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Slocan, B. C., is under the
Skilled and Personal Management of Jeff Baty,
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SPOKANE EXPOSITION.

W. A. COPLEN APPOINTED SLOCAN COMMISSIONER.

Aim to Boom the Resources of This Great Camp—Advertise Its Beauties and Attractions—Co-operation of the Citizens Requested.

W. A. Coplen, formerly of this town, has been appointed commissioner for the Slocan by the management of the Spokane Exposition. In that capacity he writes THE DRILL as follows:—

"I write you in the interest of the exposition to be held in Spokane this fall, with reference to the mineral exhibit we wish to secure from your town and camp surrounding. The mineral department of the fair is making every effort to make that the leading feature, and I feel safe in saying that they will succeed, considering the steps already taken. My appointment as commissioner for the Slocan places me in a position where I am deeply interested in securing a fine exhibit from that camp—one that will walk off with some of the medals offered by the exposition, if not the first. I fully realize that it will be our fault if we do not, as there is no other camp adjacent to Spokane that can excel the great Slocan. What is needed there is attention called to the fact, and the real present conditions called to the attention of the mining world to hold the district in the high position it has rightly earned. That is what the exposition management propose to give you in return for your kindness in furnishing them with a few blocks of your ore to place before the visitors as an attraction and a drawi g card.

"And, I will say further, that the Slocan, as a field for tourists and pleasure seekers, can't be excelled, and should be advertised as such. I feel sure that there will be no trouble in getting an interest aroused there, judging from the sentiment that was expressed when I was through there last June. You have undoubtedly learned through the papers that everything has been arranged to accommodate the shippers of exhibits; and, for my part, I shall make every effort to secure an exhibit from each camp in the district, and will see that they are set up here in a manner that the visitors will see that the Slocan has great and wonderful resources.

"These facts I wish to be placed before the citizens there, so that they can take steps to secure the samples immediately, as the time is limited. I expect to make a trip through the district some time early in September but in the meantime would like to correspond with some one selected by the citizens so as to keep posted and be able to co-operate with you. My desire is to make it the leader of the leading feature of the big show."

Enterprise Report.

Following is a brief report issued in London by the New Zealand Goldfields Co., who are interested in the Enterprise mine: "Owing to the labor strike it became impossible either to equip or start work upon the Enterprise, British Columbia, mines until March last. During the strike period, however, advantage was taken of the opportunity to ship to the smelters the ore left in the bins by the former owners, upon which a net profit of about £8,000 was realized. The result was satisfactory, in proving this ore to be much richer than anticipated. At the termination of the strike, work at the mine was commenced, consisting of general equipment and the usual preliminary works necessary for carrying on large and systematic shipments in the most economical manner. Shipments of an experimental nature have already been made, and it is expected that important and regular shipments will follow in the course of a few weeks, from which date good returns are expected. The directors are unable to recommend the payment of a dividend, but they think at the same time that the shareholders, after careful perusal of the reports and accounts, will agree with them in believing that the company's intrinsic position is better than at any time in its history."

Morning Star Working.

J. C. Shook, S. B. Clements and others have been working the Morning Star for some weeks and are meeting with encouraging results. They have purchased a number of the smaller interests, including Wm. Thomlinson's, and hold an option on Bourne Bros.' one-sixth. They purpose working the claim throughout the winter.

To Ship Next Week.

Last week's development on the Two Friends was on the same satisfactory level maintained since the property re-opened. Ore is being constantly broken down, sorted and sacked, and on Monday next packing will commence on the first carload of ore to be shipped. It will run about 160 oz per ton.

ANOTHER BOND MADE.

Another bond was made yesterday morning by J. Frank Collom that will add materially to the acreage and value of the property he secured last week. He obtained from Dan McPherson and John Wereley, of New Denver, their two thirds interest in the Gertie R fraction, situated on the Ten Mile summit, and forming the connecting link between the Ohio and Speculator groups. It is in a direct line for the Arlington, Neepawa and Enterprise veins and should prove a valuable holding. The deal was in the nature of a working bond for one year from Sept. 1, and was for $6,000, which is on the basis of $9,000 for the property. Five per cent of the money falls due in nine months and the balance in a year from date. Walter C Adams owns the other third, having purchased it a few weeks ago from Pete Lindquist.

By this purchase Mr. Collom will secure, with the Speculator group, upwards of 4,000 feet of ground on the same vein the Arlington is so successfully developing, besides securing the benefit of the rich veins coming up from the Ten Mile side. There remains now but the Mabou and Ohio group covering the intervening space to the Enterprise, forming at once one of the most desirable properties in the camp.

Chapleau Machinery Arrives.

Two carloads of machinery for the Chapleau stamp mill arrived at Lemon siding, Tuesday, from Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago. The road is being rushed through as quickly as possible in order to permit of the machinery going up the creek, as the management are desirous of having the mill running in October. Besides the machinery and the tramway cable and gear, there is 75,000 feet of lumber to be hauled for the Chapleau, which will give the Lemon creek freighters all they want to do this fall.

Railroad Smashup.

A bad smash up occurred on the Robson road, about a mile from Bonnington Falls, on Friday morning. Owing to a misunderstanding of orders a freight and worktrain came together at high speed, and there was a general breakage. Two men were injured, one of whom was H. Guest, who left line repairing here to go braking. He had his back badly sprained, besides receiving a number of bruises. The passenger train was ordered out from here at 3 o'clock to assist in clearing up the wreck.

Speculator Starts Up.

J. Frank Collom lost no time in commencing work on the Speculator group, which he bonded last week. On Friday about a dozen men and a pack train of supplies were sent up from here to commence development of the property. Neil McMillan secured the contract for erecting the cabins, blacksmith shop and other buildings, and he took up several men on Saturday to get out the timber. For the present Mr. Collom is in charge of the property.

Neepawa Makes a Shipment.

Wednesday evening the Slocan brought down seven tons of ore from the Neepawa group, Ten Mile, being the first shipment made from that property in three years. The ore was taken out of the shaft being sunk by Alex. Ferguson and Frank Griffiths under lease, and the returns are expected to richly pay for the labor expended. The lessees still have several feet to sink and in ground that is steadily getting richer.

Arlington Sawmill.

Work was commenced this week on the frame of the Arlington sawmill under the superintendence of A. B. Wood, of Vancouver, who was sent in for the purpose by the Hamilton Manufacturing Co. This firm has the contract for supplying and installing the plant, which will be of 10,000 feet daily capacity. Mr. Wood expects to have things in full running shape by the end of September.

The Legal Improving.

Messrs. Johnson and Balderston have a most promising gold proposition in the Legal, on the first north fork of Lemon. The latter has been working on the property all summer and has a tunnel in 180 feet. The ledge shows two feet of quartz in the breast of the drift, which assays $170 in gold. It is the intention to commence a second tunnel and so prove the vein at greater depth.

BOOMS THE SLOCAN.

