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BOUNDARY CREEK DISTRICT.

A Description of the District and the Ores Exhibited at the Spokane Fruit Fair.

Prepared by GEORGE A. GUESS, M.A., and J. C. HAAS, M.E., Greenwood.

The following description of Boundary Creek district and the ores exhibited at Spokane was prepared for distribution at the Fruit Fair:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

THE Boundary Creek district consists of that portion of British Columbia drained by Boundary creek which, flowing in a southerly direction, empties into the Kettle river at Midway, on the International line, 40 miles west of Trail creek. The area, comprising over 400 square miles, has an elevation above sea level of from 1,800 to 5,000 feet. The hills are rounded and timbered throughout with pine, fir and tamarack. The district is reached from Spokane by S. F. & N. railway to Marcus, 103 miles; thence by daily stage, 55 miles, to Greenwood, the centre of the district. A stage line connects with the C. P. R. at Penticton, at the foot of Okanagan lake. It is very improbable that the district will remain without a railroad much longer; surveyors are now in the field and it is generally understood that construction will start in the spring.

GEOLOGY AND ORES.

Altered sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, occurring with numerous eruptive 'porphyries' and 'diorites', flank the basal granites which occupy the upper portion of the creek. The ores of the district are fairly represented by the samples on exhibit. They may be conveniently divided into: I. Copper ores; II. Heavy sulphide ores; III. Concentrating quartz ores; IV. Free milling ores; V. High grade shipping ores.

I.—Of the Copper ores on exhibit, Greenwood camp is represented by the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill, Brooklyn, Cimonne, Stemwinder, Snowshoe, Rawhide, and Standard. Most of these deposits appear to occur between limestone and some eruptive rock. The ore bodies are wide, occurring up to 100 ft. in width. The gangue is very basic, consisting of calcite, specularite, quartz and chloritic matter, the silica in the ore ranging from 7 to 30 per cent. The average copper value would be at least 5 per cent., with about $15 in gold per ton. The Ironsides and Knob Hill have a 60 h.-p. boiler, 4-drill compressor, pump and hoist, and are working 15 men at present.

From Summit camp, ores are to be seen from the "B.C.," Minnie Moore, Emma, and R. Bell. These ores seem likewise to occur as contact deposits between limestone and porphyry, but are usually narrower, richer in copper and poorer in gold than the veins of Greenwood camp. The veins are from 5 to 20 ft. wide; the ore is chalcopyrite, with quartz and calcite, and often pyrrhotite and magnetite. Thirteen men are now at work on the B.C.; the vein is 20 ft. wide and will average 10 per cent. copper. A complete plant of mining machinery will be installed as soon as possible.

Samples from Deadwood camp include the Mother Lode, Sunset, and Buckhorn. Here again the deposits occur between bodies of limestone and porphyry. On the Mother Lode the vein is 176 ft. in width, having been crosscut by a 210 ft. tunnel. The copper pyrites occurs with magnetite, calcite, hornblende and quartz, with a good tenure in gold and copper. Seven men are at work on the Mother Lode and six on the Sunset.

From Copper camp are exhibited samples from The Copper, King Solomon and Copper Queen. These are large deposits occurring between limestone and poryphryte, and showing a width of from 20 to 70 ft. The ore consists of chalcocite, cuprite and some native copper, occurring in quartz and hæmatite and assaying 8 to 12 per cent. copper, with small gold and silver values.

Wellington camp: Samples exhibited are from the Golden Crown, Winnipeg and Calumet. These veins occur in 'diorite' and vary from 18 inches to 18 feet in width. The ore is pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite, with considerable quartz and a very high average gold value, a large proportion of these ores running $40 and over in gold per ton. The Golden Crown owners have ordered a complete equipment of machinery. The Winnipeg is about to start work and will also put in machinery.

White's camp: Samples from the Oro and City of Paris. The ore is chalcopyrite and iron pyrites in quartz, carrying 8 to 10 per cent. copper and $4 to $13 gold. Samples are also exhibited from the Bruce and Texas, in Graham's camp, carrying good values in copper with some gold and silver.

II.—Of the heavy sulphide ores on exhibit are the Arlington, Morrison, Great Hopes, Aberdeen and Golden Treasure. These consist of massive sulphides, including mispickel and pyrite and chalcopyrite. The values of these are usually high, $15 in gold being an average.

III.—Concentrating quartz ores. These include exhibits from White's camp—No. 7, Lincoln, New York, St. Lawrence, Mabel and Jack of Spades. These veins occur in schists and dolomite and vary from 2½ to 10 feet in width. The ore is somewhat varied, consisting of different metallic sulphides in quartz; these include galena, pyrites, chalcopyrite, tetrahedrite, and sphalerite, and assay values range up to 100 ounces silver and $50 gold.

Long Lake ores: Jewel, North Star, Lake View, Dinero Grande, Electric and Rhoderic Dhu. These veins occur in granite, mica schist and quartzites and are from 14 inches to 6 ft. in width. The quartz carries galena, iron and copper pyrites, and pyrrhotite with tellurides of lead, silver, and gold and silver, and some free gold. Assay values have a very wide range, but $15 to $30 would include general averages. Extensive development has been carried on all summer on the Jewel and Dinero Grande and an adit is now being driven on the North Star.

