THE NUGGET.

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NEWS OF THE MINES.

J. B. McKenzie and Arthur Gowing are working on the Oliver, Rusty creek

Chas. Peterson is doing assessment work on claims up Poplar creek, owned by A. O. Ostby.

The offices of the Great Northern Mines, limited have been moved from Ferguson to Nelson.

Bob Dewar has located placer ground near the Second Crossing which he believes will prove very rich.

Bruce White and J. A. Magee came in from Nelson Wednesday and went up to the Spyglass yesterday.

Chas Copp is doing assessment work on the Calumet, situate about half way between Poplar and Rapid creek.

K. Burnet, P. L. S., of Rossland has completed the survey of the Lucky Jack No. 2 Mining company's claims.

A quartz ledge is being crosscut on the Silver Glance which is said to be a continuation of the rich lead on the Luck Jack.

Jim Wardner was in town the past week looking over the camp and it is said he has got an option on some of the Poplar creek properties. If so, there will shortly be doings in camp.

Anderson and Cochrane have commenced work on the Copper Queen, situated about four miles up Poplar creek. There are two ledges on the Queen, both carrying values in copper and gold.

Al. Houston has finished the year's assessment work on the Red Rock and Cumberland, northwest of Poplar. A quartz ledge 4 feet in widtw was crosscut and stripped for a considerable distance.

John Winquist, the locator of the Spyglass, came in from Trout Lake Wednesday and went up to the claim yesterday. It is reported in town that the lead on the Spyglass is widening as development pregresses, and that there is now three feet of solid galena in the face of the workings.

Monte Morgan has finished assessment work on his Rapid creek properties. They are the Annie, Marguerite, and Hidden Treasure. These claims join those of Schmidt and Rogers and are owned by M. J. Morgan, P. H. O'Connor, W. Jennings and George McCartney. The Annie has a 6-foot lead showing up well as far as it has been stripped. On the Marguerite there are two leads, one contact and the other fisher. Both assay high in gold. The Hidden Treasure has a 12-inch fisher vein which shows free gold.

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Harvard Lake Group.

The trail has been completed from the First Crossing to the group of claims around Harvard lake, a distance of about four miles. A number of locations have been made in the vicinity of the lake during the past two months. The first location in this neighborhood was the Slocan Boy, made last year by the Hendryx brothers. On the claim there are two leads, one 7 and the other 10 feet in width. Near this are the Beatrice, owned by E. Hart, and the Harvard Lake by T. Ross, on which there is a 16-foot lead of quartz, opened by a crosscut 19 feet in length. Adjoining the Beatrice and south of it is the Sugar Loaf, with a 9-foot lead, owned by Ross and Hart. South of the Harvard Lake is the Beatrice owned by Ross and Campbell, and having the same lead as the Sugar Loaf. West of these are the Maple Leaf and Hazel Fraction, located last year by Swancen. Northwest of the lake are the Bendigo located by W. Holloway, the Commonwealth by James Cunningham, and the Confederation by H. Cameron. On these there is a very large quartz lead carrying arsenical iron, and from any part of which gold can be panned. Development work is now being done on the Confederation. Northwest of the Commonwealth is the President owned by Col. Campbell. East of the President are the Mayflower owned by A. McQueen, and the Orphan Boy by George Hambly, on which there is a 12-foot lead that assayed as high as $103 in gold. Southeast of these are the Quaker and Puritan owned by Holloway and Hendrix, on which they claim there is a quartz lead over a hundred feet in width. These claims join the Slocan Boy. Other claims have been located in the vicinity of Harvard lake, making a camp of between twenty and thirty claims with large bodies of free-milling ore. Very little work has been done, as the majority of the claims have been located within the past six weeks, but now that the trail has been completed and supplies can be taken in on pack animals, it is expected that considerable work will be done during the summer. With the large bodies in the vicinity of Harvard lake even if the ore only runs $5 to the ton, and this is a very low estimate, it will prove one of the best camps in the district.

The First Birth.

CAMERON—Born, in Poplar, on the 10th June, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cameron, a son, the first child born in the City of Gold.

At the meeting of the Trades Committee Friday night reports were received from all the committees except that on advertising, which will be presented at the meeting this evening. The committee on the public school were instructed to reply to the rather evasive letter of the superintendent of education, and the committee on trails were instructed to forward data to the government agent at Kaslo.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

John Keen visited Kaslo and Nelson this week.

Ed. Funk left on Tuesday last for Seattle.

