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NICKEL PLATE'S GOOD YEAR

Full Report of Operations
in 1911

ELOQUENCE WHERE MONEY TALKS
Healthy Condition of Both Mine and
Treasury—Rosy Path Results From
the Year's Development.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 1st, 1912

To the Stockholders of the
Hedley Gold Mining Co.:

During the past year things in general, at mines and mill, have gone along very well. The new machinery has proved satisfactory. Conditions at the mines are very promising for the future.

For detailed information I submit the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer.

Yours truly

I. L. Merrill,

President.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Hedley, B. C., Jan. 1st, 1912.
To the President and Stockholders.
Hedley Gold Mining Company
New York

Gentlemen:
I have the honor to report progress for the year 1911, as follows:

Owing to causes beyond our control the re grinding machinery was not in operation until March. From March until the end of the year all the new machinery purchased in 1910 has been in continuous operation and has done splendid work as the returns show. The tonnage milled is greater than hoped for by the President and Consulting engineer, and the extraction is well up to their figures. Several minor changes were made to get the most profitable extraction.

Since the installation of improvements to the power plant the mill has been continuously operated and 57815 tons of ore treated, with an average value of \$11.90 per ton, from which an extraction of 94 per cent. was made.

During the year a 7000 ft. ditch to convey water from the melting snows of Peterson and Dividend Mountain, to the Stray Horse Lake, has been completed; this extra water will increase the present supply about forty per cent.

The ore for the mill has been mined from the Nickel Plate and Sunnyside stopes, the reserve of 10,000 tons of broken ore in the stopes, being maintained. Thanks to the care and attention shown by each official in the several departments, the plant has been kept up to its maximum efficiency.

SUNNYSIDE NO. 3 MINE

The main Incline is down to 410 feet, and the third level opened out. As the trend of the ore shoot is diagonally across the foot wall to the north, it will be necessary to drift to the north to cut it. A drift from the third level is in eighty feet, but so far has not cut the ore, having only encountered small layers that average about \$5 per ton. Within twenty-five feet the main ore body should be cut, when stopping will begin from this level. A pocket is now being built, and preparations made to do considerable development. Ore has been shipped continuously from this property, the stopes easily maintaining the usual milling grade of \$12 per ton. Connections were made with Sunnyside No. 4 and the ore body discovered in 1910, between the two properties opened up. This section has produced high grade ore, and the shipment of twenty tons per day has been maintained.

SUNNYSIDE NO 4 MINE

Work done on this property has been development only, with considerable diamond drilling to the foot-wall, but no new ore was discovered. A drift 145 feet to the South, at the 600 foot level, was run in low grade ore, the same drift is now being extended to the North, on this ore-bearing Lime Silicite.

SILVERPLATE MINE

Ore was found under the main bank (Continued on Page Two)

KINGSTON NEVER LOOKED BETTER

The work which has gone on for the past fortnight or more in connection with the sampling of the Kingston (limited in extent as it has been, for there were only three men at work) has made a very material change in the outlook. If the same amount of work can continue to put in sight a proportionate amount of pay ore the coming summer will have great things in store for this property and the end of the year will find the camp in possession of another big producer and dividend-payer. The funny thing about it is that the present showing is only a few feet from any part of the old workings. In fact it is really in the old workings on the Kingston and because the ore body which was cut by the old workings did not happen to run in the same direction as the tunnel which was being driven, the ore and the tunnel, as is too often the case, parted company. The old rule to follow the ore no matter where it goes is always a safe one and many a good property to-day is not working simply because this old rule was not religiously adhered to.

Mr. Brookes is still in Spokane and is having exhaustive treatment tests made on the ore and attending to the matter of equipment, and a month or so more will in all probability see a good deal more work in progress. Should the development continue to show up as good results as the past few weeks it will take very little more in addition to the old workings to justify commencement on another mill or whatever other kind of treatment may be found most suitable as the result of the test work now being conducted.

