# THE NUGGET.

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## NEWS OF THE MINES.

Between Gerrard and Kaslo, a distance of about 55 miles, there is a continuous mineral belt from 10 to 15 miles in width, on which locations have been made, some of them six years ago. The earliest locations were, of course, copper or silver-lead, as until the past summer, when the rich strikes were made on Poplar Creek, more by accident than from any other cause. But when the high gold values were obtained on Poplar, prospects were soon located in every part of the district. Much of the territory was of course run over, and stakes planted where ever sufficient mineral could be found on which to make a location.

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About ten miles from Poplar, on Meadow Creek are a group of claims—six in number—known as the Great Britain group on which between seven and eight thousand dollars have been expended in development. This group is owned by Greenhow and Larkin, the former a Montana mining man and the latter of Spokane. The claims are crown granted. About 300 feet of tunneling and stoping have been done. There are two leads on the group, one 4 and the other 12 feet in width, carrying gold, silver, copper and lead, a sample from which sent to the Spokane fair assayed $155 in all values. On the same lead Joseph Carton and J. W. Power own four claims, the Hidden Treasure, Last Chance, Copper King and Mountain View. On this group a tunnel has been run 103 feet, besides cross-cutting on the surface. Also the North Star fraction, on the same lead, located by Carton, but since transferred to J. W. Power, of McGuigan. Mr. Carton also owns a one-half interest in three claims south of and adjoining the Mammoth, of the Great Britain group. The lead runs through two of them. There is another lead running at right angles to this and carrying high values in gold. Development consists of a tunnel 97 feet and open cuts.

About two miles below this group, on Meadow Creek, Andy Erickson made locations some six years ago on a lead assaying from $10 to $52 in gold. The formation in all these groups is a contact in schist and granite.

On the middle branch of Cooper Creek, on the pass going to Whitewater, a lead of copper bearing ore has been located carrying a good percentage in values and is about 20 feet in width.

The Kokanee group, on the divide between North Meadow and Cascade Creek, is another promising group, which has been crown granted, and carries silver-lead values.

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Next week development will be commenced on the Royal group of claims on Meadow creek. The group consists of the Defiance, Royal Crown, Royal Prince, Poyal King, Mammoth and Orphan Boy. The owners of the claims Messrs. F. Kaiser, C. W. Hartman, Aug. Buffalo, A. O. Osthy and Theo. Dufresne, intend to syndicate and do the development on the whole group at one point. The main lead runs through the Defiance, Royal Prince, Royal Crown and Mammoth. This is four feet in width and carries high values in gold, with a small percentage in copper. The lead lies between porphyry and schist. Surface work has been done on all these claims. On the Royal King and Orphan Boy there is also a four foot lead which carries high values.

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W. F. Teetzel has purchased from Frank Carlson and Simon Plaff, the Golden West and the Crown King mineral claims in the Poplar creek section. They are located only a short distance from Poplar and adjoin the Sweede group on the north and are next to the Walker and Carlson Group. The price paid was a good sized one and the payments run over a period of nine months. The property is in a good location and has some excellent surface showings. It is probable that a joint stock company, made up largely of local people, will be formed to operate the claims.—Nelson News.

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Larry Hickey came in Monday from the Second Crossing. He had a number of samples from the Maple Leaf and Shamrock claims, owned by himself and Jas. Delaney. On the claims are three leads, one a free-milling ore and the others galena. It is the intention to work the ptoperties all winter. The claims are about a half mile from the Second Crassing.

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B. Crilly, assistant manager of the Great Morthern Mines, came in on Monday and left for Camborne on Wednesday. All the properties of the company are showing up well with development. Although the mill at Camborne has not been working on the richest ore, it is expected the clean-up will be a good one.

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On the group of placer claims south of the town the shaft is now down 25 feet. It is expected that bed-rock will be reached in the next ten feet. Some very rich specimens of float have been taken out, and considerable fine gold has been found in the last five or six feet.

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Prospect work is being done on the Swede group at about 300 feet below the apex of the lead with excellent results. Fifteen tons of ore were shipped this week to the company's stamp mill at Camborne.

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A contract has been let to run a 25-foot tunnel on the Bertha K, an easterly extension of the Lucky Jack.

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The tunnel on the Home Run is in 20 feet. Work has been discontinued until after the holidays.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

The tunnel of the Lucky Jack is now in about 270 feet.

