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FROM ALL QUARTERS.

THE REMEDIAL BILL WITHDRAWN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The Dominion Elections are in Sight—Dissolution Next Week—Tupper Will Form a New Cabinet Before Facing the Electors.

The Remedial Bill is a thing of the past. Exactly at 11:30 Wednesday night Sir Chas. Tupper rose in the House and announced that, owing to the early period when the life of Parliament expired and the fact that supply was needed, it was found necessary not to go further with the Bill for the present. He charged that the Bill not being passed was entirely due to the Opposition. He regretted that Mr. Dupont's amendment for a separate school grant of money to the minorities had not been discussed. Hon. Mr. Laurier replying said that two ministers of the Crown had disputed the right to make any such grant and therefore that was a good reason why Sir Chas. Tupper did not express an opinion on it. He denied that the Opposition had obstructed the Bill. They discussed it and moved an amendment to it, which was accepted by the Government. The Government should have brought the Bill down sooner if they wanted it passed this season.

It is now accepted that the House of Commons will prorogue Thursday next and dissolution will follow on Friday. The interval will be spent in completing government business and discussing the estimates. One of the first acts of Sir Charles Tupper after dissolution will be to reorganize the cabinet. It is generally accepted that Sir Mackenzie Bowell will resign the premiership. Lieut.-Gov. Chapleau, of Quebec, will probably become a colleague of Sir Charles as well as Hon. Mr. Pelletier, who is now a member of the Quebec Government.

News has been received of the death at Monterey, Mexico, of S. John Schultz, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. The interment will take place at Winnipeg. Sir John was knighted as K. C. M. G. by Her Majesty just previous to his retirement as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, M. P., died at Toronto, at 1:15 Wednesday morning. He suffered from cancer of the liver, and has been suffering for about five months.

The murderer Holmes has made a confession of a most horribly cold blooded character in which he confesses to twenty-seven murders. The details are given with a particularity that makes one shudder, yet he declares his crimes to be committed solely for the purpose of making money enough to educate his boy.

For the second time in a week Gen. Weyler has been burned in effigy at Key West, Florida. The first burning was participated in by only a few, but last night fully five thousand persons took part in offering insult to Weyler and Spain. The figure representing Weyler was wrapped in a Spanish flag and this so enraged the Spaniards here that a riot was feared. The Spanish consul is especially indignant because the local military company, composed of Americans, took part in the burning. He declares the affair to be a gross insult to Spain, and Minister de Lome will lay the matter before Secretary Olney.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE SOUDAN.

The London *Daily News* reports that 10,000 British troops are going to the Soudan in the Autumn.

The Rome correspondent of the *Times* declares that the Soudan question is developing into a question of the mastery of the whole of North Eastern Africa.

"Evidence accumulates," says this correspondent, "not strong enough to justify an ultimatum, but sufficing to convince any competent observer that France and Russia are beginning the work of organising the barbarous tribes of that immense mountain country in such a manner that some day a torrent of them may pour down on all the adjacent possessions of European nations."

An official despatch from Buluwayo, Matabeleland, says: It is impossible to estimate the numbers of the enemy. The whole country is now in the hands of rebellious natives. They are massing in great force northward. It will require a large force of troops to dislodge them.

A BABY FARMING HORROR.

London, April 14.—Mrs. Dyer, whose arrest in connection with the infanticide cases has been published abroad, attempted suicide in Reading gaol yesterday by tying her shoe laces around her neck, making them into the same knot and putting it under the left ear, precisely as in the case of each strangled infant found in the Thames. According to the latest rumors, perhaps 30 or 40 babies were murdered during the course of her business career in Reading. Slowly but surely the police are weaving a strong net around her. While constables are dragging the bed of the river, others work every close end of the threads. The baby clothes found in the house weigh nearly 300 pounds. A box has also been found which emits a horrible stench. It evidently had contained an infant's body. A brown paper in which one baby was wrapped has been identified by a railway clerk, who swears that it was the covering of a parcel delivered to the prisoner. Proof has also been obtained of one journey of Mrs. Dyer which began with a baby and a carpet bag, and which ended with the bag, minus the baby.

The *St. James Gazette* says that it is clearly time that somebody was waking up about this matter. It is not pleasant to think that wholesale child murder on a Herodian scale is going on right in our midst without public attention being called to it, or without the police apparently thinking it worth a special report.

A Laudable Institution.

A notice has been received announcing that a meeting of the British Columbia Miners Association will be held at Nelson on the 22nd inst. The business to be transacted is the election of permanent officers, and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws.

A draft of the organization, accompanying the notice, some of its salient clauses being as follows:

The objects of this Association shall be to protect, develop, and foster, the precious metal mining industry of the province of British Columbia in all its branches.

The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee consisting of one member elected from each of the mining divisions represented in the Association.

Any person holding an unexpired free miner's certificate is eligible to become a member of this Association by forwarding his name to the secretary thereof and paying an annual fee of dollars, and he will be furnished by the secretary with a certificate of membership.

Ten members of this Association in any mining division of the province may form a branch of this Association, and all business transacted by such branch associations shall be immediately reported to the secretary of this Association, so that correct records of membership and other business may be kept.

Branch associations shall retain per cent. of the membership fees collected, for the maintenance of such branch association, the remainder to be paid the secretary of this association; provided, however, that no branch association shall issue membership certificates other than the certificates issued by this association.

All interested in the advancement of the mining industry in British Columbia, and who can possibly attend, should be at Nelson on the 22nd. The advantages of an organization like this are incalculable, as it would be a powerful factor in protecting the industry from unwise legislation, and be useful, also, in compiling statistics and information which are now being lost.

Church Services To-morrow.

The regular services of the English church will be held in the schoolhouse to-morrow at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by Rev. F. Yolland.

Services will be held in the Methodist church by Rev. J. A. Wood to-morrow morning and evening at 11 and 7:30. Sunday school at 2:30.

S. B. Hendy, passenger on the Nakusp, is in town to-day. He says the travel on the boat is very small, and that the boat may get through to Trail May 1st.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Some Pungent Remarks Regarding Current Legislation.

