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LOCAL AND MINING.

Mrs. Jas. Madden and children of Kaslo have become residents af Poplar.

Jack Chism and Oscar Nelson are doing assessment work on some Johnson Basin properties.

J. A. Magee of the Spyglass company has been in Poplar the past week looking after the business of the mine.

Parson Smith commenced work the past week on the Denver group, located across the river from Bosworth station.

Perkins Bros. the past week crosscut a 4-foot lead of quartz carrying peacock copper. The claim is about two miles up Poplar creek.

Poplar is beginning to look like a mining camp. Every morning a train of pack animals is loaded with supplies at E. L. Masterson's store for the working mines in the vicinity.

R. Burns and A. J. Gordon, who have been working all summer on their Rapid creek properties. left Wednesday for Ferguson. They will not resume work on Rapid creek until late in the fall.

The shaft on the Mother Lode is down 35 feet and the ore body is improving with depth. On the surface the ore was concentrating, and at 35 feet the bottom of the shaft is nearly all solid galena. At a depth of 50 feet the ledge will be crosscut.

W. G. McMorris, D. L. Dover and P. McGuire, of Nelson, came in on Monday's train and went up to the Nelson group, situated on the opposite side of the Lardo river from Rapid creek. Messrs. Dover and McGuire have an option on the group and will shortly commeuce development work.

Messrs. Nesbitt, Munro, Gordon, Burns and Lewis this week completed work on the extension to the trail west of Rapid creek. There is now a fairly good trail extending from the wagon road to about a mile south of the Morning claim. Two miles more would open up the territory as far as the Alhambra group, recently located, and the government should give some assistance to the prospectors on Rapid and Rusty creeks.

Samples of ore sent to Nelson from the Hecla for assay, gave gold returns: Schist, $4.80. and quartz, $8.85. This is a good return, as the samples taken were right across both ore bodies, then each was thoroughly mixed and quartered, thus giving a fair average assay of the lead. The Hecla is owned by Chism & Hendrix and is an adjoining claim to the Broken Hill. A tunnel is being run on the Calumet, also owned by Chism and Hendrix, to catch the rich galena lead that has been found on the Carson. The tunnel is in about twenty feet.

MORE CLAIM-JUMPING.

While the trial of the Lucky Jack adverse was in progress at Nelson, the property was again located. This location was made June 21st, the names on the post being W. E. Morand and W. Neelands. It is about time that claim-jumping ceased in Poplar district. It is apparent that legitimate owners of property in this district cannot get redress through the courts without going to great expense, so the only course left for prospectors is to organize and run the claim-jumping element out of the camp. Development has been retarded on the Lucky Jack and Swede groups for eight months, through litigation growing out of the several locations on the former property. It would be inadvisable to erect a stamp-mill until the question of ownership is finally settled. To treat the ore of the two properties economically, the most convenient place for a mill would be on the Lucky Jack ground, as the ore from the Swede could be easily trammed down, while the Lucky Jack ore could not be taken up to the Swede except at enormous expense. If the case goes against the Great Northern Mines, the mill will of course be erected near the Swede group in order to avoid the expense of an aerial tram. If the company win, a tram will be necessary to bring the ore down the hill. The Swede is a quarrying proposition, there being 300,000 square feet of surface that assays all the way from $6 to upwards of $20,000 to the ton in free gold. It would be useless expenditure to break this ground and store it in bins, and afterwards have to handle it again, when it could just as easily be taken direct from the quarry to the tram, thus saving the cost of handling it a second time. Sufficient work has been done to prove the surface area of ore to a depth of 150 feet. This gives 45,000,000 cubic feet of pay ground on the Swede ready for the stamps as soon as the case is finally decided one way or the other.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Great Northern Mines, limited, cannot build a mill until a decision has been given by the courts, finally settling the ownership of the Lucky Jack. If they build a stamp-mill at the Swede and then win the case, another mill would have to be built to treat the Lucky Jack ore. If they continue development on the Swede before a mill is ready to treat the ore, they are moving rock twice when once would be sufficient.

This is the position in which claim-jumping has left the Lucky Jack and Swede groups, and until the prospectors take the matter in their own hands it will be impossible to induce capital to come into the camp. One object lesson should be sufficient. It will serve the double purpose of getting rid of claim-jumpers, and give the courts of British Columbia a well deserved rest so far as the Lardeau district is concerned, It remains for the prospeetors to relieve the courts of further trouble in respect to the ownership of claims in the Poplar district.

