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TOPICS FOR THE WEEK.

FROM the remarks of Mr. N. McLean, secretary and one of the promoters of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company, before the Nanaimo City Council last week only one conclusion can possibly be drawn, and that is that failing Government assistance the company are not in a position to construct the proposed road between the Coast and Rossland. In other words, Mr. McLean and his colleagues are quite prepared to take all the risks of spending money subscribed by the people, merely expecting to own the road and to pocket any profits accruing therefrom when built as recompense for their magnanimity and enterprise. No doubt from a business point of view this arrangement would be eminently satisfactory—to McLean Bros. & Co., but whether, when the Government is appealed to, the executive will regard the interests of the disinterested promoters as paramount, remains to be seen. It has been stated that McLean Bros. were acting in the capacity of agents for a wealthy English syndicate, awaiting only the consent of the Federal and Provincial governments before commencing the construction of a road over the route referred to. In fact, and we have every reason to believe our information is reliable, Mr. N. McLean has himself thus intimated. Either, then, the V. V. & E. R. & N. Co. have financial backing or they have not. If they have, why on earth should government assistance be a sine qua non? It is presumed that unless satisfied that the project would pay it would not have been contemplated. There is every reason to believe it would pay and pay handsomely. On the other hand, if they are not responsible parties the sooner the fact is known the better.

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THERE is a strong feeling throughout the Province that the Government should itself build the road—the "People's Railway," as someone has called it. It would be just as easy for the Government to borrow the necessary capital—estimated to be in the neighborhood of $15,000,000—as it would for them to guarantee the interest on the bonds to the promoters of the V. V. & E. R. & N. Co.

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THERE are precedents enough to satisfy anyone that government control of railroads is in the highest degree desirable. In continental Europe, in Australia, in South Africa, wherever carried on with the judgment and economy that would be practised by a private corporation, the arrangement has proved not only a source of very considerable revenue to the government of the country, but infinitely conducive to the convenience of the public.

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ADMITTING that the Turner administration is not popular—and if so their sins must be of omission rather than commission—no measure could be more readily calculated to win the present government a place in the public esteem than such a one that would ensure direct railroad communication between the Coast and the Interior. The prospects before the Province are too promising and the value of land is increasing too rapidly to make a continuation of the former policy of the Government, when dealing with railroad companies, either wise or desirable; and in view of the complications that may arise should Mr. Heinze, by fulfilling his part of the contract by building the Columbia & Western, come into possession of the large tracts of land with which he is to be subsidized, it is almost to be hoped that his non-success in London to find capital will deter him from making further effort.

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UNLESS railroad construction is commenced next year the whole country west of Rossland will be practically at a standstill. The population of Boundary creek is chiefly a "floating" one, made up of prospectors from the States and elsewhere who generally, at the first signs of cold weather, return to their homes or seek employment in the cities or mines of Washington or Montana during the winter months, returning late the following spring. Bona fide residents are distinctly a minority, representing for the most part the business classes. It is self evident that this floating population is not sufficient itself to promote business prosperity. Again, and a consideration of still greater importance, without either the means of obtaining transportation facilities, or the immediate probability of such, capital will not be invested to any extent in mining property, however brilliant the prospects ahead. The few companies who have acquired interests in this district will simply do sufficient development work on their claims to satisfy themselves and then suspend further operations till more favorable times. While, therefore, it is to the interest of the people of this district in particular, and to the people of the Province as a whole, to leave no stone unturned that will further a scheme to provide railroad communication between Rossland and the Coast (passing through Boundary Creek and other rich mineral districts), every precaution should at the same time be taken to provide that the undertaking is in responsible hands. If McLean Bros. and their associates are prepared to build the road and have the necessary financial support, well and good. But if they are simply relying on a bonus of money, land or interest guarantees from the Federal or Provincial governments, then we prefer to see the Government itself build the road and own it.