On his return to Spokane Tuesday, after an inspection of his several holdings in this camp, C. D. Rand remarked: "I believe the Slocan leads every British Columbian mining district in its substantial and important mineral development. The character of the development is of such a permanent nature, such conservative and experienced capital is being spent there freely, and the results are of such a solid and assured excellence that I have no hesitation in placing the district first in importance of new work. The old mines around Sandon are again almost at their old capacity of production and many new ones are being put on the list. But the most characteristic movement there is the development in the new camps and the influx of capital for their development. I went through a good deal of the country on my trip and the amount of work being done on new ground was most surprising. Sales of properties are taking place in every camp and some of much importance are under way or have been recently put through.

"That part of the district in which I am especially interested is the Slocan lake Ten Mile creek country. There are camps all along it and there are few properties with much development. Yet there are some of the most promising showings that have been found in the Slocan. The value of the camps is attested by the recent influx of large capital. The value of the country a short distance east of the upper part of Ten Mile has recently received competent confirmation by the return of Ernest Mansfield from England with large plans of development for Camp Mansfield and ample backing of capital. The recent bonding of the Transvaal, the only large property between the well known Enterprise, on Ten Mile, and the You and I, near the head of the creek, in which I am interested, is another important indication of the confidence of outsiders.

"A strike of rich ore was reported from the You and I about a month ago, and since then there has been a small stampede to that camp. There have been many important finds and a lot of claims have been staked. I found much activity around there and an excellent showing on the You and I. Some of the samples of ore from the various camps that I saw were magnificent. Better ore than ever is coming out of the Slocan, and shipments will soon undoubtedly greatly exceed anything that there has ever been."

UPPER SLOCAN MINES.

The Bosun has shipped 700 tons of ore this year.

The Omega shipped a carload of ore this week.

Operations are to be resumed on the Silver Bell.

The Whitewater exported 78 tons of ore last month.

Ore is being shipped from the Mascot by the Ruth company.

After running a short time, the St. Keverne has again shut down.

Sixty tons of ore was sent out by the Slocan Star last week and 180 by the Payne.

A chute of shipping ore has been struck in the new raise on the Hewett, Four Mile.

Through the financial assistance of M. Fleutot, the Florida claim, in the Jackson basin, is to be reopened.

The framework of the Ivanhoe concentrator is about completed and the machinery is being installed.

A new showing of clean ore has been opened up on the R. E. Lee, which resumed operations last week.

Reed, Jackson and McNichol are steadily developing the Storm group near Silverton. They have ore exposed in a number of places.

Shipments from Sandon last week included 79 tons from the Ruth, 21 from the American Boy, 22 from the Coin and 12 from the Omega.

The Ivanhoe camp buildings were burned to the ground Monday night, the fire having caught from the drying room. Better buildings are to be erected.

Camps on the Hampton.

N. F. McNaught was here Friday arranging for the erection of cabins on the Hampton group, on Springer creek. The buildings will be ample for a small force. It is not the intention to do much development this fall and winter, but in the spring the property will be fully opened up and ore shipped.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY THIS DIVISION.

This Season is Far the Best on Record—A Healthy Evidence of the Life and Wealth of the Camp—Enterprise the Biggest Shipper.

The Neepawa, Ten Mile, has the distinction of being the sole representative of the district in the shipping line this week, having sent out about seven tons to the Nelson smelter. It is the first shipment from that property for years and is an earnest of better things to come. Next week the Two Friends will come to the front, as they purpose sending out a carload, adding another shipper to the year's list. Other shipments will come from the Enterprise, while much may be expected from the Arlington shortly.

Following is a list of the shipments this year to date:

MINE.	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Enterprise		900
Arlington		300
Black Prince		60
Kilo		20
Hampton		3
Neepawa	7	7
	7	1290

MINES AND MINING.

Bar silver went over 61 cents during the week.

The force on the Molly Gibson is to be increased to 75 men.

The ledge on the Tail Holt is straightening up and more ore coming in.

F. Dick, J. Tattersall and B. Robertson have received their money on the Violet.

Mark Manley has stopped work on the Native Silver fraction for the time being.

A small force of men went up the creek this week to commence work on the Hampton group.

The railways, including the C. P. R., will carry mineral exhibits to the Spokane fair free of charge.

Con Murphy has returned from prospecting in the Similkameen country. He has staked several good claims.

J. McFarlane returned during the week from the Similkameen camp. He is interested in a number of rich prospects.

A settlement has been effected by the Fisher Maiden company with the parties who recently restaked the property.

Dan Harrington, foreman at the Arlington, took a trip to Sandon during the week to secure more men for that property.

The men employed building the new camps at the Smuggler came down on Wednesday, having completed their job

The Tattersall boys have sunk eight feet on their recent discovery on Twelve Mile, and the ledge is steadily improving.

Some of the managers of the British companies in the Slocan are coming in for some hard knocks from the old country shareholders.

The new tramway at the Molly Gibson is to be completed by October 15, when shipments will follow at the rate of 500 tons per month.

Development on the Transvaal group, Ten Mile, lately bonded to Ward McDonald, has shown up a well-sustained chute of ore.

The owners of the Transfer group will run in another tunnel lower down the hill, giving them sufficient depth to get clean ore in the vein.

Bob Cooper continues working on the Hope single-handed. He is still driving across the vein, with no sign of the other wall, but any amount of ore.

At a general meeting of the Imperial Development Syndicate, held in Nelson last week, J. C. Shook was elected second vice president and a director.

J. Rae and Geo. Stoll have finished assessment work on the Black Hawk group, Ten Mile, under bond to E. Mansfield. The showing of ore has increased.

Arlington Wants Privileges.

J. Frank Collom, on behalf of the Arlington Mines, filed notices this week for two public privileges from the government. One is for the right to cut and remove timber from the ground on the north side of Springer creek and about 1000 feet from the Provost bridge. The other is for a millsite on the creek, containing five acres of ground, at the Argo claim.

SADLY AT FAULT

Recent Miniag Story Exposed to Ridicule.

"Perhaps the most delightful explanation of the workings of the stock exchange is to be found in the last book written by poor Harold Frederick, before the Christian Scientists sacreficed his life on the altar of their faith. The whole curious system by which a man sells what he has not got and buys what he has no intention of owning, is there fully set forth. It is possible that Mr. Whitaker Wright, the famous company promotor, has read in the Market Place. His latest deal seems almost a plagiarism of that story, and as it was worked out with Le Roi stock it has a peculiar interest locally.

"Some few weeks ago a telegram was received in London to the effect that a lead had been discovered in the Le Roi which ran $50 to the ton. The price of Le Roi stock rose at once, and the bears began to sell largely in the full and very natural expectation that the shares would fall. Mr· Wright quietly accepted, either personally or throngh agents, all offers. Settling day came and the price instead of going dowu was going up. The brokers prepared to pay the differences but to their astonishmeet Mr. Wright demanded delivery. Then it was discovered that there was hardly any stock to be had at all, Mr. Wright having carefully corralled all the paper before he began his little operations. The scarcity of shares when they were actually wanted sent the price higher still, and when the astute engineer of the scheme let his victims out at the finish he was a few hundred thousand ahead of the geme.