J. Braithwaite of Rossland is a visitor in camp.

W. R. Machin of Nelson is looking over the camp.

Theo. Dufresne has built a residence on Marcus avenue.

S. A. Scott is working on the Pedro, a Lake creek property.

D. Langdon of Spokane is in the camp looking for placer ground.

A. R. Heyland has completed the survey of the Lidie for John Simpson.

Supt West of the Golden Eagle has had a pack train bringing in snpplies from Gold Hill the past week.

D. P. Barsalou returned Monday From Ferguson where he has been doing assessment work on his claims.

The tunnel being run on the Silver Glance lead by D. A. Murdock is in 25 feet, the quartz carrying good gold values throughout.

W. E, Morand states that he knew nothing about his name being placed on a post on the Lucky Jack ground, neither does he know who used his name.

The incline on the Golden Eagle group, near Gold Hill is down 40 feet following the lead. Altogether 80 feet of work has been done on the group this season.

Frank Levett, P. H. O'Connor and Monte and Henry Morgan went up to Trout Lake Wednesday to commence work on the Mabel group. The Mabel adjoins the Triune.

Henry Magnussen and Eric Strand have completed the trail up to the Silver Cable group on Tenderfoot creek, and have now four men at work on their rich galena properties.

R. G McLeod came in from Nelson Monday and went up to the Spyglass Tuesday, coming back Wednesday. He brought down with him a large specimen of the ore containing wire silver. Seven men are now working on the Spyglass.

Dan. McRae and Chas Diamond a couple of weeks ago located the Alhambra, Diamond Ray, Mountain Goat and Emma at the head of Rapid creek. There are two leads running through the claims, one 18 inches of concenteating galena and the other 5 feet of iron. An assay from the surface of the galena lead gave 32 ounces in silver and $2.80 in gold. No assays have been had from the iron. Development work will be started on the claims as soon as Mr. Diamond recovers from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which requires the constant attendance of his partner.

A number of miners employed at the Eva mine have been transferred to the Goldfinch pending the completion of repairs to the Eva tram.

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FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1904.

EDITORIAL NUGGETS.

A NEWSPAPER is the literary brass band in every town and should be supported.

THE Lardeau country is like a pile of dry shavings. All it needs is the match of capital to make it roar.

THE Lardeau will have a mail service after the general elections in November, if the electors do their duty by defeating the member for Buffalo, U. S. A.

THE Dominion elections take place in November. Afterwards the people of Kootenay will have a representative who will attend to their interests, instead of those of Buffalo.

A GOLD excitement was the cause of the great lead mines being discovered in Idaho. The gold excitement in Poplar will cause this camp to be a great producer of lead, silver and copper.

IF you have the goods be sure and advertise them. The writing of commercial obituaries is not the most pleasant of the newspaper man's duties. To avoid this keep your business before the public. A business man might just as well be dead as forgotten.

WITH a Liberal at the head of the the lands and works department an attempt was made to give the coal and oil lands of Southeast Kootenay to the C. P. R A Conservative commissioner has opened the same lands to location by the public. The old story—Grit rule for the corporations, Tory rule for the people.

THE Thirteenth Scottish Light Dragoons are in camp at Laprairie With the new regiment is Dr. Pickel, the gentleman whom Mr. Fisher refused to allow to command a sqeadron. Dr. Pickel is serving as a sergeant in the squadron he was asked to command. The political friends of Mr. Fisher, whom he asked to accept commissions, are not with the regiment.—Montreal Gazette.

IF Sir Wilfrid Laurier is really anxious to prove that he is against all attempts to create race hatred, he might drop a frown on the following from Le Soleil in its criticism of Mr. Thomas Chase Casgrain's speech supporting Lord Dundonald: "Mr. Casgrain took an indirect part in the Northwest campaign in 1885, when he went to Regina to assist in hanging Reil, his compatriot." Le Soleil is Sir Wilfrid's right hand in Quebec. Will he disown this appeal?

THE Kaslo Kootenaian is the last paper in Canada which should accuse another of being a "party heeler." It would never have been in existence were it not for Hewitt Bostock's money. There has not been a single year since its first issue that it has not been saved from bankruptcy by government pap. At present its greatest source of revenue is from the Laurier government, not because of any influence it has, but because of certain Liberals more or less prominent being financially interested in it. In one year it received nearly fourteen hundred dollars in pap from the provincial government. The Kootenaian calling another a "little heeler!" What nerve!