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THE verdict of "justifiable homicide" on the part of Keene, brought in by the coroner's jury at the inquest held on the 28th ult., is still much discussed and by many severely criticised. Judging, however, from the affidavits that have since been published, there is little room to doubt that if not the principal, the unfortunate man Roderick was at least implicated in the highway robbery of last August. But this in no way affects the case of the manner in which he met his death, and it is highly probable that when the evidence obtained by the coroner is submitted to the Attorney-General, a further enquiry will be instituted. Killing a man, even under circumstances as extreme as on the occasion in question, is a serious matter and not lightly to be passed over without full and careful enquiry.

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THE greatest inconvenience has been occasioned by the U. S. custom-house officer at Marcus refusing to allow Canadian teamsters to haul freight from that place consigned to merchants here. To retaliate, the Canadian officer has prevented Americans from crossing the line with loaded wagons from Boundary. We are glad to state that this unsatisfactory state of affairs will shortly be placed on a more sensible basis. The matter has been drawn to the attention of Mr. Corbin, president of the Spokane & Northern Railroad Co., who has written to the authorities at Ottawa and Washington with regard to effecting an arrangement of an equitable nature.

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FROM all indications, at the next session of the Provincial Government there will be some interesting debates provoked by more than one application for charters to build railroads through this district; and if railroad construction, as a result of competition, does not commence next spring, it will be a matter of general surprise.

GREENWOOD AND ANACONDA NOTES.

Mr. Thos. M. Gulley is preparing to build on his lots near the hospital.

The carpenters have completed their work on Mr. Tilman's house at Anaconda.

Snow fell to the depth of several inches on Saturday and to all appearance has come to stay.

Mr. A. Fisher, of the Boundary creek Sawmill Co., was seriously hurt this week by a log rolling over his legs.

Mr. Renwick this week purchased two lots west of Butler's fruit store in Greenwood, and has a cottage in course of erection.

Service will be held on Sunday evening in the new school-house, Greenwood, instead of in Rendell & Co.'s hall as hitherto.

Mr. A. H. Lawder returned to Anaconda on Wednesday's stage and it is understood will again enter into business at that point.

Arrangements are now being made for a daily stage between Grand Forks and Anaconda,—possibly between the Forks and Midway.

A meeting was held at Anaconda on Wednesday evening, when preliminary steps were taken towards the formation of a Glee Club.

Commencing last Monday, school was held in the new school-house, instead of in the hall over Rendell & Co.'s store as formerly.

The new hotel building in Greenwood camp is rapidly nearing completion, and will be opened for business in about three weeks time.

Mr. A. C. Sutton, of Greenwood, has been admitted to the ever-increasing roll of those entitled to sign themselves Notaries Public for this district.

J. K. Johnson, of the Grand Forks Miner, was in Greenwood this week on county court business. The Miner is regularly grinding out an interesting grist of mining information worthy a more pretentious sheet.

Mr. G. A. Rendell left on Sunday on a trip to Penticton and Vernon. His business is chiefly to hunt up a furnace intended for the Greenwood hospital, but which has mysteriously vanished en route, all efforts having hitherto failed to locate its whereabouts.

The greatest inconvenience has been caused by the difficulty and delay in procuring wall-paper and other interior house furnishings by families in this district, orders having been sent out to Spokane and even to Toronto. Here is an opening for some enterprising business man.

Mr. J. J. Caulfield, of Virden, Man., who has been staying in Greenwood for the past week, on Thursday completed arrangements with Mr. Frank Wood to purchase the latter's interest in the Pioneer hotel. The business will henceforward be conducted under the style of Nelson & Co. Mr. Caulfield has had considerable experience as a hotel proprietor in the North-west. He is firmly convinced that Boundary Creek is on the eve of a great prosperity and is prepared to back up his convictions by investing money in Greenwood. Mr. Wood will continue to be a resident of Greenwood and has some idea of engaging in the business of a brewer.

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Chicago Saturday Blade: "The new mining camps on Trail and Boundary creeks in British Columbia are soon to receive a delegation of young women from Canada, and each one will, it is expected, become a married woman almost as soon as she becomes a resident of the camp. The miners have begun cleaning up around their cabins, and several have gone so far as to send to this city for white shirts. During the past two years the camps have grown at a remarkable rate. The miners are nearly all big handsome fellows, making good money, and they long for all the comforts of home.