"Unscrupulous as the whole transaction was, it had been so organized that the principals did not come within the law or the more stringent rules of the exchange. That Mr. Wright happened to have all the stock in sight when the telegram was received and that the telegram itself was a fake are facts which are significant enough, but it would be difficult to prove that they were more than a mere coincidence.

"And, after all, the men who were bitten were doing their best at the time to bite others. It was a "sure thing" speculation in which they got the worst."

There is hardly a word of truth in the foregoing extract from the Province of August 25. Thorpe, the principal character in "The Market Place," put Rubber consols on the market and had no title whatever to concessions supposed to have been granted by the Mexican government. The members of the stock exchange, anticipating the failure of the flotation, naturally sold Rubber consols short. The applications which came in amounted only to a few thousand pounds. Then Thorpe conceived the scheme of employing the Scotch broker to accept all offerings;—and after getting everything in, Thorpe ran the shares up to £15. He then applied for and obtained a settlement from the exchange, and then dedemanded the delivery of the goods, The brokers then found that in order to make good their sales they had to buy the shares from Thorpe at his own figures.

The whole story was inspired by malicious people to injure Mr. Wright, the character of Thorpe being a supposed representation of Mr. Wright. In fact it is a caricature rather than a portrait.

The first error the Province makes is in the statement that this last squeeze of the bears has been in Le Roi shares, whereas the stock which has made such a sensational advance was Le Roi No. 2, comprising the Annie, Number One, Rockingham; Hecla Fraction, Josie and Poorman. This company was floated on the market a few weeks ago in London at £600,000. The successful subscribers who were allotted the shares, found within a few days afterward, a rising market, and, it is reported, sold out and took their profits.

The telegram sent to London by Bernard Macdonald, the general manager of the British America Corporation, was to the effect that they were getting 4-ounce ore in the Annie shaft. This telegram was by no means a fake, as it is a well known fact in the camp that the ore chute now being worked in that property has been running from two to fourteen ounces in gold, and the average for nearly 100 feet in depth is closer to $80 than $50.

The statement that "settling day comes" is also false, as the Le Roi No. 2 company have only recently asked the house for a settlement, which may not be granted for another two or three weeks yet. and until such settlement has been fixed no deliveries can be demanded.

There is an element in the London stock exchange which has been hammering Mr. Wright's flotations persistently. Last year this same element, by conspiracy with the superintendent of Lake View consols, by manipulating the mine, hammered these shares from £28 down to £10. Owing to this conspiracy it is reported that Mr. Wright suffered to the extent of aboot $4,000,000. Mr. Wright, evidently seeing an opportnity of getting eveu wiih the bears took advantage of it, and will likely come out ahead of both games.

It is a well known fact in Rossland that Le Roi No. 2 has three shipping mines. The Josie, which is developed to the 600-foot level, has immense ore bodies blocked out, of shipping grade. The Poorman was a shipper before the B. A. C. acquired it. The Number One has also a big ore chute, also devoloped to the 600-foot level, and now shiping; while the Annie has the richest chute so far developed in the camp.

These mines could easily ship from 300 to 500 tons per day, provided the Northport smelter could accommodate them; but with nearly 45,000 tons of ore stacked up at Northport, it would be folly to increase present shipments until such time as the smelter can handle the output.

No doubt when Bernard Macdonald returns from Alaska, he may have something further to say in connection with this matter.

London Quotations.

The London financial papers of August 15, give the following quotations on British Columbia properties:

Le Roi, £6⅜.
Le Roi No. 2, £17.
Rossland Great Western, £5¾.
Enterprise, £1.
Ymir, £1. 11-16.
B.A.C., 14sh.
Whitewater, 12/6.

Fight Tomorrow Night

New York, Aug. 29.—Corbett and McCoy have completed their training for their fight tomorrow night in the ring of the Twentieth Century club in Madison Square garden. Corbett said: "I am ready, as I announced, to meet either Fitzsimmons or Jeffries on the night following my battle with the kid."

Instantly Killed

Chicago, Aug. 29.—George H. Ling, who saved the lives of scores of people at the time of the Johnstown flood, fell from a train at South Chicago yesterday, and was instantly killed.

Corbett and McCoy,

New York, Aug. 29.—Corbett and Kid McCoy are both in first-class condition for their fight at Madison Square Garden. McCoy weighs 168 pounds and is in condition o fight the hardest battle of his e. Many of his admirers feel confident that he will defeat Corbett.

Mails In Alaska.

Washington, Aug. 29. — The postoffice department has given a contract to the Canadian Development company, limited, to carry letter mail from Skagway to St. Michaels and Nome from December 1 next to March 31 next.

PRISON FOR LIFE

King Humbert's Assassin Tried and Sentenced.

New York, Aug. 29.—The trial of Bresci, for the assassination of the king of Italy, will open today at Milan, according to a cablegram from Rome. It is expected that Bresci will deliver a statement which he has been preparing. In an interview Merlindo, who will defend Bresci, said: "The defence will consist of a simple but dramatic description of Italy's social, economical and political condition, which rendered the assassination of King Humbert possible. Bresci maintains his attitude of cynical indifference.

The Sentence

Milan, Aug. 29.—At the trial, Bresci declared he had decided to kill King Humbert after the event in Milan and Sicily. "To avenge the misery of the people and my own," he added, "I acted without advice or accomplice." The prisoner was pronounced guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

AT HALF RATES.

Messages to and From Soldiers in the Allied Armies.

Montreal, Aug. 29.—Arrangements have been made whereby the Canadian Pacific Railway company's telegraph and the Commercial Cable company will accept at half rate from the adjutant general of the army, continuous messages containing messages for the soldiers and sailors of the allied forces in China from their friends at home. Messages must be strictly social, in plain language and must be addressed to the commander-in-chief. Half rate messages will also be accepted from the commanders in China to the adjutant general of the army containing messages from the soldiers and sailors in China, to be distributed to their friends at home.

SPLENDID SHOOTING

Exceptionally High Scores at the Dominion Rifles Association Meet

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—The Dominion of Canada match at the D. R. A. meet, which concluded yesterday afternoon, showed some tremendously high scores, the average being far ahead of last year. In this match. Sergt. S. W. Bealy of the Fifth regiment, C. A., Victoria, won $8, with a score of 96! gunner Fleming of the same regiment won $6, with a score of 95 Sergt. Major Richardson, also of the same regiment won $5 with a score of 95. In extra series "A" first stage, five shots at 600 yards, Gunner Fleming of Fifth regiment, Victoria, won $535, with a score of 25.

British Columbians.

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—Shooting this morning was for Kirkpatrick's cup. Three British Columbians were in this competition and won money prizes. Sergt. Major Richardson, Victoria, won $5, with a score of 60, Sergt. Major McDougall and Sergt. Bodley each $5, with scores of 59 each.

CANADA AT PARIS.