FOR months past Liberal papers have been criticizing the McBride government for not issuing licenses to prospect for coal and oil in Southeast Kootenay. These lands have now been opened to location, but still the Bostock sheets are not satisfied. Now they claim that the publication of the opening of these lands to location should have been confined to the official Gazette—a common Grit method—where the general public would not be likely to see and take advantage of it. These papers apparently forget that a Liberal commissioner of lands and works came very near giving these coal and oil lands to the C. P. R. And now they object to a Conservative commissioner of lands and works giving the public due notice of the opening of these lands to location. What a steal there would have been had the Liberals been successful in the provincial election.

Realism Explained.

That was a splendid back fall you made in your death scene last night, remarked a young member of the company to the eminent tragedian.

The latter looked at the flatterer with a suspicious glare.

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An elephaht never injures a person when it is busy, says an animal trainer with a big circus. It may sound strange, but there is not a case on record of one getting ugly when it was performing or working. The reason, I thing, is that the elephant is an animal of one idea—that is, it can think of only one thing at a time.

When you put an elephant at work it gives its whole attention to its task. Great power of concentration? No, just inability to think of two things at once. When it gets busy it takes a lot to distract its attention, and it never stops to think about a private grievances. If we start a horse or a dog doing a trick we can't leave it for a minute or it will loaf or stop work altogether, but it is different with an elephant. Once get it started either alone or with others and it will go through with its turn without another word. It is absorbed in its work.

That same trait, I take it, is what makes an elephant such a vicious animal when it gets ugly. It can think of nothing but what has made it angry, and it will not stop until it has torn something to pieces. Oh, yes, an elephant can carry a grudge. It never forgets an injury, and it waits its chance to get even, but when it is busy it forgets the tricks that have been played on it. It is only when it has nothing to do that it gets brooding over its troubles. Human, eh? Well, I have known people with similar dispositions.

The European Plan.

Mr. Boggs passed the evening paper over to his wife, indicating with a toil-worn thumb a certain paragraph. Read that, he said, and see what you think of Nathan Eldridge, that claimed to be so smart and was so keen after dollars. See how he's gone all to smash and his hotel with him, Pretty doings for a Bushby boy! But I knew it would come!

How did you know it? demanded Mrs. Boggs, to whom her husband's claims for unusual wisdom and foresight were sometimes a trifle irritating. Folks have all said the hotel was full and Nathan seemed wonderfully prospered.

So he did, and so he was, admitted Mr. Boggs, but no man can do as he did and be prospered long. Why, I heard tell from those that know that when Amelia Rand went there to pass a week, and 'twas such bad weather, shifty, clearing and then smoothing up again, squalling and spitting the whole enduring time, and poor Miss Amelia enquired now and then how the wind set—

Mrs. Boggs sniffed.

Enquired now and then how the wind set, repeated Mr. Boggs, firmly. what did she find tucked on to the end of her bill but an item, "For use of weather vane, $1."

He Wasn't Angry.

A lady went into a church one Sunday, and, being a stranger, she waited to be shown to a seat. An obliging churchwarden led her to a seat below the gallery, the only other occupant of which at the moment was a kind-looking old gentleman with white hair, who rose to let her pass. It was somewhat dark, and the lady, as she shook her skirts and settled down, had a horrible suspicion that she was sitting upon something besides the cushion. She put down her hand and drew out the melancholy ruin of a silk hat. Oh, she said to the old gentleman. I beg your pardon! I am so sorry! The old gentleman looked benevolently at the wreck and replied that it was unfortunate but that it could not be helped. Oh, it's so good of you to say so, said the lady, much distressed, but I am really so vexed! The gentleman straightened out the fabric and put it under the seat, but the delinquent insisted on covering herself with humiliation. I am afraid you are so angry, she murmured apologetically. Not the least, said the benevolent gentleman cooly. You see, it's not my hat—it belongs to the gentleman who showed you in.

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A few years ago British Columbia got a very bad name on account of the mining stock boom, which hit a great many persons in the East of Canada very badly. The curses were loud and deep, and their reverberations have not yet died out. This Province, however, has not been alone in Canada in the booming business. Tqe Toronto News gives some very interesting figures about the Dominion Coal and the Dominion Iron and Steel stock, in which fortunes for the promoters have been made and fortunes lost by the public. In April 1902, Dominion Coal, common, as an 8 per cent. stock, sold as high as 146½. Last week the same stock struck 45. The shrinkage on the issue has been $15 225,000. Dominion Iron and steel 7 per cent, preferred, stood at 193 in September, 1902. Last week it reached 22. In August, two years ago, Dominion Steel, common, was inflated to 79. For some time past it has hung around 7 and 8. In April, 1902, the 5 per cent steel bonds were run up to 95. Lately, with rumors of the non-payment of the current half-year's interest on this issue, it has declined below 55.