A short time ago the unmarried men held a meeting and after a long debate decided that the proper thing to do was to send away for wives. About this time J. G. Devlin started for Toronto to sell some mining property, and he was made the emissary of the love-lorn miners. Mr. Devlin was provided with credentials showing he was fully empowered to act for the miners in the matter of wife selecting, and he further carried documents signed by the officials of each camp stating the men wanting wives were all they claimed to be. Now comes the news that Mr. Devlin has succeeded in finding a number of young women who are willing to share the miners' lives—and fortunes—and that they will start at once.

All their expenses will be paid by the general committee of the bachelors and each woman will be allowed to select the man she wants for a husband. In case two or more of the women decide on the same man, they will be required to draw lots for him. The weddings will be performed on the same day in a large hall now being erected for the purpose."

If the foregoing is true the services of the entire provincial police force will be required on Boundary creek,—not to mention stipendiary magistrates.

At the next session of the Provincial legislature two charters associated with matters of importance to this district will be applied for: One, to construct a telegraph line between Greenwood and a point on the international boundary, to connect with Spokane; the other to instal a system of electric lighting and water-works for the town. Directly a charter is granted for the first, construction will be commenced.

It is authoritatively announced that providing the application for a charter, which has already been made to the Provincial government, be granted, Mr. Corbin will build a railroad from Marcus into Boundary next spring.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of Gus. Hamlin, Deceased.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on the 15th day of November, 1896, for the purchase of the following mineral claims, situate near Grand Forks, in Kettle River Mining Division of the District of Yale, viz.: "The Possum," "Grandmama's Bustle," "Little Belle Lump," and "The Coon."

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is sincerely to be hoped the rumor that a bill is to be introduced at the next session of the provincial legislature to prevent aliens from locating mineral claims in the Province has no foundation in point of fact. If it has, even if such a measure failed—as, providing the Government represent the popular view, it assuredly will—to become law, it would have to be regretted that by the discussion upon the advisabilily of the proposal an insult had been offered to a class of men to whom the country already owes a very deep dept of gratitude. The alien prospector from the United States richly deserves every encouragement that can be offered him; not only as compensation for the hardships he has endured in the past while preparing the way as the pioneer of the mining industry in this province, but on purely economical grounds an unfriendly policy at the present time would be obviously a mistake.

Although it is possible that in the recent contest in the United States the Republicans have given us another example of the futility of the struggle between "might" and "right," it is generally conceded that the defeat of Mr. Bryan and with him, for the time being, the cause of bi-mettalism, is in every way a matter for thankfulness, particularly in the mining districts of British Columbia. Had the nominee of the Chicago Democratic Convention been elected to the presidency, it is certain at any rate that Boundary creek would have experienced a serious "set-back."

A valuable, if theoretical, article appeared in the Rossland Mining Review of the 4th inst., under the caption "Concerning Iron Caps." We regret exceedingly that the exigencies of space forbid its reproduction here in extenso. The writer begins by pointing out that "there are three main surface indications on which claims are staked." The first where massive sulphide ore outcrops without many traces of oxidisation; the second, where oxidisation has reduced the ore to iron and copper oxide; the third, where the rock is stained with iron but is not decomposed. "Now, it is frequently said with regard to the two former that when you get through the oxidised surface and into the solid sulphide you are through the cap rock and into the ore. But there is absolutely no difference between the oxidised surface and the solid ore, except what has been brought about by the action of air and water. If you have your solid ore exposed on the dump long enough you can make all the oxidised ore you want. The point is that if one of these is an iron cap, the other is equally an iron cap. If the one is not capping but ore, neither is the other. As regards the third, it must be frankly said, at the risk of disillusioning many excellent people that it is not iron-capping at all. It is country rock cap. It is, at the same time, indicative of a seam of iron ore somewhere in the vicinity. Thus iron-caps would appear to be more or less eliminated altogether if there is no distinction between solid ore and oxidised surface ore, and if iron stained rock is country rock capping. The facts, however, go some distance towards putting a different construction on the meaning of the word iron cap altogether. It looks as though the massive sulphide of iron and copper in which most of the mining has been done, and of which most of our shipments have been composed, were itself a capping—a veritable iron cap. It is being proved by development that these bodies of massive sulphide do not go down, but that the ore changes under them and becomes more silicious in character. It is a mere accident that some of this iron and copper sulphide will pay to ship, while some will not. The real mining has not begun until the iron cap has been pierced and the value of the silicious ore underneath tested." In support of his theory the writer instances the result of development on the Le Roi in Rossland, the Jumbo in Trail, the Black Hawk on Champion creek, and the Winnipeg in Boundary.