Victoria, April 15.—When the Provincial Government brought down its supplementary estimates, it included "$50,000 for scagliola columns, tiles, drainage and furniture." It is not necessary to say that this applies to the parliament buildings in Victoria. These buildings were authorized in 1893, a year of disaster everywhere, and the estimated cost placed at $600,000. The buildings are not nearly complete yet and totally without furniture, so that this sum of $50,000 is but a foretaste of the many similar sums that we may expect to hear applied for before the structure is complete. It was a piece of unjustifiable folly and thoroughly unstatesmanlike to build such a pile in a small province like this, and the many sections, now contributing more than any others per head of population, must bear the brunt and expense of it in the shape of mineral taxes. There are also the sums of $34,272 for defalcations, and $18,001 to the Nakusp & Slocan R'y., which are due to gross mismanagement of public affairs. All these items represent an increase of taxation that is already heavily borne.

The House, on Mr. Semlin's motion, almost unanimously voted that the Government had acted in the best interests of the country by refusing to accept the proposal of the British Pacific promoters. The only dissentients were Messrs. Braden, Helmcken, Kitchen and Walkem. The people of the province have reason to congratulate themselves that this measure meets with such general disapproval in the House, and it is to be hoped that we have heard the last of it.

The Mineral Act is again occupying the attention of the Provincial Parliament, and this time will receive the addition of some very useful clauses for the protection of mining properties from jumpers. Sub Section C of Section 18 provides that no mineral claim shall be recorded without an affidavit that it is unoccupied by any other person as a mineral claim. This will prevent trouble to occupiers as the recorder will exercise his powers and refuse to record any claim already taken. Section 28, which is a new one altogether, is also framed to discountenance claim jumping. It reads to the effect that no irregularity previous to the record of last certificate of work shall affect the title thereto. Other amendments offered compel co-owners to share in the expense of assessments performed by one of the owners, or, upon notice, to lose their title which shall revert to the one who performed the work. All these amendments are timely and will do much to make the mining laws of B. C. attain a still higher position of respect in all who work under them, by giving them a security of tenure. At the same time the jumper should not altogether be denounced as he is a voluntary policeman who protects the government itself from fraud by designing speculators, who hold numberless claims from year to year without doing anything upon them, except relocation. The number of claims held by one man should be limited and relocation of claims disallowed.

The Hon. Mr. Turner expressed a wish on Wednesday afternoon that the only remaining measure before the House, the Land Sales Bill, would be passed in one day and allow the House to prorogue Friday.

The opposition will probably not allow the Land Sales Bill clauses to pass this easily and without discussion. At any rate, the House will not remain in session much longer, and Saturday or Monday possibly will see the last of it.

Victoria, April 17 (Special).—The business of the House concluded yesterday and it prorogued to-day. Several amendments offered by the Opposition to the Land Sales Bill were accepted by the Government. The most notable amendment was one excluding all timber lands from sale.

Thomson's Landing Locals.

Andy Craig and Ed. Hillman have secured lots and are erecting a large livery stable at Thomson's Landing. Several other buildings are in contemplation.

The N. E. Arm is open to Whiskey Point and it is expected that steamers will come to Thomson's in a few days.

Monheim Bros. have their new boat launched and will bring her out for machinery to Arrowhead when weather permits. She is to be christened the "Lardeau."

The snow has disappeared off the townsite, and it feels good to be on dry ground again. The road is very soft on the summit between Thomson's and Trout Lake, and teaming is discontinued.

There are two carloads of Silver Cup ore here which probably will be shipped next week.

DISAPPOINTED HOPES.

Dominion Estimates Make no Provision for Columbia River Canyon.

On April 10th the supplementary estimates of the Dominion House were brought down, but they contained no mention of any appropriation for the removal of certain rocks, which are a menace to even small boats, in the Columbia River canyon. The only Kootenay item is one of $1,000 for the Kootenay Rapids, where much money has already been spent.

The disappointment felt here by many, on the absence of any grant for the upper river, is not expressed without good foundation. When Mr. Mara, the present M.P. for Yale-Kootenay, was going through to Ottawa he was approached by a committee of the Revelstoke Board of Trade who asked him to get an appropriation for the removal of these rocks, and based their argument on the report of Dominion Engineer Gamble, which recommended the sum of $2,000 for this purpose. Mr. Mara received the committee pleasantly and thought there would be no difficulty in getting such a modest sum.

Some little time after this a letter (dated Feb. 28th) was received from Mr. Mara saying that he had applied for $2,000 to be appropriated in the supplementary estimates, as per the request of the Board. This letter was thankfully acknowledged, and it was urged that, if possible, the grant should be made available at once, as at low water was the proper time to effect the improvement. Everyone concerned in the getting of this little grant of $2,000 fully expected that, if it could not be given before the estimates were published, in them, at least, it would be allowed and from the circumstances of the case as explained, they had every reason to think so.

This northern section is of great importance to the country, sadly needing some governmental assistance in opening up, and it would be quite proper and reasonable that some memorial should be forwarded to Ottawa, without delay expressing disappointment that the appropriation was not granted.

Hydraulic operations are just commencing in the Big Bend, the advent of the first company is elsewhere noted, and it is generally expected that others will follow. The trade of these companies is most valuable to Revelstoke, and access to the placers should be made easy, therefore there are good grounds to require the Dominion Government to do something to improve navigation.

NORTH KOOTENAY MINING FLOAT.

BIG BEND.

Horne's boats were successfully launched Monday last and hauled above the bridge. They are being loaded up this week with the hydraulic machinery and will start on their trip Monday next. The round trip will take 11 days to accomplish and require 30 men. Prof. Nason will accompany the expedition.

Henry Howard and partners, who have been building flumes on their property, the Big Hole, on Gold Stream, report that on a three days run they cleared $100. They have now two big holes and 315 feet of fluming on their ground, and will probably make a good clean-up this year as their ground is well on bed rock.

The Last Chance, on McCulloch Creek, has shut down for lack of water but will start up again in about two weeks. They have brought up a pump from the Little Falls claim and will shortly sink on their ground.

ILECILLEWAET.

Transfers are recorded upon the Nelo, Donald and Walter Scott mineral claims.

Twenty men are at work on the Lanark, Maple Leaf and Isabella tunnels.