Providence camp: G. A. R., Springdale, Twin and Spotted Horse. The veins occur in the granite and are from 2 to 4 feet in width; the quartz is mineralized with galena, zinc blende, chalcopyrite and iron pyrites, and have high gold and silver values.

The Crown Point, from James' creek, shows an extensive body of galena, with pyrites and zinc blende, occurring in limestone. A large portion of this ore will carry 20 per cent. lead and about 20 ounces silver, with a little gold.

IV.—FREE MILLING: The O. B., occurring in granite in Providence camp, and the Republic, Last Chance, Non Such and Boundary Falls, in Smith's camp, occurring in slate, represent some of the free-milling ores of the district. The width of these veins is from 1 ft. to 5 ft., with high grade gold and silver values. Over 600 ft. of work has been done on the Republic, Last Chance and Non Such. On the Boundary Falls a shaft is now down 75 ft., and on the O. B. is a 30 ft. shaft.

V.—SHIPPING ORES: The veins of high grade ore lie in the granite or in its immediate vicinity. Samples are shown from the D. A., Gold Bug, San Bernard, Skylark, Crescent, Last Chance and Combination. These are narrow veins, from a few inches to 2 ft. in width, but the ore is high grade in both gold and silver. The quartz carries galena, zinc blende, mispickel, iron and copper pyrites, argentite, ruby silver, and native gold and silver. Shipments have been made from the D. A. and Skylark, yielding in carload lots 300 ozs. silver and $30 gold per ton from the Skylark, and $103.15 gold and 74.7 ozs. silver per ton from the D. A. A shipment of 10 tens from the Providence went $200 in gold per ton.

Besides the ores, the district furnishes coal of a good coking quality. Analyses made by Guess Bros. give the following composition: (1) Volatile matter, 28.3 per cent.; coke, 71.7 per cent.; ash, 6.2 per cent. (2) Volatile matter, 15.7 per cent.; coke, 84.3 per cent.; ash, 15.4 per cent. This coal occurs at Rock Creek, 12 miles west of Midway.

That Boundary Creek possesses unusually promising mining investments is a statement borne out by facts, and the increasing investments of outside capital show that the fact is thoroughly appreciated. We want you to examine our exhibit and then visit the Boundary Creek district, and you will find nothing over-stated.

The Road Assurred.

His Worship Mayor Wood has received the rather gratifying information from Hon. G. B. Martin, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works that the government had decided to pass an order in council for the sum of $600 to assist in the construction of the much needed road between Summit camp and Greenwood. The road will cost about $1800 and the government were asked to contribute $1200. While the appropriation of $600 is small, still it is better than nothing and the citizens of Greenwood will do what they have been doing for the past two years —building public roads by private contribution. The work will begin at once and before snow falls it is expected that there will be a first class wagon road between Greenwood and the many promising properties in Summit camp. The bulk of the trade of Summit camp comes to Greenwood now and the road will be of the greatest convenience for carrying in the large amount of supplies required for the many men employed in the camp. It will also have the additional advantage of going through Eholt pass, the lowest pass through the mountains to Grand Forks.

Street Improvements.

It is remarkable what a decided improvement a little money judiciously expended will bring about. Three weeks ago the principal streets of Greenwood were in a dilapidated, unbusiness-like condition. Large stumps, huge rocks, uneven grades and rubbish of all kinds on the business streets gave visitors anything but a favorable impression of the enterprise of the citizens. The Board of Works secured an appropriation of $100 and put two men to work. To-day Government, Greenwood and Copper streets are not an eye sore. The stumps and rocks have been removed, holes have been filled and other improvements carried out. The expense has been kept well within the appropriation. If larger works undertaken by the street committee will give the same general satisfaction as that already transacted but little fault will be found.

The Last Chance.

A new double-compartment shaft is being sunk on the Last Chance, in Skylark camp. It will be sunk to a depth of 175 feet, when it is expected to strike the lode. Some exceedingly high grade ore has recently been taken from this property. There is on the property an incline which last year was sunk to about 100 feet; this year, under the superintendency of Martin McGrath, drifting was commenced at the 70 ft. level. The drift was run in about 30 feet through the lode matter without meeting with the foot-wall, but a vein of rich ore from eight to ten inches in thickness and widening as it goes down, was cut. Mr. McGrath received instructions from the company last week to sink a vertical shaft.

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THE MINERAL EXHIBIT.

Ald. C. Scott Galloway left on Thursday for Spokane where he will remain for about three weeks. Mrs. Galloway and family went down last week. Mr. Galloway will remain with the exhibit during the fair and give information concerning the district. In this work he will be assisted by several residents of Greenwood. Messrs. A. S. Black, W. T. Smith, Thos. Walsh, and probably J. C. Haas and others from Greenwood intend taking in the Fair.