THE CRIME AGAINST CANADA

Cost of Building G. T. P. Has Arisen to Enormous Sum

(Nelson News)

The statements made to the House of Commons by Hon. Frank Cochrane the minister of railways, in which he threw light upon the cost to the country of the National Transcontinental railway must cause genuine uneasiness and disappointment to those who had hoped that the new line might become a factor in securing lower rates of transportation. Mr. Cochrane showed that the cost of construction has surpassed the wildest predictions. The capital cost of the road to January 1, 1912, is 187,781,128. With interest added for seven years which the Grand Trunk Pacific is not bound to pay, the estimated capital cost reaches \$230,000,000 or no less than \$130,800 per mile. If the road does not earn three per cent in excess of working expenses for the three years ending Dec. 31st, 1923, then the interest is added to the capital for three years longer, adding \$22,050,000 to capital cost and making the total cost of the railway \$143,015 per mile, plus expenditures for betterments. The capital cost estimated to Jan. 1, 1924 will then be \$358,050,000.

This is a new record in railway construction, but not a record in which the people of Canada can take either pride or pleasure. It is a startling record, and one from which it is impossible to extract a ray of satisfaction.

The building of another transcontinental railway was never opposed by the Conservatives. It was always agreed that another line might be of substantial value in opening up new territory and reducing freight rates, but the Conservatives impressed the necessity of safeguarding the undertaking. They urged the selection of a suitable route, the necessity for keeping the expenditures within reasonable limits and the danger of graft and corruption. The government gave no heed and the sequel is the distressing situation that Mr. Cochrane discloses.

Politics, not business, was the consideration kept ever in view and graft flourished. The Conservatives protested. Major Hodgins protested, the Grand Trunk Pacific protested. The warnings fell on careless ears and the result is now evident. The cost of construction has mounted to enormous figures, the value of the road to the people of Canada is largely ruined. It is not only that the amazing cost

SHATFORD SCORES AGAIN

Secures Splendid Appropriation for Similkameen Electoral District

REACHES SUM OF \$275,000

Last Year's Vote Was About \$160,000 Which Goes to Show the Substantial Increase Obtained. Total Vote for Roads and Bridges is \$5,000,000.

The estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st of March 1913 were brought down last week in the B. C. Legislature and they indicate a progressive government which does not believe in tying up the old sock too tight while there is work requiring to be done.

The total estimated revenue is over \$10,000,000 and the total estimated expenditure over \$16,000,000 which indicates a lessening of the surplus, but when there is work to be done and resources to develop it would appear to be good business to discount the future to a reasonable extent and get the benefit of the improvements as early on in life as possible and give the present generation an opportunity to use them.

In the appropriations made the Similkameen riding has fared right royally and the representative is to be congratulated on the votes he has been able to secure. The Similkameen share of the outlay for public improvements is as follows:

District Vote	\$190,000
Hope to Princeton vote of 75,000 of which Similkameen can count on half.	37,500
Bridges, road machinery, surveys etc.....	47,500
	\$275,000

As last year's vote was about \$160,000 the increase this year is a most substantial one and is calculated to do a lot of work when properly looked after and as a rule the road bosses in the Similkameen riding have given good value for the money which they laid out. It is of course hard for a supervisor to get all his road bosses over the riding capable men who will put up with no nonsense from shirkers and when a man is not giving a fair day's work for the wages paid him, fire him forthwith. Around Hedley there has been no trouble in that regard and the public are getting full value for the money expended.

The trunk road is of course responsible for considerable of the increased allotment for road building and this most important work will mean a great deal to the constituencies which it passes through. Similkameen proportionately comes in for a large slice of this and besides the first cost of constructing it there will be the annual cost of maintenance.

GENERAL NEWS

The claim frequently made that the British civil service has been removed altogether from politics appears from investigation to be very much of a myth. Promotion in the various departments is altogether dependent on political pull and the appointments in the foreign office are made wholly on recommendations from the Secretary of state for foreign affairs.