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ROAD TO THE NO. 7.

A meeting of the business men and others interested was held in Anaconda during the early part of the week to arrange for the construction of a road from that town to the No. 7 mine. As a result some ten men are now employed clearing and grading a trail. The new road will run nearly directly south from Anaconda, and it is estimated that it will be at least three miles shorter than the Boundary Falls route to White's camp. It will further connect with the Reservation road, and with the trail to Carson; both routes to the Prairie having the advantage in distance over the main trunk road. For the meantime the new road will be only made from four to five feet wide, but in the spring it will probably be converted into a wagon-road. The grade is very easy for the entire distance, the only difficulty that was anticipated—to find a good crossing at the creek—has been surmounted. The road will be completed in about ten days time.

COUNTY COURT AT OSOYOOS.

Before His Honor Judge Spinks on the 7th inst.

ELLIS vs. GREEN.—Judgment for defendant on claim, and for plaintiff on counter-claim.

SPROULE vs. JOHNSON.—Judgment for defendant.

REGINA vs. FEATHERSTONE.—Thos. Featherstone, proprietor of the Osoyoos Hotel, committed for trial by R. Causton, J.P. on the charge of assaulting an officer in the discharge of his duty, pleaded guilty to common assault but elected to be tried by jury on the more serious charge. Featherstone assisted by a man named Jack Evans attempted to make his escape by jumping on the back of a horse, but was prevented by David Leggatt and Constable Hawtrey, not however without a struggle. The accused was committed to the gaol at Kamloops, and will be tried at the spring assizes.

Our Future.

Mr. A. Drucker, who spent some time in Greenwood and district the early part of last month, has been interviewed by a London (Eng.) reporter. A cablegram says: "Adolphus Drucker, Conservative M.P. for Northampton, has just returned from a trip to British Columbia. He says there is a tremendous future for the country and that it is everywhere going ahead except in Victoria. American capital had been developing the country, but Englishmen were now spoiling it by the ridiculous prices they were asking for every mining claim. Americans were met in the most hospitable manner and he found no anti-English element while travelling in the province. Of the undeveloped mining districts he considered that immediately adjacent to Boundary creek offered the greatest inducement for the investment of capital."

A Promising Group in Deadwood Camp.

E. A. Bielenberg brought down this week some very fair looking rock from his group of claims in Deadwood—the Anaconda, the Kootenay and the Columbia. The Anaconda is particularly a promising property. The ledge, which can be traced for the entire distance across the claim, is in the neighborhood of 120 feet wide, judging from the showings in the open cuts and prospect holes—15 in number. The ledge has been stripped for 90 feet. The ore is copper pyrites, red oxide of copper and oxide of iron, assaying, after a thorough sampling of the dump, $10.52 for all values: $1.75 gold, $1.52 silver, and 3.5 per cent. copper. The Kootenay adjoins the Anaconda on the west and has a three-foot ledge of pyritic iron. Assays have only been made for gold, the returns running from $2.06 to $37.50. At the discovery post of the Columbia a capping was exposed for six feet by the overturning of a tree. Here a ledge four feet wide was found. Only one assay was made, giving $10.55 in gold from surface rock. The ground has been opened in five places, at intervals over a distance of 1,000 feet, in each case showing up ore.

