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## NICKEL PLATE'S BANNER YEAR

Review of Progress Made During 1911 in Hedley's  
Big Gold Mine

### MUCH NEW ORE PUT IN SIGHT

Contrast Between Now and Christmas 1908—Important  
Mill Changes.

With this last issue in 1911 we give a brief review of operations in the Nickel Plate and other properties of the Hedley Gold Mining Company in this camp for the year now closing, and in doing so, it is not only instructive but amusing to contrast conditions to-day with those of this time three years ago when the Christmas week saw everything shut down for the winter and a spirit of discouragement, discontent and irritation prevailing in the town.

And yet the mine was richer then than it is to-day by at least \$1,500,000 for there has been more than that much value extracted from it since then. Where then was the difference and what can account for a state of affairs so paradoxical?

The answer is simple. It is merely a difference in the condition of the liver in the managers and owners of then and now. "The disconsolate one" who was then at the helm in the capacity of manager and resident director was the unfortunate possessor of a liver which never did the square thing by him and wouldn't let him do the square thing by the mine or by those for whom he was working it. He made up his mind from the most superficial kind of data that Nature had done so and so for the Nickel Plate, and an unkind fate fooled him when it induced him to point his diamond drill holes in a way that helped him bear out his pessimistic delusion. For over three years up to that time the mine had gone on with no development work whatever apart from diamond drilling with stupidly planned bore holes and the ground brokett in the actual work of extraction. Under those conditions it is not to be wondered that the prevailing tint in the camp was azure, and it also helps one to understand why the owners who employed him did not take the trouble to become posted on the value of their property when one remembers that they had already got all their money back and a nice bunch besides in the way of dividends from past operations and were too indifferent to obtain the services of some one who was qualified to judge and was not to be overruled by the manager.

In fact things would have had a still deeper cerulean tint were it not for the fact that the mine superintendent who is now the manager was in the habit of taking advantage of temporary absences of the manager to do some prospecting work on his own responsibility and made important finds of new ore which kept things going. The result of the whole combin-

ation of circumstances was that the then owners parted with the property to the present owners for a mere song, the amount received for it being currently placed at a sum which is probably something less than the value of the ore put in sight in the year 1911 alone and a quarter of a million dollar plant thrown in as *POUR BOIRE*.

To-day, however, the outlook is brighter with more absolute data on which to base the hopes than ever there has been before, and the year 1911 has done most to establish this gratifying condition of affairs.

#### ORE TONNAGE

The tonnage of ore mined and treated for the year will amount to 57000 and possibly it may go a few tons more. This will be a little better than 10000 more than that of any previous year, the highest in any previous year being that of 46828 in 1910 and the value per ton recovered has been a little over \$12 while the extraction for the year has gone a trifle over 92 per cent and the surplus something over \$300,000 which accounts for the dividend of 25 per cent being paid during the year.

#### AT THE MINE

The new policy inaugurated by the present owners of keeping the development ahead is being rigidly pursued and the year 1911 has seen a good deal more than has been done for years. On the Nickel Plate there was done during the year in development work 330 feet of drifting, 70 sinking, 120 feet of up-raising and 1350 feet of diamond drilling. On Sunnysides No. 3, 155 feet of drifting, 185 feet sinking, 90 feet of up-raise and 433 feet of diamond drilling. On Sunnysides No. 4 there was done 170 feet drifting, 170 feet of sinking, 25 feet of up-raise and 724 feet of diamond drilling.

On Sunnysides No. 4 the work was development only, no shipments being made from that part of workings and an important feature was the connection made during the year between the workings on Sunnysides No. 3 and 4.

An important feature of the year's discovery and development was the discovery of a new ore body under the bank house on the Silver Plate, the discovery being made quite by chance when effecting some improvements in the bank house and putting in a drain to dispose of sewage. On it an incline has been run for 40 feet in ore which is of \$14 grade for the greater part of the way and there is ten feet of it in the face.

Another important work during the year that properly belongs to develop-

ment was the digging of 7000 feet of ditch which is really a work of conservation in that it will impound a lot of surface water that would otherwise run off into the Similkameen to swell the spring freshet and do no good to anyone, while by impounding it there will be an increase of about 40 per cent in the season's available supply of water.