The placing of a Canadian exhibit in the Paris exposition may well be regarded as fortunate. The industries and resources displayed in the Canadian pavilion have been a revelation and an object lesson to thousands of visitors whose previous impressions of this country were, to say the least, hazy and obscure.

All accounts from Paris show that the exhibit from Canada is attracting its full share of attention, and in most instances this attention is followed by surprise and admiration. The mining section occupies a prominent position, having been accorded its rightful place as one of the leading industries of the country. The collections of specimens from the various mines presents a real transcontinental array, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The more important mines are represented by large specimens, and taken together, they constitute an almost unparalleled display. This is the verdict, not merely of visiting Canadians, who naturally feel a personal pride in this exhibit from their home land, but of European mining engineers who are viewing the foreign exhibits with impartial and dispassionate eyes. It has already been confirmed by the large number of awards given to Canada by the jurors of the mining section of the exposition. A recent letter from Paris states that the prizes awarded to this section are twice as numerous as the combined awards in the same department to England and the other colonies.

The mining and mineral exhibit from Canada has been fortunate in its installation. It occupies a very large space on the ground floor. The walls are decorated with numerous pictures of mines in this country, showing not only their picturesque situation, but their actual operations, thus giving a more graphic presentation than volumes of descriptive matter could convey. Numerous geological maps, well executed, hang in place, appropriately accompanied by geographical charts showing location. Every section is plainly labeled, and still further differentiated in being indicated by a special color. Ontario is marked pink, the Northwest brown, New Brunswick green, Manitoba violet, British Columbia yellow, Quebec red and Nova Scotia blue.

Specimens from the Le Roi, War Eagle and other prominent mines of this district are well in the foreground. Large pieces of them are installed on a stand where they are made as conspicuous as possible. On another stand are grouped silver lead ores from the Slocan. There are also fine samples of native silver from Silver Mountain, Lake Superior. Next to this is a stand containing copper ores from British Columbia, the province of Quebec and the province of Ontario. The various copper ores so irridescent and diversified offer a beautiful appearance and attract much attention. There is also an exhibit of copper matte obtained from the smelting of the ores.

The intrinsic value of the mineral exhibit from Canada, including the Klondike, is estimated at $30,000. Part of the collection is placed in four burglar-proof glass cases protected by metallic covers. Two of the cases contain nuggets and gold dust from the alluvial deposits of British Columbia. In the third one are specimens from the famous Klondike mines, which are known throughout Europe, and are very much admired. The chaplet presented to the Rev. Father Gendreau, O. M. T., at Dawson City, and composed of gold nuggets from the Yukon river, excites the interest of all. This chaplet is estimated at $500. Another small tray contains gold worth $896, obtained by washing 20 pounds of gravel.

The item of $2500 for a Normal school in Vancouver, provided for in the estimates, has excited some curiosity, the sum being so small that it was probably insufficient for the proper establishment of such an institution. It is explained, however, that the city of Vancouver is offering the free use of school rooms for the purpose, with heating, lighting, etc., free to the province, and that as the school cannot come into operation until the beginning of the year, $2500 will be quite sufficient to meet the charges for salary for the remaining months of the year. The necessity for a Normal school has been apparent for a long time, and has been a standing subject of agitation in educational cities in the province.

D. K. Erb Nominated.

Mitchell, Ont., Aug. 29.—South Perth liberals have nominated D. K. Erb, sitting member, as a candidate at the dominion elections.

Loss by Fire

Cornwall, Ont., Aug. 29,—Alex Jarvis' hardware store was damaged by water and smoke this morning. Loss, about $3000.

THEIR HARD LUCK

Destitute Miners Brought From Nome by the Government.

Seattle, Wn., Aug. 29.—The United States army transport Lawton arrived last night from Nome with 220 passengers, two-thirds of whom are destitute miners, returned at the expense of the government. Rev. Sheldon Jackson came in on the Lawton, bringing with him twenty-five Laplanders employed by the United States, in its Alaskan reindeer experiments. The Laplanders are bound for Norway. About eighty Laplanders now engaged in mining at Nome, refused to leave the country.

Mr. Jackson reports that the grippe, pheumonia and measles have been epidemic all summer among the Eskimos, materially lessening their numbers. The ravages extended from the Aleutian islands to Point Barrow. The revenue cutter Bear was loaded with supplies and sent to the relief of the natives.

BANKRUPTCY DECISION

The Safeguard Against Fraudulent Claimants.

Winona, Wis., Aug. 29.—A bankruptcy discision has been filed to the effect that under the bankruptcy act, no creditor can have his claim allowed until he surrenders to the trustee any money or property he may have received from the bankrupt within four months prior to bankruptcy, without regard to the creditors' knowledge or ignorance of the fact that his debtor is in danger of bankruptcy.

DEMAND FOR COAL.

The Wales Tie-Up Is Having Its Effect on the Supply.

New York, Aug. 29.—The strike of coal miners and railroad employees of Wales is likely to have a lasting effect upon the American coal business. Most of the foreign shipments have been on the orders of different governments, who have needed the coal for their war ships, but now inquiries are coming from private consumers of coal in England, France, Germany and Russia. The inquiries many times exceed the orders.

CANADIAN COAL

A Big Export Trade to Europe, is Probable.

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—The government has received a number of inquiries from leading Europeans as to the quality and quantity available, of Canadian coal for export. Should price and quality be satisfactory, it is expected a big export coal trade will be soon developed between Canada and Europe.

Ottawa, Ang. 29.—The charge of attempted murder against John Mann, of Strose de Lima, by his wife, was dismirsed. Mrs. Mann alleged her husband had threatened to cut out her heart.

John McNaught of the Strathcona Horse, predicts that quite a number of the soldiers now in the transvaal will remain there permanently, or at least long enough to test the resources of the country.

International Arbitration.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Under authority of the treaty of the Hague, President McKinley has requested former Presidents Harrison and Cleveland, to accept appointments on the arbitration board for International differences.

An Accomplice.

Buda Pest, Aug. 29.—A Venetian who is beleived to have been an accomplice in the assassination of Empress Elizabeth of Austria, has been arrested,

SLICES OF CHINA

Russia, Germany and France Each Want a Slice

New York, Aug. 29. — Since Russia is quietly assimilating Chinese territory south of the Amoor river, it is thought that the landing of the Japanese troops at Amoy, is the Japanese answer to these Muscovite moves, says a London cablegram.

Critics here are beginning to recognise that the outcome of the present crisis will eventually be that slices of Chinese territory will certainly pass into the possession of Russia, Germany and Japan. The first named will seize Manchuria on the plea that China declared war and invaded Siberia. Germany will claim Shan Tung as indemnity for the murder of Baron Von Kettler, and Japan will take Corea if she can get it, or, if not, Amer. What the British policy will be in this event, is not known.