The exhibit was sent by special rig to Marcus on Monday last. The S. F. & N. Railway Company made arrangements to carry all mineral exhibits to the Fair on the 28th ult. The Greenwood exhibit could not reach there by that date but Mr. Corbin during his visit here sent instructions to have the Greenwood exhibit carried free by his railway to the Fair grounds. The exhibit was a very creditable one and was much praised by visitors who saw it before leaving Greenwood. A full description of the ores will be found on the first page of this issue of THE TIMES.

After the Fair it is Ald. Galloway's intention to break up the large pieces and send samples to Edinburgh and other cities. Samples will also be left at public places in Spokane. Two thousand circulars descriptive of the district and ores were issued by THE TIMES and these will be distributed to visitors at the Fair. The exhibit should result beneficially to Greenwood and the district and bring in investors to examine properties.

REDISTRIBUTION.

An effort is being made by the government organ to explain away the remarks of Hon. Mr. Turner regarding redistribution at the last session of the House. The Colonist is "authorized to deny in most positive terms that he ever, in any speech delivered in the legislature or elsewhere, said that it was the intention of the government to defer redistribution until the last moment before the elections of 1898." The writer of this article was in the house at the time and heard Mr. Turner's speech referred to. It was in reply to certain criticisms from Mr. Semlin because the goverment had neglected to include redistribution in the speech from the throne. The Premier then distinctly led the house to believe that the government would bring down a redistribution bill at the session immediately preceding the election. Mr. Semlin and probably every other member of the house so understood him, and we believe that it was with the object of securing such a pledge that Mr. Semlin offered the remarks which he then made. Mr. Semlin and the members of the Opposition were satisfied with the pledge made by the premier, and it would be binding were it made by any other premier. At that time Hon. Mr. Turner felt perfectly safe in promising redistribution, but now he is apparently afraid of giving the people proper representation and intends to keep the pocket boroughs until after the election.

Mr. Martin's Promises.

The regard which the provincial government appears to have for Hon. G. B. Martin's promises is only on a par with the slight confidence of the electors in seeing these promises fulfilled. During Mr. Martin's visit here, he told of the roads which were to be built, of the grades to be lessened, of the hospitals to be assisted, of the appointments to be made and of many other things which would bring satisfaction to the citizens of Boundary Creek. Those who had some knowledge of the Chief Commissioner and of the government of which he is a member were not overjoyed with the plethora of promises. The result proves that they did right to largely discount the utterances of the Chief Commissioner. So far the result has been to split the appropriation needed for the Summit road in two and to give the people of Greenwood the privilege of again overtaxing themselves to construct roads which ought to be constructed by the government. Hon. Mr. Martin tries to be a modern Barmecide. He seeks to make the hungry Shacabacs' mouths water with an abundance of good things and when they still complain of any aching void in the abdominal regions, he would in all probability produce something real but his colleagues have so little confidence in him that they usually ridicule the promises which he makes. Boundary Creek would have fared better had the attention of someone other than the Chief Commissioner, been called to her needs.

His Intentions.

Railway men as a rule do not care to talk very much until they are ready to act and consequently but little surprise or disappointment need be felt at Mr. Corbin's reticence. The people of Boundary Creek were led by reports to believe that Mr. Corbin had his surveyors in the field and that he was about to push his railway system into the district. Mr. Corbin does not act hastily. He counts the cost and considers carefully every step incident to construction before making his intentions known. Those who have business relations with him however, have learned that Mr. Corbin has fully made up his mind to build into this district irrespective of what other railway companies do, and that active construction on his road will begin within the next twelve months.

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Victoria Bonded.

Mr. J. P. Graves bonded the Victoria claim adjoining the Ironsides from Mr. John Stevens. The Victoria is a promising property and Mr. Graves intends doing considerable assessment work thereon this fall. The figure mentioned in the bond is $10,000.

A Mishap.

Ill-luck attended the mineral exhibit from Boundary Creek district shortly after it was started on its journey to Spokane. Going up the steep grade above Anaconda, the horses were unable or unwilling to pull and the wagon went backwards down the grade. Boxes were broken, big chunks of rich ore went tumbling down the mountain side and the carefully prepared exhibit was turned topsy-turvy. The teamster is willing to make an affidavitt that every particle of ore was carefully collected from the mountain side and replaced in the wagon but it will not be surprising if in after years some enthusiastic prospector searching for gold in the locality will find wonderfully rich float and will then make vain efforts to discover the ledge.

The Granite Creek Tragedy.

The latest report from Granite Creek is to the effect that the coroner's jury after hearing all the evidence brought in the following verdict:

"We, the jury empannelled to enquire into the matter of the death of James Hamilton after hearing and duly considering the evidence given in this case, do find that James Hamilton came to his death by a gun shot wound, said gun being in the hands of Mrs. Euphemia Rabbitt. And it is our opinion and belief that Mrs. Euphemia Rabbitt shot the said James Hamilton in self-defense."

Mrs. Rabbitt was brought before Messrs. Sutton and Clapperton, justices of the peace for preliminary hearing on the charge of shooting James Hamilton. The evidence taken was practically the same as at the inquest. Mrs. Rabbit was committed to stand her trial at Kamloops.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.

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KNOB HILL AND IRONSIDES.