The total shrinkage on all these issues, which aggregated in stock market valuation two years ago $50,525,000, has been $36,875,000, or 74 per cent. Several causes have contributed to this, but the chief is undoubtedly overbooming, or in other words, skillful inflation for speculative purposes. The Toronto News remarks with much force:

"The lesson to be drawn from the whole unfortunate business is that, when men prominent in the financial world call upon the public to assist them in their corporation ventures, they by doing so assume an undoubted moral responsibility to the public. The fact of the matter is that the sense of such responsibility is poorly developed in the case of many leading financiers."—Victoria Colonist.

Wanted Mortgage Himself.

W. Y. Morgan of Kansas City tells of a Swede who came from Dakota to Kansas and wanted to buy a farm The land agent took him around and he finally found what he wanted and said "Ay tak des one." Then he went back to town and the agent was making out the papers.

"How do you want to pay for it?" he asked.

"Ay pay all. Ay hav da money."

"All right. I'll make out the deed," said the agent.

"No," said the Swede. "Ay no want deed.."

"Yes you do," argued the agent. "You pay the money and you get the deed."

"No no," said the Swede earnestly. "Ay no want deed Ay had deed oop in Dakota. Ay pay man da money. Ha gif ma deed. Ay gif heem mortgage. Ay tak land. By en by he get land, he get deed, he haf da money. Dees time Ay no want deed. Ay want mortgage. Ay pay da money. You gif ma mort gage."—Louisville Herald.

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Inconsistent.

Mrs. Smith—Mr. Smith your rage makes you inconsistent.

Mr. Smith—Why so?

Mrs. Smith—Why, because you are swearing on the prayer rug.

She—Is it really true that the blind can determine color by the sense of touch?

He—Certainly. I once knew a blind man who was able to tell a red hot stove by merely putting his finger on it.

Bobby, your father wants to see you.

The boy looked dubious.

Do I want to see him? he asked.

How should I know?

You ought to be able to tell by the look in his eye.

Bill—You say you never make the mistake of shooting something else for a deer?

Jill—No; I did it once; shot a man's $100 cow and had to pay for it.

Bill—I should say that experience was a deer teacher.

A man summoned at Dewsbury for deserting his wife said that when he married her he expected a housewife, but found she could not even sew a button on a shirt. She was, however, a great novel reader, and smoked more cigarettes than any gentleman in court.

At a wedding in Burley-in-Wharfdale, a Yorkshire village, the bridegroom failed to appear. A search was made for him, and he was found sitting on the river bank crying bitterly. He refused to go to church and the ceremony was abandoned.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

The Sierra Buttes mine in Sierra county, now being reopened, is esti mated to have produced $15,000,000 in gold.

The Esperanza Mining company of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, capitalized at $950,000, paid $1,000,000 in dividends the past year.

The gold mines of Queensland produced for the first quarter of this year, 145,027 ounces of gold, and dividends amounting to $1,055,100.

The Barnato group of Rand mines have a total of 1,210 stamps in operation The largest number of stamps on any mine is 180, on the Consolidated Langlaate.

The American Mining company has been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia with a capital of $15,000,000 to take over mining concessions granted by the Nicaraguan government.

A late issue of the Mexican Herald says: "Eighty per cent of the Mexican mines are a success. Compare that with the accepted data, that only 40 per cent of industrial enterprises are a success, and what can we do but pause and consider this financial and economic problem?"

In the last twenty years strikes have cost the wage-earners of the United States three cents a month. The average employer has one strike every thirty years, and the average strike lasts twenty-three days. Some unions have had no strikes for twenty years or more. It is said to be the rule that the strongest unions have the fewest strikes.

The prohibited zones in Mexico are those areas within which foreigners cannot acquire land or mining property without first obtaining permission from the federal government. They are on the borders of the country and consist of strips of land twenty leagues wide on the land borders and ten leagues on the sea borders. Concessions are, however, generally readily granted to responsible individuals, but rarely to organized stock companies.

