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ANOTHER LE ROI.

The Large Body of Quartz Back of Tennant & Baker's Mill

Said to be Similar to that of the Famous Kootenay Mine.

A. H. Bromley, mining engineer, London, Eng., and R. R. Fetherstou, superintendent of the Blue Bells mine, located on the coast some 70 miles north of Texada Island, arrived in Atlin on Sunday, and both are very pleased with everything they have seen in their week's visit.

The advent of these gentlemen here has far greater significance than most people are aware of. It is in connection with a working bond on the property just out side of the city limits back of Tennant & Baker's sawmill.

This property, the Anaconda group, was located last April by Robert Fiormann, at present a resident of Atlin. J. A. Partridge, known better as "Sailor Bill," interested himself in this ground and on his way to London, Eng., interested the above-named gentlemen to the extent that they are here to-day doing extensive development work.

Mr. Fiormann, who by the way, has done considerable mining in Rossland, said he would have had no trouble in disposing of his property had he had it in Kootenay, but here it was another matter. "The iron capping is identically similar to that of the famous Le Roi mine, and I would not be surprised to see such another mine adjacent to Atlin," he said.

Mr. Fetherstone was seen by a CLAIM man in the parlors of the Grand Hotel on Friday and in the course of a conversation stated that two days after his arrival he had placed eight men to work on the property. "As to the bond and value of this ground I am not at liberty to say just yet," he went on, "but we are very much pleased with everything we have seen. Of course, we have not done enough development work so far to form a complete judgment of what we have. It is a large body of quartz and carries sufficient values to guarantee the erection of a plant in the vicinity of the city; in fact; one of the largest plants in the world," said Mr. Fetherstone.

WHIRLS OF THE PADDLE.

The Gleaner Breaks Down and Is Towed Into Bennett.

Capt. C. E. Bowden of the Ruth, went out to Bennett on Monday and came in Friday on the Mabel F. Speaking about the accident to the Gleaner, the captain said he passed her while anchored at Carriboo Crossing with a break in her machinery. The Australian and Olive May towed her into Bennett and after replacing the broken parts by supplies ordered from Skaguay the Gleaner was about ready to leave on her old run when the Mabel F pulled out Friday morning. "The warehouses and wharves at Bennett are crowded with freight," went on the captain, "and they wanted me to take my boat back and handle some of it. The Canadian Development Co. have 600 tons at White Horse and the tramway is a week behind. The William Ogilvie is running down there, but as the water is going down rapidly she will only make one more trip."

The fare on the Scotia across the lake has been cut in two—50 cents. Before the advent of opposition it cost $1 to take a dog over.

The fencing problem around Taku is nearing the crucial point. The gate-posts are in position waiting for the hinges and the gate to close out the trespassers. It is the characteristic game of bluff, but it won't go.

The Mabel F and Olive May, the latter represented in Atlin by E. C. Aubin, are doing a forced passenger business, and appear to be giving general satisfaction to the merchants and travelling public.

LONG SUFFERING.

A Return to the Days of the "Mush" Team Welcome.

The people of Atlin district have been treated daily to surprises this season. They are inured, though, to-day, to any of the laws delays, the insolence of officials or the contumelious action of a steamboat company.

The last mail came in six days ago.

We are paying for two mails weekly, and the Irving Navigation Company are the paid carriers of this. Sometimes the mail comes in on time, but oftener it does not. When not on time, from Bennett to Taku at least, the company is carrying excursionists to White Horse or else losing hours quabbling the head officials to stake quartz claims on the route in from Bennett.

The spectacle given Atlin this week of the Gleaner's breakdown is another method of bringing the post-office department's attention to the criminal system now obtaining in this connection. Why in the name of common sense are not the mail bags given to some of the other boats arriving here, while the former boat is hors de combat. Papers—by express—are brought in in a comparatively short time from the lower coast and why not mail matter.

There is one deep satisfaction in knowing that the days of the "mush" team are to be around again. Then we will have a more regular service.

Since this was in type, about to go to press, the Gleaner came in with 17 sacks of mail matter.

SCISSORS AND PASTE.

A Brief Epitome of the World's News Culled From Our Exchanges.

Attorney-General Henderson was elected by acclamation in New Westminster.

The 84-ounce Spruce Creek nugget is in Seattle.

Seattle is to have a million dollar depot.

The SS. Athenian sailed for Manilla from Seattle on Aug. 21, with 450 head of horses.

M. "Laou" Buren, private secretary of Maitre Labori, leading counsel for Dreyfus, was on the coast on Aug. 23, hunting up information of great value to Dreyfus.

Over 100,000 natives are destitute in Porto Rico.

James Fitzharris, an accomplice in the Phoenix Park murders, in 1882, has been released.

The cruiser Olympia, with Admiral Dewey aboard, arrived at Villa Franca, Aug. 22.