Mr. J. P. Graves, of Spokane, the general manager of the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill Companies, arrived in Greenwood on Tuesday and spent the week at the mines. Mr. Graves is well pleased with the progress made in erecting the machinery; everything being now in position and ready for operation. On Wednesday the work of pumping out the shaft was undertaken and the water was lowered 25 feet in 15 minutes. A large bunk house and other buildings have been erected and during the winter a manager's office and an assaying establishment will be built.

To a TIMES representative Mr. Graves stated that development work would be pushed on the Ironsides during the winter. Double shifts would be engaged all winter. The shaft will be sunk to the 200 foot level, crosscutting and drifting will be carried on and the shaft will be lowered to the 300 foot level. Additional men will be employed as soon as the work of drifting and crosscutting can be started. Mr. Graves has given the order for an electric battery for shooting and it will arrive in about a week. This is an ingenious device by which at least 12 shots can be fired simultaneously, making a cleaner and smoother break than when the shots are fired by hand.

Although the Ironsides has now a well equipped plant additional machinery is to be secured. A compressor will be purchased and a hoist and pump for the Knob Hill. The latter will be operated with air from the compressor on the Ironsides. An extra boiler will also be purchased.

The ore on the Ironsides is improving, being much softer, and the gold values improve. Mr. Graves believes that the ore will concentrate and to thoroughly demonstrate this ten tons will be shipped to secure tests. Should the results be as expected Mr. Graves will purchase a concentrator while in Montreal. He leaves for the east about October 20th.

The eastern shareholders of the companies are showing considerable interest in Boundary Creek. Mr. Miner the president of the famous Granby Rubber Co., intended coming out here this fall but business arrangements prevented. He will come to Boundary Creek in the spring however. Mr. Miner is one of the biggest shareholders in the company. Mr. Graves also stated that at the suggestion of Rufus Pope, M. P., who is a director, Sir Charles Tupper will visit Boundary Creek and look over the Knob Hill, Ironsides and other properties. Sir Charles is now on his way from the east to British Columbia. Mr. Graves fully believes that next year active railway construction into Boundary Creek will be begun by Mr. Heinze or the C. P. R. He was pleased with the substantial appearance of Greenwood and as he stated he is anxious to see it a thriving centre as his properties are adjacent. Unless a railway is built through Greenwood camp, they will have to bring their ores down by a tramway to Greenwood. All business connected with the mines will be transacted at Greenwood where all supplies will be purchased.

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A QUESTION OF PATRIOTISM.

A short time ago Captain Adams wrote a long letter to the Midway Advance, his theme being railway matters. He suggested that unless those interested in the construction of Canadian roads or the government would show more interest in securing a railway into Boundary Creek district, Mr. Corbin would build from the American side. The captain held that there is no sentiment in trade and that the people of Boundary Creek district would hail a railway from this country to the south.

The Rossland Miner doesn't like the captain's letter and tells him so. It even deals in insinuations that do it no credit and calls the captain unpatriotic. It is said that patriotism is the refuge of a scoundrel and is often the cloak under which the newspaper scribbler attempts to conceal his real intentions. To our mind it is infinitely more patriotic to advocate the construction of a railway from the American side whereby Boundary Creek district can secure cheap supplies and mining machinery and an outlet for her ores, than is the Rossland Miner's policy of placing a tax on the output of the mines in the shape of an export duty on ore. Captain Adams' policy if carried out would result beneficially to Boundary Creek and the whole province. The policy which the Rossland Miner now advocates, if accepted, would result disastrously to the mining industry and would benefit no one excepting the gentleman who has hired the Miner to publish articles that are repugnant to the views of nine-tenths of the people of Kootenay and Boundary Creek. Captain Adams' patriotism is of a much higher order than the Miner's.

Personally we rather liked Captain Adams' letter. We were pleased to see that in the mountains of British Columbia the military Englishman had rid himself of the prejudicies which usually go with him and that he was not willing to see the interests of a rich mining district sacrificed to a question of sentiment. He, in common with all others who are interested in Boundary Creek district believes we are as safe in looking for relief from the enterprising American as from the hungry subsidy-hunting schemers who are rich in promises but who attempt nothing until their thirst for public money is satisfied.

Contract for Cedar.

Mayor Wood of Greenwood and Thos. Hardy of Anaconda who own valuable and extensive timber limits on Christina Lake, have awarded a contract for cutting 500,000 ft. of cedar, and placing in a boom in the lake. In the spring they intend erecting a saw mill on the lake, and railway construction will create a great demand for all kinds of lumber. The cedar is of the best quality.

Business Change.

R. Buckley has disposed of the harness shop and saddlery to Mr. Butler of Greenwood and left on Wednesday for Myers Falls. Mr. Butler has removed the stock to his building on Copper street where he will carry on the business. Mr. Buckley's store and lot on Government street has been purchased by George McKague.

A Daily Mail.

The Greenwood postoffice has received instructions to send the mail daily to Grand Forks. This would have been done a week ago but the postmaster at Grand Forks refused to handle the extra mail unless paid therefor. The postoffice inspector has taken the matter up, however, and in all probability the people of Greenwood will enjoy the advantages of a daily mail service in the future.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders in the Brandon & Golden Crown Co., will be held at the office of Mr. G. H. Collins, general manager, at Greenwood on Tuesday, the 19th day of Oct., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business.