From Down River Points.

Iron Mask stock jumped 20c. this week.

The Lucy, at Ainsworth, is to be developed.

The new ferry boat at Trail is a pronounced success.

P. Genelle's sawmill is now running full blast at Nakusp.

The White Grouse Mountain claims will be worked this year.

The Le Roi mine is about to put in a new 40-drill compressor plant.

On the Highlander, at Ainsworth, the tunnel is now in about 60 feet.

Work has been commenced on the Hustler Fraction near Three Forks.

Porter Bros. and Pete Larson made a large payment on the Black Fox last week.

Several prospectors have gone into the country near the Needles on Arrow Lake.

Several claims have recently been staked on Crawford Bay. On the White Star is said to be a ledge 25 feet wide containing silver and copper.

The Bank of Montreal is going to erect a two storey building at Rossland.

About 125 tons of ore is now being shipped every week from the Skyline to Pilot Bay.

The Georgia claim, at Rossland, has been bonded for $25,000 to a Victoria syndicate.

A car load of ore is ready for shipping at the Howard Fraction, located on Lemon Creek.

Work has again been started on the Promestora on Caribou Creek, and it looks better every day.

A daily train service is proposed between Spokane and Nelson. It will go into effect May 1st.

The International Trading and Navigation Co., of which Mr. Alexander is president, will begin building a boat at Kaslo this week.

The shipments of ore bullion and matte from West Kootenay, from January of this year to date are 9,636 tons valued at $1,016,583.

The War Eagle Co. has paid another dividend of $25,000, being 5c. per share on $500,000. This is the fourth dividend paid by the War Eagle.

Capt. N. D. Moore has resigned the management of the Three Forks concentrator, and is succeeded by J. D. Farrell, late of the Great Northern R'y.

The Rossland *Miner* assures its readers that two new smelters will be built in the district in the near future. One may be at Robson or Nakusp, or the C. P. R. branch, and the other at Northport on the Spokane & Northern Railway.

Their Kick was Effective.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

SIR,—As school matters have been brought before the public in recent issues of your paper, I should like to advise you of what has been accomplished by our communications with the Department of Education. I have to-day received word from the Minister of Education that the salary to be paid the teacher at Revelstoke will be $70 per month instead of $53.50 as printed in the estimates.

We had hoped to get an assistant teacher, but that is a concession we look for in the near future. If the parents do their duty and enforce regular attendance by their children we shall have such an average that we feel sure the Department of Education will give us what we ask. Yours truly,

W. J. LEE,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Revelstoke, April 15th.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Things Seen, Said and Done in Local Railway Circles.

There is a general cause of complaint amongst local merchants and others, that the freight shed here is not only too small, but unsuitably situated. This is one of the heaviest freight points in the Company's Pacific section and deserves more attention. It should be at least five times larger than it is, and be removed to the flat near the water tank.

An exchange says: "Nelson, B.C., has been made the head offices for all the Canadian Pacific branch lines in Kootenay, so as to more readily effect settlements between the railway company and the Columbia and Kootenay steam navigation company.

Engine 493, with Engineer Clutterbuck and Fireman N. Glen, left Wednesday morning for Donald. She has been here all winter on snow service and got through Monday. It is hoped she will be close around here all summer on work trains, for the sake of Fred and poor Hubby.

The Goat (No. 153) is around again and looks as gay in her new coat of paint as a shop girl of New York. It is a pleasure to again see Fred Mesley on the left with Jimmie Foster handling the throttle.

On Thursday, a new first-class coach (No. 62) arrived for the Arrow Lake branch service. It was very much needed. A baggage car should now be added.

Two tons of baggage, seven cars of freight, 50 passengers, and 30 sacks of mail leave on an average thrice a week for South Kootenay points.

A broken rail between Craigellachie and Sicamous was discovered Friday morning and promptly reported.

Yardman Obyrne, who has been laid up for a few days with a bad cold, is on duty again.

When the McKenzie Concert Co. was here, three railway boys desired to take two lady friends, but found to their consternation that the exchequer would only carry three. As gentle gallants should, they cast lots, and one Romeo took the two fair Juliets. Barkeman made a mistake, evidently, in saying the days of chivalry are gone.

A large number of the local C. P. R. officials, including L. T. Brewster, T. Kilpatrick, R. Lake and W. F. Cragie; also, C. H. Temple and wife, and D. Alton and wife left here Friday morning to attend the Masonic Ball at Donald.

Engineer Burton, of the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake Branch, is moving into Thos. Kilpatrick's new house this week.

FIRST IN THE FIELD.

AN ENTERPRISE THAT DESERVES TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

The Inception of Hydraulic Mining in the Big Bend by a Foreign Company—A Complete Plant to be Installed at Once.

When in the early sixties placer miners unearthed hundreds of thousands of dollars in gold in the streams of the Big Bend, they disclosed also the fact that much more was there that they could not touch.

In these early days appliances for mining were rude and could save gold only from the shallowest diggings. Centres of trade were then far away from the scene of their exploits, and journeys entailed much hardship and expense. Consequently, though gold was found, it was but a modicum of what remains, and now that railways and towns are near the diggings more permanent effort is and can be made to wrest the yellow metal from its home. Ingenuity, too, has perfected machinery which will recover gold that otherwise would be lost to man and will now replace the rocker and the pan.

To the Columbia Hydraulic Mining Co., organized in Illinois, with a capital of $100,000 in 10,000 shares of $10 each, is due the credit of the first attempt to try hydraulic mining in the Big Bend. This company have two leases covering 250 acres of ground in an angle between Smith Creek and the Columbia River on the north side of Smith Creek. This ground consists of gravel banks, about 40 feet high where the workings are at present and rising to 80 feet behind. There are some boulders on the ground, but of such size that 75 per cent. will pass through the sluices. This ground has been worked for some time by ground-sluicing and thoroughly tested by Prof. Nason, the company's representative here, upon whose recommendation the company have now decided to install a complete hydraulic mining plant, all the material for which has now arrived and will be carried up to the grounds (60 miles from here) in three boats built for the purpose by Tom Horne.