Says It is Misrepresented

New York, Aug. 29.—"Russia's attitude has been greatly misrepresented. Her operations in northern China are conducted solely for the purpose of restoring peace and order, are absolutely unselfish." This statement, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald, was made by De Woolant, the Russia charge d' affaires. Russian officials have felt keenly the aspersions lately cast upon their country.

Considers It Off

London, Aug. 29.—A special dispatch from St. Peterburg contains the somewhat remarkable assertion that Russia will notify the powers that she considetr the relief of the Pekin legations as the final accomplishment of the military task of the allied forces.

The afternoon papers, however, regard the activity of the allies at Pekin and the difficulty of discovering a responsible Chinaman, with whom to treat, unless Li Hung Chang is able to secure crerdntials satisfactory to all powers, as indicative that the solution of the problem will be more prolonged and more difficult than previously hoped.

A Big Shoe Bill.

Quebec, Aug. 29,—The imperial was office is purchasing here a large amount of footwear for use by the imperial troops in China. About $70,000 has already been expended.

Will Oppose Tisdale.

Simcoe, Ont. Aug. 29.—South Norfolk liberals have nominated T. R. Atkinson to oppose Hon. David Tisdale at the next general elections.

Will Run Again.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 29.—Frontenac Patrons of Industry have again chosen D. D. Rogers, sitting member, as a candidate at the next general elections.

North Middlesex Liberals.

Ailsa Craig, Ont., Aug. 29.—Liberals of North Middlesex have again chosen V. Ratz, sitting member, as their candidate at the next general elections.

To Claim an Inheritance.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—Emmet Burdock, of Honolulu, and father, arrived on the steamship China, en route to England, to claim an inheritance of $1,700,000 which, they have been advised, is awaiting them there.

Six to Two

Montreal, Aug. 29.—The lacrosse game closed with a final score of six to two, in favor of New Westminster.

A Sudden Death

Montreal, Aug. 30.—While attending the wedding of two young friends in Richmond Hall last night, Fanny Swartz dropped to the floor and died in convulsions.

STRICT BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

Mr. T. G. Blackstock's Emphatic Statement Concerning Mines.

Although not quite recovered from a recent attack of typhoid fever, T. G. Blackstock, vice-president of the War Eagle and Centre Star mining companies, in an interview accorded a RECORD representative yesterday, made a vigorous defense of the company's management up to date and stated frankly what policy would be pursued by them in the future. What gives the announcement added importance is the fact that, combined with the B. A. C. company, these corporations represent 85 per cent of the working properties of this camp and that up to the present time they have outwardly worked in unison, particularly in relation to the labor question. Just how far the executive of the latter corporation agrees with the views expressed by Mr. Blackstock is not known, but it is presumed that there is a perfect understanding between them and that the position taken will be maintained in the future. It will be noted that Mr. Blackstock is not merely willing to speak out, but is anxious that his views should be known.

Mr. Gooderham was not present during the interview, except for a moment or two, but it may be taken for granted that the vice-president speaks for the management generally. Never in the east, and certainly never in this camp, have views been expressed with such refreshing frankness.

The Labor Question.

"There are lots of things I'd like to talk about," was Mr. Blackstock's greeting to the RECORD representative. "For a period it was thought expedient to remain silent on some matters of importance here and to say nothing concerning the management of the War Eagle and the Centre Star, but in my opinion the time for plain speaking has arrived and it is not only permmissable but necessary that our views should be known by this community of miners and merchants.

"We have no quarrel with the miners union or any other combination of workers. I do not believe in attempting to fight labor organizations, as it is a one-sided contest from the start. The situation, as we found it up to a certain point last year, was a perfectly intolerable one and we will never submit to it again, no matter what the result may be. Our expenses had grown out of all proportion to the results attained and I believe that it was quite true that we had become the laughing stock of all mining men owing to the mistaken course we adopted. For the future, let me tell you plainly, the mines will be worked upon the strictest business principles, and in favor of the shareholders. Do not misunderstand me; we will pay good wages to good men, but we will insist that the wages paid are earned. I am not making any extravagant statement when I say we definitely ascertained during the period complained of that many of the men only really worked one-third of their time, and it became simply impossible to carry the load thus imposed. Consequently, we were obliged to close down as we did.

"I hope such a state of things will never exist again; but," added the speaker with a good deal of warmth, "if they ever do, we will close down and remain closed down for so long that when we do start up again there will be no fear of further trouble. I wish it to be distinctly understood that this is not a threat, but an intimation of what we will be compelled to do. During my visit I have found a most decided improvement and I believe and hope it will continue. We have many good miners under contract, earning high wages, and there is a great change for the better in many other respects.

A Business Basis

"I think there are other matters where a change is needed. Prices in many instances for goods that are brought to your doors are, in my opinion, needlessly high. They will come down in time, doubtless, but for the good of the community the drop cannot come too quickly. Take meat, for instance, and many commodities used daily by all of us, and after making every allowance possible, the prices charged are unreasonably high. Sooner or later mining communities, like others, must come down to a business basis.

A Camp of Homes

"I am glad that many of the miners are building and occupying their own homes. You can have no better guarantee for a permanent, prosperous and well conducted mining camp. The man who has no stake or tie to bind him to your community, and who, after causing trouble, can pack his blanket and tramp off elsewhere, is not likely to be of much benefit to the town. A camp of homes, such as I have understood this is fast becoming, is the best safeguard I know of against disturbance of any kind."

Satisfactory Management

When told that the management of the mines was the subject of much local criticism; that the real trouble was alleged to be not men so much as the mine managers, and that unpleasant comparisons with the B. A. C. properties were openly made about the camp and that the visit of Mr. Gooderham and himself was confidently expected to cause a speedy change—Mr. Blackstock said: "We are the last people to hear these tning and I am glad you have mentioned them, as I do not think any man or management is above criticism. Not being a mining man, I have to rely solely upon our staff for my information. Some of the matters you speak of I know about, and I think that all of them are capable of explanation. We have the utmost confidence in our manager and you must remember that he has had almost untold difficulties to contend with. We know these and are quite satisfied that he will successfully surmount them all as quickly as it is possible to do so.

Unreasonable Legislation

Referring to the provincial legislature, Mr. Blackstock said: "I am strongly opposed to some of the proposed legislation. Mine owners are being taxed out of existence and if it continues, British Columbia will be known as a good country for the capitalist to keep out of. Just to the south of us valuable mining properties can be obtained today, cheaper and on better terms than in British Columbia. You may be sure that if you continually drive the capitalist from your door, he will stay away for good, and without capital and plenty of it, your mineral resources would lie dormant. Is it wise? Is it good business policy to hamper and frighten away the investor? We have time and again refused to consider tempting offers of mines elsewhere than in Canada, chiefly because Mr. Gooderham, from high motives, thinks it his duty to invest in Canadian industries in place of going into the United States. Other capitalists are not governed by the same consideration, but will go where they can make the most money. Competition among capitalists for your properties is what is most wanted here at the present time to promote prosperity for all hands. The whole trend of legislation in this province, in my opinion, is along wrong lines, and perhaps when it is too late you will find I am right.