E. L. Morand went down to Nelson Monday.

In Nelson a man must not spit even in the court house.

Turk D. Brown is building a house on Findland Heights.

E. Ferguson, the Nelson liquor man, was in town this week.

S. Silver has moved from Railroad avenue to Finland Heights.

Ollie Chapman returned Monday from a two-weeks' visit to Kaslo.

Mrs. E. Harrop and family left Wednesday for a short visit in Nelson.

A number of citizens are training daily for a bridge walking contest.

Miss Anderson of Vancouver is visiting her brother Gust of the Hotel Grand.

Geo. Hagerman slipped on a banana peel Wednesday and severely sprained his leg.

A. E. Goodenough of the Slocan Bottling Works paid a business visit to Poplar this week.

Miss Elsie Kaiser returned to Eholt Wednesday after a visit of a couple of weeks with her father.

Rev. S. J. Green of Kaslo rounded up a number of backsliders and others in the Ostby corral Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Hagerman of Kaslo, who had been spending a week with her husband, returned home on Wednesday.

The Poplar sawmill commenced turning out lumber yesterday, and in a short time will be prepared to supply the local demand.

J. G. Ross the C. P. R. operator here has gone to Nelson, and Mr. Mar-Marshall of Eholt now handles the ticker in Poplar.

A dispatch from Sandon states that Ed McLeod tapped a chute of blues the other day and found $700 under an ace in the hole.

J. J. and Mrs. Cameron are the proud possessors of the most valuable nugget yet found in the camp. It is a boy and tips the scales at 10 pounds.

The many friends of Chas. Hanson, proprietor of the Gommercial hotel here, will regret to learn that he is in the Nelson hospital being treated for typhoid fever.

Slim Hendrix cut his foot badly with an axe Wednesday while working on his Rapid creek properties, and will be laid up for a few weeks. Dr. Brandon attended to the injury.

The Lardeau Eagle has changed owners, J. J. Atherton having purchased the business from E. G. Woodward. The policy of the peper will remain unchanged politically.

Do not forget the meeting of the Poplar Trades Committee this evening at 8 o'clock in the Ostby hall First street. Important business to be discussed.

S. B. Hodgson has opened a boot and shoe repairing shop. He will be in town Friday and Saturday of each week, Orders left at E. L. Masterson's store will be promptly attended to.

Dave Day went to Nelson Friday to enter the Kootenay Lake hospital, but after a stay in that institution of two days all the typhoid germs were murdered and he returned Monday as well as ever.

Andy Garvey has opened a blacksmith shop on Second street above Poplar avenue, where he is prepared to do anything in his line. Horseshoeing and tool-sharpening a specialty, safes cracked while you wait, prospectors spiked for glacier climbing, machinery repaired and deadheads killed.

Wednesday last Wm. Schmock and Silver's cayuse got into an altercation as to whether it was easier to pack wood up hill or down hill. As the cayuse was packing the wood its opinion was entitled to some consideration. In the heat of the argument they came to blows, and Schmock lost the argument. It is now settled that a cayuse can pack more wood going down hill than up, and can scatter it over more territory on the down grade, especially if it is stove wood.

Work was commenced on the new school building yesterday and it will be completed next week, after which there can be no possible excuse for a school not being established here. Lately both the school inspector and superintendent of education have resorted to quibbling and childish evasions in answer to enquiries by parents. This is a very undignified course for gentlemen holding positions of such importance, and upon the result of whose official acts so much of the success or failure of the rising generation depends. The department of education or the inspector's office should be free from political bias or personal animus, and just as soon as either influence the acts of officials the usefulness of that official is gone. It is not a question of whether the superintendent or the inspector have been unfairly criticised or not. With them it is a question of providing for the present educational requirements of those who will in a few years be the men and women of the province—the fathers and mothers in the intellectual evolution of the race.

Here is a strange trick to pierce iron. You take a piece of crystalized sulphur, mould it to the exact shape and size you want your hole to be. The piece of iron is then heated white hot and then you press the sulphur on it, which will enter as easy as if it were butter, leaving a hole the exact size and shape of your sulphur stick.

The flesh of the elephant is partaken of with zest in India.

THE NUGGET

Is published every Friday at Poplar, B. C. and is sent to any address for $2.00 a year.

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R. T. LOWERY, PROPRIETOR.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1904.

EDITORIAL NUGGETS.

THERE will be gold in Poplar when some of us are dead.