Thomas B. Reed, formally resigns the seat in Congress he held for 22 years, on Sept. 1.

Frank Ricard, surveyor of the telegraph construction party, was drowned in Five Finger Rapids Aug. 1, by the upsetting of a boat.

The following clause, discussed at the joint meeting of the boards of trade of the Kootenays, no doubt reflects the views of nearly every miner in this district: That the Provincial government should not collect a royalty upon dry timber cut upon mineral claims for mining purposes.

In an explosion in the Llest colliery, Glamorganshire, Wales, on August 18, twenty-five people were killed.

The Sultana mine, near Rat Portage, Ont., has changed hands and is now the property of an English company. It is understood that the price paid is $2,250,000.

The correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle predicts that Dreyfus will be re-condemned and the sentence will be immediately commuted through fear of excitement and uprisings incidental upon an acquittal. He believes that the latitude allowed the generals in court points to a submission to, what in France is a sacred image, the "reasons of state."

Every railroad entering Chicago needs more cars than they have or can get to meet the demand of shippers.

The American cup challenger Shamrock arrived at New York August 18th. Her dimensions are: Length 132 ft. 6 in.; length water line, 89 ft. 6 in.; beam 24 ft. 6 in; draught, 20 ft.; displacement, 147 tons; constructed of nickel steel and manganese bronze.

The sailing ship River Fallock arrived at Vancouver on August 17. This merchantman is the first to arrive in British Columbia direct from Germany.

Jim Hill of the Great Northern favors expansion.

Snoqualmie Falls is to supply Seattle's car system with electricity.

At the Nottingham meeting, August 18, the Oxton selling plate was won by Reiff, the American jockey, on Croker's Sweet Chimes. For second place it was a dead heat between Gold Point and Solano. Nine horses ran. The Welbeck Abbey plate was won by Martin on Morgantee.

The model city of Glasgow is having trouble with its treasurer, James Colquhoun, whose defalcations are in the vicinity of $1,000,000. Nothing like being ahead of the world, even if it is a defalcation.

Jim Jeffords knocked Peter Jackson out on August 23rd in Vancouver.

Mrs. Ivy Dumas, wife of W. E. Dumas, committed suicide on August 23rd at Rossland by shooting herself through the heart. It is assumed she was insane.

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A petition is being circulated asking for the appointment of a county court judge for this district. The need of a court is imperative. Already there are twenty-eight cases on the calendar. Unless the prayer of the petition is granted these cannot come to trial before next summer. This, in most instances, will work great hardship. A case was brought to our attention wherein an old gentleman sued for 60 days' wages at $4 per day, in all $240. Being over $100 the matter could not be settled in the small debts court. Now we do not wish to pass judgment and say the old gentleman is entitled to this amount. But assuming such to be the case, does it not work a cruel hardship? In this northern district of British Columbia there must be at least calculation 5,000 people. Between now and next summer a large number of disputes will arise, yet these and the ones already mentioned will have to wait. The act provids that a deputy county court judge may be appointed in a country like this.

The Irving Navigation Company still continues to harass everything in the steamboat line on Atlin Lake. This company certainly must have known that opposition would have to be counted on this fall. They were here first, that's true; but is that any reason why the Alien law should be applied to steamboats. The interested steamboat companies, we understand, have forwarded a complaint to the Minister of Lands and Works, Victoria, protesting against the action this company is about to take in fencing the land in the vicinity of Taku, across from Atlin. Where is our Gold Commissioner? Why don't he take this petty matter in hand and forever give this company its quietus; make them understand that the chalk line is a straight one and that even members of the Legislature are not persona grata.

Referring to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's recent remarks on the Alaskan boundary dispute the Toronto Globe has the following: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier specifically said that war was not to be thought of as a means of settling the Alaska boundary question, yet it is quite evident that the telegraphic summaries which reached the United States press failed to make this clear. On the contrary the impression has been created that his remarks looked to war as one of the means by which it might have to be settled. This is doubtless partly owing to the necessity for condensation and perhaps to some extent to the desire of correspondents to make their dispatches spicy."

We are informed that there are quantities of flour and other goods being brought into camp which have been lying at other points for a long time and are wormy and liable to breed disease. It might be well for the medical health officer, if there is one, to look into this matter.

The Atlin Globe, the latest addition to the newspaper field, appeared for the first time on Wednesday. It is well edited and neatly printed and is under the management of Wm. Bailey.

COMMUNICATIONS.

WILLOW CREEK DITCH.