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Barrister, Solicitor,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
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Mr. Martin's Visit.

Mr. James Martin, a prominent hardware merchant of Rossland, was among the visitors to Greenwood this week. Mr. Martin was formerly of Vernon where he has still a branch store. He was mayor of that town for some time.

Mr. Martin visited Summit and other camps and was pleased with the outlook. It is just possible that he will open out a business in Greenwood.

Mr. Martin is a prominent Liberal, being president of the Rossland Liberal Association. He is a skilled fighter and it was principally due to his ability as an organizer and canvasser that Hon. Forbes G. Vernon was defeated in East Yale at the last provincial election.

Mr. Martin is in favor of the Liberal party taking a hand in the next provincial fight, not to secure a party advantage but to have a strong organization fighting for good government in the province. The opposition at present are not properly organized and he was afraid would not be unless under new conditions.

Mr. Martin left for Rossland on Tuesday.

The Last Spike.

The last spike on the Trail-Robson branch of the Columbia & Western Railway was driven on Monday morning in the presence of many spectators. Regular trains are now running from Robson and coke is now coming in that way for the smelter. The new branch is 62 miles long.

To Sell the Le Roi.

It is rumored that an English syndicate represented by Edgar Rathbourne and William Hamilton Merritt, who visited Boundary Creek a few weeks ago, is negotiating for the purchase of the Le Roi mine. Color is lent to the rumor by the fact that Senator George Turner and Col. Peyton, the principal shareholders in the Le Roi, are leaving shortly for London on business. They are very reticent about what this business is but they will not deny that it is in connection with a sale.

Messrs. Rathbourne and Merritt have examined the mine and have spent nearly two weeks in so doing. The identity of the prospective purchasers is not known but the figure is quoted at $5,000,000 or £1,000,000.

A Runaway Accident.

Mr. G. T. Wells, a rancher living near Midway was brought to the Greenwood hospital on Saturday last suffering from injuries received through his team running away. Mr. Wells was driving from his ranch when the team became unmanageable on a steep grade. The wagon was capsized and Mr. Wells had three or four ribs fractured and was otherwise injured. Under Dr. Jakes' treatment, he is progressing favorably.

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A LIBERAL CONVENTION.

A provincial Liberal convention will be held at New Westminster on October the 8th. The call for the convention has been issued at the request of the Liberal associations by Mr. William Templeman, the editor and proprietor of the Victoria Times, the chief Liberal paper of the province. The object is to thoroughly organize the Liberal party throughout the province and discuss any matters affecting the Liberal interests. Each electoral district should send at least 15 delegates. Liberal associations will elect their own delegates, but Liberals resident in localities where Liberal associations do not exist are cordially invited to attend and take part in the proceedings. Some objection has been taken to the holding of a convention but surely it is within the province of a party to hold a convention to discuss matters relating to party management and party policy. Interested parties fear that the Liberals may take a hand in the next provincial election and consequently the advocates of the present provincial government and a few opposed to the government who have axes to grind, denounce the holding of a convention. As far as we are aware it is not the intention of the Liberals to claim any party advantage from any success which may attend their efforts to bring about good government in the province. Conservatives opposed to the present provincial government need fear nothing from the Liberal convention. We hope that East Yale will be well represented. Other districts in the province are electing their delegates and at the present writing it looks as if the convention at New Westminster will be the largest and most representative political convention ever held in British Columbia.

Granite Creek Tragedy.

News was received here early in the week that on Saturday, the 18th inst., James Hamilton a well known prospector and miner was shot and killed by Mrs. Thos. Rabbitt. From the particulars received it is learned that Hamilton forced an entrance into Rabbitt's house and attempted to assault Mrs. Rabbitt. Hamilton is a big muscular fellow and the woman in self defense seized a loaded shot gun and fired. Hamilton received a terrible wound. Mrs. Rabbitt then sought assistance. Hamilton was removed from the house and a messenger was sent for Dr. Sutton of Nicola Lake but the unfortunate man died early Sunday morning.

Hamilton resided near Granite Creek for a number of years. He was mining crazy but was otherwise thought to be sane enough.

The latest report is to the effect that Mrs. Rabbitt is being held by the provincial police pending an inquiry into the affair.

William Graham the proprietor of the road house at Edwards' Ferry was among the visitors to Greenwood this week. Mr. Graham with considerable enterprise bridged the Kettle river at that point and as a result the bulk of travel goes his way, as the shortest route to and from Marcus is by Edwards' Ferry.

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MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

"D. W." Mineral Claim, situate in the Kettle River mining division of Yale district. Where located: Providence camp.

TAKE notice that I, D. W. Holbrook, free miner's certificate No. 87,448, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 29th day of September, 1897. 56

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MINERAL ACT, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

LAKE Mineral Claim, situate in the Kettle River mining division of Yale district. Where located: Skylark camp, Boundary Mountain.

