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QUARTZ MINING.

The Engineer and White Moose Mines.

Both Properties Being Actively Exploited With Encouraging Results.

Satisfactory reports have been received from the Engineer mine. A force of men were sent to the mine just before the close of navigation, taking with them a small sample stamp mill and supplies for the winter. The operations on the property have been greatly impeded by the severe weather since that time, but lately the work has progressed very rapidly. All the work of arranging the mouth of the shaft for the hoisting machinery and the erection of a tower are now finished and systematic sinking on two shafts will begin immediately. Several more men are to be put on when work on the vein actually commences. Work will be performed by three shifts of eight hours each, and something material will thus be accomplished before spring.

The directors are congratulating themselves that all the difficulties they had to contend with have been overcome with far greater ease than they anticipated and they have met with no unforseen drawbacks.

Robert Gibbs, who is superintending the work of development on the White Moose property, now owned by local men, came in to town yesterday. He reports satisfactory progress on the property.

Work was begun early in November, buildings were erected and timbers laid in. A tunnel is being driven to tap the ledge, which, it is expected, will be tapped at about 60 feet. Several stringers, varying in thickness from half an inch to five inches have been encountered, and these all show high values. After the ledge has been tapped from this drift another tunnel, which is already driven for a considerable distance, will be continued to tap another ledge on the property, this one carrying free-milling ore. The work so far done gives great encouragement to the owners and they are in consequence very sanguine as to the future of the White Moose.

Mr. Gibbs returns tomorrow to the mine, taking with him a load of supplies.

Joined the Benedicts.

Dr. Cane, the popular Postmaster of Whitehorse, was married in Skagway, last week, to Mrs. D. Livingstone. Mrs. Livingstone arrived in Skagway by the City of Seattle on her last trip. The wedding ceremony was performed the same evening by the Rev. J. G. Cameron in St. Saviours Church. The bride was given away by Mr. H. M. Lay, Manager of the Bank of Commerce, and Dr. Cane had Dr. S. D. Cameron for his groomsman. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lay gave the happy couple and their friends a warm reception.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Cane are well known throughout the north and many people in this district and in Bennett will join with us in wishing them every happiness and prosperity in their married life.

Mr. Carmichael's Loss.

The residents at the Otter Creek Hydraulic Co.'s camp had a bad scare from fire last Sunday morning, as it was Mr. Carmichael's cabin was burned to the ground and its contents destroyed. Mr. Carmichael was at breakfast in the messroom, when his attention was called to the heavy smoke issuing from the roof of his cabin. All the men at the camp lent their aid, but the interior of the cabin was completely enveloped in flames and none of the contents could be got out. By good luck the fire was confined within the walls and the flames were kept from spreading to the adjoining buildings. Mr. Carmichael's loss is a heavy one, including valuable papers, instruments, etc.

CHRISTMAS, 1902.

An Enjoyable Festival Given to the Children of the Sunday School.

A Christmas Festival was held in St. Andrews Church on Christmas Eve, and it was, from every point of view, a decided success. There was a very large attendance, and from the frequent applause there can be no doubt that the entertainment was thoroughly appreciated.

The evening's programme was opened by a hymn and a prayer, and after the opening address by Rev. Mr. Turkington, the Chairman, the children of the Sunday School were called upon for a song, and they most cheerily responded with "The Maple Leaf." The boys then gave a new song, entitled, "The Broom Boys," which was well received.

Maggie McDonald sang a Cradle Song in such a manner as would do credit to a singer of maturer years and was heartily applauded.

Erma Blackett is distinguishing herself as an elocutionist and said her little "say" charmingly.

Rev. Mr. Stephenson gave an interesting and amusing address appropriate to the occasion and introduced into his remarks the latest social sensation.

Dr. Cameron, the old reliable, gave a piccolo solo, which well merited the encore it received. The Doctor's selections are always enjoyed and his musical talents are much to be envied.

The little boys very prettily sang "The Little Finch."

An innovation, in entertainments of this nature, was a very amusing Dialogue by Maggie McDonald and Jessie Anderson, entitled, "Mrs. Jones at tea with Mrs. Brook." Both children were in costume and carried out their parts to the manor born.

A new star made her debut before an Atlin audience in the person of Miss Edwards, who took the company by storm with her rendering of "Jerry, the Newsboy," which fairly brought down the house. As an encore she gave "Is Santa Claus dead?" We shall always be pleased to hear Miss Edwards for, as an elocutionist, she has abilities far above the ordinary.