Jno. Fostell left Wendsday for Halcyon, where he will remain a month.

A. Garvey left on Wednesday for Rossland, where he will spend the holidays.

John Hambly's new store building on First street will be completed next week.

One of the neatest butcher shops in Kootenay is that of Ostby, Jost & Co in Poplar.

Parson Smith delivered a discourss on the immortality of the soul, Sunday afternoon.

A meeting of the Poplar branch of the Provincial Mining Association will be held Friday evening, January 8.

W. H. Lee, representing Reisterer & Co., brewers, Nelson, was in camp Monday.

D. P. Barsalou left on Monday's train for Ferguson where he will do assessment work on his claims.

R. T. Martin left Wednesday to spend the holidays with his family at Ainsworth.

J. M. Harris will commence work on the electric light plant the begin- of next month.

A. O. Ostby left Wednesday for New Denver. He will return Wednesday next, bringing his family with him.

Henry Magnusson was in Nelson the past week en route to Southern California, where he will spend the winter.

Young scotch couple want situation in hotel or camp. Can do anything in their way. Address, W V,, Nelson postoffice.

Oscar Nelson, Orange Hamilton, Wm. Schmock and G. G. Day are spending the holidays in Trout Lake and Ferguson.

Jas. and Bert. Cameron, sons of J. J. Cameron, came in from Nelson on Wednrsday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Tuesday last A. O. Ostby purchased Oscar Johnson's interest in the Miner's hotel. Eric Strand also disposed of his interest to Hansen & Ostby, who will in future conduct the business,

Mayor Archer of Kaslo came in Monday and left Wednesday. The firm of Archer & Hodder will commence building their new store in Poplar early in January.

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### Mining Association.

A meeting to form a branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held in the reading room of the Grand hotel Friday evening. There were about fifty persons present. John Keen, president of the Provincial Association, was elected temporary chairman and George Chataway temporary secretary. Mr. Keen explained the objects of the association and called for nominat ons for president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. The officers elected were: President, E. M. Morgan; Vice-President, Frank Holton; Secretary-Treasurer, E. L. Masterson. The election of executive committee was deferred until the annual meeting, which will be held on the 8th January 1904. After the organization was completed Mr. Keen made a short speech outlining the work which had been done by the Provincial Association, and its policy for the future, after which a membership roll was opened. Nearly all present became members of the association and paid the membership fee which was placed at $1 per annum.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Keen for his efforts as official head of the Provincial association, in bringing to the notice of the government the requirements of the mining camps of the interior.

The local branch bids fair to become one of the strongest in the province, and there is no doubt but that much good can be accomplished by every one joining and giving their support to the officers of the organization.

The membership will be in the hands of Mr. E. L. Masterson, the secretary, and all having the interest of the camp at heart should become members.

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### Trades Committee.

Poplar Trades Committee was called to order at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, with President McQueen in the shair. The minutes of the last meeing were read and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Keen and seconed by E. M. Morgan that a committee be appointed to make out a list of appropriations we require from the Provincial government on roads, trails and bridges. The committee to report at a meeting of the Trades to be held Thursday evening Dec. 24th. The motion was carried, Messrs. Keen, Morgan, Chataway and Strand were appointed. Mr. Keen very generously offered to donate a certain tract of land (inside the townsite limits), to the town for recreation grounds, and asked that three trustees be appointed to hold the deeds from the townsite. Mr. E. M. Morgan moved and seconded by Geo. Hambly that three trustees be appointed to accept Mr. Keen's generous offer and hold the papers for the town until the town is incorporated. Messrs. Edward Baillie, Alfred McQueen and E. L. Masterson were appointed as trustees. Moved by Geo. Chataway and seconded by E. M, Morgan that a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Keen for his generous donation to the town. The motion was unanimously carried.

A number of communications were read and placed on file. Moved by E. M. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Keen that the meeting adjourn until Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting to be held in Mr. Baillie's office. Messrs. E. Baillie, J. Keen, A. G. Johnston were added to the membership list.

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R. T. LOWERY, PROPRIETOR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1903.