To the Editor of THE CLAIM:

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to give public expression to my feelings as regards the treatment of the laborers on the Willow creek ditch. Many of them were in actual want when the association put the scheme on foot, but they gladly hailed the prospect of work, being faithfully promised employment on Willow creek when the ditch was completed. Many assurances were given to the workmen that none but those employed on the ditch would get work from the claim owners. These promises, so faithfully given and thankfully received, were soon forgotten, for one-half of those working on Willow creek at the present time never did anything towards the water scheme, while some of them were known to boast that they would not "speculate on their labor." The case would not be quite so serious if the "blest paper credit" that the laborer received for his services, were convertible into money. Some of the storekeepers, it is true, have agreed to furnish "grub" at the rate of $3.75 for a $5 coupon, but this only gives the needy a small start in the race with starvation. One or two philanthropic gentleman have condescended to purchase the coupons, but they are so generous in their offers that even want can scarcely induce the hungry to take advantage of their good nature. One gentleman reveling in a surname that has been worn threadbare by the patron saint of Ireland actually offered a hungry laborer $3.25 for his coupons on condition that he would relinquish all claim and make no effort to redeem them. The treatment we have received at the hands of the B. C. government was bad enough, but being ignored by the claim owners we labored to befriend and forced to trust ourselves to the generosity of unscrupulous usurers, is rather too much.

Yours respectfully,
A. McFEE.

HYDRAULIC ACTIVITY.

Capitalists Are Investing Very Rapidly.

Several Companies Preparing for Early Operations.

The past week has been a busy one in hydraulic circles and important advances have been made towards the future development of this district. At no time since the discovery of this rich country has its future looked so bright and encouraging as at present, due principally to the fact that after months of careful prospecting and thorough investigation, capitalists have finally passed judgment and are now taking steps toward substantial investments. Several important hydraulic transactions have taken place within the past few days and many more of equal importance are on the tapis, liable to be consummated at any moment.

J. H. Brownlee returned on Monday from a surveying trip to Alder and Moose creeks in the interests of Montreal and British Columbia capitalists. His official report is highly satisfactory and shows both of these creeks to be excellent for hydraulic operation. Moose creek, while an excellent hydraulic proposition is too deep for profitable sluicing and at present, not a claim on the entire creek is being worked. On this account I do not apprehend any trouble whatever in an immediate lease being secured. It is on these abandoned creeks that hydraulic companies stand the best show of commencing early operations, for there are no small claim holders to interfere with the work. Moose creek prospects well for hydraulic mining and the banks of gravel there are greater than in any other portion of the district, many being fully 250 feet in height. There is much more water in Moose than in Spruce, fully 2,500 inches, while the creek is about twelve miles in length. A company of Montreal capitalists has applied for the lease of Moose creek and upon securing it will commence work as soon as possible in the spring. Several claims are being worked on Alder creek, but not profitably. The average runs about $3 per day to the man, so the owners are more than willing to abandon the slow method of hand sluicing and have their claims worked out by hydraulic force. There is sufficient timber at the mouth of both Moose and Alder creeks for fluming purposes, while there is fall enough to each stream to guarantee a good head of water. Pine creek will make an ideal hydraulic scheme, not only on account of its richness, but the great force of water that can be secured there. Surprise lake is nearly 900 feet higher than the mouth of Pine, and 300 feet above the level of the creek at Pine city. One company is already preparing to operate on Pine, just above the upper falls. Charles McIntosh has secured a lease at that point in the interests of the British America company."

Prominent among the hydraulic experts here at present is H. M. Wallace, general manager of the United States and Dominion Mining company, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Wallace is very enthusiastic over the hydraulic possibilities of the Atlin district and as a more substantial evidence of his faith in the country, Mr. Wallace informed a CLAIM representative that his company would be actively operating here next season upon quite an extensive scale. "I have made a thorough examination of the entire district," continued the American expert, "and have become so firmly convinced as to the richness of the district that I have already completed several large purchases for my company. We have secured outright a block of 28 claims on Spruce creek and during the remaing week of my stay here I am in hopes of being able to close for as much more ground on that rich stream. Spruce creek from mouth to source is one of the grandest hydraulic propositions I have ever seen. I estimate there are about 1,600 inches of water in Spruce, which will give fully enough force to operate the big monitors necessary to properly tear out those immense banks of gravel. Our Spruce creek plant we shall probably have landed on the ground this fall so as to begin operations as soon as possible in the spring. I have closed several more deals of equal importance, and have others on the string, which, however, I am not at liberty to disclose just at present. It is sufficient to say that we are satisfied with the country and are investing our capital here."

The United States and Dominion Mining company has some very extensive interests, not only in the United States, but scattered throughout the northwest as well. They are at present operating dredgers on the Frazer river, as well as quartz mines in the Kootenay district, Colorado, Idaho, Montana and California. They have secured 93 miles of the Yukon river and 50 miles of the Hootalinqua river for dredging purposes, and intend commencing work in the two latter localities next spring. On these rivers the company will employ the Bennett dredger, each machine costing $60,000, in addition to the cost of transportation, which will be nearly as much more. Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, of the United States War department, is president of this company, while several prominent United States senators are enrolled upon the board of directors. Mr. Wallace will leave early next week to supervise the work on the Hootalinqua river.