A Carol was rendered by the children, who fully sustained in their final effort the good name they had won for themselves in the evening's entertainment. Mr. Carmichael concluded this part of the programme with a well selected and splendidly delivered recitation, entitled "St. Michael's Spire."

In due and ancient form, after a short intermission, good old Santa Claus arrived, and, as usual, was lavish in his favors alike among the children and the grown people, none were forgotten. An appetizing supper was then served, to which, of course, ample justice was done.

The Christmas Festival of 1902 will long be remembered in Atlin as one of the events of the season. As each year goes past the juvenile population increases, and this year no less than 60 children were recorded on Father Christmas's roll book.

The evening's entertainment was so thoroughly enjoyed that the new day had almost dawned before the company dispersed.

Owing to the shortness of time in which the training of the children was taken in hand by Mr. Lumsden, very much credit is due both to him and to them and to Miss Miller, who was accompanist, for the excellent manner in which they took their parts.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

British Columbia's Mineral Output

Will Show a Largely Increased Percentage Over Last Year, Promising Outlook for 1903.

The B. C. Government has issued a report on the mining situation, which shows a promising outlook for the British Columbia mines.

The production of the copper-gold districts of the Boundary and South-east Kootenay will largely exceed that of last year. New discoveries of ore have been made in the Le Roi, Velvet and Giant mines, and the profits from their opetation are increasing. The three smelters in the Boundary are increasing their capacity.

At the Granby smelter large consignments of ore from Republic, Wash., are being treated. The silver-lead districts of the Slocan show great activity owing to the brisk demand for zinc in ores hitherto valueless in the United States.

In the Similkameen the outlook is very bright for coal and metalliferous mines, and several large transactions have taken place.

From Cariboo the richest find in one pan of dirt, $250, has been reported, although the total output from that district has not increased, owing, primarily, to the falling off of the water supply.

The output of the Atlin district shows a slight increase, while the discovery of ancient channel auriferous deposits points to a largely increased output for succeeding years.

The estimated general output of the Province has increased from 20 to 25 per cent over that of last year.

The production for last year was officially given as $20,086,780, so that the lowest estimate for this year is $25,000,000. But the latest figures from the Boundary, the Slocan, Rossland, Atlin, Cariboo and Vancouver Island justify one in predicting that the annual report of the Department of Mines will show the figures to be nearer $27,000,000 than $25,000,000, while next year may see the $30,000,000 mark passed.

It will thus be seen that British Columbia, even with the copper, silver and lead markets working against it, is twice a Klondike, for he would be a bold man indeed who would place the Yukon's output at over $15,000,000.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1902.

CHRISTMAS, 1902, January, 1903, —past, present and future! To our patrons, subscribers and the public we wish the Compliments of the Season, and our best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

This is the fourth Christmas we have spent among you, and although the CLAIM has not yet reached that position in journalism to which it aspires, we hope to someday reach the acme of our desires.

We have, with you and with your assistance, weathered the storms of adversity, and, now, with the dawning of a new year, one full of promise, we trust your assistance and support will increase in proportion with the prominent position Atlin is beginning to take among the mining camps of the Province.

IN its account of the accident to mail carriers, the Vancouver Daily World thus eulogises the men of the Postal service:

"There is more heroic service performed in the regular course of public duty that devolves upon that unostentatious little body of men who carry His Majesty's mail in winter over the frozen rivers and through the solitudes of the great new North. The hardships, suffering and privations they endure through simple loyalty to duty — that the mails may go through even at the risk of life—hold many tales of humble but sterling heroism. When the worker, as is too frequently the case, gives up his life for duty, the tragedy is chronicled in a newspaper paragraph, those whose mail fails to come through on time bestow a casual malediction upon the postal people—and in a day or so the incident is forgotten.

THE amateur journalist is again on the rampage with Atlin the theme of his "splurges." In one instance he states to the Eastern press that "the mining town of Atlin, which is situated near many rich placer claims, is paved with gold. These prospectors got pay dirt in panning the dry earth in the heart of the city. . . ." Such a yarn reminds us of Pat's ideas of New York, that he could "pick up goold from the strates." The Vancouver World takes exception to the report, thus: "Who is responsible for such stuff as this? Atlin is too promising a country to be hurt by such wirings, but still the region is not advanced with 'paved with gold' stories."