Dutch Jake wishes to state that his account (which appeared in last week's TIMES) of the absence of indications of mineral up Kettle river, only applied to the locality in the vicinity of Morgan's camp.

Six men are now working on the R. Bell, in Summit camp, under Foreman Lag, formerly of Salt Lake City. A working shaft is being sunk away from the ore body and it will be at least two months ere ore is struck.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all Placer Claims legally held in the Osoyoos, Vernon and Kettle River Mining Divisions of Yale District are laid over from the 1st November, 1896, to the 1st June, 1897.

(Signed) C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Gold Commissioner.

Osooyos, B.C., Nov. 1st, 1896.

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AN OBSERVANT VISITOR.

The Hon. T. M. Daly, formerly Minister of the Interior under the Mackenzie-Bowell administration, was a visitor in Boundary this week, arriving via Penticton on Sunday's stage. Mr. Daly resides at Brandon, Man., and says that in his province Boundary Creek, as a mineral producing district, has already gained much credit. Speaking of the probable construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road, he remarked that unquestionably the Federal government intended to take action and that next year preliminary work would be started. "There is no doubt," he continued, "but that the line will be extended through to the coast." Mr. Daly pointed out that, according to the Toronto Globe which should voice Mr. Laurier's views, it was the government's intention to build the road with the ulterior object of leasing it—possibly to the C.P.R., who would be in a better position to operate the line than any other company.

Mr. Daly expressed himself as being much pleased with his visit to Boundary. "The Greenwood hospital," he said, "is an immensely creditable building. To enter one of the rooms—and omitting to view the surroundings through the window—it would not be difficult to imagine one's self in a city of several thousand inhabitants. Few cities can, in fact, boast of so imposing a building devoted to the purposes of a hospital."

Before leaving, Mr. Daly visited Greenwood camp and several of the more important properties, and will doubtless return to Manitoba well satisfied with the fair prospects ahead of Boundary Creek.

COUNTY COURT AT MIDWAY.

County Court was held at Midway on Monday the 9th inst., His Honor Judge Spinks presiding. The following cases were heard:

HART vs. HARDY.—Plaintiff sued for payment of a sum of money due him for building defendant's hotel at Anaconda, but failing to appear was nonsuited. Defendant thereupon entered counter claim. His Honor decided that this was a proper matter to be referred to a referee, and appointed Mr. C. W. H. Sansom to take evidence and report his finding. Mr. I. H. Hallett appeared for the defendant.

COOK vs. MCCORMICK,—Mr. H. S. Cayley, of Vernon, appearing for defendant. In this case plaintiff sued to recover the price of an undivided one-half interest in the Last Chance mineral claim, in Skylark camp, which he sold to defendant in 1895. Defendant deposed that according to the agreement, which was verbal, between plaintiff and himself he was to receive an undivided one-half interest in two other mineral claims in addition to a half interest in the Last Chance claim. An order was granted to Mr. Cayley, defendant's solicitor, for all costs.

RUSSELL vs. JONES.—Case dismissed.

ANDERSON vs. JONES.—Case dismissed.

BRUCE vs. PATTERSON, STEWARD ET AL.—JARRETT vs. STEWARD, PATTERSON ET AL.—Mr. Hallett for plaintiff, Mr. Black for defendants. Both cases adjourned at request of defendants to next sitting of the Court, defendants to pay the costs of the day.

C. Burns appealed against the conviction by W. H. Norris, J.P. Mr. J. P. McLeod for appellant. After some argument the case was adjourned to the next sitting of the court.

QUEEN vs. ROGERS.—The accused pleaded guilty to stealing a gold watch from the person of a prospector named Thomas in the month of March last, and was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labor, His Honor taking into consideration the fact that the prisoner had already been three months in jail. Mr. Hallett for prosecution, Mr. Black for defence.

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MINING NOTES.

The whim for the Old Ironsides arrived last Friday and has been put in position on the property.