One of the most important hydraulic deals that has yet taken place here occurred on Tuesday evening in the formation of the Atlin Consolidated Hydraulic Mining company. The company is company is composed of fifteen applicants for hydraulic leases on Boulder creek, prominent among whom are the following: Alice Houghton, A. G. Brownlee, W. A. Spencer, Lieut.-Gov. McInnes, Richard McBride, M. P. P., C. C. Hawkins, B. C. Lowry, E. J. Gondy, Charles Christopher, J. H. Russell and E. Crom. A. G. Brownlee is manager and W. A. Spencer treasurer of the new company. E. Janne de Lamare, of Paris, France, editor of the Klondyke Revue, and representative of a large company of French capitalists, secured a contingent sale of one-half interest in the Consolidated and is now on his way to Paris to complete his portion of the sale, in floating the stock thus secured. By the terms of the sale M. de Lamare is required to expend not less than $2,000 in prospect work on the property as soon as the leases are secured and not less than $20,000 in an equipment of the most modern hydraulic apparatus.

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J. D. GRAHAM,
Atlin, B. C., July 14, 1899.

WINTER DIGGINGS.

Benches on Spruce to be Worked From Bedrock on the Creeks.

Hundreds of Tunnels Can be Seen Making for the Paystreak.

One feature of mining in the Atlin district that has been overlooked and not spoken of to the outside world is the fact that we possess unrivalled ground for winter diggings. It is a conceded fact that the benches on Spruce Creek are rich and the large number of tunnels that are being driven in at the present time, some of which are in 100 feet, amply demonstrates that pay dirt has been touched.

Geo. Arthur, 130 below on Spruce—Working on a lay with four men; getting good gold; will stay in this winter and work my bench from bedrock on the creek; think benches are richer than creeks.

J. A. Olsen, 133 below—Done over $1,000 worth of dead work; going to work bench this fall.

Pete Kemp, 137 below—Have been bothered very much with drainage; doing well now.

The first tunnel of any consequence is to be found on a fraction in the vicinity of 122, a bench. This fraction was sold last week by Geo. Goodbrand and Frank Collins to a young Englishman. Everything in connection is of the most primitive nature. Water for handrocking is obtained from the creek by means of a pump with salmon cans attached to each arm and deposited in a flume that feeds a good-sized drygoods box near the rocker. The ore that finds its way to this rocker is brought out from a 50-foot tunnel that runs back from the creek and is tramwayed out with rope and windlass at the edge of the creek.

H. J. Donnelly and J. E. Scarlett, 122, creek—Everything encouraging; the paystreak on Spruce creek is 12 feet wide under the present creek bed; the average depth of bedrock is about six feet; going to work bench this winter and have one ready to sluice in the spring; there is a good paystreak on the benches. This claim is carrying the creek over in a flume 50 inches wide, 10 inches deep, with the same grade as the creek.

H. L. Tingling, 120 below—Going to run 140 feet back from creek and will be in all winter.

C. E. Jury, 112 below—Making wages; gold is where you find it; six men working.

G. E. O. Prowse—The full strength on 62A and 62B. Two tunnels have been run, one is 100 feet in with a crosscut of 80, 5 feet wide with 8 1-2 crown at centre. The ore is a peculiar red cement that partially crumbles up when exposed to the air. When it comes in contact with water, however, it hardens and passes out of the sluices much the same as when shovelled in. Mr. Prowse is now experimenting with this with a view to the most economical way of handling this ore. The gold taken is heavy, and of a blackish hue.

J. Kilmer, W. C. Hall, and W. E. Ward, 90 below—Running tunnel; going to drift this winter; going down about 200 feet on rim along edge of creek to the Texas claim; will be under cover all winter; our prospects so far are highly encouraging; in yellow gravel.

J. Boulet, 91 below, bench—Took out a 3-ounce piece a few days ago.

J. J. Woods, 98 below — Bought out the Happy-Go-Lucky claim, 101 below, last week. I'm negotiating for more in this vicinity.

Donner Group, 92, 3 and 4 below—Taking out a few; several 5-ounce pieces; 11 men night and day shift.

J. McKinnon, 3 above on Pine, sold out last week to Messrs. Gibson and Brackett, and the latter are putting a large force of men to work.

WILLOW CREEK.

Mr. H. H. James, 4 above—Took out the other day half an ounce of coarse gold in one hour's sluicing. I consider the claim very good. The water has been troubling very much. Depth to bedrock here is 4 foot.

On the Dina Bench claim, opposite 4 above, a 6 1-2 ounce nugget was taken out on Monday and picked up on the dump. On this property there is a 40-foot shaft with two tunnels in 60 feet.

W. Gibbons and W. G. Miller, 12 above, took out a 9-ounce nugget on Tuesday.

THE YOUNGEST MINER.