Perhaps one reason why so much difficulty is experienced in inducing the Kaffir to work in the Rand mines is explained by the statement of Earl Grey that a Kaffir can earn £3 per month and by entering into a two years' contract he clears £72. It is estimated that of this he can save £50. With this money he proceeds to his kraal and purchases four or five wives, who till his soil and do all the work that is required. Thenceforward he lives like a little potentate, or as Earl Grey puts it, like a sultan.

What is said to be the largest arsenic mine in the world, and stated to be at present turning out seventy tons per month, is situated in Floyd county, Virginia. seventeen miles from Christiansburg, the nearest railroad point. The number of persons employed at the mine is about 125, who are housed and supplied with the necessaries of life by the company owning the mine. The plant which is provided with electric lights, and the plant, which is considered the most modern in existence for treatment of ore, is driven by electric power.

The three longest electric power transmission lines in North America are using aluminum The longest single line, from the Electra power house to San Francisco, 154 miles, uses aluminum The next, between Colgate and Oakland, a distance of 144 miles, is perhaps the most interesting. as three copper and three aluminum wires are used. The third, which probably transmits as much power as the two first named together, is only 85 miles in length, and connects Montreal with the Shawinigan falls. Here all the conductors are of aluminum.

Henry M. Bridgeman of New York has lately been operated on successfully for appendicitis in San Francisco. There is nothing so very remarkable about that fact, except the peculiar way Mr. Bridgeman acquired his trouble and the remarkable result of the successful operation. The gentleman went to Coronado for a vacation, and while there spent most of his time, so it is said, either clamming or eating clams. Then he was seized with the appendicitis and hurried up from San Diego to San Francisco to be operated upon: The result was the discovery in his vermiform appendix a small but perfect pearl, the cause of his trouble. His friends started in to have some fun at his expense, but he has taken them "all aback" by having the pearl elegantly mounted as a stick pin. and is wearing it triumphantly as a valued trophy.—M. & E. Review.

"Like the old fruit fairs" is the watchword of the Spokane Interstate Fair management this year. Robt. H. Cosgrove, who for a number of years has been identiffed with the Minnesota State Fair, the most successful annual fair in the United States, has been retained as manager of the Interstate Fair this fall. Every effort will be made to provide an exhibition which will be as meritorious, and attract as much attention as the old Fruit Fairs used to do. And with this end in view, the premiums will be increased in all departments, but more particularly in the fruit and grain classes. The amount of money given to fruit alone has been almost doubled, new classes introduced, and new divisions made. The fruit displays at the former Fruit Fairs were famous all over the country, and there is no reason why they cannot be equalled again.

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POPLAR'S FIRST FIRE.

Tuesday morning about 5:30 a fire started in the Ostby building, First street, occupied by A. O. Ostby as a meat market and residence. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. In fact Mr. Ostby and family had a narrow escape, getting out with only their night clothes on before the roof fell in. Nothing was saved from the upper story of the building and only a few articles on the ground floor. The fire is supposed to have been started by a lamp exploding, it being the custom of the family to keep a lamp burning all night. The building and contents were insured for $700. Mr. Ostby has not decided whether he will rebuild or not.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Wm. Tattrie has purchased the dairy business of Fred Griffin.

S. F. McKay, the local sawmill man, returned Wednesday from a trip to the Slocan.

E. Hanson of High River, Alta., spent the past week with his brother Charles of the Commercial.

John Keen came in from Kaslo Wednesday, and is at present spying out a new trail from Poplar to the head of Rapid creek.

E. C, Senkler, gold commissioner at Dawson, and John Elliot of Nelson, were in Poplar this week, looking over the camp, under the guidance of Dave Booth.

Chas- Hanson of the Commercial returned from Nelson Friday, fully recovered. He is now prepared to give his customers the benefit of his six-weeks' soujourn in the hospital. Typhoid headed off at any stage by one dose before each meal of Special Dewar mixture.

The new C. P. R. depot and commodious freight sheds are rapidly nearing completion. The plans for the station were made with a view to furnishing accommodation for the agent's wife aud family, as well as a ticket and telegraph office, and ladies' and gentlemen's waiting rooms. The structure is an imposing one, and should prove a lasting monument to the masterly economy of The O'Shaughnessy.

MINING IN B. C.

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BOUNDARY DISTRICT.

Phoenix Pioneer.

Blister copper is now being shipped by the B. C. Copper company instead of matte as formerly.

After a shut down of a few days, the Granby smelter furnaces were again blown in Monday, and shipments from the company's mines were resumed Tuesday as usual.