For the purpose of working this ground this year, water, under a total head of 185 feet, or, allowing for friction, 150 feet, will be drawn from Smith Creek, from which the company have a water right of 3,000 inches. The total distance from Smith Creek to the diggings is 6,570 feet, of which 3,260 will be a flume or ditch; then a pipe-box will be put in and the water piped to the place of operations in steel pipes. For the first 100 feet a 24 inch pipe, 16 B gauge, will be used; then 500 feet of 20 inch pipe; 600 feet, 18 inch, 16 gauge; 600 feet, 18 inch, 15 gauge; 600 feet, 16 inch, 15 gauge; 600 feet, 16 inch, 14 gauge; 600 feet, 12 inch, 12 gauge. In all, the company have 3,800 feet of pipe, leaving 200 feet for necessary repairs. This pipe line will then be connected with two of Fisher's double jointed, ball socket jointed giants, with an inlet each of 9 inches and an outlet of 7 inches. The spouts of the giants are 8 feet long from inlet to nozzle and are rifled to prevent rotation. The stream of water turned on will issue from the nozzle at a speed of 100 feet per second, and the 4 inch nozzle—the smaller of the two—will deliver about 300 or 400 miner's inches of water per second. This enormous force of water will not be long in reducing the gravel banks and proving their wealth.

To put the plant in shape for working will require the labor of 20 men for about two months, after which 10 or 12 men will be steadily employed. Prof. Nason expects that it will be June before water can be turned on and, if the season is favorable, work will be kept going till November or December.

As may be judged by the description of the plant, it is of a complete character which, when installed, will have cost about $15,000. It is a large enterprise, the first in this section, and deserving of the success which it is expected it will find in the golden gravels of the Big Bend. It also deserves some encouragement from the country by a cancellation of the duty, and an effort has already been made to have it removed.

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REVELSTOKE, APRIL 18, 1896.

As shown in another column the Dominion supplementary estimates have been brought down and contain no appropriation for the removal of the rocks from the Columbia River canyon above the town. The people of Revelstoke, through their Board of Trade, had every reason to expect that this small appropriation, based on the estimate of the government's own engineer, Mr. Gamble, would be considered favorably. Even Mr. Mara expressed the opinion, when here, that there would be "no difficulty" in obtaining it.

Mr. Gamble said in his report that the Columbia River north of the railway is again attracting the attention of miners and it needs only cheaper transportation to increase the output of the mines, both gold and silver, now being developed in that section. He further adds that the continued improvement, wherever possible, of the Columbia River above Revelstoke is a matter of *federal* importance. Evidently the Ottawa Government does not think so, but consider the Kootenay Rapids, for which $1,000 was appropriated, a matter of greater federal importance. So important indeed has the Dominion Government thought the Columbia River between Kootenay Rapids and the boundary line that the Minister of Public Works reports since '91 to date contain appropriations for it of no less than $19,651.43. And what do the reports contain for the upper Columbia, which is of such *federal* importance? Nothing! When Mr. Mara applied for the paltry $2,000 for the river here, he probably did also for the rapids appropriation, but his efforts on our behalf—and we can imagine how he struggled—were completely futile. Yet, for the rapids, so impressed are the law makers and dispensers of favors with its federal importance that Mr. Mara experienced no difficulty in getting that.

It is about time this farce ended. For a long time the people of Revelstoke and the Big Bend have asked and prayed for the opening of the river above town but nothing has been done. Will anything be done? It is yet time to do something to improve the river if the money was put right down, and we trust for the sake of the great placer and mineral interests north of here that something may yet be apportioned for it.

If it is true, as gathered from the speech of Mr. Semlin in opposition to the land grant to the Columbia & Western Ry., that they are to have 20,000 acres per mile to be taken up wherever they please and free from taxation for 10 years, it is an outrage upon the people of the entire province. Under these provisos the railway company could come up to this part of Kootenay, or anywhere else, and pick up every available piece of land that was to be had. This is most unfair, as the lands of this section and there are thousands of acres to the north of us should, if given as a railroad bonus at all, be reserved for a company that will open up this great northern section and to no one else.

This Columbia & Western company have been throwing dust in the eyes of the people since they first applied for a charter, and there is a suspicion that their peculiar methods of lobbying have been successful at Victoria. When they first applied for a charter they wanted nothing but the right to build; then a land grant in blocks fronting on the railway; now the privilege is asked to choose the land wherever they may find it. There is surely something rotten in legislative circles if the facts are as stated.

The following extract from an Old Country paper—not the *Times*, but an ordinary provincial paper, proves that at last our right to be considered as a mineral country is admitted. It seems likely that before long Canada will be a serious competitor for the production of the world's gold supply. From the comparative abundance of food and water, the chief causes of expense in the working of mines in South Africa and Australia, are removed, and though it is not pretended that the veins are richer than in other gold producing countries, they are still to be more permanent. Heretofore Englishmen could not be got to think that gold existed anywhere but in places haunted by savages and wild beasts, fevers, droughts or other hardships. It was almost necessary to have an element of adventure present to make the search of gold possible to Englishmen. They would rather, it seems, hunt for gold in miserable little Venezuela and stir up strife over its boundaries; or fight one Matabele and check the Boers, than look for the precious metal in prosaic old Canada. Our time has come, or is coming now, and if we are careful and honest in our dealings this and the next few following years will see much British money invested here. Already rumors are afloat, and on pretty good authority, that this very summer will see several important investments made not very far from here.

The *Colonist* in defending the new Land Sales Act of the Provincial Government says that, from the dawn of history land has been bought and sold, and the indications are that it will to the end of time, in spite of the theorists, be bought and sold.

This is rather strained logic used only to support the government and not to support facts. In Australia and New Zealand lands are now being bought in by the governments for lease to individuals on easy terms, but no title to government lands so purchased will be given. The wild land speculator has been the curse of these colonies. Even nearer, in England itself, we find the Chief Secretary for Ireland bringing in a land bill to reinstate occupying tenants as owners of their lands. For many years these tenants will be lessees of the British government, though eventually they will become owners. The necessity for the government's buying the land to give these farmers was occasioned by the acquisition of large areas by conquest or purchase in early days.