Spruce Creek possesses the youngest miner in the district. The boy is barely 10 years old, and a native of San Francisco. The boy's father owns 87 below on this creek, and is doing well.

Months ago, when mining matters were in a state of chaos, young Jack Durmar wanted to stake a claim. Being an alien, of course, he couldnt do it, and then again he had been refused a license because of age.

"I don't see why I can't have a license and a claim as well as some of the 'chechooks'—that come up here and play miners," he said to a CLAIM man on Spruce on Tuesday, while in the act of cleaning the first riffle of a handrocker no larger than a coal oil box.

"Some days when I work I get $3; some days nothing; father is on a lay and I grub around and play. I follow the paystreak on bedrock, and that is when I do well."

"What do you do with your dust?"

"Some of it I put away and some blow in—candy fruit and other things that are good."

SPRUCE CREEK LAMENT.

Around my Spruce creek shack the China pumps are squeaking,
While my luck reflects the vision of a tramp.
Johnny Fox says that the bedrock is not paying
And that Duchy counts his nuggets on the drump,
But the "Weary" sport has made a 2-lb. clean-up,
And, without a doubt we have a chance left yet;
But I long to be once more on Yanky diggings
Where the Atlin law and Mamie "Stes" are nit.

Oh, I wish it was not quite so deep to bedrock
And that I could count my nuggets by the sack.
Oh, how I wish I had a girl to do my cooking
And to keep things neat and tidy round the shack;
Oh, I long to see the muddy Missouri
And the daisy-covered meadows of York state;
Yes, I long for one square meal of sister's cooking,
And to hear the trolly car go down the street.

—JACK DONNER.

Donner Group, Spruce Creek, Aug. 23.

THE PROSPECTOR.

The following verses by Frank W. Robinson were handed to us by a gentleman in this city. The manner in which they fell into his hands leads him to believe they have never appeared in print.

A zig-zag trail leads up the mountain side,
Where Selkirk's glaciers and eternal snow,
Add life and volume to the crystal tide
That swells Columbia's overflow,
Secure from land and snowy slides,
A cabin stands with rough-hewn sides;
A roof of Jack-pine, split in twain,
Protects the dweller from the chilly rain.

Inside, a look of comfort greets the eye,
As o'er the spruce-strewn floor one treads;
The sides well chinked; the bunks raised high,
Prevents "rheumatics" which the miner dreads.
On rude built shelf range pot and pan,
Auxiliaries of comfort for the inner man,
Secure from rodent and from mice,
Hang from the rafters bacon, flour and rice.

Enter at eve an Apollo's rough clad form,
Fatigued with toil and long protracted fast,
In season he to 'scape the gathering storm,
Though rough the tramp, a haven reached at last.
From corner fireplace glows the balsam's cone,
Quick fire, to cook the bacon, tea and pone.
The humble meal discussed and keenly relished,
Out comes his pipe, with monogram embellished.

The stool drawn near and fuel piled high,
Retrospective wanders he, midst scenes of yore,
He heeds not time. But, ah! a sigh,
As mem'ry travels 'long life's chequered shore.
Again at home 'mong rural dells he strays,
Where passed, perchance, his most delightful days,
Tending on green hillsides the white fleeced flocks,
Care free, and oblivious of mines or stocks.

Anon he nods, and dreams rich ore he stopes,
His "blanket lead" a "chamber" proves to be,
A silver grotto, rich beyond his fondest hopes.
Now hies he east, his sweetheart "for to see."
His form in clothes of latest cut he robes,
His polished "bals" take place of snob-nailed brogues,
With hands be-gloved, to hide their black and tan,
He curbs his steeds—a goodly looking span.

His comely partner chides not at the pace;
'Tis strange! she always timid seemed to be.
With fondly eye he gazes on her lovely face,
The bridge arrived the legendary toll claims he.
Wonder of wonders! she acquiesces to his claim;
If he takes extra toll its "all the same."
His pipe falls crash!—he staggers as though drunk,
And as the dream's dispelled he murmurs—
"Guess I'll bunk."

"The following happened a few days ago in our village," writes a correspondent:—"As a result of an advertisement in the local paper that a young girl for work in a small house was required a woman called with her daughter—a strong healthy looking girl of fifteen—who she said would be glad to take the situation. When ask as to the wages required per week, the mother replied in a tone which expressed the deep conviction that she was offering a really superior article, which must be paid for accordingly. 'Well mum, I couldn't let her go under a shilling!'" We shall keep the name of that village to ourselves, but we do not mind saying that it is in Suffolk, Eng.

The game of curling with stones on slippery ice has taken a fast hold in Canada, and is spreading throughout the Northern states. In winter time it is a most fascinating game, and is just the diversion for business and professional men. A movement is on foot in Dawson to organize a club in that city.—What about Atlin.