Work has been discontinued on the Brey Fogle claim in Summit camp, which has been shipping to the Granby smelter. Work is still going on at the No. 37, and there is talk of diamond drill testing.

A diamond drill is now being used at the 300-foot level of the Mother Lode mine. Some work on the Primrose claim, one of the Mother Lode group, recently opened up an excellent body of iron ore.

P. J. Dormody, for more than six years foreman at the Granby mines, resigned on the first of the month. He will look after some good claims he has up the West Fork of Kettle river, notably the Highland Chief.

Up to the first of May there had been done a total of sinking and raising 6,705 feet. drifting and crosscutting, 17,693 feet; diamond drilling, 1,493 feet, at the Granby mines. Up to the same date shipments of ore were 1,194.-008 tons.

Last Friday the Providence Mining company paid its fourth dividend of ten cents a share, making about $11,000 so far paid. Manager McIntosh is now in the east looking up the $7,000 worth of electrical machinery that it is intended to equip the mine with.

UPPER LARDEAU.

The Goldfinch stampmil will resume operations in a few days.

Several employees of the Oyster mine severed their connection with the property on July 1st.

The usual monthly clean-up took place at the Eva and Oyster stampmills on the 1st of the month, and it is reported that good results have been obtained from the month's operations.

Fred Morrison reports that free gold has been discovered on the Klondike, a claim situated between Scott creek and Ten Mile. A tunnel has been driven in about 20 feet, but 30 feet more has to be driven before the main lead is reached.

Geo. Goldlmith and Geo. Johnson took a pack train loaded with supplies up to the Scott group on Goat mountain this week. The Scott group is a promising galena proposition, and the awners intend doing considerable work on it during the next few months.

A fine ledge of free-gold quartz containing containing considerable galena and white iron was located a few days ago by Arthur Gowing. The new find is situated on the line of Branford's ranch, about 2½ miles from town. Mr. Gowing staked two claims on the ledge and named it the Handy Andy group. The property is within a stone's throw of the wagon road. The new discovery has been crossed and recrossed many times by prospectors, which is significant of the fact that this camp has only been scratched and prospecting can be profitably conducted a short distance from town.—Camborne Miner.

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NOTICE.

Respecting Coal and Petroleum Lands in South-East Kootenay.

NOTICE is hereby given that licences to prospect for coal and petroleum upon and under lands situated within Block 4,593, South-East Kootenay, will be issued forthwith to all persons who have made proper application in pursuance of the provisions of the "Coal Mines Act" and amendments.

The fee for each licence will be $100, and all applicants who have not deposited accepted bank cheques to cover that amount are hereby required to do so without further notice.

Licences will be issued in the following form, viz.:—

"MINING LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE COAL MINES ACT AND AMENDMENTS.

"In consideration of one hundred dollars now paid under the said Acts, and subject to the provisions thereof, I, W. S Gore, Deputy Commissioner, acting for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, licence to enter, prospect, search and work for coal and petroleum (but no other metal or mineral) upon, in and under all that piece or parcel of mineral land situate in and forming part of Block 4,593, East Kootenay District, and described as follows :—

and not exceeding in the whole six hundred and forty statute acres.

"Owing to the number of applicants for licences to prospect for coal and petroleum, and the peculiar circumstances surrounding the application for and issuance of these licences, and the well known fact that the issuance has been unavoidably suspended for so many months, the Government of British Columbia finds it impossible to determine the equitable rights of the numerous applicants. Therefore, for the purpose of enabling all persons to go before the proper tribunal for the determination of their respective rights and priorities, this license is issued and accepted subject to such prior rights of the other persons as may exist by law, and the date of this license is not to be taken or held as in any sense determining such priority, and further it shall not be taken or held to waive enquiry by the Courts into the proper performance of all conditions precedent as between adverse claimants; and further, on the understanding that the government shall not be held responsible for' or in connection with, any conflict which may arise with other claimants of the same ground, and that under no circumstances will licence fees be refunded.

"And the holder hereby waives any claim or demand against the government, and expressly agrees not to take any steps or proceedings, or present any petition, to enforce any alleged claim or demand against the Government of the Province of British Columbia arising out of the issuance of this license or of any other matter or thing appertaining thereto.

"The land being under reserve from preemption and sale this license does not include any right other than the right to prospect for coal and petroleum

"The duration of this license is for one year from the , 190 .

"Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
" Lands and Works Department,
" Victoria, B. C., , 190 ."

R. F. GREEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands & Works Department,
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