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A New Industry for Similkameen.

Mr. J. J. Armstrong, of the Keremeos Land Company, was a caller at the Gazette office on Monday morning, and brought with him a couple of cans of tomatoes put up last week by the Similkameen Canning Company at Keremeos. This is an industry that promises to grow into a concern of very great importance in a few years. The soil and climate of the Similkameen is so adapted to the culture of these vegetables that enormous crops can be raised, and with transportation facilities to enable profitable marketing there will no longer be any necessity to allow the produce of garden or orchard to go to waste as they have done in the past.

Mr. Armstrong spoke of the difficulty which the Land Company and individual holders had this year in keeping their ground clear of weeds. They could not get in farm implements of a suitable kind until the season for using them was over, but before another year they will be fully prepared to wage war upon the weeds in the most economical and approved fashion.

Mr. Armstrong, like the rest of us, has quit trying to set any dates for the probable arrival of the railway tracks. The delay so far has been particularly inconvenient to them in many ways. So sure were they from promises made, that parties who had bought property and had arranged plans to bring in material were disappointed. Besides, the Land Company had large quantities of material to bring in by rail and its non-arrival had been a great drawback to them.

So far as the progress of grading was concerned, the steam shovel was making good headway but it would take five or six months for it to remove all the bank in which it was working. About two months' time, he thought, would remove sufficient to permit them to lay the track around it, and the rest of the material which had to be removed by the shovel would be used for ballasting the road-bed on either side of Keremeos.

Steel In Molson, and Coming On.

Boundary papers confirm the report in last week's Gazette that the steel had reached Molson. The latest delay was from a customs hold-up, of which the Midway Star says:

"The V. V. & E. people were put to some inconvenience the end of last week owing to the failure of the authorities to appoint a customs officer at the boundary line near Molson. Trainloads of bonded construction material could not be sent forward, simply because there was no Canadian officer at that point to remove the seals, and delay was occasioned. Ultimately the trains were dispatched in charge of a convoy.

Most of the people residing in the territory through which the road passes had formed the opinion that it was making painfully slow progress, but apparently it is going too fast for the powers that be. "Forging ahead," when applied to the opening up of the country, sounds good, but when it goes on so rapidly, as in the present case, that it takes away the breath of the authorities, something must be done, even if it is so small a thing as neglecting to appoint a customs officer. This little oversight kind of slowed things up some, and enabled them to get fresh wind. It is with pleasure that we announce things in the construction line gaining momentum once more.

A Hard Nut to Crack.

Mr. Atherton has a tough problem on his hands down at Atherton Corner. Last spring he built a dam on a small cut-off branch of the Similkameen which flows in over the flat, and installed a hydraulic ram to irrigate a bench above the river. It is now claimed that some beavers, dissatisfied with the construction of Mr. A's dam and disinclined to associate with sheep of any gender or species, animate or inanimate, have gone to work and built the right kind of a dam below, which has had the effect of putting Mr. A's ram out of business by drowning it still further, beaver cannot be killed in this latitude before 1910. Now what's a fellow going to do when he can't sue a beaver for damages, nor even go at him with a logger's lien?

WHAT MINES CAN DO

The Proud Position In Which This Province Is Being Placed by Development of Boundary Deposits

News Bureau Gives Figures

The Relative Positions of Boundary and Twenty-Mile When Transportation Was Secured.

Before reproducing for readers the following estimate of the worth of some of British Columbia's mining resources as set forth in the Boston News Bureau, it is apropos to recall the relative positions of the Boundary and Twenty-Mile camps when reached by the railway.

So far as the railway is concerned, Greenwood and Phoenix were in the spring of 1890 in about the same position that Hedley is in the fall of 1906. Then the C. P. R. were building the Columbia & Western from Robson to Midway. Construction was in full blast between the Arrow Lakes and Christina Lake. The mushroom town of Brooklyn was a little hazy in the hills, and the only sounds of the conflict to reach Boundary points were some far-away echoes from the Bulldog tunnel. But the C. P. R. were under contract to build it within a much shorter time than that already taken by the Great Northern with the V. V. & E., and while Ferrie's wickedness with all

"The feasting and the folly and the fun,
And the lying and the lusting and the drink"
has been allowed to fade into staid respectability before the rails reach the Similkameen, mushroom Brooklyn's orgie was yet red-eyed when the C. P. R. rails were being spiked down the valley of Boundary Creek, and spurs were completed into Phoenix and Deadwood for the Granby and the Mother Lode.

