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PRINCETON, B.C., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1904.

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MINING PARAGRAPHS

Boundary Mines Increase Output and Discoveries Being Made.

Gold Brick of \$4,000 in Value—Railway Grade UnCOVERS Large Ore Body.

The British Columbia mineral exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair captured the grand prize.

Find a good vein that assays well and you will never have any trouble in developing it if you don't try to hide your luck from the world.

October's pay roll of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. was \$118,448.

A gold brick worth \$4,000 is the result of a month's work at the Oyster-Criterion mill, Camborne. The Great Northern Mines, L'd, which owns the producing properties, regards the clean-up as satisfactory, as after deducting all expenses for mining and milling a good balance is left on the right side of the ledger.

Nature makes all mineral veins clearly. The trouble with prospectors is often that they go about as blind as bats.

The latest exposure of a large ore body by railway construction is that on the Oro Denoro in the Boundary. The Great Northern in building across the property has exposed a lead 100 feet wide, which is believed to be considerably wider when development will have shown it up. Mineral property owners along the line of railway in the Similkameen will be gratified if they should have a similar experience. Thus the railway becomes a prospector and general benefactor.

Big, broad veins of moderate values always pay more in the long run than small streaks of even virgin gold.

Coke from the International Coal and Coke Co., at Coleman, Alberta, is now being used at the Granby smelter, as well as coke from Fernie.

No good prospect has ever gone begging if its finder has not been too selfish to let others know about it.

Since the annual meeting of the Granby Co. about a month ago its shares have appreciated considerably on the Boston stock exchange. The price has risen to \$4 and in one week over 57,000 shares changed hands.

The smelter owned by the Montreal & Boston Co. is well equipped and located at Boundary Falls, B.C. One furnace is now blown in, a second will be within a few weeks and a third is being constructed and will be blown in as soon as the mines furnish the tonnage. Each furnace can handle over 300 tons of ore per day. The cost of a furnace is about \$20,000.

P. H. Craven, of Rossland, is opera-

ting a 100-ton plant in saving gold on the Columbia river above Trail, and is said to be making a handsome profit on 40 per cent. gravel.

Shipments from Rossland mines last week amounted to 6,000 tons with a total for the year to date of 281,420.

Owners of the Province mine on the south fork of Kaslo creek, have been offered \$80,000 for the property. The offer was refused, the price asked being \$100,000.

Fourteen mines shipped 4,662,646 lbs. of ore to the Trail smelter in the month of September, the lead contents of which was 2,262,766 lbs. The St. Eugene and North Star lead the list.

Because a mining district has a quiet spell does not mean that the district is no good. The biggest booms follow the duller weeks.

Five-Mile Road Required.

W. C. Bate, road superintendent, has been making inspection of roads in this vicinity and reports them in good condition. A trail into the Bear creek camp will be constructed and other improvements made in the near future. A necessary piece of road and one which settlers have justification for complaint at the delay in making it lies between Princeton and the Five-Mile. Mr. Bate's attention is respectfully directed to this matter in the hope that his report will contain a recommendation for immediate improvement. The Five-Mile is increasing in population by birth and acquisition until its importance demands a good road to Princeton, its market town.

Okanagan District Prosperous.

Ernest Thomas arrived in town this week after: about six month's absence in the Okanagan district. He speaks in glowing terms of the progress and advantages of that section, which is rapidly filling up with a very desirable and thrifty lot of settlers who are chiefly retired Manitoba farmers in search of fruit land and an equable climate. At Kelowna the town is expanding in all directions at the rate of a new dwelling every week besides business and other structures. A new school house, 80x120, with large wings, was recently erected. The town is in need of incorporation and steps are being taken toward that end. The Vernon and Kelowna telegraph line is under construction and will probably be extended to Penticton to connect with the telephone line now being constructed from Nicola to that point. The fruit yield this year was good and several carloads weekly are shipped. Prunes are a favorite fruit among growers and new plantations are being made. Mr. Thomas reports that the proposed sale of the T. Ellis estate at Penticton seems likely to be accomplished. He thinks it would be a good thing for the country as the land thus available would afford homes for many settlers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Fountain of Local News Seriously Affected by the Long Drouth.