THE establishment of a bank in Poplar is more evidence of the increasing importance of the golden city by the river

A BOY recently died in Indiana from growing too fast. He was 7 feet high at the age of 14. Mowns sometimes die from the same cause.

WITHIN a year, if the schist around this camp carries pay values, Poplar will be the largest city in the interior. Within three years it will have a larger population than Vancouver.

UNION miners in Colorado seem to be like Ishmael. Probably it is the agitators and not the miners who are to blame. However every great victory requires force and nothing is won by being a rubberneck.

A JAP in New York gave $1,200,000 of his own money to help his country against the Russians. It is patriotism of this kind that wins many a war, although it is a puzzle to us how the Jap got out of New York with that much money. He couldn't do it in Poplar.

R. E. GOSNELL is now editor of the Victoria Colonist. This is a long jump from the little paper he once spa tered with ideas back in Alvinston, Ontario, but Gosnell is merely getting his reward. He has done a great deal for the province, and will no doubt continue the work, even if Jim Dunsmusr and Dick McBride do occasionally put water in his ink.

Western Growth.

Winnipeg is having a great boom. The building lots in the city are being sold at very high prices. The Winnipeg correspondent of the Toronto World states that five thousand immigrants a week are passing through the city. This does not include the vast tide that flows into the province and territories that does not converge at Winnipeg.

A very large number of immigrants are coming from the States. These new arrivals take part in the boom in Winnipeg building lots and so general is the desire to speculate that many women are speculators, and several have made considerable successes.

Speculators and investors of England, Eastern Canada and the United States are present in large numbers, lending a distinct cosmopolitan tinge to operations in all lines of business.

As long as the inrush of immigrants continues the boom in Winnipeg may be expected to last, but it must sooner or later come to a finish, and then there possibly may be trouble. But that day may be far distant, for population is increasing fast and room must be found for the new arrivals somewhere. On this continent the population doubles in about 35 years. There are eighty millions and more now living here, and during the next thirty-five years there will be eight millions more people to provide for. Where will they live? It is time we were thinking of these matters and as yet very little thought is given to the subject. The Winnipeg boom may start thought, and if so it will be doing good service.

Lady at the telephone—Are you there? Are you Mr. Frizzle the barber? Well, I want my hair done for a party this evening. Mr. Frizzle at the other end of the wire—Certainly, mum. I'll send a boy around for it in five minutes.

Daughter--There is only one thing more astonishing than the readiness with which Ned gave up tobacco when we became engaged. Mother What is that astonishing thing? Daughter—The rapidity with which he took it up after we were married.

Hello, father, is that you? the college youth called over the long distance wire. I was beginning to get anxious about that cheque I wrote to you for; thought perhaps it had miscarried. No, replied the wise father. It's safe—safe in my cheque book. Good bye!

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THE MAN AND HIS MISSION.

Even a knocker is sometimes useful. William Fleet Robertson, the provincial mineralogist, has relieved the anxiety of those timid ones who conjectured all sorts of trouble as soon as the East Kootenay reserves were thrown open. It was feared that there would be such a rush into this much advertised and much discussed district, that there would be many disputes about locations, and that serious trouble might ensue. There is not much danger now if Mr. Robertson's opinion is worth anything and if it is not, then his salary should be saved to the province.

The government was besieged by importunate license seekers. It knew not which way to turn. Whatever action it might take would offend an opposing faction and the government was not particularly anxious to offend any one. So William Fleet Robertson was sent into the Flathead country. He returned and published a report. Prospectors and speculators in oil fields who take any stock in Mr. Robertson's report will not give a button for a license. They will not make any strenuous fight for locations which such a renowned expert describes in concluding his very interesting report as follows:

"I would report the actual seeping of oil in three or four places; that the existence of a body of oil underground is quite possible though exceedingly problematic; that if such a body of oil does occur it can only be demonstrated by boring in all probability to a considerable depth and at considerable cost."

Thus is peace and good order in this glorious province maintained. Who would want to have this province disturbed by an inrush of people such as have made mining camps on the other side notorious? 'Twere much better that our resources should be belittled than have a large influx of people. British Columbia can get along without population anyway.

Man has a nasty habit of spoiling natural scenery, and scenery is what every true British Columbian boasts about. The province is of course in debt, but debt only adds to the charm of living so long as there is scenery

It is not the first time that William Fleet Robertson headed off a threatened boom. Last year there was exceeding great danger that the Poplar Creek district would become possessed of a "boom," but Mr. Robertson went there and reported. Since then all one hears of Poplar Creek is contained in the paragraphs in the Poplar Nugget. And then there is the Similkameen. A few years ago Mr. Robertson went there and reported. Since then the Similkameen, rich in mineral and other resources, has not been troubled with a boom, and its peoply have had ample opportunity to study its magnificent scenic beauties.