The liberals in the Dominion House are opposing the building of the transcontinental highway.

A Canadian loan of \$23,000,000 is shortly to be floated in London. The Bank of Montreal is handling the subscription for the Minister of Finance.

of construction must be a direct drain upon the pockets of the people, but the fixed charges loaded upon the railway effectually dissipate any hope that it may lower freight rates. Burdened with its present capital expenditure, interest charges upon every mile of the line will be enormous and an insuperable obstacle is placed in the way of any genuine reduction in the rates of transportation. One of the chief purposes that it was represented that the railway was destined to serve has been effectually shattered.

THE RAILWAY POLICY

Brief Summary of the Policy to Round Out British Columbia's Transportation System

Construction of a railway from Vancouver and North Vancouver to Fort George via Howe Sound, Pemberton Meadows and Fraser River by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. Work to start ten miles from Vancouver this summer. Fair wages. Supplies to be bought in British Columbia. Control of rates. Guarantee of bonds to extent of \$35,000 per mile. Free grants of right-of-way and townsites. Construction of a railway over the Hope mountains in order that there may be an interchange of commerce between the coast and the trade centres of the Boundary, Kootenay and other districts of the interior tapped by the road. This will stop the drain of British Columbia commerce to Spokane and other cities in the State of Washington. Quick connection between the coast and interior districts will be furnished. In connection with this railway a combination railway and traffic bridge will be built across the Fraser river at Hope. A cash grant of \$10,000 per mile to be made towards the construction of this railway. A grant of \$200,000 to be made towards the construction of the bridge. Construction of railway to be started this summer, and line and bridge to be finished before July 1st, 1915.

Extension of the lines of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway from Kamloops to Vernon and thence to Lumby, and a line from Vernon to Kelowna, and a line from Vernon to the east arm of Okanagan Lake opposite Okanagan Landing; a line 150 miles in length on Vancouver Island, extending from the 100-mile post on the company's Island line to a point at or near Hardy Bay on the east coast of the island. On these extensions the guarantee will be up to \$35,000 per mile. Construction to start within six months and finish within three years.

Extension of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island from Parksville to Comox. Consent to the leasing of the E. & N. railway lines to the C. P. R., the E. & N. company agreeing to pay the province taxation at the rate of one and one-half cents per acre for its lands, this tax yielding \$18,000 per year. The C. P. R. agrees to pay \$387,000 to the province to offset the interest charges on the Shuswap & Okanagan railway.

The province to purchase the unsold portion of the B. C. Southern and Columbia & Western Railway land grants at the rate of 40 cents per acre, the total sum involved being approximately \$1,000,000.

The C. P. R. to take over, standardize and operate the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, now owned by the Great Northern Railway. The province gives a bonus of \$100,000 for this purpose.

MINING NOTES

Three men are still at work sampling the Kingston and doing necessary exploratory work connected therewith. The results are most satisfactory and a decided air of optimism exists.

Work on the Apex is going on steadily. The work is being done on contract under instructions left by T. D. Pickard, who is expected up from the coast shortly.

Miners in the employ of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Trail, have been despatched to the recent galena discovery on Siwash creek, a tributary of five mile. It is near the line of the Kettle Valley railway. Engineer Colley is in charge of operations.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Nelson is likely to be lighted by means of search lights.

The Dominion government has decided to provide adequate elevator accommodation for the grain of the prairie provinces, and they are to be government owned.

A ten-million dollar British company has been organized in London to deal in Canadian lands.

Calgary is rejoicing in a promise that the Duke of Connaught is to visit that city next autumn.

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 A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.