Take notice that I, Charles de Blois Green, as agent for William Adams Corbett, free miner's certificate No. 47A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvement.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 1897. 52

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 all the unoccupied portions of the following described land, situated in the Kettle River division of Yale district, in the Province of British Columbia: Commencing at a post about one-half mile westerly of the mouth of Rock creek, near to the small lake lying south of the main wagon road, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, less what may be occupied. J. W. HUGH WOOD.

August 13th, 1897. 50-8

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August 13th, 1897. THOMAS CURRY.

NOTICE

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MINERAL ACT, 1896.

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NOTICE.

SKYLARK Mineral claim.
DENVER Mineral claim.

Situate in the Kettle River mining division of Yale district. Where located: Skylark camp.

Take notice that I, Charles E. Rueger, as agent for G. Lavagnino, free miner's certificate No. 87,491, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of September, 1897. 55-8

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MR. CORBIN'S VISIT.

Every resident of Boundary Creek appreciates the necessity for railway communication, consequently the visit of any railway magnate is regarded with more than ordinary interest. On Monday last everyone told everyone else that "Corbin was in town," until a stranger to railway matters would almost suppose that Mr. Corbin was some exalted personage who held the key that unlocked the floodgates of prosperity which the optimistic Greenwoodites believe will pour in upon them in the not far distant future.

Mr. D. C. Corbin the president of the Spokane & Northern Railway and his chief engineer, Mr. Roberts, arrived in Greenwood on Monday. They drove in from Marcus, remaining over Sunday night at Grand Forks. Mr. Corbin is a typical railway president. Well preserved, dignified, affable, he quietly drinks in all the information he can gather regarding the resources of the country; talks intelligently about almost every subject but imparts no information that will give the people any clue to his intentions regarding the subject in which they are most interested—a railway.

Shortly after his arrival in Greenwood, Mr. Corbin was waited upon by His Worship, Mayor Wood, Mr. Martin of Rossland and several citizens. He expressed a strong belief in the future of Boundary Creek and even ventured the opinion that it would be the greatest mining district on the continent within five years, but when a railway was broached, he smiled pleasantly, encouragingly, but did not take them into his confidence. Instead he became reminiscent. "It is five years," said he "since Mr Roberts and myself visited Boundary Creek. Our guide was W. T. Smith, who had the grit to stay with the country. There was but little work done here then and we had to drive deer off the Copper camp trail."

Mr. Corbin then discussed railways other than his own. He would be pleased to see the Crow's Nest railway speedily constructed. It would mean cheap fuel, the more general development of mining properties and the employment of a greater number of men in the mines. Personally he did not fear the construction of the C.P.R.; he favored it because he would rather carry supplies into the mines than carry ore out and when the C. P. R. can bring cheap fuel there will be but little ore go out of the country. It will be smelted at home.

This led up to the question of export duty on ore and Mr. Corbin expressed the opinion that the last was heard of this question. The government would let well enough alone for two years and then the ores would be smelted in the the province, when there would be no necessity for an export duty.

"Such an export duty on ore as was contemplated" said Mr. Corbin "would not be encouraging to the builders of railways in British Columbia. Not for the reason that the ore could not under such conditions be shipped out of the country, but because low grade mines probably could not be worked at all. I would not care if I did not haul a ton of ore out of the country, I would prefer not to do so if the low grade mines of the country can be worked as there is much more profit in hauling supplies into the country than there is in haul-ores out inasmuch as very low rates have to be given on ore."

"A mining country costs more to develop than any other and more money is lost and wasted in attempting to develop mines than in almost any other business, hence as few restrictions as possible should be attached to the business."

"It is really a matter of no consequence whether the ore is smelted in the country or not, especially when you take into consideration the fact that for every man engaged about a smelter, it will require anywhere from six to ten men working underground to keep that one man going, and these men will all be consuming Canadian products. The bulk of the ores of B. C. are low grade and it takes as many men to develop a low grade mine as it does a high grade one and these men are paid just as much wages and consume just as much supplies. An export duty is a direct tax on the product of the mines and they could not stand it."

Mr. Corbin congratulated the mayor on the substantial appearance of the city and upon the good roads leading thereto but he refused to be drawn regarding a railway.

He then visited Mr. Guess' office and examined the samples of ores. He was particularly pleased with the ores from Summit camp.

A representative of THE TIMES afterwards interviewed Mr. Corbin and found him quite willing to talk about railways but not his own road or rather prospective one to Boundary Creek.

"You have a great district" said he "and when some more development work is done you are sure to secure a railway connection. Get your mines in such a position that you can assure me that you can employ 3000 men under ground and I will build a road."

"You assure us Mr. Corbin that you will build a road and we can assure you the 3000 thousand men underground."

Mr. Corbin laughed. "Building railways" he added, "is an expensive business and we would like to see some developed mines before undertaking the expense."

"But you built into Kootenay county before they had developed mines and the venture proved satisfactory to you and particularly so to the people of Spokane."

"The Le Roi and the War Eagle were partially developed and I had made minute inquiries into the possibilities of the district before building. In fact I have now pigeon holes full of assays from Kootenay properties, secured previous to construction."