The result of the year's development in the matter of discovery and blocking out of new ore bodies may in all probability be communicated by the company to its shareholders, but until that is done there will not likely be details for publication, but enough is known to be given out that the results have been more than satisfactory. So much so in fact that a great deal less would still have been considered reason for gratification. At the beginning of the year there were about 10,000 tons of ore in reserve broken down and still in the mine, and the same amount of reserve has been maintained during the year.

#### THE MILL AND ITS PROBLEMS

A very interesting part of the concern since the present owners took possession and particularly during the past year when the metallurgical changes which had been made were on trial, was the forty stamp mill. While the closing months of 1909 and the first part of 1910 was occupied largely with experiments and testing to ascertain the most suitable treatment to stop the losses in the tailings which had been going on under the previous management and while considerable of the new equipment had been installed during the latter part of 1910 including the electrification of the various machines which had formerly been driven by waterwheels direct, it was not until well on in March of the year now closing that the re-grinding portion of the plant was in operation and the system was fairly on trial.

When the mill was first built it was regarded as more or less of an experiment and to put in time until the development of transportation would permit the profitable installation and operation of a smelter, and it is very doubtful whether the proper amount of care had been given to ascertain the kind of equipment best adapted to make a sufficiently economical extraction. It is also well known that the first metallurgist in charge of the mill was not long on the job until he ascertained that the Nickel Plate ore was a problem in itself and it was well for the old owners that as studious and resourceful a man as A. H. Brown blazed the trail for those who were to follow, or the losses, since the fatal interruption in the fall of 1905, would have been even greater than they have been; but the plan by which Mr. Brown proposed to lessen the tailing losses that were unavoidable with the original plant was in the main identical with what the present owners decided on after their investigation. But if the designer of the original mill could have foreseen the present plant and the machinery necessary to operate it he would have taken his design by the top and pulled the whole thing about thirty feet further up the mountain side. Then he would have spiked

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#### HONORS FOR SIMILKAMEEN

Best White Leghorn Poultry in Competition will all the States are Now in the Similkameen

T. C. Brooke, the poultry fancier, formerly of Keremeos but now of Princeton, B. C., has been winning honors for his firm and for the Similkameen valley.

Last week he returned from Spokane where he had been attending the great poultry show in competition against some of the best blood in the United States and Canada. The particular variety in which he sought honors was that of white leghorn which is raised extensively by Dr. Westwood and himself on their farm near Princeton, B. C.

Against 1500 entries the Similkameen birds belonging to Westwood and Brooke, won two first prizes and two seconds. The prizes won were:

Best White Leghorn Pullet—First.  
Best shape White Leghorn Pullet—First prize and special ribbon. This was an interstate competition.

Best White Leghorn Cock—Second.  
Best Pen of White Leghorns—Second.  
This is certainly a record for any poultry breeder to feel proud of and it should also be a matter for great satisfaction for all poultry breeders in the valley to know that they can procure right here at home the best grades of poultry without the trouble and expense of duty or heavy transportation charges necessitated by importing stock from breeders in the United States.

The firm of Westwood and Brooke are equipping at Princeton one of the most up-to-date poultry plants in the Interior and intend going into poultry raising of thoroughbred stock on a more extensive scale than ever they have done before, and will be in a position to accommodate those who may want to get classy stock in the poultry line.

Mr. Brooke brought back with him both the prizes and the birds that won them as they want the very best for their own poultry yard and do not know where they would be able to get any better than they have themselves.