Under the new provincial law those who wish to speculate in land can purchase what they will, but the settler can, if poor, only take up a small share of the public domain. The question really is should the government hold what public lands it now has for the benefit of settlers or try and sell it off at once at public sale. All modern thought says "hold it," the government's necessity says "sell it," and so sold it shall be.

A despatch from Ottawa says that the privilege of the free admission of mining machinery expires May 16th, and that Mr. Mara will stay there to see the renewal granted. It is to be hoped this is not merely an election scheme to give Mr. Mara prestige with his constituents when he appears before them, but represents a sincere desire on his part to do justice to the mining industry. It would be still better if the duty were entirely removed, as it would materially assist in developing the country.

Your Watch is a Wonder.

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Examination for Certificate in Assaying.

BUREAU OF MINES,
Victoria, B.C., 8th April, 1896.

ON HAVING LEARNED that many who desire to obtain the above Certificate do not feel sufficiently prepared for the examination, it was proposed to hold here during the last week of this month, the Hon. the Minister of Mines has decided to postpone said examination until the autumn, when it may be held at two or three places in the Province, for the better convenience of the candidates; due notice to be given of the time, places, and examiners appointed by the Minister.

An excellent book on assaying, embracing most of the best and latest methods for all the metals required for this examination, Furman's "Manual of Practical Assaying," $3.00, John Wiley & Sons, New York, is strongly recommended.

WILLIAM A. CARLYLE,
51-2t *Provincial Mineralogist.*

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*Special Assizes. 51-9t

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, A.D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.
Revelstoke, March 27th, 1895. 49-6t

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days from date I intend applying to the Chief Commissioner Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated in Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay District:

Commencing at a stake one-quarter of a mile east from north-west post of Lardeau Townsite Company's property, thence east one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, containing 640 acres.

Also commencing at 6 Mile Post on creek bank, thence north 1 mile, thence west 1 mile, thence south 1 mile, thence east 1 mile, containing 640 acres.

Also commencing midway between 8 and 9 Mile Posts on creek bank, thence north 1 mile, thence west 1 mile, thence south 1 mile, thence east 1 mile, containing 120 acres. In all 1,920 acres.

A. J. SCOTT.
Vancouver, B.C., April 6, 1896. 51-4t

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days after date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing at a stake on creek at foot of rapids, below One Mile Bridge, thence north one mile, thence west ½ of a mile, thence south one mile, thence east ½ of a mile, containing 160 acres.

Also commencing at cabin, 11 Mile Post, thence north 1 mile along river, thence west 1 mile, thence south 1 mile, thence east 1 mile, containing 160 acres. In all 320 acres.

KATE SCOTT.
Vancouver, B.C., April 6th, 1896. 51-4t

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Commencing at east bank of Fish Creek, 1 mile south of Dry Creek, thence north 1 mile, thence east 1 mile, thence north 1 mile, thence west 1 mile, thence south 1 mile, thence east 1 mile, containing 640 acres.

Also commencing 1 mile south of Seven Mile Post, thence north along river bank and five-eighths of a mile, thence west five-eighths of a mile, thence south ½ of a mile, thence east ½ of a mile, containing 160 acres. In all 800 acres.

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Gentleman George.

A STORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH, FROM CHAMBERS'S.

"Gentleman George" is over the border, sergeant.'

'You don't say so, sir!'

'It's a fact. The chance you have been waiting for is come at last. He stuck up the bank at Rosewood, and put a bullet through the manager's head. You knew that?

Yes, sir. 'Twas his first murder, I believe.

Yes, his hands were clean of blood up till then; but they all come to it some time if they are out long enough.—How long has Cardale been out? Cardale was the almost forgotten surname by which 'Gentleman George' had been known in days gone by.

Three years, sir, I replied. Three years, good measure.

Ah! well, it is time he was stopped. I suppose he finds Victoria a trifle too hot for him after this rumpus, so he has crossed over to us for a while.

Is your information reliable, sir?

Quite. Foster saw him at Billabong yesterday, and wired.

Foster! Why didn't he take him, then?

The Chief smiled. As well ask the bird why it did not catch the cat. No, no; there is only one man on our side I expect can do that.' And he looked at me and laughed.

Meaning me, sir?

Meaning you, Sergeant Sparks.

I'm sure I'm much obliged, sir.

Well, then, see that you justify my good opinion.—But you have a wily customer to deal with, Sergeant. Three years out, by Jove! And those Melbourne side troopers are no fools.

I expect I've got my work cut out, sir.

I imagine you have.—Now then, off with you at once; get the latest description of the fellow from Foster, and follow him up. It will be five hundred pounds in your pocket if you take him.—And mind, added the Chief impressively after a pause, mind it is dead or alive. Report to me on your return.

I saluted, and withdrew, and ten minutes later was galloping in the direction of Billabong.

Five hundred pounds! It was a big reward; but I tell the honest truth when I say that just then I thought more of the honour and glory of getting the man than the money. And now I was actually out after him. No wonder I felt a trifle more excited than usual. If I could manage to nab him at the first try, what a feather that would be in the cap of the New South Wales police!

At Billabong I found Foster—in plain clothes. Why, what's up? Where's your uniform? I asked him. Foster grinned uneasily. 'Ask George,' he said.

I will that, I answered, if ever I come up with him. Do you mean to say he's got it?

He has so, replied Foster ruefully; and my horse and saddle into the bargain.

I roared, laughing. Well, I'm blest, if that doesn't beat cock-fighting, I cried. Got your horse too. But where is his mare?

How should I know? Got a bullet in her somewhere, very likely. Anyhow, he was riding a story beast enough.

Tell us all about it, I said.

Well, began Foster gloomily—for he was very sensitive to chaff, and this was not the first mistake he had made by a long way—I was over to Rogers's about those sheep he lost last week—this I knew to be Foster's euphemism for taking a drink; but I did not interrupt him. My horse was hung up outside; he went on, and we were talking away, when, all of a sudden, in walks George as cool as you please. "Keep your seats, gentlemen," says he, laying a six-shooter on the counter; "keep your seats, or there'll be trouble." We kept 'em.

What! Were you not armed?

No. Why? All was quiet our way. I had no notion George was over the border till he dropped in on us.

It is always well to be prepared for surprises, I said. Well?