But the Telephone Now Building Will be as the Gentle Dew from the Heavens.

The alleged case of trespass which was brought before magistrates Waterman and Thomas on Monday last by Indians was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Miss McNeil, of Stellarton, N.S., who has been sojourning at hotel Jackson for several days, left on Friday for Hedley. She was very favorably impressed with Princeton and thought it a delightful place to settle down in.

A grand opening ball will be given to the public on Tuesday, the 15th inst. at the Hotel Similkameen, Hedley. Mr. McDermott, the proprietor, invites everybody to come and participate in the enjoyment. The Hotel Similkameen is one of the finest in the interior and under its present capable management is sure to command a large share of public patronage.

The last issue of the Kelowna Clarion contains an interesting account of the tobacco industry in that fertile section. Kelowna tobacco is of superior quality and has been pronounced by experts almost equal to the Havana leaf in quality and flavor. There are at least 10,000 acres in the vicinity of Kelowna, capable of producing tobacco, and it is estimated that 8,000,000 pounds of high grade cigar tobacco might be grown annually.

Born—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Ronald Hewat, of a son.

Several fellows are down on their luck because they did not improve the 'shining hour' and catch the winsome bird ere her pinions were outspread in Hedley flight. Procrastination is making some men baldheaded and grey while others seize the opportunity and become happy or henpecked.

Telephone Construction.

Actual construction of the telephone line has begun with a large force of men strung out along the route from Nicola to Penticton. The supervisor, Thos. Hunter, has allotted divisions to foremen who have men clearing a narrow right-of-way for the wire stringers and lopping off such branches as are in the way or are dangerous to the wire. The digging of holes, cutting poles and charring them, will take considerable labor and time, but with a continuance of the present fine weather the line will be in operation within a month's time. No contracts are let and every available man is given employment.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Land Office Facilities Required—Annual Election of Officers.

At the board of trade meeting on Thursday night the following members were present. Messrs. Bell, Cowan, Snowden, Lyall, Jackson, Thomas, Hall, Groves, Summers, Waterman and Wright. After routine communications were read from A. J. Baxter, secretary Vancouver Tourist Association and from R. Marpole, superintendent C.P.R., both referring to the shipment of ore for exhibition at Vancouver. Mr. Baxter said he would procure a good newspaper write-up of the exhibit which would serve as an advertisement for the Similkameen.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were presented and the president reviewed the year now closed on the 3rd of November, emphasizing the potentialities of the board in regard to railway and telephone construction and urging continued effort in the interests of this district. The election of officers for the present year were as follows: President, F. W. Groves, P.L.S.; Secretary, E. Waterman; treasurer, H. Cowan. The reduction of monthly fees of members to 25 cents was ordered. Fortnightly meetings of the board will be held during the winter, at which addresses, debates, essays, &c., will be given.

A resolution asking the provincial government to establish a sub-agency of the Lands and Works department in Princeton for the greater convenience of settlers and other applicants for land, was passed. It was shown that serious confusion and delay arose from the fact that three different land officials had jurisdiction over territory in and about Princeton. This territory being ill-defined it often occurred that an application would travel the rounds of these offices before its acceptance. To obviate all trouble the board suggests that one central office be established here and the secretary was advised to communicate with the government accordingly.

President Groves in accepting office said the honor came to him unsought. He asked for the hearty co-operation of members in what would be his endeavor to serve the interests of the community. The near approach of the railway would require the vigilance of every member to thwart any attempt at "sidetracking" indications of which were cognizant to many. He urged unison and harmony in all that pertained to the common weal.

The board begins its second year beneath unclouded auspices and it is hoped a large increase in membership will follow. The board adjourned to meet on the 17th inst.

In the article "Iron and Steel" in last week's STAR the price of coal, by a typographical error, is made to read "\$5" instead of \$3, as it should be.

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PRINCIPLES, NOT PARTY.