#### JOKE WAS ON THE IOKER

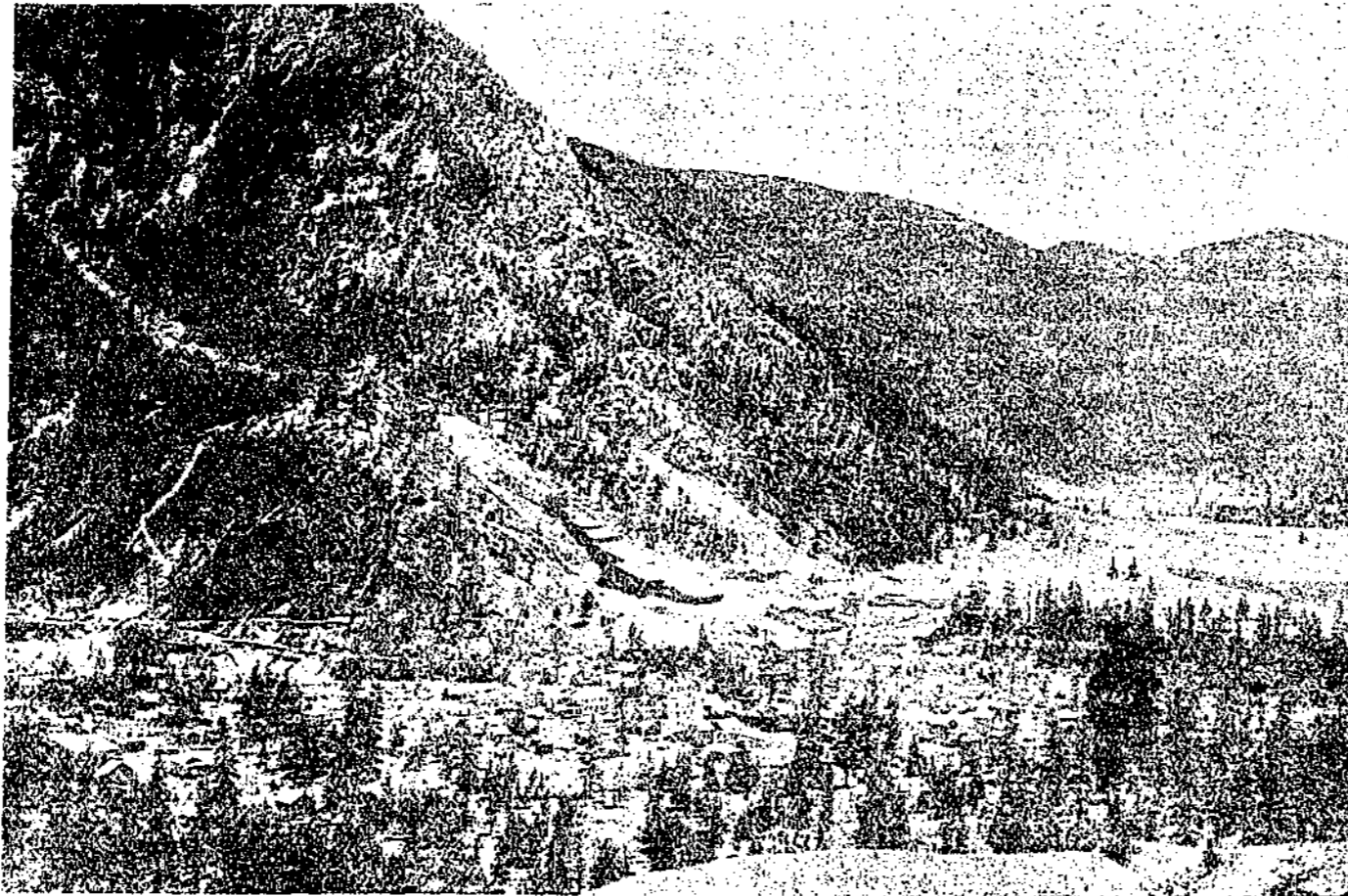
On Christmas day most of the lads were down from the mine and many of them patronizing their favorite stopping places. One chap conceived the idea of having a joke on host Winkler of the Grand Union and hit on the brilliant plan of going to Winkler's hen house on Christmas night to obtain a suitable present to hang on Winkler's Christmas tree. About 10 o'clock that night Mrs. Winkler went to the hen house to see that all was right and finding someone inside shut the door and fastened the latch outside thinking she had effected the capture of a noted chicken thief in town, and started off for the constable who came and gathered him in. He had managed to wring the necks of a couple before the door was shut on him but the rest of the night he spent in another kind of coop leaving the balance of the hens to enjoy their coop unmolested. Next morning explanations were forthcoming and as the owner of the slaughtered poultry did not want to prosecute and the other fellows up at the mine could be counted on to give the necessary punishment by guying the head off him for the next few months, the constable concluded to let him off.

#### GENERAL NEWS

Mink and marten are scarce in British Columbia this year and trappers have secured very few.

Postmasters in Ontario have been instructed to charge a discount of one half of one per cent on American currency in circulation there. The object is to discourage the unnecessary circulation of United States currency. The Canadian banks in Ottawa objected to large deposits of foreign currency from the Post Office department and hence the order.

When writing Adversers Please  
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and  
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 application, rates will be given of reduced  
 charges, based on size of space and length  
 of time.

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 inch, \$1.00 for one insertion, 25 cents for  
 each subsequent insertion. Over one inch,  
 10 cents per line for first insertion and 5  
 cents per line for each subsequent insertion.  
 Transients payable in advance.