British America Corporation, Ld.

ATLIN, B. C.

BRANCHES AT DAWSON, BENNETT, SELKIRK, WHITE HORSE, PINE CREEK.

The only complete stock of

GROCERIES AND DRY GOODS

In the City.

Ladies' Goods a Specialty.

New Line of Ladies' and Gent's Boots and Shoes Just Arrived.

Only highest class of goods in stock at lowest prices in the city. Inspection invited.

—THE—

Canadian Bank... ...of Commerce

Corner Second and Pearl Streets.

ATLIN, B. C.

THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED ASSAY OFFICE IN CONNECTION.

Gold purchased or advances made thereon pending the result of its assay.

Exchange sold on all the principal points in Europe, the United States and Canada.

PINE TREE HOTEL.

DISCOVERY, B. C.

When you come to Discovery
Take shelter under the
TREE.

Finest of Liquors.
Good stabling.

CHAS. R. OUBRIDGE, Mgr.

Good dining room run in connection—Meals at all hours.

MRS. C. H. LUCAS, Cateress.

Applications for Land.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of five acres of land for garden purposes, situate on Pine Creek, about half a mile from Atlin, commencing at stake No. 1 and running easterly 231 yards to No. 2; thence 420 yards northerly to No. 3; thence westerly 201 yards to No. 4; thence southerly to place of beginning.

P. JAMESON.

Atlin, B. C. July 21, 1899.

PIONEER STORE...

PINE CITY, B. C.

Carries a full line of Groceries, Hardware, Gent's Furnishings and Boots and Shoes.

C. D. NEWTON & CO.
Proprietors.

—THE—

Nugget Hotel

PINE CITY,

HAYES & CORNELL, Props.

Everything in connection First Class; Good Liquors, etc.

An up-to-date Restaurant in connection.

ATLIN LAUNDRY

Corner Rant and Lake Streets.

THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED.

Mrs. Hayes has just returned from her trip and is about to erect the most complete steam laundry north of Vancouver. She brought with her two expert laundresses and solicits a continuance of the work from her numerous customers in Atlin, Pine and Spruce cities.

The best work and lowest prices.

THE NORTHERN HOTEL,
FIRST STREET.

The biggest house in Atlin.
Everything first-class.

Thagard & Turney, Proprietors.

O. K. BATHS
BARBER SHOP.

The baths are equally as good as found in cities. Side entrance for ladies.

LINK & PEATT, Props., First Street.

PRINCIPAL BATH HOUSE AND LAUNDRY.

Best Equipped Establishment in Atlin.

Lake Street, near Sawmill.

JULES EGGERT

SWISS WATCHMAKER.

Has charge of government instruments. First street, Atlin.
In Medical Hall.

GOLD HOUSE

PINE CITY.

Good Liquors,
Good Wines
and Cigars.

Beds and Meals a Specialty.

LETHERDALE & BURTON,
Proprietors.

Government Assay Office.

The Vancouver Board of Trade gives notice that the government of British Columbia have established an assay office in Vancouver and that the banks and merchants will negotiate the certificates issued by the government assayer in charge, W. Pellew-Harvey, Fairfield block, opp. Post Office, Vancouver, B. C.

CHARLES E. TISDALL,
President.
WILLIAM T. STEIN, C.A.
Secretary.

British Hotel

Cor. First and Discovery.

Fine stock of genuine
SCOTCH AND CANADIAN WHISKIES
BASS' ALE, VICTORIA LAGER,
AND STOUT, ETC.
MITCHELL'S OLD HEATHER DEW
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SPECIALTY.

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AITKEN & STRANAHAN,

PAINTERS.

Neat and artistic signs at reasonable rates.

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FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER

Third and Discovery, Atlin, B. C.

Bodies Embalmed for Shipment a Specialty

Orders on short notice.

All kinds of Funeral Supplies at reasonable rates.

The Claim is now prepared to do all kinds of Job Work.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

Medical Hall for patent medicines.

Royalty has been paid on 7,189 ounces of gold up to August 31st.

Dr. Mitchell, Pine, left on Tuesday for Tagish en route to Dawson.

Shipment of new goods just arrived at Medical Hall, First street.

Electric belts for weak-backed people at W. R. Dockrill's drug store.

The Canadian Development Co. have secured the winter mail contract.

New Goods at Cummings & Richardson's. Fine Tweed Suits, Boots and Shoes and Felt Hats.

Mr. Eugene Coste, brother to Mr. L. Coste, Dominion engineer, is expected in next week.

Arthur Copeland, of the B. L. and K. N. Co., spent a few days in the city during the past week.

Prescriptions accurately dispensed by W. R. Dockrill & Co., the leading druggists, First st.

Mr. Gregory, the auctioneer of Pine, will sell some Willow, Spruce and Pine creek claims tonight at Pine at 7:30.