A few misguided residents of this province who have not yet realized that its ideal destiny does not lie in the exploitation of its natural resources, suggest that it is unfair to monopolize the valuable services of William Fleet Robertson; that other countries less rich in natural advantages should not be entirely shut out from the benefit of his services, and that Mr. Robertson should be spared for a brief season. This is of course a selfish world and it is good policy when you have a good thing to stick to it. Experiments are sometimes costly and in the absence of Mr. Robertson the mineral resources of the province might be developed; there might be an influx of capital and men—in fact a boom might come.—Boundary Creek Times.

One way to dodge the divorce courts is to stay single.

First Russian—You say the fight was quickly over? Second Russian—Yes; it was finished before you could say Jackopoli sky Robinsonoplotowsky.

The boy sat on the moon-lit deck,
His head was in a whirl;
His eyes and mouth were full of hair,
And his arms were full of girl.

Bates—That nephew of yours called me a blackguard. Yates—Just like Ben; no tact about the boy. I've always told him that the truth was to be spoken only on occasion.

What is your husband's favorite fiction? asked the inquisitive person. I can hardly say at a moment's notice, said the patient wife, whether he prefers the invalid friend story or the detained at the office on business narrative.

Whom do you consider the greatest inventor of the times? asked one woman. My husband, she replied proudly. Why, I didn't know he ever invented anything. You should hear the excuses he gives for coming home late from the office.

Now, William, isn't this coffee as good as that your mother used to make? It is better than that she made at home, Ellen, much better. But it isn't as good as that she used to make for church socials.

Claribel, called out the old gentleman in a loud voice, raping and emphatic, from the head of the staircase at 11 30 p. m., you tell that long-haired, sallow-faced, spider-legged feller in the parlor there to take his hat and walk off; and if he ever comes here again I'll kick him through his necktie. Alfred, murmured the young woman, pensively, something seems to tell me we'd better part.

NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR TIMBER LIMITS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, 29th June, 1904, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated on Upper Duncan River, known as Lots 6,479, 6,480, 6,481, 6,482, 6,483, 6,485 and 6,486, West Kootenay District, containing in the aggregate 2,696 acres.

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W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands & Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 2nd June, 1904.

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Dated this 5th day of May, 1904.
J. C. MOYLE, Locator.

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IRIDOSMINE.

But very little iridosmine has been saved, as it is rarely ever that a miner was aware of its presence in the black sands which he was letting go down the creeks with the tailings; with care and patience, the practical gravel miner will be able to detect and save this very valuable metal.

It may be found in the black sands in the crevices on bed-rock, and will lodge wherever gold will find a resting place in the placer mining districts.

When it is known that a teacup of iridosmine is worth several hundred dollars, it behooves the miner to examine his black sands carefully for this metal.

During the past few years the uses to which iridosmine has been put was the cause of making a demand for it in the markets of the world, and that demand is increasing so rapidly that it will be years before the price can depreciate to any extent.

Iridosmine is heavier than gold and about the same value, and every miner should carefully examine his ground for this metal.

Platinum in color and streak is dark steel gray. Iridium is a steel white, extremely hard metal. Osmium is an extremely hard, bluish or grayish white metal. These metals are to be found in grains and scales, in round, flattened or irregular nuggets.

Iridium and Osmium, when associated together as an alloy are known as Iridosmine or Osmiridium, and are usually associated with platinum, therefore those minerals should be looked for in the black sands.

Iridosmine is infusible and being heavier than gold can easily be saved in a miner's pan. The Batea is better than the pan, as the wood fibers will assist in saving the fine grains of the iridosmine.

The black sands carrying chrome, iron and other minerals, being lighter, can to a certain extent be washed over the pan, but great care should be used in panning, and a close search should be made for indications of iridosmine.

Inasmuch as some varieties of iridosmine are nearly as sensitive to the magnet as magnetic irom, it will not do to use the magnet in separating iridosmine from Magnetic iron.—M. and E. Review.

Tender and True.

Squire Benson was otten consulted in cases of family difficulty, resulting from the storm and stress of time and temper, and he derived a good deal of amusement from the tales told in his little office.