But at that juncture what of the mines of the Boundary that to-day are better known among the money kings of New York and Boston than they are in Nelson, Vernon or Kamloops. Not one of them had got beyond the prospect stage. For the C. P. R. there was little or no business when its rails were laid into Greenwood, and it may be said to have made its own business, for it has drawn to the mouths of the shafts and the tunnels and the glory-holes, the big boilers and the hoisting machinery and the air compressors, as well as the structural steel and the furnaces for the huge smelters that provided it so profitable an ore tonnage some three or four years later, until to-day three big concerns, the Granby Mines, the Dominion Copper Company and the British Columbia Copper Company alone produce annually 30,000,000 lbs. of copper, and one of them, the Granby, is this year paying in dividends to its shareholders \$1,215,000.

Before 1890, with the exception of a few small shipments by pack train from the Providence and Skylark, taken out in 1893, not a cent had been realized from Boundary ores, and so little importance was attached to the value of these small high grade properties that even after the railway did reach the Boundary no attention was paid to them until 1903.

Twenty-mile camp, on the contrary, has a mine that is really a combination of several mines which have long since passed the prospect stage, and from which more bullion has already been taken than would pay ten times over for the total aggregate development done on all Boundary Creek properties at the advent of the railway in 1890.

When we contrast the condition of mining in Boundary Creek in 1890 with what it is to-day, some idea may be obtained of the confidence with which the Similkameen looks forward to the conditions which will prevail here seven years after the railway reaches this camp.

The interview with W. C. Thomas, superintendent of the Boundary Falls smelter, which appeared in the Boston News Bureau, will prove most interesting to readers of the Gazette as an authoritative statement of what is being accomplished in the Boundary.

The News Bureau says:

"W. C. Thomas, smelter superinten-

dent of the Dominion Copper Co., is now east. He has been examining the new furnace which has been set up at Allentown, Pa., by the Traylor Engineering Co. for the Dominion Copper Co. He says:

"Mining conditions in the Boundary were never more prosperous than at the present time, the natural consequence of a 10-cent copper market."

"The output of copper in the Boundary district (this year should be over 30,000,000 pounds, secured at a cost of about nine cents per pound, f. o. b. British Columbia. There are now three companies operating on an extensive scale, the Granby, the Dominion Copper and British Columbia companies. There are also a number of small companies. The Granby Co. is now treating about 2500 tons of ore per day, and is increasing its smelter capacity, so that by the first of the year it should be treating 3000 tons per day.

"As is well known, the Boundary ores are of extremely low grade, but the character of the deposits is such that the ore can be mined at a remarkably low cost, principally by quarrying. The ores contain about 23 pounds of copper to the ton of rock, and gold and silver values average about \$1.50 per ton. A smelter recovery of from 21 to 23 pounds of copper is secured and practically all the gold and silver values. Low mining costs, and the fact that these ores are largely self-fluxing, admit of economical smelting, and the fact that the ores are self-fluxing enables the smelter treatment of a large tonnage per furnace.

The Granby Co. has demonstrated, without question, that copper mining on the Boundary is a very profitable operation, even on a low copper market. It is figured that even with copper selling at 13 cents per pound (a price not likely for some time to come) there is a profit of at least \$1 per ton in treating these ores.

The Dominion Copper Co. has been in operation under the present management for nine months, but we have our mines well developed, with ore blocked out for more than ten years at the rate of 1300 tons per day, a good smelting plant which we are now materially enlarging, and \$750,000 cash available for the treasury.

"I am now in New York examining our new furnace, which will be shipped to the Boundary this week. With this new furnace our output will be increased 700 tons per day, which will give us a total capacity of 1300 tons per day, or an absolute average of 1200 tons allowing for shut downs.