The Two Properties

"I am going to be here some weeks, and will thoroughly acquaint myself with the situation at the mines. So far as the drop in stocks is concerned, neither Mr. Gooderham nor myself have dealt in them at all, and up to the last moment before the drop came, our own relatives and immediate friends were the heaviest purchasers. When the shareholders heard my explanations at the annual meeting, not a word of hostile criticism was offered, and I think they were more than satisfied with the statement given them. Personally, we are in favor of amalgamating the two companies but the other shareholders would probably object. I was misquoted in Toronto in this matter. What I said was that shareholders of either the War Eagle or Centre Star would object to having the stock of the other unloaded on them. We have perfect confidence in both properties and I would not be understood to reflect on either one at the expense of the other. We are perfectly well satisfied with the way both properties are now coming on."

LOOTING PEKIN

The Japanese Seize 50,000 Taels of Silver.

London, Aug. 25.—A Pekin correspondent says: "Pekin is now entirely under foreign control. Looting is proceeding systematically. The French and Russian flags are flying over the best portion of the Imperial domain, where it is beleived the Imperial treasure is buried.

The forbidden city is respected by international agreement although any punishment will be ineffective unless it is occupied. The Japanese have seized a horde amounting to 50,000 taels of silver.

The empress dowager, the emperor, Prince Tuan and all the high officials escaped to Tai Yuen Fu, province of Shan Si, from which point they proceeded to Sian Fu. There is no governor."

Meeting Mobs.

London, Aug. 25.—Street fighting breaks out intermittently in Pekin, according to dispatches from Shanghai, the allies not having sufficient forces to police the vast city. As small parties of the allied troops penetrate into new districts they have to engage half armed mobs.

Forbids Communication

Washington, Aug. 25.—Admiral Remey reports that the Russian commander at Pekin has forbidden any communication between his forces and the Chinese.

German Transports.

Taku, Aug. 25.—Transports are pouring into Taku. Three large German vessels have arrived and are unloading. One regiment that has disembarked is on its way to Pekin and another is bound for Tien Tsin. Three Russian vessels are in the harbor.

LOSES HER DIAMONDS.

Left $5000 Worth In a Sleeping Car Lavatory

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 25.—The report was made to the police last night of a big diamond robbery on a sleeping car of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley railroad. Mrs. McBride, wife of a prominent manufacturer, is the loser. She had $5000 worth of diamonds in a bag, which she left in the lavatory.

Returned to the Front

Toronto, Aug. 27.—A London cable says Private H. Andrews of the 5th regiment, Victoria, injured at Paardeberg last February, and invalided to England, has recovered and has returned to Pretoria.

Measures Against Anarchists

Vienna, Aug. 27.—It is asserted that the French government expressed its readiness to interchange opinions with the powers regarding more stringent measures against anarchists, believing that the present means of repression are inadequate.

Duel With Razors

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 27.—Donald Gray and Maurice Hutchinson, colored, last night fought a duel with razors, which lasted more than half an hour. The fight was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. Both were seriously cut, and Gray will die. The trouble was over a woman.

Hot in the East

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Intensely warm weather prevails throughout Ontario and Quebec, The mercury ranging from 80 to 90 degrees in the shade.

Sir Charles Tupper

Halafax, N. S., Aug. 27.—Sir Charles and Lady Tupper arrived here Saturday. Sir Charles is still suffering from the sprain to his knee which occurred at Amherst on Friday night. He is obliged to use a crutch. The injury, however, is not considered serious.

Barclay Webster Nominated

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 27.—Conservatives of Kings county have nominated Barclay Webster, ex-M. P. P., to oppose Hon. Dr. Borden at the coming elections.

ANOTHER MISTAKE.

Liverpool Regiment Suffers Severely—Heavy Casualties on the 23d

London, Aug. 25.—Lord Roberts has left Pretoria, and has fixed his headquarters at Wonderfontein, the second station west of Machadodorp, where the bulk of the enemy's army is supposed to be. Wiring from there Aug. 24-, he says:

Buller reports the Boers laid a trap for his cavalry August 23, opening with several guns at fairly short range. The English guns silenced the Boers but when the firing ceased and the pickets were being placed for the night, by some mistake the Liverpool regiment advanced fifteen hundred yards into a hollow out of sight of the main body, where they were surrounded by Boers and suffered severely. The Liverpools lost ten men killed and Capt. Plomor and fifty-five wounded. In addition they had thirty-two men missing.

Gen. Buller's other casualties Aug. 23, were twenty men killed, wounded or missing."

Lord Roberts also adds that Gen. Pole-Carew occupied Belfast, near Machadodorp, Aug. 24, without opposition.

Gen. French with several brigades of cava lry is moving east o Machadodorp.

Dewet Escapes Again.

Krugersdorp, Aug. 25.—Commandant Delary appeared yesterday before Bank station with a large force and summoned the garrison commanded by Lord Albermarle to surrender. The garrison refused. In the meantime Dewet took advantage of this ruse and crossed the river towards the Orange River colony.

MR. BELLAIRS AGAIN.

He Is Taken in Charge by the Spokane Authorities.

Kenneth Farrington Bellairs, formerly of Rossland, has again been taken into custody on the charge of insanity. The Spokesman-Review says:

"Kenneth Farrington Bellairs, whose claim for $6,000,000 personal damages is now before the city council, was arrested last evening on a charge of insanity preferred by Health Officer W. W. Potter. He is confined at the county jail, pending examination on the charge.

"Since his release from the asylum he turned his attention to industrial enterprises. He became interested in the industrial exposition and, his attempts to interest Manager Hawley proving unavailing, he has written letters threatening suicide. These letters have led to his arrest, Mr. Hawley called the attention of the health officer to their contents.

"Mr. Bellairs was taken in custody last night at Main avenue and Division street. He was indignant at the arrest. He asked the officer for time to write four letters, and his request was granted. One of the letters was addressed to President McKinley, another to the British ministry, and the others to friends in London."

Liberal Candidates.

Brampton, Ont., Aug. 25.—Peel county liberals have chosen Joseph Weatherstone as their candidate at forthcoming general elections. The North Ontario liberals have chosen Duncan Graham as their candidate.

R. Holmes Nominated.

Durgannon, Aug. 25.—West Huron Liberals have nominated R. Holmes, sitting member, who succeeded late Cameron, appointed lieutenant governor of N. W. T., as a candidate at the next general elections.

Reception to Volunteers

Quebec, Aug. 25.—A reception was tendered the returning Canadian invalids who reached here last evening by "Lake Ontario."

Will Oppose Him.

Three Rivers, Aug. 25. — Sir Adolph Carron, member for Three Rivers and St. Maurice counties, is threatened with opposition from his own camp, local Conservatives having intimated that they intend bringing out a candidate in spite of the fact that Sir Adolph had already announced his intention of running again.

NO CARDIFF COAL

Fifty Thousand Colliers Are Idle as a Result.