## THE MAN WITH THE PACK.

The prospector has a nature that is heroic. He abandons the comforts and luxuries of home and civilization and with a pack on his back he he plunges into the wilderness in search of treasure. He spends the best part of his life fighting the ele ments, dodging silver tips, and bucking the evil effects of doughy bannocks and mildewed sow belly. Once in a while he blazes a trail that leads many to fortune, while too often his share of the wealth is dissipated swiftly against the three things that gild every camp with a touch of hell. No government officer, or city mining paper warns him that he is taking awful chances against an untried formation. Oh, no; they have nothing to do with the poor prospector. When he does discover a country that shows unmistakable signs of natural wealth, they too often decry his offorts towards inducing capital to assist the good work that he has commenced. Possibly afraid that some fat millionaire might lose a few dollars in developing a claim that would pinch Such officials and papers are willing that the poor prospector should take all the risks and then be damned for attempting to sell their property.

## EDITORIAL NUGGETS.

The legislature has "shut up" for the holiday season.

The Nugget is not getting out a special heliday number this year, but copies of "Float" can still be had at 50 cents each.

Now that the "peace and good will" season has arrived, the Nelson Conservatives might arrange for another convention.

Hon. Clifford Sifton will doubtless consider his Christmas dinner a very cheap affair in view of another contest in Brandon constituency.

The meeting Friday night to form a branch of the Provincial Mining Asscciation was all that could be desired in both numbers and enthusiasm.

New Wertminster has an artesian well. Any one who has been there in the winter season might reasonably consider an artesian well the least of the necessities of that city.

The Nugget wishes a Merry Christmas to all its subscribers who have paid; to all who have subscribed and haven't paid; and also to those who haven't subscribed and wouldn't pay if they did subscribe.

A number of business men are advocating the incorporation of Poplar. We believe it is a little too soon to think of incorporation, and nothing could be gained by such a course.

Peace and good will is a very nice sentiment, but with a Dominion election coming on in a few weeks, it is just as well not to be too outspoken in our praise of those of a opposite political faith.

Now that the Nelson Tribune predicts the expulsion of two members of the McBride government from a secret organization, it is difficult to determine where the Houston "incident will end. A bas the perfidious McBrideites!

John H. Tonkin, late manager of the Crow's Nest Coal company, appears to have the happy faculty of keeping his name prominently before the public. About a year ago he was having bouquets thrown at him by the papers of British Columbia because he kept a gang of detectives watching the company's mines. Now he is receiving free puffs from the same source because the detectives are trying to get within watching distance of him.

Duncan Ross, publisher of the Greenwood Times, is one of the candidates for the Liberal nomination in Yale-Cariboo. The other two candidates are lawyers. The Nugget favors Duncan, the man from Bruce; not because he is a Liberal, for he is that by heredity; not because he is an editor, for he is that on account of a natural inclination to benefit mankind; but because he is a good judge of oatmeal. If elected, Mr. Ross will make an able and conscientious representative.

The B. C. Mining Record roars about Pool's methods of conducting his business, but it fails to tell of the many weary months he spent in prospecting the Lardeau, and the many men in Revelstoke, Calgary, Macleod and other places who are rich today from their belief in Billy Pool. A paper that knocks those who are using exery effort to make something of this very rich country befouls its own bank account; and sows within itself a germ that will eventually push it over the dump.

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## MINING FLOAT.

Boundary mines shipped 75,000 ns of ore last month. This passes l previous records.

For the four months ending October, anada exported 15,023,000 lbs. of opper valued at $1,433,000.

The North Star, East Kootenay as thirty men working. Shipping to be resumed in the near future.

Hydraulic machinery on an ex ensive scale is to be installed at the all river mines.

The Jumbo mine, Rossland re- ently shipped 125 tons of ore to the ranby smelter. This is the first hipment from Rossland to Grand orks

The old vein at the Reco is being eveloped again. Work on it was spended in 1897 and not resumed ntil recently. Some of the richest ilver lead ore ever mined was taken rom this lead, and is showing up ell again.

It is now estimated that the total of he ore shipments of the Boundary or the full year of 1903 will be about 75,000 tons, or about one-third more han for the previous year

Active diamond drilling at the Vol- anic mine, on the North Fork of Kettle river, has been started by Boyles Bros., the contractors. Alex. Mead, M. E., of Marquette, Mich., has rrived in the Boundary to assume he positirn of engineer for the syndi- ate that lately bonded the Volcanic.

