Princeton Coal Analyzes: Fixed Carbon, 54 per cent; Ash, 6 per cent; Moisture, 5.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Court of Revision and Appeal—Hospital Ball at Hedley.

From private sources it is regretfully learned that Rev. E. P. Flewelling is not well enough to stand the tedium of a journey by stage and therefore it is very improbable he will be out of hospital in time to reach here by Christmas.

Alec. D. Macintyre, barrister-at-law and judge in court of revision and appeal, will be in Princeton on the 29th and 30th insts., Friday and Saturday of next week, for the purpose of hearing appeals under the provisions of the Assessment Act, 1903.

A hospital ball will be given in Hedley next Wednesday night, 27th inst., at which a number of Princetonians have signified their intention of being present. No more worthy object of patronage could be suggested and the committee will spare no effort to ensure a good time for all those attending.

The sulphur spring at Welldo is to have baths built in connection next summer and in time a sanitarium may be added for the treatment of kidney complaint. cholera morbus, general debility and biliousness.

Athol Fraser and Jimmy James have arrived at Port Simpson, B.C., where a big boom is brewing for the spring. They send Christmas greetings to all their old tillicums here.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

C. S. Stevens, superintendent of the government telephone line, has recently inspected that portion between Kelowna and Penticton and which is now ready to receive the wire. When the wire is stretched and the cable laid across the lake from Kelowna the line will have a continuous length of over 300 miles. Vernon and Kamloops are the terminals at both of which places connection is made with the C.P.R telegraph system, In about three weeks' time it will be possible to "hello" Vernon and intermediate points from Princeton.

LOOKS LIKE TUNGSTEN.

Samples of ore which is thought to contain tungsten by those familiar with this metal have been sent to the assayer. The ore was discovered some time ago not far from Princeton and was assayed for manganese, a large percentage of which it proved to be, but the unusual character of some fresh taken samples aroused curiosity and the ore is being analyzed for tungsten. The result is anxiously awaited by those interested. Tungsten is a valuable metal being worth about 70 cents per pound and is used in certain processes in the manufacture of steel. A recent discovery of tungsten was made near Nighthawk, Wash., and the property is being developed.

GOLD-PLATINUM ORE

Platinum in Place has been Discovered on Bear Creek Mining Property.

Has been Found in Ore in Other Locations as well as in Placers of Princeton District.

It has been a matter of common information among miners and others that platinum had been found in place in the Princeton district and had also been obtained in considerable quantities by placer miners on Granite creek and on the river bars. In their ignorance of what it was many golddiggers in this section in the early days allowed the "white gold," as it was sometimes termed, to be dumped with tailings. But the increased demand for platinum for electrical and scientific purposes has made it more precious than gold, hence miners and prospectors are now always on the alert for it.

The recent discovery of platinum on the mineral properties of Messrs. Law & Armstrong, Bear creek, causes no surprise to those acquainted with that and the Granite creek sections. Those two sections are essentially gold platinum in formation. From the earliest days of mining prospectors have all been impressed with the pronounced indications in these parts of hidden mineral treasure. So little development has been made, however, owing to the difficulties of transportation, that actual proof was lacking, except as in the mining property above referred to and one or two others, that bodies of high grade gold-platinum ore existed.

Assays of ore from Copper and Kennedy mountains, made by Baker & Sons, Newark, N.J., return platinum in considerable values and its diffusion among the black sand with which the rivers and creeks abound in this district is well known among mining men. Some day this black sand, which is chiefly magnetic iron, will be made to produce the platinum it undoubtedly contains. To find the mother lead where much of this platinum is supposed to be dislodged by process of natural disintegration will be the ambition of many prospectors. At present the world's supply of platinum is drawn from the Ural mountains in Russia.

Don't forget to hang up the longest stocking to be found for Santa Claus is going to visit all the good boys and girls and some of the grownups on Christmas eve.

School holidays began yesterday and will continue for two weeks, thus making glad the children at their release of study.