London, Aug. 25.—Forgetting the Chinese cryptogram and the unending war in South Africa and the re-construction of that country, the strike on a little one hundred mile Welsh railroad stirs up more serious interest than anything else in England this week, because it is closely related to the coal supply and the manufacturing vitality of the kingdom. The Taff Vale railroad carries the product of fifty thousand miners into Cardiff. The fifth day of the strike sees small quantities of the best steam coal commanding thity-five shillings. All the Cardiff factories are shut down and the merchant fleet are unable to leave the harbor because they have not been supplied with coal. Most of the mines are still piling up coal at the pit mouths. All will probably be idle in another week. The cause of dispute is that two thousand railway servants want a half penny an hour more and are upheld in that demand by the union of railway men of the United Kingdom with £250,000 in the treasury and a strike strike income of £3,000 a week.

Interwoven with the discussion anent the coal scarcity, trouble is brewing everywhere in the world. The Great Eastern men have handed in an ultimatum demanding increased wages and threatening to strike if this is refused.

The arrival in the Thames on Thursday evening of the British steamer Queenswood with four thousand tons of coal, and the sailing of the British steamer Armstor from Norfolk, Virginia, on Wednesday with four thousand tons destined for Bantry Bay for the British navy, afford a text on which hangs abundant speculation. English writers point to America's exhaustless coal supply and to the ultimate certainity that large imports will be made from that country.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHT.

What the Victor Had to Say About It.

New York, Aug. 25.—"The fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey last night," said Charley White, who refereed the bout, "though short, was the best mill I ever saw and the best man won. Both men displayed great gameness. The blow that knocked Fitz down was too high to be effective. When the end came Sharkey stood the rain of blows like the stoic he is. When nearly gone Fitzsimmons got his famous left hook to the jaw that won the fight. Fitzsimmons is right in line for a return match for the championship."

Fitzsimmons said: "I knew all along that I would win, but really I did not think that I would do it so quickly. I expected that Sharkey would last about five rounds. I was in the best condition of my life. Sharkey can hit harder than Ruhlin and is a game fellow."

Will Be Brought Home.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—The large base hospital that was projected by the government at Nagasaki, Japan, has been abandoned and the wounded brought from China will be brought directly here and treated in the general hospital at the Presidio.

A CLERICAL COMPLIMENT

Mary Anderson Thought It a Little Too Quick.

Mary Anderson (Mrs. Antonio Navarre) admits that she is not as young as when playgoers knew her, but she confessed to having received a shock at a bazaar held in Broadway, Worcestershire, the other day, when the rector of a religious community told her she was a mother to them. She made a little speech in which she remarked: "I am somewhat overwhelmed by the clerical compliment, but he might have said "sister."

WAR IN PROSPECT

France ard England May Take a Turn At It.

New York, Aug. 25.—"That the French government is preparing for war there can no longer be any doubt." The Pall Mall Gazette makes this statement editorially. It but puts in concrete form what newspapers in all parts of England have been saying in a more veiled way for three days, says a cable dispatch. There is absolutely no reason for war between France and England, save the hatred of every class of each nation for the other.

What specially has scared the English are the French experiments with submarine guns, but many other French doings are having their effect.

Philadelphia Club Wins.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The crew of the Vesper club of Philadelphia won their trial heat by 15 lengths, defeating a crew of the Nautical club of France. It was an eight-oared race and the distance was one mile and 158 yards. The Vesper's time was 5 minutes 15 2-5 seconds. The final heat will be rowed tomorrow.

A Canadian Killed

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Sir Alfred Milner in a cable from Capetown announced the death of Private Arnold of the Strathcona Horse, a native of Cookstown, Ont., from wounds received at Standerton, Aug. 11. Private Norris of the same corps, reported missing at Greylingstadt, July 5, was killed on that date.

Car Jumps the Track

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 27.—The west bound train on the P. E. I. railway, Saturday evening jumped the track at Bluebank. Engineer Pound received severe injuries besides being badly scalded. Passengers got shaken up and the engine and cars were badly wrecked.

Scalded Him

St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 27.—Glen Tyler, a Michigan Central railway engineer, is in a precarious condition, suffering from a severe scalding administered to him by Mrs. Halbert, who alleges Tyler was an intruder. While in an outhouse Mrs Halbert threw a pail of boiling water on Tyler, terribly scalding his head, face and arms, legs and body. Mrs. Mrs. Halbert has been arrested.

INFURIATED PEOPLE

Surrounded the House of Mrs Dr Wright at Gillman Ill

Gilman, Ill., Aug. 27.—Michael Ryan, who accompanied constable John Milstead, to serve a writ for malpractice on Mrs. Dr. S. N. Wright, was fatally shot by an unknown inmate of the Woman's Lying-in hospital. The victim of the alleged malpractice was a 16-year-old girl, who died and was buried secretly. The town in in a fever of excitement. A mob surrounded the house of Mrs. Wright with threats to fire it. The inmates have not yet been artested.

DEATH AT THE STAKE

An American at Tangiers Mobbed and Burned

Tangiers Aug. 27—A United States warship has arrived here to snpport the claim arising out of the murder last June of Marcus Essagin, a naturalized American citizen, who was manager for the French firm of Brunswick & Co. Essagin while riding on horseback through a narrow street in Tangier, jolted against the mule of a Morrocan and a dispute ensued, the crowd siding with the priest. In self defence Essagin drew his revolver and fired; wounding a native. This was the signal for a general attack on the American, who received dozens of knife wounds, and whose body was burned, according to some accounts, before life was extinct.

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EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

It is expected the legislature will prorogue this afternoon, aft r a most business-like session.

What has become of the incorporation movement? It must have got sandbagged and laid away in some obscure corner for repairs.

Slocan requires a bank. There is a surplus of assets over liabilities and the citizens want a place to stow away their spare collateral.

The C.P.R. has a peck of trouble on its hands these days with its employees, and it looks very much like a general tie-up of the entire system. Labor troubles keep pace with the growth of combines and trusts.

Assurances have been given by the government that the mining commission will in no way touch the eight hour law, but confine its investigations to the operation of the general mineral and placer acts and the water clauses enactments.

Petitions signed by thousands of men in every walk of life—business, financial, mining and laboring—have been sent in to the government opposing the appointment of a commission to enquire into the mining laws The country wants peace and tranquility, so that the mining industry may have a chance to live and prosper.

One or two actions of the legislature this week are good and deserve to succeed, inasmuch as they are in the interests of all the people. The first was a strong memorial to the Dominion government, urging them to pass the Natal act without delay, so as to exclude the Chinese. Another, was a resolution asking the Ottawa folk to establish a national mint.

The boys at the legislature having helped the Dunsmuir ministry through the uncertainties of the session, the premier has shown his appreciation thereof by taking them all on a two-day excursion and picnic through his coal mines It would be money well spent to have some of the legislative farmers from the coast constituencies excurt through the metalliferous mines of Kootenay.