General elections, notwithstanding the attendant evils of party rancor and unrighteous scheming for supremacy, do much good by jostling voters into the solidified ranks of the political army where their ideas are furnished and better defined.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Owing to the complete isolation of Princeton from the outside world the detailed result of the general elections held on Thursday last will not be known here until the arrival of the mail next Wednesday.

minion; in the United States; throughout the vast British empire, including many isles of the sea, wherever there is a newspaper, the result of the elections will be known before it is at Princeton—so near and yet so far.

The old adage has it that there are more ways for killing a dog than by choking him with butter. On the same principle there are more ways of making a living than by safe-cracking or robbing the public treasury.

Freed from all influence and beyond hope of exerting any, as the elections were held on Thursday last, the Star predicts an increased majority for the Liberals in the next house.

There are breakers ahead for the McBride administration if there is not reform in the methods of transacting public business. It is difficult to find a minister in his department so busy as they with private affairs and pleasure trips across the "big pond."

There is little doubt but that the present provincial government is the mere tool of the Socialists. They recently demanded the removal of the police magistrate in Vancouver which the government has promised to do and thus retain their support in the legislature.

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.

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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 640 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at a post marked A. J. N.E. corner, thence 80 chains west, 40 chains south, 80 chains east, 40 chains north, back to initial post, in all about 20 acres.

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 placed ten chains south of the S.W. corner of lot No. 1, and running north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

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 320 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at a post marked A. J. N.E. corner, thence 80 chains west, 40 chains south, 80 chains east, 40 chains north, back to initial post, in all about 20 acres.

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

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Wm. Fish, who has been prospecting in the Okanagan country, arrived in Princeton the early part of this week. He is pleased with the layout here and will cast his lot here in full confidence that this country has a great destiny in store for it.

Judge Murphy of Granite creek was in town this week for the first time in many months. Ambrose McDermott, of the hotel Similkameen, Hedley, was in town Friday on business.

R. Stevenson, the pioneer of the Similkameen, has received information that three suspicious looking individuals were observed hovering in the vicinity of Otter Flat recently. He is of opinion that they are the train robbers on whose skins a prize of \$12,500 has been set.

The Vermilion Forks Co. are at present mining coal for local consumption at \$3 per ton. Smith Curtis is expected in the Similkameen on a political mission.

With "a turkey on his back" Angus McLeod set out for New Westminster via Hope pass on Thursday.

Reliable information has been received that Great Northern engineers are working westward along the Similkameen. Construction of the V. V. & E. is under way eastward from the coast. The contractors in the Boundary will soon be finished, and not until then is anything definite expected in the way of construction into the Similkameen.

A General Banking Business. A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. Capital all paid up, \$2,229,280.00. Reserve fund and surplus profits, \$2,067,080.95.

FOR SALE. One coal claim near Princeton, and four in the famed Nicola valley. The whole will be sold for the sum of \$7,500, or separate at \$2,000 each.

In the County Court of Yale HOLDEN AT KAMLOOPS. In the matter of ANDREW LEE, DECEASED.

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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.

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ADDRESS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF YALE-CARIBOO: As the Liberal candidate in this electoral district, I respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

No attempt will be made to discuss the general issues of the campaign in this address. Since receiving the Liberal nomination in January last, I have visited many parts of the riding and made myself thoroughly acquainted with its requirements. This work will be continued until election day but owing to the large extent of territory to be covered it is a physical impossibility to visit all sections or personally interview all the electors. I therefore avail myself of this opportunity to ask for your suffrage.

Permit me to direct your attention to some matters of local importance. Yale-Cariboo fully warrants the expenditure of public money in its development. The government has already done much in this direction. It has granted aid to several lines of railway; government owned telegraph and telephone lines have been constructed; the necessary money has been voted to secure telephonic communication through the rich Nicola and Similkameen districts, and telegraphic communication between Vernon and Kelowna. In order that the practically inexhaustible mineral, timber and agricultural resources of the district may be fully developed, this policy of governmental aid must be continued. It is important that Yale-Cariboo shall return as its member one who can direct the attention of the government to matters of vital importance to the district and who will support the government in its aggressive policy of development. It is particularly important that the electors of this riding should show their appreciation of the government's broad, statesmanlike plan of constructing another transcontinental railway which will be the chief factor in opening up the northern portion of the riding. Branch lines to connect with the southern transcontinental lines will surely follow and the whole interior of the province will be opened up.