"This new furnace will be the largest that has been shipped into the Boundary country, being 255 inches by 46 inches, with a depth of 15 feet between floors. It is equipped with the Giroux hot top blast and will be fed automatically by side dump cars. This furnace will effect a saving in labor and fuel of about \$100 per day, which is a matter of \$36,000 per year, or one-third of a cent per pound on our proposed increased output.

"With our new furnace we should be able to produce from 8,000,000 to 8,500,000 pounds of copper per annum.

"At present, the smelter and mines are being operated by steam power. We will shortly be operating entirely with electric power, at a saving in power costs of about \$100,000 per annum.

"With the installation of our new furnace we expect to produce copper at a cost of not over 8 cents per pound, f. o. b. Boundary.

"We do not intend, however, to be satisfied with a production of 8,500,000 pounds of copper per annum. Our mines are capable of production the equal of any company in the Boundary, and as we have recently purchased additional property at our smelter site, there is every reason to anticipate that our capacity will be still further increased."

Mr. H. F. Evans made a reconnaissance trip through the hills last week for several days, geologizing, and ran across numerous prospect holes from which an idea of the formation might be obtained. He spent a while looking over the Oregon which proved an interesting study. Mr. Evans does not share the general prejudice against bornite, and was very much interested in the occurrence of bornite to be found on that property.

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BOUNDARY REMINISCENCES.

Calendar for October 1906 showing days of the week and moon phases.

Three were claimants for public favor with other stock propositions on Red Mountain; but among his more modest flotations was one called Old Ironsides which was not pushed forward because in those days Boundary Creek was not yet a name to conjure by...

tent of the whole huge folly. Apart from the fact that the day for bonussing a transcontinental road was past, as has since been amply proven by the willingness of J. J. Hill to give us another transcontinental road all at his own expense...

The Gazette was a little in error, last week, in saying that J. A. Macdonald, leader of Opposition at Victoria had voted in 1905 against the bill for an eight-hour day for smelters.

NOTICE

Provincial Assayers' Examination. PERSONS intending to offer themselves at the examination to be held this fall for Provincial Assayers, are requested to notify the undersigned...

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of pasture land...

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres, more or less, of pasture land situated as follows:

NOTICE

SIXTY DAYS AFTER DATE, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 100 acres of pasture land in the Similkameen Division of Yale District...

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will at the next meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for the Nicola Licensing District, apply for a transfer of the hotel licence granted in respect of the Hotel Jackson, situate on lot 8, block 4, town-site of Princeton, B. C...

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described agricultural and pasture land containing ten acres, more or less...

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the east side of Okanagan Lake B. C. Commencing at the south east corner post of M. L. Crichton's purchase land...

NOTICE

SIXTY DAYS from date hereof I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for pasture purposes the unoccupied parts of Sec. 35 & 36, Tp. 23 Similkameen Dist. containing 720 acres more or less.

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NOTICE. SIXTY DAYS after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated in the Similkameen District...

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NOTICE. P. S. Mineral Claim, situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: Camp Hedley.

NOTICE. TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles de Blois Green, Free Miner's Certificate No. B5623, for myself, and as agent for J. Cory, Free Miner's Certificate No. B5624, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements...

Town and District.

Manuel Barcello, of Keremeos, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. H. J. Duffy has the Gazette's thanks for a fine mess of mountain trout caught by him in Twenty-mile.

Mr. Jas. Clarke, jeweller, went out on Monday, on a business trip to the coast and also to take in the Westminster Fair.

Mr. J. S. Gordon, school inspector, was in town yesterday making an official visit and found that educationally this camp assays away up.

There may have been some weather on the hill last week but it was not available for publication, and consequently that part of the meteorological is lacking in this issue.

News has come to hand that a portion of the V. V. & E. grade on Mver's Creek had slid out, but with the ballasting crews on hand very little delay would be experienced in consequence.

Sid Menning, who has been amalgamator in the Daly Reduction Co's stamp mill for the past year, tendered his resignation about a month ago and quit work on Thursday last, going out on Friday morning's stage.