Changes for contract advertisements should  
 be in the office by noon on Tuesday to secure  
 attention for that week's issue.

Advertisements will be changed once every  
 month if advertiser desires, without any extra  
 charge. For changes oftener than once a month  
 the price of composition will be charged at  
 regular rates.

A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.

Full Moon	6	New Moon	20			
Last quar.	13	First quar.	28			
1911	DEC	1911				
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

Winston Churchill has stolen the  
 Unionists' clothes and has declared  
 for a \$500,000,000 naval loan. This  
 will show Germany that Britain is  
 not to be trifled with when her position  
 as mistress of the seas is challenged  
 by any other power.

During the coming year the people  
 of Hedley would like to receive a  
 little more generous treatment from  
 Vancouver papers in the way of publicity  
 of the resources and production  
 of this camp. This camp leads with  
 the principal dividend-paying mine in  
 the province and yet Vancouver papers  
 are as dumb as oysters concerning  
 matters in the camp. This time last  
 year they had plenty to say about  
 Steamboat; but then there were some  
 Vancouverites hed an axe to grind.  
 Now in Hedley it is different and the  
 men connected with producing prop-  
 erties here are not looking for publicity  
 and do not care whether they get  
 it or not. In fact their attitude under  
 former owners was that of persistent  
 concealment which in the case of a  
 close corporation was easily attained,  
 especially when public officials and  
 mining papers on the coast stood in  
 with them in aiding and abetting the  
 concealment, a condition of affairs  
 that there is abundant evidence to  
 prove beyond the shadow of a doubt;  
 but now that the property is at last  
 in the hands of a corporation in which  
 the stock is scattered and the shares  
 listed on the exchange, concealment  
 becomes much harder. We do not wish  
 to infer, however, that the owners are  
 now trying to conceal output or reserves,  
 for apparently they are indifferent  
 as to whether these things are known  
 or not. Now when this information  
 is available for the press it seems  
 reasonable to expect that all the  
 leading papers of the province would  
 be public-spirited enough to set forth  
 any information which is calculated  
 to benefit the mining industry of  
 British Columbia, and where is  
 there another camp in the province  
 that is furnishing the right kind of  
 information to the extent that Hedley  
 is doing? Any information about  
 this camp the coast papers give is old  
 stuff that has been hashed and re-  
 hashed from mining journals in the  
 States that published things about the  
 mines of Hedley six months after they  
 had ceased to be news.

**NICKEL PLATE'S BANNER YEAR**

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 the bottom to its place and kept on  
 pulling on the top until he had stretched  
 out the design or plan about 30  
 feet further. Had he done so he would  
 have earned the blessing of those who  
 have had to install the machinery for  
 the new system and also of those who  
 have to operate it.

The tube mill for regrinding the  
 tailings is the main feature of the new  
 equipment. The regrinding is done in  
 the tube mill with Norway pebbles.  
 Amalgamation has been discontinued.  
 The saving is now made in the concen-  
 trates by means of the vanners and  
 Deister tables to handle slimes of  
 which there are now a much larger  
 quantity made, and by leaching in the  
 cyanide. Changes have been found  
 necessary in the classifiers, the Bunker  
 Hill screens which were put in at the  
 beginning of the year being found in-  
 effective.

One of the most beneficial changes  
 is the introduction of a powerful electro  
 magnet to prevent drill steel from  
 getting into the batteries and break-  
 ing and bending the stems. This alone  
 has added most materially to the  
 crushing time of each stamp and the  
 extra drop has also added very much  
 to the daily duty per stamp.

The magnet has only been in place  
 about two months and by examination  
 of the tonnage mined and treated  
 each month, November is seen to be  
 the highest in spite of the fact that  
 during the month there was a zero  
 snap which retarded operations some-  
 what and following it in a few days  
 was a break of the flume which was  
 one of the worst breaks experienced  
 in the last five years and one of the  
 most costly to repair. The December  
 tonnage is of course unknown as yet,  
 but is very likely to be up to the No-  
 vember mark.

**THE CONTINUOUS WATER SYSTEM**

Possibly the change that contributes  
 most to the smoothness and efficiency  
 with which the concentrating machin-  
 ery is operating this winter over that  
 of all former winters is the continuous-  
 water system by which the mill water  
 is used over again instead of being  
 taken direct from the flume stand-pipe  
 which was always very near freezing  
 point and much of the time was ob-  
 structed by anchor ice. The friction  
 in the various machines increases the  
 water temperature to an extent al-  
 most incredible, the tube mill alone  
 raising the temperature of the water  
 which passes through it fully 11 1/2 de-  
 grees.