Some local aspirant for "honors" wired a "yellow" report of the recent fire, and assesses the damages at the modest sum of $19,000! We have some improved property for sale.

DAMAGES.

The W. P. & Y. Defendants in a Suit.

Actions to Test the Legality of Tariff Tolls Charged — Local Interests Involved.

The first of a series of appeals in the suits instituted by Northern traders against the British Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company has recently been heard in Vancouver, when it was adjourned to come before the Full Court immediately after the Christmas vacation. There are five cases in all, the facts alleged being the same in each.

J. St. Clair Blackett & Co., of Atlin, are the Plaintiff's in the case referred to. They allege that the Defendants own and control the White Pass Railway, running between Skagway and Whitehorse, and are a duly incorporated company under the Railway Act of Canada. The Defendants have a monopoly of the transportation business between the points named and the Plaintiffs have been compelled to have freight shipped over that line as far into Canada as Cariboo, paying tolls thereon.

The Plaintiffs further state that Defendants have not complied with Section 227 of the Railway Act, inasmuch as they have never submitted a by-law of their company fixing freight tolls to the Governor-General in Council for approval, and, that not having done so, they never had the right to charge tolls, and have not now. Plaintiffs have paid $9526.75 in tolls to the Railway Company and now ask for a declaration by the Court that the Defendants charged these tolls unlawfully, and for an order for the return of the amount paid, and for damages.

The other cases will depend upon the decision given in this, the total amount involved being well up into six figures.

Crown Grants.

The question of Crown granting placer claims is receiving much attention at the hands of the miners of Cariboo, and in speaking to the subject the "Ashcroft Journal" says: "The question of title to placer mines is one of vital importance and one that in the interest of Cariboo and Atlin, at least, should be speedily settled. The "Ledger" and this Journal will strongly insist that the mining men of Atlin and Cariboo want and deserve a title, under proper restrictions, to their mines. Without a chance to secure such title it is very hard and, in fact, almost impossible to induce men with money to invest. The subject has been discussed by miners and mining men for years. Two years ago the Ashcroft Journal sent in to the Legislature copies of petitions and drafts of a law drawn up and endorsed by mining men such as would be suitable, properly, to

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Cariboo. This matter was promised consideration by Minister McBride, at that time in the Mines Department, but no changes, such as were shown necessary and just, were made, but it was stated that the matter would be taken up at an early date. The next Session should not adjourn until this matter, which is of vital importance to Cariboo and Atlin, is arranged. Nothing unfair is asked, but only the same treatment that is accorded other parts of the Province."

A meeting of mining men was held in Vancouver two weeks ago, when the various Provincial interests were represented by the following gentlemen: Senator Reid, Messrs. H. Taylor, J. Deacon, H. Cary, W. Betts, McNevan, Cariboo; Mr. Holt, Skeena; Satchell Clark, Fraser River; Mr. Roberts, Yale; and Wm. McCraney, Atlin. Dr. Reynolds, of Ashcroft, was called to the chair.

Senator Reid, in the course of his remarks, said that the day of the individual placer miner was past in this Province. In Cariboo at least, as much capital was required to work the ground as was required to work a quartz property. The taxes on both ground and water, were, he contended, out of all reason.

Mr. McCraney did not agree with "Crown granting," unless it can be shown that there was no further chance for the individual miner finding diggings. While in favor of all efforts to encourage the industry, he wished to see the interests of the individual miner properly safeguarded.

The outcome of the discussion was the adoption of a resolution to the effect that it is in the best interests of the Province and of placer mining that Crown grants be issued to lease-holders, under proper restrictions.

A special committee was appointed to draft resolutions to lay before the Government. This committee is instructed to send a draft of their resolutions to the different placer mining camps for endorsation and approval.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard guage, from a point at or near Hazelton by the most feasible and practicable route to a point on the northern boundary of British Columbia, at or near Teslin Lake or Atlin Lake, or both; also from Hazelton, by the most feasible and practicable route, via the Skeena, Babine, Driftwood, Omineca and Finlay Rivers to Peace River Pass, or Pine River Pass or both, thence Easterly to the Eastern boundary of the said Province, with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any points on the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case one hundred miles in length; and with power to construct, acquire own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and to construct, own, acquire, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation, or persons, grants of land, rights of way, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1902.