Mr. C. A. Brown, who has been in charge of the vanners at the Daly Reduction Co's stamp mill, moved his family and effects out on Wednesday. Mr. Brown was a capable workman and a good citizen and the departure of him and his estimable wife is to be regretted.

On Friday afternoon last, smoke was noticed issuing from the rear of Mrs. Greenhill's house. The central telephone was advised to spread the alarm, and soon the mill whistle added its voice which brought a good sized crowd around. The fire was in a hen coop about 20 feet in rear of the house and had the wind been unfavorable, the house would have been in danger. The crowd that had gathered pushed in the burning walls and used pails in drowning out the fire.

Mr. F. J. Forbes of Montreal, manufacturer, capitalist and financial investor, made a trip to Hedley on Saturday last in company with L. W. Shatford M. P. P., with whom he is associated in the Southern Okanagan Land Company of which Mr. Forbes is a director representing Montreal shareholders. Mr. Forbes is by no means new to British Columbia, having made several visits to the Okanagan some years ago. Like most other eastern investors, he took several flyers in B. C. mining stocks in the boom days when the woods were full of felines, but any little losses which he sustained in that way do not appear to have weighed heavily upon him, for he is rotund of person and jovial in address, and has made enough out of Nova Scotia coal to feel kindly with the world and with mining as well.

A notice sent by the general manager of the Daly Reduction Co. to all users of electric light, that after Nov. 1st the lights may be shut off, is arousing a storm that is very likely to prove that gentleman's undoing. Most users vow that if the lights are shut off in this peremptory manner, they will go out never to go in again. The price paid for lights was 50 per cent in excess of that charged in all other towns, and when users were paying this all summer when they had little or no use for it, the rank injustice of shutting it off at the time that they have use for the light, is something that they do not feel disposed to stand for. The question raises several little points that will now be looked into, and that it is better should be decided now than later on when a gratuitous privilege may become a vested right. "Let sleeping dogs lie" is a maxim that has evidently been overlooked when these notices were sent out.

On Friday evening last Dr. Whillans received a telegram from Mr. Hardwick, saying that his little girl, Evelyn whom all in Hedley knew as Patsy, had died that morning at Clo-ooos, Vancouver Island, of the illness which had been variously stated by doctors on the coast to be meningitis and also heat stroke. Little Patsy was a general favorite in Hedley and deep regret is felt here at the sad occurrence. Since the telegram was received a letter has come to hand, telling of the last illness and with a hurried postscript announcing her death. When she left the hospital in Victoria the doctors did not count on the sea voyage to Clo-ooose bringing on the trouble again, and when it did return in more violent form than before, the conditions made it impossible to get her back again to Victoria in time. Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick have the heartfelt sympathy of the town in this bereavement.

Mrs. Evans, of Toronto, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Crawford, in Hamilton, Ont., was in the C. P. R. train wreck at Azilda, near Sudbury, and received some bruises, but was not otherwise injured.

For the information of inquirer at Fairview, re killing of otter, and for readers of the Gazette generally, it appears that no order-in-council has been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor making a close season for otter for any term of years. The land otter and marten may still be trapped or taken each year between the first of November and the 31st of March, inclusive. There have been, in all, some six orders-in-council issued by the Lieutenant-Governor at different times affecting the Game Protection Act of 1898 and amending acts, and they cover elk, beaver, moose, mountain sheep and black game or capercaulzie. The Indians are subject to all these game laws as well as whites, the only exception being made is that of Indians living north of the junction of the Blackwater and the Fraser, against whom the close season for beaver specified in the order-in-council published in the B. C. Gazette of 2nd February, 1904, does not apply; and those Indians shall not be allowed to trap, kill or take beaver during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October of each year.