LINE IS NOW LOCATED

Railroad Cuts Through Heart of Princeton, yet Does no Harm.

Considerable Money will be Disbursed Among the Property Owners—Railroad Rumblings.

The work of locating the V.,V. & E. through Princeton was completed this week by Mr. Cranshaw's survey party. The road crosses the Similkameen from the first bench above water near the Indian reserve, crossing the lower part of Fenchurch avenue and striking Bridge street at its intersection of Billiter avenue. The line passes through the center of C. Summers' cottage, touching also property of Messrs. Gibson, Howse, Baker, Chrisfield, Jackson, Hall, Spencer, Anderson, Hill, Wells and the townsite as far as the Similkameen. Other owners are affected but their names conld not be learned. This is the final survey and fixes the line definitely, knocking the high trestle theory of some visionaries to pieces. Messrs. Snapp and Anderson, right-of-way purchasers, are expected here shortly to fix the price of property expropriated.

Work on the big tunnel at Rich Bar is being pushed from both ends. It is the heaviest construction work on the whole line of the V., V. & E. It is said that when the steel reaches the tunnel a temporary track will be laid around the tunnel to avoid delay in tracklaying.

President Hill's promises are always fulfilled if nothing happens to prevent it. He said he would begin construction on the V.,V. & E. from Cloverdale eastward this winter and it is done. A camp of thirty men with outfit are at work.

Bill Scruby arrived in Princeton last week from the end of the grading work on the V., V. & E. below Keremeos. Contractors were making good progress although there is a scarcity of laborers all along the line of construction. When Mr. Scruby left there was a report that a 10-mile contract had been let to a 'Chink' who had gone to Vancouver for a horde of Mongolians. Whether this is fact or not the general impression is that west of Keremeos will soon be covered by contractors from the finished portions of the road in Washington.

The Vancouver Tourist Association has written secretary W. H. Switzer of the Princeton board of trade for information regarding this section. The letter states that frequent inquiries are made about the Similkameen and the Association desires to be in a position to reply intelligently and accurately. Let everyone help in this important matter.

B.C. COPPER COMPANY.

Additions to Smelter—Drilling on Copper Mountain.

The B. C. Copper Co., has made arrangements for the addition of three new blast furnaces to its smelter at Greenwood which will increase the smelting capacity by about 1800 tons daily. Other improvements will be made, including 5 trolley locomotives to haul ore from the bins to the furnace and electric, instead of steam, power at the Mother Lode mine.

The diamond drill at work for the B.C. Coppe. Co. on Copper mountain is making good headway in spite of incidental difficulties through lack of water and a rough country for hauling over. So far as can be learned where the drill recently was on the Princess May the 500-foot hole showed 400 feet of good ore, the remainder being stringy with common quartz One thing demonstrated has been the improvement of the ore at depth and this is believed to be the rule on the whole of Copper mountain as well as on the Princess. The B. C. Copper Co. is almost sure to prove the Sunset group a very valuable property when producing.

THE WEATHER.

"Reautiful weather!" That is the greeting of friends wherever one meets them in and about Princeton And it is no empty salutation, for the past two or three months have been mild and balmy with just enough of frost to make the air invigorating and healthful. While people here cannot live on air, (especially the 'hot' variety) yet it and charming scenery mightily influence persons when selecting a home. Princeton is favored in both respects far beyond the average. The thermometer has not read zero as yet this winter and there is just enough snow to make a spotless mantle for dear old earth and preserve the grass roots from any destructive frost. Under the lee of Hope mountains Princeton is remarkably free from winds or draughts, the days being serenely calm and the stilly nights disturbed only by the wail of hungry coyote ond yelping cur. With such a climate, it is no wonder that the population of Princeton steadily increases.

AN ENJOYABLE DANCE.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Lyall in the A. E. Howse Co's store on Friday night of last week proved an enjoyable occasion with a record attendance. A jolly contingent of about a score of ladies and gentlemen came from Hedley and local residents were present en masse. Dancing lasted until daybreak and everybody voted the occasion one of the pleasantest in their recollection. An elegant supper was served at midnight after which nimble feet tripped the light fantastic while "all went merry as a marriage bell."