A. B. Anderson is working on the Oak Leaf, Wellington camp. The claim is looking very well.

J. Farrell has sunk a shaft 30 feet deep on the quartz ledge of the Butterfly, in Wellington camp, and has taken out some very good ore.

Mr. Thos. Ellis, of Penticton, the "cattle king" of the lower Okanagan, has acquired large interests in the Wolverine, Iron Cap and Volcanic, in Brown's camp.

John Christie has completed the building of his cabin on the Nightingale and will start this week to sink on the ledge of pyrrhotite ore which was recently found.

Alex. Wallace lost both his horses while working on the Carmi last week and was obliged to walk back into camp—a distance of some sixty miles. He will do assessment work on the Old Guard and Mount Pleasant in White's camp this week.

Some very promising claims have been located this Fall in the vicinity of Rock creek, notably the Excelsior, carrying copper and iron sulphurets, the Oro Fino, the Oro Grande, the Apache Chief, and the Hecla, staked by Messrs. Douglas, Atwood and Wake. These claims are situated immediately east of Rock creek on the mountain across the river. No work has yet been done on the properties but the assays made from blossom rock are good, running 15 oz. in silver, 10 per cent. copper, with a little gold. The entire mountain, according to Mr. Douglas, outcrops with mineral-bearing rock. All the claims have capital tunnel sites. Mr. Douglas and his partners were also the discoverers of the Crown Point camp, where some twenty locations have been made this year. The camp was named after the first location and is situated some seven miles above Rock creek, one mile from the wagon road. The Crown Point itself has all the indications of becoming a truly wonderful mine. The ore assays from 50 to 700 oz. in silver, $4 to $6 in gold, and a large percentage in lead. The ledge, which has been crosscut in several places, appears to be from 25 to 60 feet in width. The Crown Point at present is the most promising of the claims in the camp, but several others are decidedly above the average as prospects go. Mr. Douglas thinks that a small smelter could be operated now very profitably on James creek.

CROWN GRANTS.—When applying for crown grants, request that the advertising thereof be published in THE BOUNDARY CREEK TIMES—the mining paper of the district.

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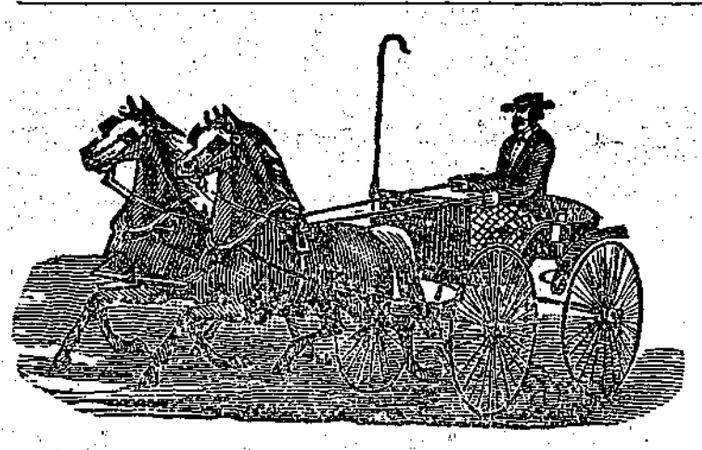

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MINING NOTES.

J. G, Green has built a cabin on the Mavis in Skylark camp and is employing a man to develop the claim.

The assessment work on the Wake, Summit camp, was finished this week by Dan Steward and Collins.

C. W. Brown, manager of the Coolgardie Mining Company, will commence development work next Monday

A crosscut is being run at the 130 foot level from the shaft on the No. 7 to connect with the second and larger ledge.

Charlie Rendell has re-opened the trail from Greenwood to Pass creek and has continued it two miles further into Summit camp.

Only two men are at present being employed on the City of Paris, but it is expected that shortly two or three shifts will be put to work.

Mr. Gibbs' experimental trial of the "Prospector's Handy Smelter" has not proved successful, and it appears that the plant is unworkable.

The Boundary Creek M. & M. Co. are employing four men on their properties. Twenty-five miners have applied for work, asking to be paid in the company's stock.