**THE POWER HOUSE**

There were no new installations in  
 the power house during the year, but  
 part of last year's installation, the  
 Doble waterwheel supplied by the  
 John MacDougall Manufacturing Co.,  
 of Montreal, hadn't a chance to show  
 what it could do until the melting  
 snows of the spring gave it ample  
 water, and then for four months it  
 handled the whole plant and made for  
 itself the record of providing the  
 steadiest and most satisfactory power  
 that has yet been tried in the works  
 here. The Lombard oil governor with  
 which the Doble wheel is equipped  
 seemed equal to the heaviest duty re-  
 quired of it, and that is saying a great  
 deal in a plant which embraces a trol-  
 ley railway for ore haulage on which  
 two trains are run and the heavy ma-  
 chines in the mill like the crusher,  
 batteries and tube mill, which were  
 being turned on and off repeatedly,  
 but the Lombard governor held the  
 speed so steady for the concentrating  
 tables that their maximum efficiency  
 so far as steadiness of speed is required  
 was all the time attainable.

Altogether, the year has been one  
 which must prove gratifying to the  
 resident general manager, G. P. Jones,  
 under whose careful supervision the  
 results have been obtained, and to the  
 president of the company, Mr. I. L.  
 Merrill, of Los Angeles and New York  
 who has given the mine and works his  
 special attention and makes the trip  
 in here to render assistance to the  
 general manager and give him the  
 benefit of his wide experience in min-  
 ing; for, unlike the former owners in  
 the latter years of their ownership, the  
 present company take nothing for  
 granted but come and see.



**Extension of Time**  
 The time for receiving tenders for the con-  
 struction of a Jetty at Mouth of the Fraser  
 River at Sterveston, B. C., is hereby extended  
 to Friday, January 19th, 1912.  
 By Order  
 R. C. DESROCHERS,  
 Secretary.  
 Department of Public Works,  
 Ottawa, December 20, 1911. 51-2

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**NOTICE**  
 SIMILKAMEEN LAND DISTRICT  
 DISTRICT OF VALE

TAKE NOTICE that Emilie Jensen, of Glen  
 Valley, New Westminster District, B. C.,  
 occupation Farmer, intends to apply for per-  
 mission to purchase the following described  
 land.

Commencing at a post planted (northwest  
 corner) about six chains distant and in a north-  
 easterly direction from the Ashcroft River and  
 about seventeen miles from its mouth thence  
 east 60 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence  
 west 60 chains, thence north 20 chains to point  
 of commencement, containing 120 acres more  
 or less.

EMILIE JENSEN  
 H. C. N. Etches, agent.  
 October 17th, 1911 46-10

**TRY THE  
 Hedley Gazette  
 for  
 Fine Job Printing**

**Town and District.**

Good-bye old 1911.

Dixie Jubilee Singers in aid of the Hedley Hospital on January 10th.

There will be Anglican service in Fraternity Hall on Sunday evening Dec. 31st at the usual hour.

Mrs. Whillans returned from Princeton where she was visiting relatives, to fulfil a Christmas engagement.

There is a strong impression in some quarters that the Golden Zone will be in operation shortly and negotiations to that end are now under way.

G. H. Whiteman, of the Princeton Coal and Land Company's office staff, spent Christmas in Hedley and renewed old friendships.

Mrs. Thain, teacher of the Hedley school, went to Spokane this week for a few days. School will not reopen until January 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Baxter, of Moosejaw, who spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brass, left Tuesday for Victoria, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Dolly.

The Christmas tree in Fraternity hall on Friday night last was one of the best ever held here. There was an unusually large turnout and the children did their part in a most creditable manner. The mother goose rhymes also suited the grown-ups, many of whom had old memories awakened.

W. A. McLean and H. C. Pollock went to Coalmont last week and spent a few days looking over the situation. They were so well satisfied with the outlook they invested in town property.

Tim Griffin, who has been working for the Princeton Coal and Land Co., came down to Hedley last week and had an operation performed by Dr. McEwen who removed a growth from his hand that was giving some trouble.

Invitations have been sent out for the marriage of Miss Alice Kennedy, daughter of J. H. Kennedy chief engineer of the V.V. & E. The bridegroom is Harold P. Cowan, of Montreal, and the wedding will take place in Vancouver on January 11th.