Cornwall & Rogers,
de.27-6t Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway of standard guage from Dawson, in the Northwest Territories, by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near the northern boundary of the Province of British Columbia to connect with the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway; with authority also to construct, operate and maintain branches from any points on the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to construct and acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith and to construct own, acquire, equip and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to construct, own, equip and maintain steam and other boats and vessels and operate the same on any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of the said railway and its branches or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor, and to acquire and receive from any Government, Corporation or persons grants of land, rights of way, money bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights and powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1902.

McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard,
de27-8t Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described parcel or tract of land for agricultural purposes: Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Atlinto River; thence 20 chains in a northerly direction along the shore of Taku Arm; thence 20 chains in an easterly direction; thence 20 chains in a southerly direction; thence 20 chains in a westerly direction, to the point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

T. Hinchcliffe.

Taku City, B. C., December 18th, 1902.
de27-8t

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session, by the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company for an Act to Amend its Act of Incorporation, being 64 Victoria, Chapter 50, of the Statutes of the said Province, as amended by the "Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Act, 1902," being 2 Edward VII; Chapter 77, by extending the time for the commencement of the construction of the Company's line of railway and for the expenditure of 10 per cent of the capital, and for the completion of the said railway as limited by Sub-section five (5) of Section 44 of the British Columbia Railway Act, and by increasing the capital of the said Company.

Dated the 29th day of November, 1902.

Cornwall & Rogers,
Solicitors for the Applicants.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land for agricultural purposes: That parcel or tract of land on the south bank of the river or slough running into Moose Arm, Atlin Division, Cassiar District, B. C., commencing at No. 1 post, N. W. corner, and running 40 chains in a southerly direction; thence easterly, to No. 3 post, 50 chains; thence northerly to No. 4 post, 40 chains, and thence 50 chains to No. 1 post, containing 200 acres more or less.

W. A. Anderson,

Caribou Crossing, Y. T., October 31, 1902.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next sittings, for leave to incorporate a Company to be called "The Coast-Yukon Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a railway from a point on or near Kitimat Inlet, Douglas Channel, British Columbia; thence to Atlin Lake; thence to the Yukon River; thence to the international Boundary line between Alaska and Yukon Territory, via the City of Dawson. With power to construct and own boats and wharves, telegraph and telephone lines, to generate electrical power, and to collect tolls and all powers incidental to a railway.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 12th day of November, A. D., 1902.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

H. E. A. Canavan left for Victoria on Thursday last. This is Mr. Canavan's first visit to the outside in four years. He expects to return in March with his old friend Mr. O. T. Switzer.

Before buying your Christmas presents see Eggert's new stock of Sterling Silverware, Manicure sets, Ebony Toilet Articles, etc., etc.

For a good square meal go to the Pioneer Bakery and Restaurant.

George Findlay and John Porter returned to Atlin from the Coast on Xmas day.

There is more solid comfort in a cup of Blue Ribbon Tea than in a gallon of most beverages.

Tom Kirkland left on Thursday on a visit to friends and relatives in Vancouver. On his return in March he intends bringing in a small hydraulic plant for use on his McKee creek property.

Miss Papin, sister of Mrs. C. D. Newton, arrived in Atlin this week.

Get your fancy Christmas groceries at E. L. Pillman & Co.

The first hockey match of the season was played this afternoon, and resulted in a victory for Atlin by a score of 1 to 0. A full report will be given next week.

Tub Baths all winter at the O.K. Barber Shop.

Photos and Photo supplies at Dockrill & Bourne's.

The coldest weather of the season has been experienced this week—the average temperature for the last seven days being 25 below.

Hockey sticks and skates at Dockrill & Bourne's.

Fine stock of the newest designs of Christmas and New Year's cards at E. L. Pillman & Co.

A dance will be given in Dixon's Hall on New Year's eve, to which everybody is invited. An excellent sit-down supper will be served and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

Fresh dressed chickens for Christmas, at Doelker's.

Go to The Royal for Fresh Oyster Cocktails.

Jimmy Regan shows his faith in the country by opening a branch store in Discovery. He has secured the Palace Hotel building and is putting in a complete stock of hardware. Mr. Regan's enterprise will be thoroughly appreciated by the miners adjacent to Discovery.

Fine selection of Christmas gifts, direct from the factories—gifts for the children and for the old people. —E. L. Pillman & Co.

The Opening of the Rink.