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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The decision of a Supreme Court Judge, Mr. Justice Charbonneau, of Quebec, in ruling that the Hebert nuptials are valid, is a blow between the eyes for Ne Temere. While this decision makes the record of rulings to date stand five against validity and three for validity, it improves the outlook even better than these figures would indicate for it shows that all the judiciary of the Province of Quebec are not wholly subservient to the Vatican nor will they risk their professional reputations as eminent jurists in obedience to the bidding of the church when that bidding is illogical or tyrannical as in the case of Ne Temere. The decision rendered by Mr. Justice Charbonneau is set forth in a lengthy written judgment which is said to be of a very order and is bound to have its main value in the effect it is likely to produce upon the law lords of the Privy Council when the matter comes up for adjudication before that noted tribunal to which it is to be carried, for it is still the intention of the Dominion government to have the question submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada and afterwards to the Privy Council.

The splendid appropriation shown in the estimates for the Similkameen riding is another evidence of the energy and influence of L. W. Shatford M. P. Every year since he first went into the legislature, nine years ago, the Similkameen riding has come in for liberal appropriations, but this year has eclipsed that of all former. It is true that when he first entered the House the riding showed large districts that were wholly unsupplied with any means of transportation except pack trails, most of which were built by prospectors and ranchers, but the task was to convince the House that the needs of the riding were as great or sufficiently great to warrant the grants that were obtained at a time when the government were not as able to spare the money as they are at present. This year the amount appears large enough to astonish even Mr. Shatford's own friends who were expecting something fancy.

The Great Northern appears to have exhausted the patience of everybody in British Columbia until the name V. V. & E. when thought of in the way of coast connection has begun to be a

mere joke. The time was when the Great Northern commanded respect in Canada and when it was thought that it would furnish for Canadian railways an example of businesslike disinterested administration, but the example they appear to have set has been merely that of masterly inaction and the pettifoggery making and breaking of promises. Even the Premier of British Columbia who was at one time a warm friend of the road has seen pledge after pledge that was made to him, broken one after another, until confidence is a thing of the past and he has found it necessary to speak out plainly and give the public an idea of what he thinks of the institution and the way it has acted in this province. What effect the proposal of the railway commission to link the V. V. & E. with the Kettle Valley for joint construction down the Coquihalla will have, remains to be seen. If it means that we will have to still await the Great Northern's sweet will as to when they will be ready to proceed with their share of the work the prospect is not encouraging. The treatment they have accorded to the Canadian public and Canadian governments has been such that it would appear to be high time for the various governments to begin disciplining them. Directors in New York may be disposed to snap their fingers at the idea of governmental restraint but surely we have not yet become so corporation-ridden in Canada that any institution may be allowed to disregard in defiance of both law and honor the commonest observances that are exacted from the individual. If Premier McBride's strictures on G. N. R. methods indicate anything they will go to show that one government at least will be slow to grant any more favours until the railway does something to show themselves worthy of the consideration.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending Feb. 24, 1912.

AT THE MINE.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Feb 18	28	16
19	29	19
20	30	20
21	29	19
22	30	19
23	29	18
24	19	-3
Average maximum temperature	27.71	
Average minimum	do	15.42
Mean temperature		26.56
Rainfall for the week	0.00 inches.	
Snowfall	8.	

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR		
	Maximum	Minimum
Highest maximum temperature	27.	
Average maximum	do	16.85
Lowest minimum	do	1.
Average minimum	do	6.28
Mean	do	11.56

AT THE MILL.		
	Maximum	Minimum
Feb 18	47	30
19	47	21
20	33	28
21	48	30
22	38	31
23	39	15
24	37	24
Average maximum temperature	41.28	
Average minimum	do	25.57
Mean	do	33.42
Rainfall for the week	1.47 inches	
Snowfall	0.00	

CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR		
	Maximum	Minimum
Highest maximum temperature	39	
Average	do	35.28
Lowest minimum	do	8
Average	do	18.
Mean	do	26.61



TO CANADIAN ARCHITECTS

Competition for New University Buildings to be Erected at Point Grey, near Vancouver, British Columbia

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
 Parliament Buildings,
 Victoria, British Columbia

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NICKEL PLATE'S GOOD YEAR

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 house, which looks promising. At present an incline is down 40 feet on ore which assays \$14 per ton, with ten feet in the face.