Messrs. Pennant & Baker have recently added a new boiler to their sawmill plant, which will greatly facilitate the operation of their mill.

Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., and at Discovery at 7:30 p. m.

For bargains in boots, shoes and dry goods go to the B. C. Hotel store. Everything marked down to cost. Everything guaranteed new and fresh.

A pocketbook belonging to D. M. McLean was found in the vicinity of Dr. Cameron's store on the Spruce Creek trail. The pocketbook is at the CLAIM office.

Mr. G. E. O. Prowse, who is watching the tunnelling and other development work in the vicinity of 100 below on Spruce creek, intends leaving for Windsor, Ont., the coming week.

Service will be held in the First Presbyterian church corner Third and Discovery streets, on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B.A. minister.

The volunteer fire brigade, under the leadership of Chief Lillie, is progressing very favorably. They intend starting out by giving a dance in the Arctic Brotherhood hall on Wednesday evening. As all moneys realized go to swell the fire fund everyone should purchase a ticket.

Dog quotations are going up with a steady demand for good ones. One hundred and fifty were secured by a representative of the Canadian Development Co. last week and the highest figure paid was $50. It is the purpose of this company to operate an express service between Bennett and Atlin this winter and also another from Bennett to Dawson by the winter road at present in course of construction.

Rev. Father Whelan will hold service tomorrow at 10 o'clock in Macdonald's hall, Pine. This will be his last service in the district this year, as he leaves for the coast the middle of the week. The reverend gentleman says that next year will see a permanent priest stationed here. Father Whelan is taking down to ex-Ald. Costello, Vancouver, an 9-ounce nugget that was given him by Gibbons & Costello, taken from their Willow Creek claim.

Business has been good at our leading hostlery, the Grand, during the past week, the following being part of those registered: Arthur Copeland, Bennett; Cowley Lambert, W. B. Close, E. C. Hawkins, London; E. H. Graves, Chicago; D. W. Patton and wife, Victoria; R. R. Fetherston, Vancouver; A. H. Brouty, London; Geo. Mitchell, Ottawa; Capt. A. Graves, London, Eng.; Mr. and Mrs. King, Bennett; Miss Bailey and Miss McGregor, Victoria; J. E. Gaudy, Spokane; O P. Miller, Skaguay.

That Atlin possesses musical talent goes without saying, and like our Board of Trade it lacks organization. Last Saturday evening an entertainment was given in the Arctic Brotherhood hall on Second street and was an agreeable surprise to the pitifully small number who attended. True, the musical programme was short, in view of the dance that followed its termination, but just one number on the programme—piano duet and song by the Misses Florman—was a rich treat and worth a walk from Pine to hear. The cornet solo by I. W. Nordstrum also was very much appreciated. The latter, who was instrumental in getting this entertainment up, thinks Atlinites don't care much for entertainments. Try again.

Clarence N. Ravlin, of the San Francisco Chronicle, in company with his father-in-law, Captain Wastie, leave next week for the banana belt—California—with a couple of bags of gold, happy recollections of a vacation spent on bedrock on Spruce, and a unanimous conclusion that we have "the biggest thing" on earth in hydraulics. It is safe to say that Mr. Ravlin is the best posted newspaper man that has left for the outside. There is not a creek of merit in the district that has not been visited by him; not in the gloved-hand style, but with pick and pan and blanket, and as a result of this he located, partially worked and latterly sold out to advantage a number of claims he staked in a 13-weeks' vacation in Northern British Columbia.

Atlin was without a blacksmith for three days this week.

Geo. R. Maxwell, M. P., is expected in from Dawson the fore part of the week.

Frank Breeze received his trunk from home the early part of the week and with it came a gun that he has been using on snipe. He bagged a dozen on Thursday and on the evening of Friday entertained a number of friends to a snipe dinner in the Board of Trade.

To work for 10 years in one tunnel, without a break in the monotony of existence is the experience of Bill Thompson, who arrived in Vancouver a few days ago. Thompson is one of the oldest miners in the country, and for years has lived like a hermit. He came west from Tennessee in the height of the gold fever in Cariboo in the early sixties and then he was a middle-aged man. His party narrowly escaped destruction at the time of the famous Minnesota massacre and one reason that the hardy miner did not go home again within a few years was that he did not wish to have any more trouble with the redskins. Next month will be his 80th birthday and he proposes celebrating it by taking an excursion to civilization for the first time since he first went into the country.

BANK OF B. N. A. WILL BUILD.

Have Purchased the Lot Where Russell's Pavilion Stands.

Last week we announced that four of our leading business and financial institutions would erect new and commodious quarters. This week we are pleased to state that the Bank of British North America will shortly commence the erection of a fine two storey building, 30x50 feet, corner of Pearl and First streets, on the lot at present occupied by Russell's pavilion. During the past week a transfer of the lot was made. As soon as the plans are completed work will commence.