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

The dawn of another Christmas is at hand. Two more days and then all Christendom will celebrate the greatest event of the ages. No child subject to the influences of christianity but longs for this day with its happy associations and kindly gifts; no man having the better qualities of humanity but hails the day with joyous acclaim and bids his fellow "A Merry Christmas," with many returns of the same. Thus each recurring Christmas helps to form that union of mankind which outlasts the fickle changes of time, renews friendships here and points to that unchangeable abode where peace and happiness reign evermore. Christmas, therefore, may be considered symbolical of a better and everlasting day, where the struggle of life is ended and its burdens rolled away. The poet has well described it in verse, as follows:

"Hark throughout Christendom joy bells are ringing,
From mountain and valley, o'er land and o'er sea,
Sweet choral melodies pealing and thrilling,
Echoes of ages from far Galilee.
Christmas is here,
Merry old Christmas,
Gift-bearing, heart-touching, joy bringing Christmas,
Day of grand memories, king of the year."

In the Roman Catholic church three masses are performed on Christmas—one at midnight, one at daybreak, and one in the morning. In the church of England the day is celebrated by special religious services, but other Protestant churches do not recognize it in a sacred sense, believing that there is no divine or scriptural warranty for such. As a social holiday it is observed by all classes and creeds in Canada and is the day of days for general rejoicing, home-gathering and reunions.

This Christmas in Princeton, aye, in the whole Similkameen, will be celebrated with a heartsome zest never before experienced in its history. Courage and good cheer have taken the place of despondency and gloom. The bright aspect which the horizon of tomorrow presents to the man not jaundiced with persistent melancholy is certain of realization with the oncoming railways. In no other portion of the continent of North America can a Christmas dinner be eaten under more prosperous auspices. With best wishes for the success of everybody in the Similkameen and bidding all a very happy Christmas the Star again resumes its astral flight on the wings of time.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The manufacture of steel rails in the Kootenay is about to be undertaken by a syndicate of United States capitalists. Iron mines have been bought and rolling mills will be erected at Crawford bay. The company will expend $150,000 next summer in providing transportation and development of mines. Frequent reference has been made in these columns to the existence of large iron ore bodies in this district and inviting examination by experts with a view to inducing capital to operate these properties. Iron has cut little figure with prospectors in the Similkameen where the abundance of more valuable metalliferous ores has quite overshadowed the baser ones. Railway communication will shortly dispel much of this partiality and iron properties will be in active demand. A rolling mills at Princeton for the manufacture of steel rails is not an unlikely proposition seeing that all the necessaries of coal, ore, fireclay and water power are present.

The Liberals did not gain such a sweeping victory in Saskatchewan as was won in Alberta yet their 16 to 9 is more than enough for a small house. In B.C. one or two of a majority seems enough to eke out a hazardous life for its Conservative government. From the Atlantic to the Pacific there is now a sort of endless chain of Liberalism and the country is prospering beyond the dream of statesmen of a decade ago.

The conditions which are rapidly driving many of the largest manufacturers of the United States to Canada is giving that class much concern of late. 132 of the leading manufacturing establishments of the United States have been forced to erect factories in Canada on account of tariff restrictions. The loss to Uncle Sam is estimated at upwards of $50.000,000. When Canada asked for reciprocity of trade with the United States a deaf ear was turned and rather haughty treatment was accorded Premier Laurier. Now, however, Uncle Sam would gladly treat with a commission on the tariff subject but it is believed he is a little late in making up his mind for Canada is a strong advocate now of preferential tariffs within the empire.

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NOTICE.

Duke of York and Blue Bird mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, M. A. Voigt, free miner's certificate No. B79944, 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 certificates of improvements.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1905.
C. Æ. SHAW, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

No. 38 Fr., No. 40 Fr., No. 54, No. 55, No. 56, No. 57, No. 58, No. 59, No. 61, No. 62, No. 63, mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: In Voigt's camp.