NICKEL PLATE MINE

Ore from this property has been shipped continuously and the milling grade of \$12 per ton easily maintained. A very small tonnage has been drawn from between the No. 3 and No. 4 levels, excepting new ore taken from beyond the boundaries as estimated in 1910. From the No. 4 tunnel level a crosscut was extended 210 ft. to the west, which intersected the main ore body at 195 feet. A drift 70 feet to the north and 40 feet to the south of this crosscut has been opened, which proves the ore of a payable grade, and diamond drill holes indicate the ore to extend below the level. This work has proven the main Nickel Plate ore body to extend 225 ft. beyond the lines as laid down by the Examining Engineers in 1909.

While running this "west crosscut" another ore body was discovered at 80 ft. from the No. 4 tunnel, and so far we have not been able to connect it with any known ore body. We have drifted on this ore, which is known as "No. 1 North Drift," for a distance of 130 feet, and the distance between walls, at right angles to the footwall, is 20 ft. and the average value \$14 per ton. Drill holes have proven the ore to extend down 110 ft., where the drill entered the footwall; but there is no reason to believe that this is the full extent of the ore, as the last 40 ft. was of higher grade and the ore had the appearance of permanency. The average of the whole distance drilled was \$14 per ton. This section of the property looks very promising.

The intermediate ore body, below the sheet andesite which is the footwall of the main ore, has been proven down to the No. 4 tunnel level. The No. 6 raise from the No. 4 tunnel to the workings above having passed through 12 ft. of ore which averaged \$10 per ton, it is safe to figure that there is as much ore blocked out in this body as was in sight last year. Altogether the Nickel Plate Mine has considerably more ore in sight than last year, and apparently has a bright future.

The actual tonnage in sight in Sunnyside is probably less, but the Nickel Plate has more than made up for it. So that we have no hesitation in stating that there is now a tonnage in sight equal to the tonnage of January 1910, and of equal value; with excellent prospects of opening more ore in the Nickel Plate, as well as in the Sunnysides and Silverplate.

The machinery and plant is in good order. The New York Fractional Mineral Claim is being Crown Granted, and the July fraction has been secured.

The total lineal feet of development for 1911, is as follows: Nickel Plate, drifting 330 feet, sinking 70 feet, raising 120 feet, diamond drilling 1353 feet; Sunnyside No. 3, drifting 155 feet, raising 90 feet, sinking 185 feet, diamond drilling 433 feet; Sunnyside No. 4, drifting 170 feet, sinking 170 feet, raising 25 feet, diamond drilling 724 feet. Miscellaneous diamond drilling 650 feet. Total development 1315 feet. Total diamond drilling 3160 feet.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gomer P. Jones,
 General Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1st, 1912.
 To the President and Stockholders:
 Attached is Balance Sheet of January 1, 1912, and detailed statement of earnings.

The net profits for the year were \$318,152.21.

The dividends for the year aggregated \$300,000.00 or 25 per cent. upon the issued capital stock.

The undivided profits after all dividends, were \$200,961.31, on January 1, 1912.

All expenditures, of every kind, during 1911, were charged to operating expenses, including cost of ditch, explorations, development, repairs, additions to plant, etc.

Yours truly,
 G. D. Fraser,
 Treasurer.

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Town and District.

Rev. T. A. Osborne, in charge of the Methodist mission at Princeton, was in town on Friday last.

Government agent Hugh Hunter, of Princeton, was in town on Tuesday gathering in the shekels.

There was a slight break in the flume on Friday last which was repaired with little inconvenience to the works.

Miss Annie F. P. Allen, of Vancouver, is expected in on Saturday, to take the position of matron in the Hedley Hospital.

Messrs. Boeing & Brass have completed a handsome commodious verandah for W. A. McLennan on his residence on Scott Avenue.

Buttercups were in evidence on the benches around Hedley two weeks ago. That is surely a pretty good record for the middle of February.