Work has been temporarily suspended on the tunnel on the Stemwinder, which was being run to connect with the workings in shaft No. 2. The men have been transferred to the crosscut at the new shaft and two shifts are now working.

George Rumberger has been corresponding for some time past with the head office of the Miners' Union at Denver, Colorado. He has been promised that providing the miners of Boundary creek desire to form a local branch of the union, an organiser will be sent to arrange the matter.

Ed. McMynn, who is doing the assessment work on the Sunnysides, in Providence camp, has struck some very fine ore resembling closely that found on the Snowshoe. This ore is found in pockets at the present time, but there are strong grounds for believing that a strong ledge will be uncovered when the shaft is down another few feet.

After this year's assessment had been done on the Bank of England, Greenwood camp, the fact that a parallel ledge to the discovery lead ran through the claim was satisfactorily proved, and some very rich copper ore was taken therefrom. The lead, which is thought to be a continuation of the Rawhide, is estimated to be 60 feet wide.

Charlie Harrington, Jim Johnson and Jack Collister intend to spend the winter developing their claims in Deadwood camp. Collister recently arrived in Boundary from the Black Hills, the great mining camp of South Dacota, and says that in that country Boundary creek is very nearly as well known and as much talked of as it is in Butte or Spokane.

Mr. Conway, of Seattle, arrived in Greenwood Monday, his mission being to procure formal proof of the death of Roderick at McKinney, in the interest of Mrs. Roderick and of the order of United Workmen and Maccabees.

Mr. Walter C. Adams is in Midway and will probably remain in Boundary for the winter months.

Mr. A. K. Stuart returned to Midway from Montreal this week.

A QUESTION FOR NATURALISTS.

The entire absence of fish in Boundary creek and in the lakes at the head of the several smaller creeks tributary thereto, is a matter frequently commented upon but has never been satisfactorily explained. The generally accepted theory is, the waterfall immediately below Boundary Falls prevents the fish running up stream from Kettle river. This suggestion seems reasonable but for the fact that the species of fish usually so plentiful in British Columbia mountain streams--speckled and brook trout—are not migratory in their nature and would not ascend or descend the creek in any case. To this it may be replied that the "first parents" of brook trout even have been unable to overcome the aforesaid obstacle and start a pioneer hatchery. On the other hand, as every prospector and hunter knows, there are scores of small lakes with no outlet, absolutely land-locked, where fish are more than plentiful; one, for instance, between Camp McKinney and Old Baldy which has a more than local reputation among those who are piscatorially inclined. The presence of mineral in the waters of Boundary district is another seemingly plausible explanation, when it is added that human beings—new comers in the district—almost invariably suffer a mild attack of diarrhœa when first drinking water from Boundary creek. But the creeks running east, into the North Fork, and draining the same mineral formation, are full of fish and trout form one of the staple articles of provender with the miners of Pass creek and district. Long lake, one of the sources of Boundary creek, is a considerable body of water, a mile wide by 1½ to 2 miles long and very deep, with an abundance of insect and vegetable growth along its margin, and would naturally be thought to swarm with finny inhabitants; but the fact remains that not a fish has ever been taken from the lake.

Mr. Forbes M. Kerby, C.E., of Midway, has been commissioned a Notary Public for Yale District.

A grand dance will be given at the Boundary hotel, Midway, on the 26th inst. (Thanksgiving Day), to celebrate the formal opening of the new addition to that comfortable hostelry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We are in no way responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

MR. KERR REPLIES.

GREENWOOD, B.C., Nov. 10th, 1896.

To the Editor, BOUNDARY CREEK TIMES:

SIR,—Re the letter of J. W. Nelson in your issue of the 7th: I beg to state that C. Burns was charged before Mr. Norris on Monday, and although he pleaded guilty Mr. Norris did not pass sentece till he consulted with me on the following day. I might say here that in future if you have any correspondents who want to criticise the actions of the magistrates (at least I speak for myself), they would oblige by being correct in their statements, which would save the necessity of a reply.—Yours faithfully,

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