Take notice that I, C. Æ. Shaw, agent for M. A. Voigt free miner's certificate No B79944 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 30th day of November, 1905.
C. Æ SHAW, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

No. 2, J. W. Hill, United and Verde mineral claims, situate in Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: In Voigt's camp

Take notice that I, C. Æ. Shaw, acting as agent for M. A. Voigt, free miner's certificate No. B79944, 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 15th day of November, A. D. 1905.
36 C. Æ SHAW, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

Maple Leaf, Pine Knot Martin, Daisy and Minnehaha mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Henry creek.

Take notice that I, H. S. Cayley, acting as agent for John Gladden, free miner's certificate No. B79971: Edward A. C. Studd, free miner's certificate No. B79016 and Chas. E. Oliver F.M.C. No. B79072, 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 2nd day of October, A.D. 1905.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase 160 acres of land, described as follows: Commencing at a post on Skaist creek about 1 mile from the Skagit and running south 40 chains, east 40 chains, north 40 chains, west 40 chains to point of commencement.

N. J. LINDSAY,
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NOTICE.

Buller, Colorado, Edward 7th, No. 6, No. 7, No. 24, No. 26, No. 27, No. 43 Fr., No 44 Fr., No. 45 Fr. and No. 46 Fr. mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On the northerly slope of Copper mountain.

Take notice that I, G. Evert Baker, free miner's certificate No. B88091, intend, 60 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 Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of November, A.D. 1905.
G. EVERT BAKER.

NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres, more or less, of pasture land in the Nicola division of Yale district and described as follows: Commencing at a post at S.W. corner of lot 1234 thence east 80 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains to point of commencement.

A. E. HOWSE.
Nov. 23rd, 1905.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain land situated in the Similkameen land division of Yale district. Commencing at a post 40 chains east of C. C. Clay's S.W. corner, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement.

J. D. YOUNG, Locator.
per W. D. Young.
Dated 8th November, 1905.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertakings of the Vancouver and Coast Kootenay Railway Company; the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company; the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company, and the Midway and Vernon Railway Company; and to acquire all the rights, powers and privileges of the said companies; and with power to exercise all the powers contained in the Acts of Incorporation of the said companies; and with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertaking of any other Railway Company or Companies; and with power to subscribe for and purchase the stock, bonds, debentures or other securities of any Railway Company; and to exchange the stock or other bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company to be incorporated for the shares, stock, debentures, bonds or other securities of any other Railway Company; and with power to increase the capital of the Company to be incorporated; and with power to issue shares as fully paid up; and to borrow money on the Company's assets by any form of security; and with power to promote any Railway Company or Companies, or to amalgamate with any Company or Companies; and with all the other and necessary powers conducive to the carrying out of the Company's undertaking.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 22nd day of November, 1905.
ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act extending the time within which the Vancouver and Coast Kootenay Railway Company has to complete its line of railway, and empowering the said Railway Company to build from some point on its line of railway to Kamloops in the Province of British Columbia.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 22nd day of November, 1905.
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The associated boards of trade will meet in Cranbrook in January. What about a delegate from the Princeton board of trade?

Religious service in the court house tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. conducted by A. Murchie.

Victor Voigt arrived from Portland, Ore., on Wednesday and will spend his holidays at home.

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ANGUS LAMONT.
J. G. McDonald, Agent.
Dated Dec. 2nd, 1905.