Tuesday's train ran through to Combs for the first time, but there is no word yet of regular service. It may start to-morrow and it may not; nobody knows.

Chief Constable Dinsmore, of Greenwood, was in town on Tuesday. The chief has been a long time in police service and is gradually getting his district organized for more effective constabulary work.

The crows and robins that had already made their appearance in the Similkameen must have felt a bit chilly with the drop in temperature which came along about the end of the week. From all appearance any winter weather that may be experienced from this out will be the exception and not the rule.

Charlie Allison jr. has been doing some good stunts at game protection this winter and has been a regular claimant of the bounty for killing coyotes and big horned owl. Within the past fortnight he has done for four coyotes which have brought him in \$12 bounty besides what he can obtain for the hides, and he still has his traps out to bag a few more before the winter is out.

Percy French, who last year graduated at the Ontario Agricultural College, came up to Hedley on Saturday and spent the week end with his brother F. H. French. He is at present employed by the British Columbia Department of Agriculture as lecturer at the Farmers' Institutes and left on Monday for meetings to be held at Keremeos, Sidley, Rock Creek and other points.

The number of papers that refuse to publish communications without the signature of the writer is on the increase. Very little attention need be paid to the man who is afraid to put his name to anything which he may think the public should know, and the public don't miss much when the productions of these timid designing creatures who like to stab in the dark find their way into the waste paper basket.

L. G. MacHaffie's Hedley friends will be pleased to learn of the promotion which the Bank of B. N. A. has given him in transferring him from the management of the branch at Port George to that of Edmonton. When at Vancouver and about to leave for Port George to resume his duties as manager after his four months leave of absence, he received notice of his transfer to Edmonton to the management of the branch there. As the population of Port George was something less than 400 and Edmonton has over 30,000 the promotion is indeed a most significant one and shows the high estimate of his ability which the head officials of the bank entertain.

Construction is to go on from Otter Flat this summer. This comes from a reliable source and Mr. Kennedy who is going to Ottawa where the matter of right of way down the Coquihalla is to come before the the Railway Commission, is going to take in St. Paul on the way and get full instructions to proceed with connecting up the link between Otter Flat and Hope. This looks very re-assuring indeed, and we will all hope that St. Paul will persevere with the other saints and experience no further backslidings.

A membership roll for the Game Protective Association will soon be presented for signatures and it is hoped that when it comes to hand there will be a ready response. Those signing it should also read carefully what it is they are signing and ascertain fully what will be required of them for it is understood that they will not only be required to obey the game laws themselves but will be prepared to bring to the notice of the necessary authorities all infractions of the law that may come to their notice. That is the way to make the organization effective and it is the only way that the game will ever get the protection the game laws were intended to give them.

How is it that of all the claims in this Camp that have been surveyed and Crown-granted, no surveyor, who has been doing the work, has ever had enterprise or energy enough about him to get out a map of the camp showing the surveyed claims? The Gazette is not aware of a single camp in the eastern end of this riding or in the Greenwood or Grand Forks ridings of which maps by the dozen cannot be procured by anyone who wants to buy them, but who is there on the face of clay who has a map of the claims of Camp Hedley for sale? When Mr. Camsell came here to make the topographical survey and geological map of the camp for the Geological Survey branch of the Department of Mines he could hardly manage to buy, beg, borrow or steal a map or plan showing the surveyed claims. In Princeton F. W. Groves has maps of Copper and Kennedy mountains for sale. But if no surveyor will do a like office for Camp Hedley couldn't someone else arrange with some of the clerks in the Lands Department at Victoria to make a tracing from the data they have on file there and get a supply of blue prints for sale?

ORANGE INSTALLATION

On the last regular meeting night of Hedley L. O. L. No. 1744 the brethren were honored by a visit from the Provincial Organizer, J. W. Whitely, who installed the new officers into their respective chairs. The officers installed were:

- H. F. Jones, W. M.
- S. Knowles, D. M.
- W. Lonsdale, Sec'y.
- T. Willey, Treas.
- A. King, Lecturer
- R. Barclay, Chap.
- G. Sproule, Tyler
- H. Rose, 1st Committee man.