Well, I recognized him at once, for I lived down his way before he took to the bush. Presently he stared at me. "Why, it's Foster," says he. "Hullo, Foster!"—"Hullo, George!" says I. What's up?—"You're the right man in the wrong clothes," says he, mighty polite, "I'm sorry to inconvenience you, but I'll trouble you for your uniform. That's what I mean."

And you gave it to him?

What could I do? There was no use in swallowing lead for nothing.

What happened then?

He tucked the uniform under his arm, made Rogers give him a nobbler, which he drank off, filled his flask out of the bottle, and turned to the door.

And you let him go without a word?

Oh, I gave him words enough, you bet; but he only laughed; and when he got outside, he jumped on my horse, and says he: "I'll borrow your nag as well, Foster, as you are so pressing." And with that he rode off.

I laughed again. Well, he's a cool hand, I said. Which way did he go?

Northeast, in the direction of Forty Mile Creek, replied Foster; and pro-ceeded to give me a minute description of the bushranger.

Well, good-bye, old man, I said when he had finished; I'll bring back your uniform with George inside it, I hope. Meantime, I'd advise you not to talk too much "sheep" to Rogers or you may come to grief. So long!

A mighty smart trick that, I thought as I rode along. A trooper, riding through a bush township is no such uncommon sight. I expect I'll have some trouble to strike Master George's trail. If it had not been for a piece of superb insolence on his part and a fortunate accident on mine, I might very well have missed him altogether.

It was about one o'clock, one afternoon that I rode up to the homestead on Toombarra, the owner of which station, Mr. Ingram, or 'the Squire,' as he was usually styled, I knew very well. I came in by the back way, and was riding towards the stables, when I noticed a horse hung up to a post by one of the outhouses. I glanced carelessly towards it as I went by; and then, as my eye took in the details, I jumped hastily out of the saddle, and hitching my horse to a sapling, ran hard across the intervening ground. My heart thumped against my ribs from excitement as I saw that my impression had been correct. The strange horse carried a regulation saddle and bridle, and bore the government brand! Gently, I said to myself. It won't do to jump at conclusions; this may not be Foster's horse after all. Then I examined the holsters. One was empty, but from the other I drew out a revolver—not regulation. I breathed more freely. That's better, I muttered; he's got the other on him for a certainty. I'll make sure of this one at anyrate; and I drew the cartridges and slipped the weapon back into its case. Then I went swiftly round to the front of the house and, sheltering myself behind the creepers which grew thickly over the veranda posts, peered cautiously into the dining-room through the open window. They were all there, the Squire, his wife and daughter, and a young son home for the holidays. But there was some one else, a strapping fellow in police uniform, whose features, as he sat with his back to the window, I could not make out. I don't know him from this sing, I said to myself; but he seems to be on capital terms with the Squire. What if I have made a mistake? And then I remembered the pistol in the holster, and was comforted.

Making my way round to the back again, I entered without ceremony, and going noiselessly along the passage, paused for a moment at the dining-room door. There I halted and looked in, and, in the rapid glance I shot at the handsome trooper who was evidently the life and soul of the party, I recognised, by certain peculiarities of feature which Foster had described to me, the man I was after, the redoubtable George himself. I took in the situation in an instant. By jingo, I grinned to myself, isn't he a daisy! What magnificent cheek!

Just then—of course it happened in much less time than it takes to tell—the Squire saw me, and jumped up with a loud outcry. 'Sergeant Sparks!' he roared, upsetting his chair in the fervour of his hospitable greeting. 'Bravo! are there any more of you? We'll have the whole force here presently. Come and have some dinner. That's right.' And he pushed me into a chair opposite the stranger, whose behaviour ever since my entrance I had carefully watched out of the corner of my eye. I must say it was remarkable. His face never changed at all, only I noticed that, as the Squire called out my name, his hand dropped from the level of the table to his belt. That was all; otherwise he sat perfectly still; and then, seeing that I took no manner of notice of him, he resumed his dinner and nodded pleasantly as the Squire, good easy man, with no notion of treason, plots, and stratagems, introduced us to one another.

You won't know Merton, I expect, Sergeant, he said. He's from the Melbourne side on special duty.

Now, bluff is a game that two can play at, and, besides, I didn't want bullets flying round the room while the ladies were in it, so I answered quietly: Indeed. Secret service?

Oh, dear no! not at all. I'm out after "Gentleman George," who skipped from our side after that shooting affair at Rosewood lately.

I wasn't ready for that, I confess; but I managed to keep a straight face as I replied: Are you really! Then we can look him up together, for I am out after him too.

Gad! said the Squire, he shouldn't get very far with two such chaps as you after him.

Ah, said my opposite neighbour, I've heard of the prowess of Sergeant Sparks. Who hasn't? I think we ought to be sure of our man. Two hundred and fifty apiece, Sergeant, eh? And he looked at me and laughed.

Yes, I admitted carelessly, if we get him. But I don't seem to hear the money jingling in my pockets yet, anyway. Do you know George by sight? I continued, not looking at him, as I poured out a glass of claret.

Ra-ther, he returned, laughing again. Do you?

Unfortunately, no, I answered. I've only a somewhat imperfect description to go upon. However, with your help——

And your own well-known cleverness, he complimented.

Thanks, I said, smiling in a pleased fashion. Well, we shall see. Have you been here long? I added.

No; I rode up just about dinner-time, and Mr. Ingram insisted on my stopping. I bunked at Waratah last night.

Fatal error! I lowered my eyes that he might not see the triumph that shone in them. Waratah was a station some five-and-twenty miles away, and I had spent the previous night there myself. I was certain of him now; but it was no part of my plan to let him see it.

The conversation grew general again, and I will say a better table-companion than Merton I never met. He laughed and jested, told a score of excellent yarns, and certainly no one could have suspected that he sat there with a price upon his head, and within a foot or two of a man who was sworn to take him dead or alive. I must admit I admired the fellow, he was so cool.

Presently there came a lull in the flow of talk, and Merton rose from the table. What a remarkably handsome man he was, and what a splendid chest and shoulders! I was not by any means a chicken myself, but I felt if we came to grips he would have the best of me. Therefore, I determined not to give him the chance.