Atlin Skating Rink was thrown open to the public on Friday of last week. A very large attendance of skaters and onlookers responded to the invitation of Messrs. Ward & Lewis, the progressive proprietors. The Rink was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and was lighted with three large Rochester lamps and a number of Chinese lanterns. The condition of the ice was all that could be desired, and the many skaters were enthusiastic over the splendid quarters erected for their amusement. The Atlin Rink would do credit to a city of 2000 people. The proprietors have well merited a generous support from skaters, and there is little doubt that the "special" events will be well patronized.

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do do do 12-lb	12.00	7.25
do do do 14-lb.	14.00	8.50
Linen Crash Towelling, per yard	20	10
Silk piece goods, per yard, at half price.		
Best Shot Cartridges, per 100		3.00
T & B Cut Tobacco, per lb		1.00
Vanity Fair Cigarette Tobacco, per lb		1.50
Athlete do do		1.50
Vanity Fair Cigarettes, per 1000		6.50
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Battle Axe do		1.00
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Letter to the Editor.

THE MINERAL ACT.

SIR:—An interesting letter appeared in your last issue, contemplating certain changes in our gold laws, and advocating that prospectors should not be allowed to stake more than one mineral claim, or, in the event of their holding more than one claim, that the time allowed for assessment work should be curtailed. I venture to submit that any such alteration would deter experienced prospectors from coming into the country, and act unfairly on the men already here.

The old custom of staking claims indiscriminately during a rush to new gold fields, in anticipation of a boom, is certainly to be deplored, but no legislation can entirely stop the practice. However, the confusion which is the outcome of irregular and overstaking, might be lessened by the appointment of Claim Inspectors to assist the Gold Commissioners. These officials should visit the various mining camps and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the progress of all mining work, and also issue Certificates of Inspection to the claim-holders who have fully complied with the requirements of the gold laws.

Maps, showing the position of claims, would be kept up to date in the Mining offices, and reliable information as to what ground is free for prospecting and what is legally held would be given publicity.

If such system were adopted in the Atlin goldfields, it would, I think, prove beneficial both to the Government and to the mining community, and be conducive to more general efficiency in the administration of the gold laws.—I am, Sir, etc. WM. HATHORN.

Atlin, B. C., Dec. 26th, 1902.

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Flour, Ogilvie's, $3.50 per sack		Sugar, granulated, 10 lbs, $1	
,, Lake of the Woods, $3.40		,, Bar, 5 lbs, $1	
,, Olympia, $3.40		,, Lump, ,, $1	
,, Graham, $3.50		Worcester Sauce, per doz, $3	
,, Rye, $3.50		Ketchup, per doz, $6	
Butter, Agens, 1 lb bricks, .50		,, 2 gal. tins, $2	
,, ,, 2 lb tins, $1		Tea, Rickshaw, per package,	.40
,, New Westminster, 1lb bk,	.50	,, Blue Ribbon, lb. do	.50
,, ,, 2 lb tin, $1		,, Liptons do	.60
Potatoes, Lubeck, sliced, pr lb,	.33	,, Star do	.60
,, Graham, dess., 5lb tin, $1.25		,, Crown do	.60
,, Fresh, per lb, 10 cents		,, Naboh do	.50
Onions, ,, ,,	.10	Coffee, Crown, Mocha-Java, lb	.50
Rolled Oats, 7 lb sack,	.65	,, Blue Ribbon, per lb,	.45
Oatmeal, 10 lb sack,	.90	,, Chase & Sanborn, lb,	.45
Cornmeal, do.	.90	Crosse & Blackwell's jams, 3 tins	$1
Ham, B.C., per lb,	.25	Breakfast Food, per package,	.25
,, Boss, ,,	.26	Germea, per package,	.60
Bacon, B.C., ,,	.25	Tomatoes, per doz, $4	
,, Rex, ,,	.26	Peas, Beans, Corn, per doz	$2.50
Cream, St. Charles, hotel, doz,	$5	Rasins, new fruit, doz pkgs,	$2.50
,, Jersey, do do	$5	Currants, do do	$2.50
,, Jersey, small size, do.	$2.50	Cornstarch, do	$2.50
,, Carnation, do.	$2.50	Citron, Lemon & Orange Peel, per lb,	.40
Milk, Eagle do do.	$3.50	Candles, per box, $4	
,, Rein Deer do	$2.50		

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A MEETING of the Board of License Commissioners will be held in the Court House, Atlin, B.C., on the evening of Monday, January 5th, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock, to consider the following applications:

JOHN PERKINSON, Halo's Road House for a Hotel License.

WALTER OWEN,
Chief Licence Inspector.

Atlin, B.C., December 26th, 1902.