Briefly, my policy, so far as Yale-Cariboo is concerned, is a policy of development of all its important sections. With a leader whose record fills with pride all people of this country, irrespective of party affiliations; supporting a government whose eight years of wise, progressive administration has placed Canada in a proud position among the nations of the world, and at the same time has more closely connected the ties which bind us to the mother country, and fully endorsing a policy which means so much to the western portion of the Dominion, and more particularly to the district of Yale-Cariboo, I await with confidence, your verdict.

Yours very sincerely,

DUNCAN ROSS.

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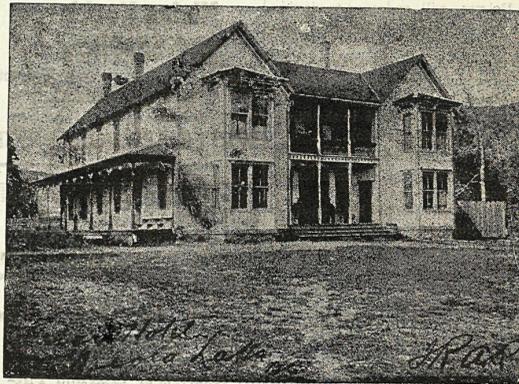
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Australian Expert's Opinion on the B.C. Mineral Tax.

"British Columbia's mineral tax is an iniquity. It would not be tolerated in Australia, where the gold production is greater than in all America. If a similar tax of 2 per cent. on the gross metal values were imposed in Australia it would close down 75 per cent. of the mines immediately, and I believe this would be the case in America as a whole. Speaking as an Australian, I say that few people would care to invest in British Columbia mines with the mineral tax attached, when in Australia, for instance, no such handicap is imposed, and the attitude of the government is altogether along the lines of encouraging the mining industry. You might almost say that Australia's mining industry has been 'babied' by the government, but the effect has been to build up a great industry, with such centres as Kalgoorlie, where there is a population of 30,000 people on ground that had not been covered by white men twelve years ago."

So says T. D. Merton, of the Spottiswoode Refining and Metallurgical Works, Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Merton's Australian interests are extensive, but are in such shape that he is able to leave them for long periods. From a man of experience and expert knowledge of the mining industry, Mr. Merton's indictment of the government's mineral tax is important. He further stated:

"It is especially burdensome that such a tax should be levied when the government gives the mining industry nothing in return. In Australia our state governments support metallurgical works at which prospectors may have large samples of ore tested without cost, while portable batteries move about from place to place in the mineral districts making practical tests on the ground of ores exposed in mine workings. In addition the government will lend money against plant for the development of mines where inspectors make such recommendations. We have one improvement over your system here, inasmuch as no mineral lands are allowed to pass out of the hands of the government in fee simple. Our mines are held on leases requiring the owners to work continuously or forfeit. Here the system of crown grants permits the whole country to be locked up without a stroke of work being performed."

"I often compare the administration of your mineral lands in respect to the 2 per cent. tax with the method of handling agricultural lands. The government holds out equal inducements to capitalists and settlers to open up mineral and agricultural lands. From the capitalist, however, is taken \$2 out of each hundred produced in his mine. But the government does not take two bags of grain from every hundred produced by the settler, nor two boxes of apples of each hundred raised in his orchard. Everyone knows that such a policy would keep every settler out of the country, yet it is precisely the same principle as is applied in the 2 per cent. tax, with the additional grievance that the settler's muscle and sinew are largely his capital, while the mine owner must invest thousands and support many men where the settler supports his own family exclusively."

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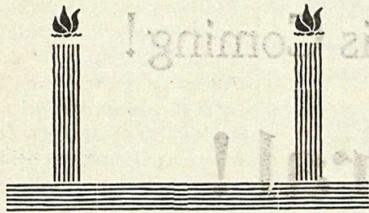
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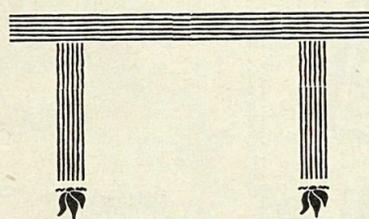
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