Excuse me, Mr. Ingram, he said; I'll just take a look at my horse, and be back again directly.

Do you think of going on at once? I queried.

Well, he returned, as I didn't know what might happen, I hung up my horse outside; but now that you have turned up I'll stable him for an hour or so while we discuss the best thing to do.

Right you are, I said; while to myself I added: Catch me letting you reach your horse, my fine fellow. Then I went on aloud: I'll take the saddle off my beast as well.

By this time he had reached the door, from which a long and narrow passage led to the back entrance. I let him get a little way before I rose, for I wanted him well in front of me, and then, after a hurried whisper to Mr. Ingram, Sit still, Squire, whatever happens, I bounded into the passage after my quarry. He had not suspected I saw through him, it was evident, so I was on him with the muzzle of my revolver pressed against the back of his neck before he had time to turn, even if it had occurred to him to do so. Throw up your hands! I cried in a low voice. Quick! or I'll drop you in your tracks.

He threw up his hands slowly. You are mad, he said. What do you mean?

I'll apologise afterwards if I'm wrong, I answered. Meantime, keep up your hands. As I spoke, I rapidly unclasped his belt, and threw it, with the revolver in it, as far behind me as I could. Now, I said, march straight on, and —— But the fight was not out of him by any means, though I had him at such a disadvantage. With extraordinary quickness, he ducked, and then, turning swiftly round, he struck upwards so fiercely at my right hand that my pistol exploded, the ball burying itself somewhere in the ceiling; while at the same moment I received a blow on the chest, delivered with such tremendous strength that I reeled right back into the dining-room.

The moment I got to my feet I rushed after George, who had of course made good his escape by the back door and gained his horse. By the time I got outside he was off, and I saw him sailing over the slip-rails like a bird.

So long, Sparks, old man, he shouted to me. You had a good try for it, but you won't collar the five hundred this bout.

Won't I? I yelled after him wrathfully, as I flung myself on my horse.—What's up? roared the Squire, rushing madly out.—Gentleman George, I howled back as I popped over the slip panels and raced away over the flat on the bushranger's track.

George knew all about riding, I soon saw, for, short as was the start he had got, he made the most of it. We kept the same distance between us for about ten miles, and then, though I knew the pace was too hot to last, yet George's horse was fresher than mine, and I saw that I was losing ground.

I must stop him, I muttered. If once he reaches the Long Scrub, he'll dismount and get clear away. So I shouted: Halt, George, or I'll fire. I don't know whether he heard me or not, for he kept straight on; so I let drive at him. It seemed to me that he swayed a little in his saddle, but I could not be certain, and only those who have tried it know how difficult a thing it is to hit a mark when one is going at racing pace. Presently he reached for his holster and drew out the revolver I had replaced. He saw in a moment what had been done, and flinging the weapon aside, he rode on for dear life.

And now the edge of the Long Scrub came in sight. I drove the spurs into my horse and sent him along for all he was worth. George heard my cries of encouragement, looked round once as a second bullet from my revolver whistled over his head, or buried itself in his body, I could not tell which; and with a yell of defiance, urged his horse into a yet more furious gallop.

Nearer and nearer we drew to the scrub, and the pace was tremendous. The strain was telling fearfully on both horses, and it was evident that neither of them had much more running left in him. Hurrah! I was gaining. But, oh, how slowly. It was a question of time, of endurance, and—ha! look at George! Was I blind with excitement, or was he reeling in his saddle? Nearer and nearer—five minutes more and he will be there. Three are gone—four—he is there! And then for one moment I seemed to see him sway from side to side—the next, I was hurled through the air like a bolt from a bow, as my horse, putting his foot in a treacherous hole, came headlong to the ground.

For some moments I lay there stunned; and then, struggling again into consciousness, I tried to rise. But it was no use; my left leg was broken, and I sank back with a groan. Fifty yards away, I saw George supporting himself on one elbow and looking at me.

Are you hit, George? I called out.

Yes, he answered; somewhere in the shoulder. I lost so much blood, I couldn't keep my seat. What's wrong with you?

Leg, I replied laconically. Surrender, George.

He laughed. What! To a man with a game leg? Not I. Besides, what for? You would nurse my wound well again, and then hang me. No, no; I know a trick worth two of that; and he began to crawl slowly and painfully towards a point somewhere to my right, not, to my surprise, in the direction of the scrub. I watched him for a moment or too as he dragged himself laboriously along.

Whatever can his game be? I wondered, as, screwing myself round with difficulty, I followed the direction of his intent gaze. I saw it all now! What a fool I had been not to think of it before! Plainly outlined against a tussock of grass by which it had fallen was my revolver, which had been jerked out of my hand as I fell. That was what George was making for.

I wasted no time in words, you may be sure; I wasn't going to lie there to be shot like a dog, and, cursing my own folly, I started to crawl towards the revolver on my own account. I had somewhat the best of it even now, for though George was a little nearer the tussock than I was, yet he was fearfully weak, and laboured painfully for breath. But, oh! it was torture for me. Lines of red-hot fire ran up and down my leg, and my very heart ached with the intensity of the pain. I glanced at George, and shuddered, for he was awful to behold. His right arm hung useless by his side; but with his left hand he clutched the grass, or dug his nails into the soil as he dragged himself along.

All at once, in the midst of that ghastly crawl, I heard the sound of hoofs far away. I never looked round, but I knew what it meant, and a thrill of hope shot through me.

Give it up, George, I cried, breathlessly. The Squire and his men are coming. You've no show, even if you do shoot me. Not a word said George, only he kept straight on. Nearer and nearer came the thunder of the galloping horses, and nearer and nearer we drew to that deadly revolver, as we laboured along, panting, gasping, groaning, gnashing. Nearer still, and my heart began to throb exultancy, as I realised I was the closer to the goal when all of a sudden I felt as if all the pain in the world had concentrated itself in my leg. I could not go on, and for one moment, at least, I had to lie still and that moment gave George the advantage, for, as I looked up again, he had reached the revolver. And in the very act he sank swooning to the ground. Another instant and it would have been in my grasp, when, with a dying effort, George writhed forward. Our hands met with a shock, but before I could seize his wrist, he snatched the revolver, and, with a gigantic heave, rolled over out of reach and lay still. Groaning with pain, I slewed myself round. The Squire and his men were not far away now, and coming on like demons. If I could only reach George before he revived!

