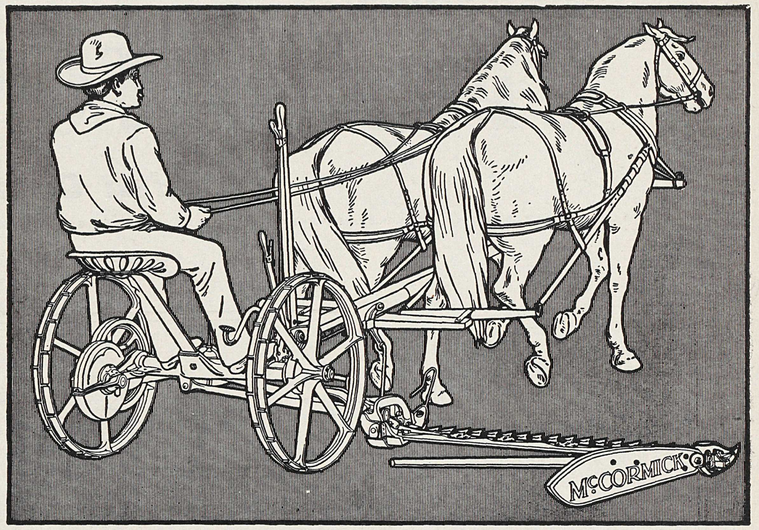

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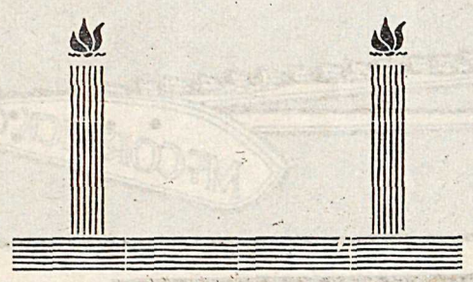

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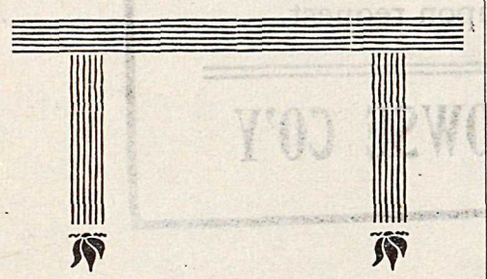

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