The best feature in connection with the proposed building operations is the confidence shown in the district by institutions that do not rush into wild-cat building booms.

BRANCHING OUT.

Maher & Mead, Adding a Wholesale Department to Their Business.

Mr. Geo. Mead, member of the firm of Maher & Mead, hotel-keepers, arrived from the coast last Sunday, where he had gone but four weeks before. The firm, as will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, are adding a wholesale department to their business. This step was in contemplation for some considerable time and the visit to Nanaimo, of the above named gentleman, was for the purpose of completing arrangements and at the same time accompany the goods through to Atlin. This shipment comprised 20 tons and from a survey of the premises, Discovery and Second streets, it is seen that no detail has been overlooked. The stock, from the fine champagne down to the festive playing card has been included in the order. In the shipment was included the first draught beer brought into the country, and this lost no time in finding a purchaser, for Mr. Geo. Hayes, of the Nugget Hotel, Pine, secured the entire lot.

The wholesale department is an addition to their present house, and it must not be understood that the retail trade will be done away with.

It is safe to predict that Messrs. Maher & Mead—two British Columbians of 30 years' residence, the former in Nanaimo, and the latter New Westminster—will meet with success in their new addition.

It is reported that the Seattle & International railway has passed under the control of the Northern Pacific.

The collector of customs at Port Townsend has been instructed not to institute proceedings against the seven Canadian fishing vessels seized in American waters.

Anderson, the man accused of stealing $60,000 from Molson's bank, Winnipeg, has been committed for trial.

Affairs look serious in the Transvaal. Advices from London are the effect that officers of regiments on leave of absence are ordered to be in readiness to join their regiments on short notice.

The city of Victor, Colo., was practically wiped out by fire August 21.

The report that Mr. Tache, C. E., was drowned at Five Finger rapids proves to be untrue.

The hillside claims on Dominion creek, Yukon, are proving large gold producers.

The first frost of the season touched Dawson on August 19.

$50 Reward.

The above reward will be paid for additional information which will lead to the conviction of the parties instrumental in having signs destroyed between Atlin and Pine belonging to the Atlin General Hospital.

F. M. BOYLE, M. D.

—THE—

Merchants Bank of Halifax

INCORPORATED 1859.

PAID UP CAPITAL - - - - - - - - - - $2,000,000.00
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A general Banking business transacted. Gold Dust assayed and purchased.

Drafts issued and money transferred to any part of the world.

The First Bank to Open in Atlin.

A Branch has been opened in Pine City. Gold Dust Purchased.

W. A. SPENCER - - - - Manager Atlin Branch.

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Wholesale - and - Retail - Butchers.

CORNER FIRST AND PEARL STREETS.

Builders' Hardware, Miners' Supplies, Tinware, Graniteware, Etc., Etc.

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FINEST EQUIPPED HOTEL IN THE NORTH. EVERYTHING CONDUCTED IN FIRST-CLASS MANNER.

RICE & HASTIE, PROPRIETORS; DAVID HASTIE, MANAGER.

Corner of First and Discovery Streets.

THE NORTH AMERICAN GREYHOUND

"WILLIAM OGILVIE"

HARRY OLLARD, Master.

The Fleetest Steamer on the Lakes.

Atlin City to Bennett City Every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

FARE—FIRST CLASS, $12.50, Including Two Meals and Berth.
SECOND CLASS, $7.50.

T. J. WATSON, Agent, Atlin City.
Office with T. J. Watson & Co., Mining Brokers, 1st bet. Pearl and Watson.

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Mining Broker and Public Accountant,

Placer and Mineral Claims Bought, Sold and Managed on commission.
All kinds of Mining Papers made out and Mining business transacted.
Partnership accounts adjusted. Books and accounts audited.
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DISCOVERY ST., NEAR THIRD, ATLIN, B. C. P. O. BOX 97.

CUT PRICES AT THE B. C. HOTEL STORE

Having decided to go out of business for the winter we now offer our large stock of

DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES AND GROCERIES

At cost. Everything is new, fresh and in first-class order and must be sold. Those long overdue boots and shoes, comprising Ladies', Men's, Youth's and Children, in great variety, are marked down to bedrock prices.

B. C. HOTEL STORE, First St. Near Discovery.

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Social Dance

Under the auspices of the

Atlin Volunteer Fire Brigade

Will be held in the

ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD HALL

Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Tickets $1.50. Ladies free.

A CARPENTER

With a small amount of cash can buy the best bench claim in this country, all under roof. Has yielded more gold than any bench here. I have the best garden in Atlin and a house to live in, all fenced. As I am leaving Atlin, not to return, my place is for sale for less than half what it cost, together with the good will of my carpenter business, making all kinds of shop work, doors, windows, show cases, etc. Call at carpenter shop, north First street, near Discovery St.

B. R. VAN DEUSEN.