"Well, we can furnish you with innumerable assays Mr. Corbin and we have some partially developed mines."

"That is true. Well, I am looking round and seeing the country for myself. We intend examining some properties in the district and then going down to Eureka. I regret that my time is limited and I must return to Spokane by Saturday. I should be pleased to see the whole of the district."

Mr. Corbin and Mr. Roberts went with Mr. Smith to Copper camp to see the King Solomon and Queen of Sheba both of which are owned by Mr. Corbin. He also visited the Mother Lode and the Sunset.

Mr. E. A. Bielenberg left on Tuesday for Baker Creek to look after his mining interests there. He has several promising properties in that locality.

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LOCAL NOTES.

The fall court of assize will be held at Vernon on October 11th.

Master Ralph Smailes who was seriously ill for several weeks is now improving daily.

Dr. Keller of Rossland visited the district last week. He was well pleased with the outlook.

The Great Hopes Company intend crosscutting the shaft at 75 ft., which is now down about that distance.

Hon. J. H. Turner has left Victoria on a tour throughout the province. He will probably visit Boundary Creek.

Mr. W. J. Snodgrass of Okanagan Falls visited Greenwood this week to buy winter supplies for his stage line.

Messrs. Murphey and Cross, two distinguished knights of the road, paid business trips to Greenwood this week.

L. Bosshart and Thos. McDonnell are among the Greenwoodites who will take in the sights at the Spokane Fruit Fair next week.

A meeting of the Liberal Association was held last night for the purpose of electing delegates to the convention which will be held in New Westminster on October the 8th.

A new strike is reported on the Pathfinder mine on the North Fork. The strike is about 250 feet east of the old workings. The ore is copper pyrites assaying about 20 per cent. copper.

W. McCurrach and brother who own several promising properties in Kimberly camp, rode over from Rossland this week and left on Wednesday for Victoria. They intend riding their horses to Hope.

The New Westminster Fair will open on Tuesday next and will continue throughout the week. While there will be but few visitors from Boundary Creek, this exhibition is quite popular with upper country farmers.

Mr. M. Dickie, the manager of the Bank of Halifax, which has just opened an office at Rossland visited Greenwood this week. He expects to return to the district after getting the branch at Rossland in running order.

Local surveyors are being kept busy at present surveying mineral claims for crown grants. Mr. C. Æ. Shaw is at present surveying the Snowshoe while Messrs. Kerby & Coryell are also in the mountains surveying claims.

A private letter from Mr. Honey of North Dakota who is one of the principal shareholders in the new Winnipeg company contains the information that he intends coming here shortly with a view of commencing active work on the mine.

County Court will be held at Midway to-day. There are several cases to be tried in which Greenwood parties are interested. It is not yet known whether His Honor, Judge Spinks, will preside. Court will be held at Grand Forks on Monday.

Mayor Wood has bonded the Herbert Spencer claim in Deadwood camp and has four men at work. The Herbert Spencer is a most promising property and if it turns out as well as the surface showings indicate, the work of development will be continuous.

The First Meeting.

Pursuant to notice, the first meeting of the shareholders of the Boundary Creek Printing & Publishing Co. was held in the THE TIMES office on Wednesday evening last. There were present: Messrs. R. Smailes, Rendell, Hallett, Harber, Naden, Black, Hardy, Macfarlane, Walsh and Ross. Mr. Smailes was voted to the chair and Mr. Ross was elected secretary. The officers of the company were then elected as follows:

President—G. R. Naden.
Vice-President—Thos. Hardy.
Secretary-Treasurer—Duncan Ross.
Managing-Director—W. J. Harber.
Directors—R. Smailes and I. H. Hallett.

The date of annual meeting was fixed for the 12th of September, the anniversary of the first issue of THE TIMES.

A short meeting of the directors was held after the meeting of the shareholders. Another meeting of the directors will be held in THE TIMES office on Wednesday evening next.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The attention of the postoffice inspector is called to the carelessness and indifference of the person in charge of the postoffice at Grand Forks. The citizens of Greenwood, after waiting for months to receive from the postmaster-general a service commensurate with the importance of the city and district, subscribed $20 per month as an inducement for the stage line to carry the mail to and from Grand Forks daily. The arrangement appeared to be satisfactory to everyone but the post master at Grand Forks. He refused to handle the extra mail unless paid therefor. The postoffice inspector was communicated with and that gentleman gave instructions to the post-master at Grand Forks to send mail to Greenwood daily. The citizens of Greenwood enjoyed a daily mail for two days when the stage driver found the postoffice at Grand Forks deserted. After spending half an hour in the work of attempting to arouse the lethargic gentleman who has charge of the office, without success, he came to Greenwood without the mail. Whether the post-master at Grand Forks is justified in demanding additional salary or not does not concern us, but when the residents of Greenwood contribute the necessary money to secure a daily mail they can in all fairness ask the postoffice inspector to see that his instructions are carried out.

It so happened that a business man of Greenwood was compelled to go on a business trip at considerable loss to himself because he had not received a letter which was held over at Grand Forks through the indifference of the postoffice officials at that point.

Two Ex-Premiers.