Mr. W. A. Marsh, of Quebec, president of the Kingston Mining Co., paid Hedley a visit this week. He came in on Saturday's stage with F. M. Wells, the local manager, who went out to Penticton to meet him, and on Sunday morning they started up to the mine. Mr. Marsh is head of W. A. Marsh & Co., a large shoe manufacturing concern of old Quebec, and he attended the Manufacturers' Convention in Vancouver. That he was delighted with his visit to the Similkameen goes without saying, and the Gazette has a pretty shrewd suspicion that he was in no wise disappointed with his visit to the Kingston, although he was not inclined to discuss it in detail, at least not as regards the immediate plan of campaign in working the property. The sight of the steam shovel working at Keremeos was particularly pleasing to him, and this in itself was a good indication that the work of development which is soon to begin on a moderate scale, will likely expand to much greater in a very short time, for in the Kingston group the owners have an excellent property.

The Gazette was delighted this week to receive a call from an old friend, Mr. Fred Billings, barrister, of Vernon, who came in on Saturday on a professional trip in connection with the Hedley Lumber Company's estate, and who went into matters thoroughly with the assignee and inspectors. It is fourteen years ago since Mr. Billings first came to the district and began the practice of law in Vernon; the writer remembers the time quite well. During those fourteen years he has prospered, and now has one of the best legal practices in the interior. Unlike many lawyers, his method has been to keep his clients out of costly litigation. It was a policy that was not always appreciated—at least not at the time, by a client who was full of fight—but it has won out in the long run, and even the most pugnacious have learned to see the wisdom of it, especially when his rights were secured to him all the same by sane and less costly methods. Mr. Billings' old penchant for pouring oil on troubled waters seems as strong as ever, and as a result things began to move more smoothly in the affairs of the lumber company until on Monday a settlement was reached with the loggers, who secured their pay and went on their way rejoicing. It is very funny that men will eye each other askance, with fur on end like a pair of suspicious emines, when if they would take the trouble to compare notes and each put himself in the other's place they might see that their interests, instead of being opposed, were really identical.

The Loggers are Paid.

The affairs of the Hedley Lumber Company have improved to the extent that the loggers have been paid off and the mill will start to-day. Now that value is being produced, the situation should improve right along. In addition to the liens of the river drivers, some of the mill men also got in on the loggers' liens under the amendment of 1905 to the "Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act." One mechanic's lien which was clearly within the requirements of the Mechanic's Lien Act, has also been paid off, while some others of the mechanic's liens are held in abeyance.

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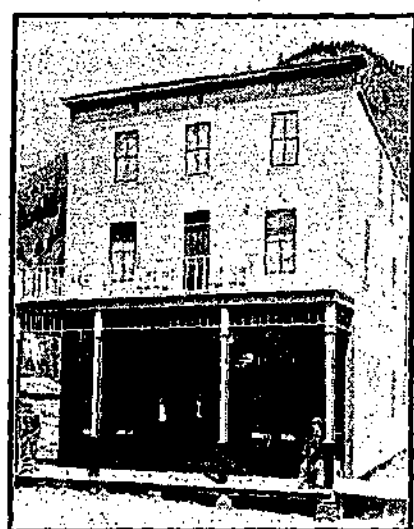
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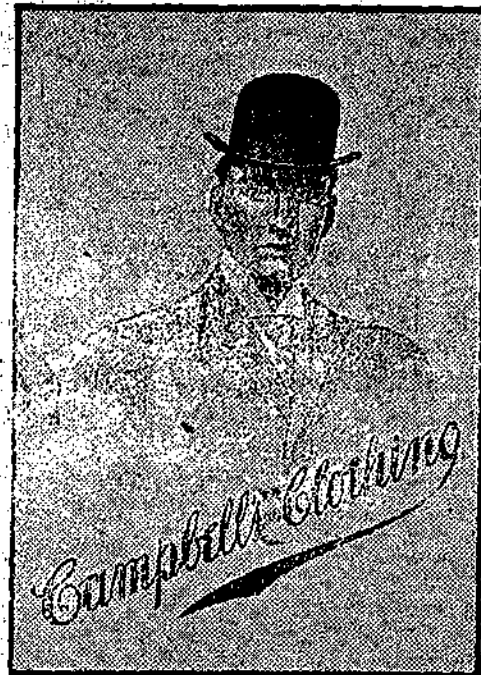
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