The legislative committee has found that the justices of the peace at Steveston were justified in calling out the militia to protect the canneries during the recent fishery dispute. Also, that it was not the Canucks who made the trouble, but the bad American agitator. The term "foreign agitator" has been made to do service in many a tight corner during the past two years

The annual report of the geological survey of the Dominion for 1899 has just been issued. It shows the grand total mineral production of Canada last year amounted to $38,661,010, while the production for the previous year was $26,661,480. The value of metallic minerals was $21,705,854, and non-metallic $16,655,156, the balance of $300,000 being the estimated value of the products unspecified and unreported.

Clarence J. McCuaig, Canada's big company promoter, in a recent interview in Rossland, ventured the following eloquent testimony to the operations of the eight hour law: "We are very well satisfied with the present outlook of the Payne mine, and I think all our shareholders are content with the prospect. As you know, the payment of dividends has been resumed. We now have a very good class of miners and, while we pay good wages, we are doing far more and much better work than formerly, with the result that our expenses are considerably reduced, while the output has increased." It would be a great pity to break in on this satisfactory state of affairs by a meddlesome and agitating mining commission.

DRILL POINTS.

Passenger traffic on lake and rail continues heavy.

County Court will be held at Kaslo on September 26.

A number of big mining deals are under way here.

The wharf has been greatly improved and strengthened.

Martin Maurer has returned from the Similkameen country.

Born.—In Silverton, on Aug. 23, Mrs. H. Hyland, of a son.

W. Koch has brought in more of his freighting outfit and stock.

Dan McLeod left for Nelson on Monday, to be gone some time.

Worden Bros. hold the agency here for the Galt Coal Co., Lethbridge.

The begging fraternity were once more in evidence during the week.

W. Koch is making headway with the flume for the Arlington sawmill.

Tuesday night's incorporation meeting again failed to materialize.

Born.—In New Denver, on August 29, Mrs. P. A. Munro, of a daughter.

J. M. McGregor returned from the Lardeau country Wednesday evening.

Toronto departmental stores are deluging the district with fall catalogues.

Business men anticipate the best winter the camp has yet seen and experienced.

The Canadian Pacific will continue the Imperial Limited service to October 15th.

One drunk and incapable was towed to the Bastile Wednesday by the local dray.

September 11th is the date set for holding the Miners' Union concert and dance.

Tomorrow the shooting season opens and the slaughter of the innocents begins.

The rebate on exported timber has been discontinued by the provincial government.

There is no necessity of any man suffering from want of work at the present time.

Clarence McCuaig is in Montreal, having been called home by an urgent message.

New Denver is agitating for the immediate building of the Silver mountain road.

"Dad" Allen returned from the Boundary country yesterday, looking hale and hearty.

T. McNeish & Co. are now carrying the heaviest stock of goods since their store opened.

September 3rd has been officially proclaimed a holiday for the celebration of Labor Day.

The machinery for the Arlington sawmill has been going up the creek each day this week.

There is more business being done in the town at present than any other camp in the district.

A desperate attempt at housebreaking, on the outskirts of the town, was made the other night.

Upwards of 60 animals are engaged in the freighting and packing business in this town.

Get John Craig's bread at D. Arnot's and Shatford & Co.'s. Best in the market and always fresh.

The town was full of strangers on Friday night, who had to lay over here owing to the smashup on the Robson road.

Some sneak thief marauded Ed. Haley's cabin the other day and stole all the Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes in the place.

For sale, cheap.—A cottage and two corner lots in New Denver. Is drawing a good income. Terms easy. Apply at THE DRILL.

Wood dealers state it is going to be a hard task to get a supply of the article for the winter demand, owing to labor being so scarce.

The town looks pretty lively in the mornings by reason of the many four-horse teams and pack animals loading up for the hills.

J. M. Williams, mgr. of the Chapleau, who met with such a serious accident last week, was removed to his home in Nelson on Tuesday.

John Keen has been appointed to hold court to determine the objection of the Le Roi people at Rossland to their last assessment by the government.

The Clara Hanmer Co. did not shine in the Music Hall, on Monday night. They struck a financial snag in one of the other towns and went to pieces.

A. York & Co. have had a very neat cabinet set up outside the meat market, wherein are displayed samples of ores from the principal mines in the camp.

Tony Long will have the Springer wagon road completed in another two weeks. He is making a splendid job of it, the stiffest grade so far being but six per cent.

Ernest Mansfield and C. Plowman returned from England on Friday, and went direct to Camp Mansfield via Kaslo. They report the British money market tight and uncertain.

Max Heckmann brought into town Wednesday a dog salmon, which he had shot with a rifle in Goat creek. It measured 3 feet 8½ inches long and 8½ inches across and weighed 28½ pounds. This is the first fish of the kind seen in these waters.

The W.C.T.U. At Home, in the Music Hall last night, was a pleasing and enjoyable affair. There was a good crowd in attendance and the affair was presided over by J. C. Shook. A short musical programme was given and refreshments served.

McCuaig is Hopeful.

Clarence J. McCuaig, who spent several days in this camp recently, said in Rossland last week: "Now that the labor question has been definitely settled, I look for a new era of prosperity for mining in British Columbia generally, particularly in the Slocan. Mark my word for it, you will see a great advance in that section this fall."

MINING RECORDS.

Appended is a complete list of the various records registered at the local registry office, H. P. Christie being mining recorder:

LOCATIONS.

Aug 18—Brooklyn, Ten Mile, by H Schultz.
22—Habana, same C Heinze.
Newton fr, same, T Avison.
Brunswick, Springer creek. J McKinnon, M A Gillis and J P Driscoll.
Iona, same, same.
Snowflake, 6th s f Lemon, B Griffith.
23—Hibernian, Lemon creek, H Richart.
24—Sarfield, Twelve Mile, J Williams.
Paris, same, same.
Camden fr, 2nd n f Lemon, J A Foley.
Brooklin, Ten Mile, H Cameron.
King, Springer creek, D C Gilchrist.
25—Lucky M, Lemon creek, M Ratcliff.

ASSESSMENTS.

Aug 20—Rob Roy, Homestake.
21—Canadian Mutual, White Beauty, Black Beauty, Graphic, Shamrock fr.
22—Maggie, New Denver fr.
24—Trenton.
25—Golden Hill.

BOND.

Aug 24—Speculator, Mineral Mountain, Eda fr, Empire and Westside, all interests, R I Kirkwood, T Kilpatrick, C E Smitheringale and A Tunks to J Frank Collom, bond for one year. for $55,000.

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Stephenite Fraction Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan City Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—Between the Burlington No.2 and Speculator mineral claims, on the north fork of Springer creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Arthur S. Farwell, acting as agent for W. F. DuBois, free miner's certificate No. B26801, 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 July, A.D. 1900.

A. S. FARWELL

Arlington No. 1 Fraction Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan City Mining Division of the West Kootenay District. Where located:—Between the Arlington No. 2 and Burlington No. 2 mineral claims, on the north fork of Springer creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Arthur S. Farwell, acting as agent for J. Frank Collom, free miner's certificate No. B14374, 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.

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