Sir McKenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper, ex-premiers of Canada, are now in British Columbia to examine mines in which they are interested. Sir Charles intends visiting Boundary Creek and Sir McKenzie Bowell will probably come with him.

Kelowna Fair.

The Agricultural Fair at Kelowna last week was a decided success. There were many entries and the attendance was large. Donald Graham, M.P.P., was among the visitors. In a private letter received this week Mr. Graham stated that he will be down here in about two weeks when he wishes to meet his constituents and discuss their needs.

Minister of Justice.

Hon. David Mills has been offered portfolio of Minister of Justice in the Dominion cabinet in succession to Sir Oliver Mowat who will be the next Lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

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APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned intends to apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Greenwood, at their next sitting, for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Commercial Hotel, on lot 5, block 5, in the City of Greenwood, B.C.

Dated this 9th day of August, 1897.

49 D. R. CAMPBELL.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOUNDARY CREEK TIMES publishes communications on matters of public interest, but disclaims any responsibility for the opinions expressed in this column.

EDITOR, BOUNDARY CREEK TIMES:

SIR:—

In an article published in the Rossland Miner of the 21st inst, I have been grossly and unjustly attacked as a blackmailer. The writer of such an article is certainly not responsible for his acts, more likely a subject for the insane asylum, otherwise he would never have written an article which is the accuser of blackmail, when the deal referred to was none other than a legitimate transaction, and did not have the slightest vestige of a blackmailing scheme.

The claim to which the article refers, the "Plutonia," was not jumped by Mr. Vaughn and myself, as at the time of the location of the "Floyd" there was not any "Plutonia" to jump as the title to that name expired at 12 o'clock midnight, August 7, 1897, owing to the fact that the assessment work had not been done and recorded within the year specified by law.

The claim which Mr. Vaughn and myself located, was located on the morning of the 8th of August on this ground, which was open to re-location, as the laws of B. C. and the following letter from Mr. C. A. R. Lambly, gold commissioner, will fully explain:

Osoyoos, B.C., Aug. 28, 1897.

Mr. W. S. Fletcher,
Greenwood, B. C.

DEAR SIR:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, and in reply I beg to advise you that a mineral claim on which the assessment work has not been recorded within a year from the date of the record, becomes vacant and abandoned and is open to re-location.

I am sir,
Very Truly,
C. A. R. LAMBLY, G. C.

The records at Midway will show that the work if done was not recorded within the year, and Mr. Lambly's letter will certainly explain that our title to the property was good.

After having the claim recorded Mr. Fox, who had a contract on the adjoining property, the "Great Hopes," and who as I then understood was to have done the work on the "Plutonia," but through an oversight of his he failed to comply with the law. After having this talk with Fox I told him I would abandon my interest in the claim provided I received the money which I expended for recording, but as Vaughn was an equal partner with me, I could not transfer his interest and as he found a ledge on the claim "Plutonia" more than three months prior to its expiration he felt justified in receiving some compensation for his trouble and therefore asked and received the sum of $75 for his interest from Fox, and for which the charge of blackmail is preferred.

I received not one cent as compensation for my interest and am loser of the recording fees as Fox never remitted them to me.

In conclusion I will say that I most emphatically deny the charge preferred against me by the Rossland Miner, and furthermore if the party or parties who wrote the article wish to go into further details they can receive satisfaction.

By giving this letter publication in your paper you will greatly oblige,

Yours Truly,
W. S. FLETCHER.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the city council held on Monday evening was but a short one as there was but little business to engage the attention of the aldermen. His Worship, Mayor Wood, was in the chair, and all the aldermen excepting Alderman McKenzie were present. Mr. G. A. Henderson, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Vernon wrote offering to take the Temporary Loan, interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. The bank's offer was accepted and the mayor and clerk were instructed to draw up the necessary note.

Communications were read from Mayor Houston of Nelson; the city clerks of Rossland and Vernon, giving information regarding the floating of debentures. Mayor Houston advised the council not to issue their debentures at a higher rate of interest than six per cent. or for a longer term than ten years. The communications were filed for future reference.

The brewery license question than came up for discussion. While the aldermen all denounced the turning of the brewery into a retail beer saloon they felt that it would not be good policy to throttle an infant industry with an exorbitant tax. The clerk was instructed to notify the proprietors that the wholesale liquor license tax would be collected after January 1st, and that unless the selling of beer by retail was at once stopped the city would prosecute.

The Board of Works were given the necessary authority to undertake the repair of all existing sidewalks.

Water Records.

Leonard Norris, government agent, and C. A. R. Lambly, gold commissioner, returned from Grand Forks on Monday last where they sat to grant water records. There was no opposition to the grant to the Greenwood Waterworks Company of a record to the waters of Boundary Falls and consequently that record was granted on Friday night, Mr. Black who represented the Greenwood Company returning home on Saturday.

The legal fight was over the power of Cascade Falls. Mr. Gault of Rossland represented the owners of the land who claimed riparian rights and Mr. J. A. Aikman of Grand Forks represented the Cascade Power & Light Co., who were granted a charter at the last sitting of the legislature. The commissioners reserved their decision on the grant.

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