Percy W. Gregory, P. L. S., of Princeton, was married on Saturday, 23rd, at Merritt to Miss Mollie Freeman, of Princeton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Wagner and the honeymoon is being spent on the coast. The Gazette extends congratulations with best wishes.

Henry Nicholson, of Rock Creek and Fairview, was in town on Friday last. During the past season he acted as fire warden and had the satisfaction of seeing greater immunity from destructive fires than there had been for several seasons past. Mr. Nicholson's connection and knowledge of the Similkameen extends back into the old days that to us dwellers of to-day are almost prehistoric, for it lacks only a few months of being forty years and the population of the province at that time except the narrow fringe at the coast was exceedingly small.

The Winnipeg Free Press says of the concert given by the Original Dixie Jubilee Singers, who appeared at the First Congregational church in that city: "The visit of the Dixie Jubilee Singers proved to be a musical feast. Such an aggregation of harmony it has not been the pleasure of our people to hear for some time. In the first place they have the voices, and in the second place they have the discernment, which proves to them that nothing pleases better than the old songs, so the majority of their selections were negro melodies and familiar airs, although several classic numbers were given."

The Christmas special number issued by the Pentleton Herald was a specially meritorious production which was creditable alike to the editor and office staff and to the progressive citizens of Pentleton who extend so loyal a support to their home paper. The edition was well illustrated and dealt with Pentleton, past, present and future, with some special features that were most interesting. In the historical part of it, however, the compiler was somewhat at a disadvantage in being a new comer to the town and district which made it more difficult for him to give proper perspective to all the matter treated and make it fit in so as to be chronologically correct.

The Presbyterian service on Sunday night last was marked with the customary Masonic observance of the anniversary of St. John, the evangelist, when Hedley lodge under special dispensation from the Grand Lodge to appear in public in regalia attended divine service and listened to a sermon by Rev. A. H. Cameron, chaplain of the lodge. The psalmody for the occasion had special reference to the

Christmas season, and the organist, played some special voluntaries in which the tones of the now organ were heard to good advantage, while the chaplain's discourse was an able and apt representation of the tenets and principles of the craft and the lessons of tolerance and good citizenship which it teaches.

An unexpected pleasure on Christmas Day was a visit from Jim Copland, of the south fork of Rock Creek, an old friend we had not seen for eight or nine years. He is one of the old guard of placer miners who mined in Cariboo and Cassiar and followed the route to Granite creek. One funny feature about Granite Creek is that it possessed some subtle influence which seemed to impart the secret of eternal youth. Like Jimmy Riordan and several old young fellows Jim Copland, though past the age of three score years and ten has scarcely a grey hair and would easily pass for fifty. He is owner of the Lerot claim which is one of the king pin properties on the watershed between the north and south forks of Rock Creek, and one of these days he is likely to get a nice bunch of money out of it. It is over twenty years since he was last in the Similkameen and in that time he sees many changes in both people and places.

**METEOROLOGICAL.**

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Dec. 23, 1911:

AT THE MINE.		
Dec.	Maximum	Minimum
17	26	15
18	19	9
19	20	9
20	17	8
21	26	11
22	21	10
23	15	9

Average maximum temperature 21.  
Average minimum do 10.14  
Mean temperature 15.57  
Rainfall for the week 0.00 inches.  
Snowfall " " 15. "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR  
Highest maximum temperature 50.  
Average maximum do 39.42  
Lowest minimum do 8.  
Average minimum do 14.85  
Mean do 27.13

AT THE MILL.		
Dec.	Maximum	Minimum
17	33	23
18	35	30
19	35	25
20	29	18
21	29	24
22	32	24
23	34	26

Average maximum temperature 32.42  
Average minimum do 24.28  
Mean do 28.35  
Rainfall for the week 0.0 inches  
Snowfall " " 15. "

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR  
Highest maximum temperature 53  
Average do do 37.28  
Lowest minimum do 26  
Average do do 23.14  
Mean do do 30.21



**COURT OF REVISION and APPEAL**  
Assessment Act, 1903

Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal under the "Assessment Act 1903" for the Princeton Assessment District will be held

At the Court House, Princeton, on the 4th day of January, 1912, at 11 a. m.  
Dated at Kamloops, B. C. the 19th day of December, 1911.

F. TEMPLE CORNWALL  
Judge of Court of Revision and Appeal,  
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