Is it true that you threw somethinff at Mike that caused the swelling over his eye? the squire asked a little wiry Irishwoman, who appeared sobbing at his door one day half an hour after her husband had departed.

Yis, I did, said the little woman, catching her breath, but I niver mint to hurt him, and he knows it well. We'd just come home from me cousin's wedding, an' I was feeling kind of soft to Mike, and I axed him if he loved me as much as he did the day we was married; and—and he was so slow answering me tha I up wid the mop an' flung it at him, Squire Benson; for if we poor women don't have love our hearts just breaks inside of us.

A Broken Engagement.

They were uttering the tender nonsense that succeeds the great question.

And, said the girl, bravely, if poverty comes we will face it together.

Ah, dearest, the mere sight of your face would scare the wolf away.

And ever since he has wondered why she returned the ring.

LOST—Between the railroad bridge and the Bertha K mine, a lady's walrus handbag The owner is anxious to recover the article, owing to its being a present from a near relative. A reward of $5 will be given to person leaving same at this office.

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Dated this 5th day of May, 1904.

W. O ROBINSON, Locator.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

It is proposed to increase the milling capacity of the Rand mines, Transvaal, by about 600 stamps during the year.

The first known discovery of lead in America was made by an Englishman near Jamestown, Virginia, in 1621. The deposit was galena and was worked for a number of years, the product being manufactured into bullets.

Copper mining operations are under way on both the north and south coasts of Cuba. The mines at Santiago were important producers for a generation during the past century, but were wrecked in a revolution and allowed to remain idle until the establishment of a stable government.

There is upwards of $4,000,000 invested in the manufacture of lead pencils in the United States, and the lead pencils made are sold in every country on earth To supply the demand no less than 5,000 gross are manufactured each day. The consumption of graphiite in this one industry is very great, and only the very best grades of the mineral are used.

It can be understood to what nicety the mechanism of a gasoline engine is adjusted when it is stated that to make 1,000 revolutions a minute means that in a 4-cycle engine there are 500 sprays of gasoline forced into the cylinder, 500 times the electric battery makes a spark, and 500 times the escape valve is opened to let the gas out.

Every day in London scores of workmen's kettles are boiled in lime that will afterwards be used for its proper purpose—making mortar. Just before the meal, one of the workmen empties a quantity of the dry lime from a sack. In the center of this lime he makes a hole and into it water is poured. Then he puts his kettle into the water, and in a few minutes the kettle boils. In thousands of cases a fire is thus spared.

Utah miners are in a wild state of excitement over a peculiar incident. A number of wild ducks have been found dead near Basin City, caused by eating small gold nuggets, which lodged in their crops. Soon after the discovery dozens of citizens began to hunt wild ducks. The new scheme of mining was profitable to more than one of the hunters. A nugget In one of the duck's crops was worth $11.85.

Cheap commercial acetylene gas was discovered by accident. Wilson, a scientific experimenter, believed that nearly all metallic oxides could be reduced to a metallic state by heating them to an extremely high temperature by the voltaic arc in the presence of free carbon, He mixed a quantity of quicklime with pulverized coke and brought the mixture to a high temperature by the action of the voltaic arc. He expected to obtain a white heat, but instead he appeared to produce nothing but slag. Boys playing picked up some of this slag that had been thrown away and accidentally dropped it into a pail of water. It produced a bubbling effect and a strong odor. Thts attracted Mr. Willson's attention, and upon investigation he found that it was extremely inflammable. Further in-investigation revealed that it was pure acetylene gas.

The statement that the British are invading Thibet because of the existence there of great virgin gold fields, would seem to be at least partially borne out by the general reports in the surrounding countries. The Nepalese have a saying that there is more gold than gunpowder in Thibet, and certain travelers have asserted that there is, as a matter of fact, a vast quantity of untouched gold in the southeast corner of the country, and we have been regaled with stories of how shepherds, watching their flocks, often sit down for a spare hour or two to wash gold from the nearest stream. It is asserted that gold is extensively employed in the manufacture of domestic utensils for the use of heads of monasteries. But the Thibetans will not dig for it, being afraid of the anger of the demons who they believe reside in the bowels of the earth.