After the ceremony was completed the organizer addressed the members on matters concerning the order and its principles, with special reference to the Ne Temere which was fully explained in its different bearings and the effect it would have.

An amalgamation of the Bank of Montreal and the Union Bank of Canada is likely to be consummated in a few days.

Louis W. Hill is reported likely to resign the presidency of the Great Northern railway.

HEDLEY GOLD MINING COMPANY

Balance Sheet, January, 1st, 1912

ASSETS	
Mines, Mine Buildings, Machinery, Reduction Plant, etc., Original investment.....	\$920,000 00
Net expenditures for Additions.....	127,294 08
Cash.....	\$1,017,294 08
	\$889,693 00
	\$1,403,987 08
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Authorized 150,000 shares, par value of \$10 each.....	\$1,500,000 00
Less 30,000 shares in Treasury.....	300,000 00
Reserved for Provincial Revenue Taxes.....	2,591 61
Reserved for Insurance.....	435 00
Surplus January 1, 1911.....	132,809 13
Net Income January 1, to December 31, 1911.....	318,152 21
	500,961 34
Less dividends paid in 1911.....	300,000 00
Surplus January 1, 1912.....	200,961 34
	\$1,403,987 08

I have examined into the affairs of the Hedley Gold Mining Company for the year ending December 31, 1911, and have verified the Assets and Liabilities as shown above. I Hereby Certify that this Balance Sheet shows the financial condition of the Hedley Gold Mining Company at January 1, 1911.

W. S. HARPER, F. A. A., Auditor.

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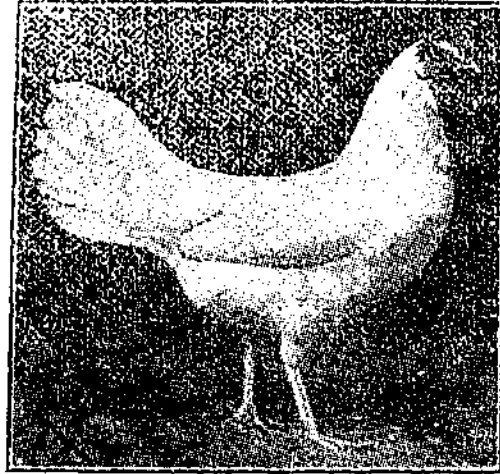
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THE KEREMEOS PAGE

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Town and Lower Valley.