Five years ago ten cars of coke a ay was sufficient to do all the smelt- ng in the Kootenay. It now takes hirty of coke to supply the demand. o that instead of a pile as big as the anadian Pacific railway station hoveled into the fireboxes of the land nd marine engines every day, British Columbia transportation com- anies will daily use a pile of coal hree times as large in five years.

The Snowshoe company will erect smelter at their mine, in the Boun- ary, next year.

The tunnel on the Chicago, near andon, has cut the vein, exposing wo feet of galena.

The second clean-up from the Eve tamp mill, at Camborne, has yielded old bricks valued at over $6500.

On the Rossland claim of the yster-Criterion group the three and ne half foot lead gives average val- es of $26.

The Thunder Hill Group, at the head of Fre Valley, has been sold to the Lightening Peak Milling Company for a large sum.

Says the Sandon Standard: "Word reached town last Sunday of an important strike made a few days before at the Rumbler. While extending development in the 700 fort level a two and a half foot body of ore was broken into which assays between 150 and 200 ounces of silver to the ton. Little was said about the matter at the time, Manager Zwicky being desirous of defining the extent of the new body before it was known on the outside. Drifting was immediately commenced and its condition has every appearance of a permanent character. This makes the third rich strike on that property since early in the summer, which proves beyond doubt the stability of this noted mine. No dividends were paid the past year, the money being put to better advantage by thoroughly developing the property."

The new assessment act of the government is being very severly criticized by the various people interested in railways, lumber, farming, etc, who will come within the scope of its operation. Whatever may be the result of the numerous amendments proposed, it is to be hoped that some method will be evolved of making collections, so that in the future, all those who should contribute to the maintenance of government in the province, be made pay their quota, be made pay in a reasonable time, and that the provincial taxes should not be allowed to accumulate.—Nelson Tribune.

The art of keeping the mouth shut should be taught in every school.

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Some females are relegated to the spinster class because of their cuteness.

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JOHN KEEN

Notary and Commissioner

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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

A Merry Christmas to all readers of The Nugget.

Casey & Murphy will open their hotel at the Second Crossing on New Year,s day.

Building operations are at a standstill owing to the delay in lumber arriving.

Casey & Murphy of the Second Crossing gave their friends a swan dinner Sunday last.

A dairy has been started in Poplar, and the "condensed" will soon be out of the running.

A. E. McDougall has a car of lumber on the road somewhere between Grand Forks and here.

John Keen left on Wednesday for Kaslo, where he pill remain during the holiday season.

George Morgan left for Ferguson on Wednesday, where he expects to remain during the winter.

E. G. Woodward, publisher of the Landeau Eagle, passed through town Monday on his way to Nelson.

Jim McDonald, the contractor, passed through town this week on his way to Nelson to spend the holidays.

All the copies of Float sent to this office have been disposed of, but another consignment is expecled in this week.

E. M. Morgan, superintendent of the Lucky Jack and Swede groups, will commence the erection of a residence as soon as lumber arrives.

The time is near at hand for good resolutions. Those who have any second-hand resolutions lying around, should sluff them off to make room for the new stock.

D. J. Robertson & Co. of Nelson, will give special rates to Poplar and Lardeau purchasers of their furniture. They have the largest stock in Kootenay to choose from.

R. T. Lowery has issued the first number of the Poplar Nugget. It is brimful of interesting matter relating to the new gold fields. It bears the earmarks of Lowery's breezy style.—Greenwood Times.

A letter has been received at this office from North Dakota asking the selling price of Great Northern Mines shares. The writer states that he is the owner of 1500 shares of the company. The par value of the shares is $1 each. All the stock placed on the market has been subscribed, and local holders, as a rule, do not care to sell, as it is believed the stock will advance rapidly. It is very probable that the stock will double in value in six months. However, if the Dakota man wishes io sell he will have little difficulty in disposing of his stock at par.

### The Records.

Following are the records made at the Poplar office during the past weck:

Dec. 19.—Royal Crown, Meadow creek, Theo Dufresne.

Royal King, C. W. Hartman and A. O. Ostby.

Orphan Boy, Meadow creek, A. O. Ostby.

Dec. 22—Defiance, Meadow creek, C. W, Hartman and T. Dufresne.

Mammoth Ledge, Meadow creek, Fred Kaiser.

Royal Prince, Meadow creek, Aug. Buffalo.

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