The curiosity of Mrs. Victor M. Clement of Salt Lake City, resulted in the discovery of the only turquoise mine in Mexico, says the Salt Lake Tribune. The mine is located in the Santa Rosa district of the state of Zacatecas, near the town of Bonanza, and Mrs. Clement is one of the owners At the time of the turquoise discovery Mrs. Clement was living at Bonanza. Her curiosity was a joke among the people at the silver-lead mine, as she was in the habit of prowling about the dump, picking up pieces of ore and claiming that they were all sorts of wonderful things. One day, about thirteen months ago, she went to the dump as usual and picked up a pretty, light-blue stone, which was very hard and shiny. She took it home and compared it with a piece of turquoise. She was laughed at, but was so persistent that the specimen was finally sent to Salt Lake to be analyzed. The report came back that it was pure phosphate of aluminum, or turquoise. Turquoise fever broke out at once and other samples were secured and sent in for analysis. The report in each instance was the same. At present the property is being worked solely for turquoise. The stones are very rich in color and are much harder than the Oriental turquoise. Up to this time the Zacatecas stones have not been placed on the market, but a number have been forwarded to Tiffany of New York. Several cutters are employed at the mine and shipments will be commenced within a short time.

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Some of the provincial papers have announced weekly for the past four months that the McBride formation was broken up and that the ore body faulted. If the development lately done in Kamloops district is any guide, the formation appears to be quite solid and the lead continuous. And it is probable that the Lillooet stringer will give good assay values when the returns are made public, as the ore bodies in that district have hitherto proved to be true fissure veins.

There is something radically wrong with the people of Colorado. From the dispatches in the daily papers one would suppose that there had been a general insane asylum delivery previous to the election of the present governor, and immediately after the bedlamites had formed themselves into a "Citizens' Alliance." A shoat time ago the Alliance tried run the union printers, as well as all other unionists, out of Denver. The highest explo ive a printer ever carries is Scotch whiskey, and that, invariably, inside.

Perhaps the ablest of all the expert reports that the provincial mineralogist has been safely delivered of is that on the oil lands of East Kootenay. Had he not informed the public that it was necessary to "bore" for oil, they might have gone with dippers, and pails, and washtubs, and bread pans, and other kitchen utensils, to dip or scoop the oil out of the little natural depressions on the surface. This boring must also be done at "considerable cost." Too bad that a flume could not have been run from a lake of refined oil to the nearest point on the railway, and thus save the usual cost of obtaining the crude oil and refining it. Some process by which the brain of the provincial mineralogist could be formaldehyded would be of inestimable benefit to the mining interests of British Columbia, for there are unmistakable evidences of germs which require a No. 8 hat for a No 5 head.

For years the wage-earners in Canada have been endeavoring to get one of the political parties pledged to government ownership of railways. This plank was adopted by the Conservative association of British Columbia some years ago, the Liberals and Independents also incorporating this plank in their respective platforms later on. Now the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada has adopted this plank and will appeal to the electorate with government ownership of public utilities as one of issues. As the Conservative party has taken the initiative in all great movements for the advancement of Canada, it is only in accord with their previous policy that they should be the first to take up this very important matter. With Hon. R. L. Borden as leader, should the Conservatives have a majority in the house, there is no doubt but what the party pledges will be carried out. The government ownership plank will place Ralph Smith and A. W. Puttee in a rather awkward position. Both claim to be Labor, but in reality have always been Liberals. Now they must either support the Conservative platform or step down and out

The following by a correspondent in Victoria Progress requires no introductory remarks: "I have been much impressed on reading the provincial newspapers of late, with the superlative density displayed by numerous writers who fly into print at every opportunity to have a fling at Mr. Justice Martin. Can it be that the hole Province of British Columbia is so essentially unable to perceive a delicate wit, as to have built up an utterly erroneous conception of the distinguished jurist's temperament and purpose? It seems to me that his Lordship is indeed proving himself a worthy successor of that grand old man, the late Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, in his displayed knowledge of human nature and his love for a jest of worthy proportions. He recognizes, to my mind perhaps better than any of his confreres, how overvalued have been the pomp and circumstance of our Canadian courts—the details or accessories of costuming and stage setting in comparison with the serious purpose of the legal drama. Yet he has not demeaned himself with dreary and dolorous denunciation of ranting rhetoric of reform. The shaft of satire has been his weapon. Knowing that to make the millinery of the bench and bar unutterably ridiculous is to prepare it for inevitable destruction, he has (as something of a Major Maude of the judiciary) thus lent his aid—and most effectively—to the cause of democratic simplicity and desirable reform. And I for one congratulate him that he in his delicate way is succeeding infinitely better than all the blundering politicians that ever made frontal attack upon the common enemy—they with their legislative bludgeons; he with his slender rapier of ridicule."

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