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 400 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at the north-east corner of lot 1192 thence north 60 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence south 80 chains to north line of lot 1402, thence east 20 chains to the east line of lot 1192, thence north 20 chains to the north west corner of lot 1192, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement Said land is situated in the Nicola division of Yale district

L. GIBSON, Applicant,
per Luke Gibson Agent.
16th December, 1905.

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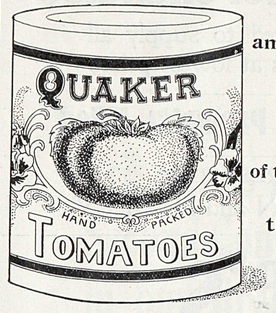

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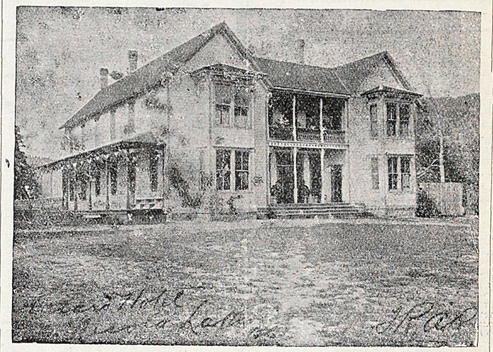

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SMILES.

Mrs. Bacon—As I came up the street I saw the policeman with his arm around the lamp post. Cook—Yes, ma'am. That's a way he has when he's thinking of me, ma'am.

We often hear that the age of miracles is past, but is it? It is statistically shown that the grocers of the United States, within the last six years, have sold 3,500,000 pounds of pure Mocha and Java coffee from the 137,000 pounds imported into the country.

Among the hills of Sligo there is a small lake renowned in that region for its fabulous depth. A well-known professor, travelling in that part of Ireland, was asked by his native guide if he would like to see the lake. "It's no bottom at all, sorr," said Pat. "How do you know that?" asked the professor. "Well, sorr, me own cousin was showin' the pond to a gintleman one day, sorr, and he looked incredulous like, just as you do, and me cousin couldn't stand it for him to doubt his word, sorr, and so he said 'I'll prove the truth of me words,' he said, and off with his clothes and into the water he jumped. Yes, sorr, in he jumped, and didn't come up again, at all, at all" "But," said the professor. "I don't see that he proved the point by drowning himself." "Is it drowned? Niver a bit drowned at all he was. Sure, didn't a cable come from him next day in America askin' for his clothes to be sent on!"

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A LICENSE to cut timber can be acquired only at public competition. A rental of $5 per square mile is charged for all timber berths excepting those situated west of Yale for which the rental is at the rate of 5 cents per acre per annum.

In addition to the rental dues at the following rates are charged: Sawn lumber, 50 cents per thousand feet B.M. Railway ties, eight and nine feet long, 1½ and 1¾ cents each. Shingle bolts, 25 cents a cord. All other products, 5 per cent on the sales.

A license is issued so soon as a berth is granted, but in unsurveyed territory no timber can be cut on a berth until the licensee has made a survey thereof.

Permits to cut timber are also granted at public competition, except in the case of actual settlers who require the timber for their own use.

Settlers and others may also obtain permits to cut up to 100 cords of wood for sale without competition.

The dues payable under a permit are $1.50 per thousand feet B.M., for square timber and saw logs of any wood except oak; from ½ to 1½ cents per lineal foot for building logs; from 12½ to 25 cents per cord for wood; 1 cent for fence posts; 3 cents for railway ties; and 50 cents per cord on shingle bolts.

Leases for grazing purposes are issued for a term of twenty one years at a rental of two cents an acre per annum.

Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres may be acquired by one individual or company.

Royalty at the rate of 10 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds is collected on the gross output.

Entries for land for agricultural purposes may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the minister of the interior at Ottawa, the commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district within which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

A fee of $10 is charged for for a homestead entry.

A settler who has received an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

1. At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years. It is the practice of the department to require a settler to bring 15 acres under cultivation, but if he prefers he may substitute stock; and 20 head of cattle, to be actually his own property, with buildings for their occupation, will be accepted instead of the cultivation.

2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of the act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of the Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of the Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Application for a patent should be made at the end of three years before the local agent, sub agent or a homestead inspector.

Before making an application for a patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the commissioner of Dominion lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
Ottawa, Feb. 4, 1905.

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