The Ditch Camp is once more in full swing.
 The main question of the day, is, has anyone seen the barber?
 Andy Jensen is at present, hors de combat with blood poisoning.
 Bert Russel, of Pentiction, was a visitor to town over the last week end.
 Foreman Campbell, with a number of men will reopen work on the head-gate.
 G. A. Kruger and wife, of Princeton, were visitors to town Tuesday of last week.
 A number of men and teams are busy ripping the government bridge in town.
 Two car loads of lumber came in this week, for Robert Armstrong's new bungalow.
 Harold S. Veeral, returned to Keremeos, after spending three months in the old country.
 Mrs. Sinclair left for the ranch in the lower valley Saturday last to spend a few days.
 Mrs. Dr. McEwen returned to Hedley on Saturday after spending a week in Keremeos and district.
 We hear from Pentiction, that the little daughter of Rev. J. A. Cleland is very sick with pneumonia.
 Mrs. Goldbeck's many friends were pleased to see her out again on Tuesday after a rather severe illness.
 Chief constable Dinsmore was in town Tuesday on a tour of the district in his capacity as licence inspector.
 H. B. Meausette and Valentine Nickle went up the Ashnoia last Thursday to put in the work on the pre-emption.
 Robert McCurdy came down from Princeton Wednesday of last week, and will now stay the summer in this salubrious burg.
 We are sorry to report that Mrs. Kirby has been confined to her room for the last ten days with a very painful attack of sciatica.
 The bath tub at the boosters pool room was in full swing the other day, and many took the advantage to have their semi-annual bath.
 Rev. A. H. Cameron went to Oroon Saturday and took the service there on Sunday, his place here being filled by Rev. Mr. Hogg.
 C. E. Shaw, C. E. who has been doing some work in laying out the R. ranch for the purchasers, returned this week to resume operations.
 Tom Hood received a nasty blow in the face, while working at the ditch camp, the other day, and in consequence will be laid up for a few days.
 R. H. Carnichael, manager of the Eastern Township Bank, arrived back from the coast Tuesday of last week, after having a very pleasant two weeks holiday.
 A wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. H. Cameron on Monday afternoon, the happy couple being Sheldon, Brecken and Miss Annie Partington, both of Pentiction.
 Immigration Inspector McCalkum, of Grand Forks, was in town this week, having come over to round up some Greeks that had not been duly O. K'd by the immigration officials.
 Great improvement has been made on the corner of seventh street and seventh avenue. Jack Young, road foreman, has put in some good work: the ditch is filled up so that the teams can drive up to the new post office.
 George Gawston returned from Edmonton on a flying trip. George says everything is O. K. in the Prairie city, and after he attends to a little business here, will return as soon as possible.
 It was a case of whole hide or none, when Harry Prince, the well known hide buyer, came in the other day only to find a buyer from the coast had stolen a march on him and bought all the hides in the district he could lay his hands on.
 The demonstration on "Tree Pruning" in J. J. Armstrong's orchard was a great success. Forty fruit growers were present. The lecturers given in the afternoon by Messrs. Middleton, Hoy and Thornber were very well attended. Every grower will now work with more energy, especially since the new railway policy was given out. This will mean a lot to the orchardists who will now in the near future have an outlet for their production.

Mrs. Lowe and son, Charley, and also Mrs. L. A. Keeler, left for the coast via Pentiction Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Lowe will visit her son at Victoria, and Mrs. Keeler will first go to New Westminster to see her son, Carl, who is studying at the Columbia College.
 J. H. Kennedy, asse. chief engineer, of the G. N. passed through on his way to the front. Prospects for the early extension of this road through the mountains at an early date are very good, but until a settlement is reached by the Railway Commission in regard to the Coquilhalla pass, things will not move very fast.
SIMILKAMEEN NOTES
 Spring birds are here, blackbirds, meadow larks and also the old crow has put in an appearance.
 R. H. Elton, began the spring plowing Tuesday of last week and reports the land in fine shape.
 W. H. Armstrong's men were very busy a few days last week, putting the traction engine together and moving it up to the ranch.
 W. J. Manery, Mrs. Manery and Freddie made a pleasant call at Dan McCurdy's, Saturday evening.
 D. McCurdy is now recovering from a bad fall he had about a week ago. A splat or two were cracked, but they are mending nicely now.

SIMILKAMEEN PRIZE POULTRY

In presenting our 1912 announcement for Thoroughbred White Leghorn Egg Settings, I wish to thank the many patrons for the favors extended me, during the time I was engaged in the poultry business at Keremeos, and in soliciting further support I wish to say that since my association with Dr. J. Westwood in the firm of Westwood & Brooke, at Princeton, many advantages for the production of first-class stock and eggs has been derived, some of the principal being, "unlimited range for the stock under ideal conditions" and also the introduction of some of the finest blood obtainable in America, to our stock.
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 In conclusion let me assure you that the poultry business is just like any other business, what you get out of it depends entirely on what you put into it. It isn't a case of just throw out the feed and gather in the eggs. Good stock is only half the battle, care and attention is the other half. You can take good stock and they will do well under poor conditions, but you cannot make poor stock do well under any conditions. The combination that wins is good stock plus intelligent

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 And further take notice that action under section 33 must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.
 Dated this 22nd day of January, 1912

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