On came the Squire, shouting like mad. In a moment we should be surrounded; in a moment the danger should be past. Hurrah! I tried to shout, but my parched throat refused its office, and the word died away in a cracked shriek. On thundered the Squire—a couple of hundred yards more—and—just then George stirred, heaved a long shuddering sigh, and sat bolt upright, the blood gushing from his mouth and nose, and the revolver tightly clasped in his hand.

I saw it was all up, and steadied myself, determined to meet my fate like a man. Behind me I heard the Squire. In front of me sat George, holding the revolver, and looking deathly as he swayed unsteadily to and fro.

Suddenly he spoke, roused by the shouts that were now almost in our ears. I'm done for, he gasped. If it were only you, I'd have a break for freedom; but there are too many. Look here, Sergeant, I was born a gentleman—I've come down a good deal—but I'll die like one. You shan't put the rope round my neck. You shan't. He raised the revolver to his head, and, then, catching sight of my amazed face, he lowered it again, and broke into a low gurgling laugh. Why, bless you, Sergeant, he said, I was for myself—not for you. So long! So'—— There was a sharp report, and even as the Squire leaped from his reeking horse and rushed to world, 'Gentleman George' fell on his face and lay still—still for ever, this time.

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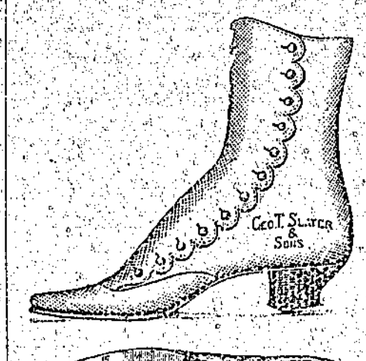

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NOTICE.

[illegible] MINERAL CLAIM, situate [illegible] Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District, located north-east end of Trout Lake and about five miles from the mouth of Lardo creek on the north branch [illegible] Take notice, I, Thomas [illegible], intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

THOMAS HOWARD.

Trout Lake City, [illegible] 1898.

Kootenay Lodge No. 15 A.F. & A.M.

The regular meeting are held in the Masonic Temple, Bourne's Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

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T. STEED, W.M. J. P. WOODROW, Rec. Secy.

BORN.

TURNBOSS.—At Revelstoke, Saturday, April 11, 1896, the wife of C. Turnbess of a son.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Capt. J. Grant got back from the East, Wednesday.

You can get Slater's Boots and Shoes at Coursier's.

Miss Edwards attended the Donald Ball on Friday.

Rev. Mr. Yolland's house is nearing completion.

Advertising is the best paying item in your expense account.

Two or three pipemen have come from California to assist Prof. Nason.

Jimmy Woodrow is painting his shop and getting a grand new delivery waggon fixed up.

Tuesday morning was very wintry, a light fall of snow commencing that day.

F. G. Cotton was very ill for a few days this week, but is now all right again.

The Webling Sisters are contemplating another western tour and they expect to be along here in June or July.

Murdock McRae is now so far on the way to recovery that he has been removed from the hospital and taken to Illecillewaet.

The attention of subscribers is called to the notice on page 2. Pay up your old subscription and take the paper for the coming year.

Mr. B. Paxton, brother of the well known W. G., arrived from Missouri to-day. He has been in Mexico, and tells some great stories of the greasers.

Frisby, Reighly and Bruce Horne, from Jordan Creek, came down to town Thursday after a prolonged stay in the hills. They brought in 86 marten skins.

W. R. Coggeshall, advance agent for Neil Burton, character impersonator, was in town last week and placed two dates here about the latter part of May.

Messrs. Fraser and Haig, J. P.'s, presided at Police Court sitting on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and fined Saturday's scrappers $2 each and costs.

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A gentle son of the soil, from the N. W. T., wanted to know one day this week how we "raised" the ore crop here and how much a bushel it brought.

Mr. Waterson, of the White House, Rossland, was in town Tuesday. He was returning from an extended visit to the East, and reports business as slow there. He says B. C. is good enough for him.

The Victoria Hotel delivery team ran away from the station on Thursday and reached their own stable safely. They threw Doctor George out and deposited a large trunk upon his chest.

Drummers of all sorts, insurance and images, liquors and lexicons, and books and beer, took possession of the town Monday. Several of them were evidently working their way down river.

Mr. Freeborn, of Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg, brought in four carloads of butcher stock on Monday. They were about the second consignment of stall fed cattle brought into Kootenay and were consigned to Burns.

An advertisement in the MAIL will prove effective in selling your wares. It is well known that ladies are the closest readers of the newspapers and if your new goods are advertised they are sure to make a note of it.

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The Church of England building will be finished, fit to hold service, by Sunday week.

Hugh Brown is putting in a nice piece of garden opposite the Union Hotel.

A new bar, tastefully built and painted, has been put in at the Central Hotel. The boys are christening it.

A basket social, under the auspices of the I. O. G. T. Lodge, will be held in the lodge room, Tuesday evening next. Everybody welcome; ladies please bring baskets.

FOUND.—Between the school house and Samson's, a pair of child's kid mittens. They can be had at this office by calling for them, as they won't fit the editors kid.

Hotels in Revelstoke were simply crowded from cellar to roof on several occasions this week. The number of passengers travelling is enormous, but what they are all going to do is an enigma. For some reason the farmers from the prairies are the most numerous.

Notice is given on the Government Agent's board of the election of Fire Wardens for the ensuing year. Nominations will be received on Wednesday next between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m.; should a poll be required, it will take place same day between 14 a.m. and 1 p.m. Some concerted action should be taken to elect wardens by that time, as it is a matter of very vital importance.

The Oddfellows of Revelstoke will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, April 26th, and will attend divine worship, in regalia, on that evening. The services will be held either in the school house, or new church if finished, and Rev. Mr. Yolland will officiate. On the following Monday night, an "At Home" will be held in Bourne's Hall, where a carefully selected concert programme will be presented, followed by a dance. Invitations will be issued next week.

A cow that strayed into Mr. Tapping's place on Thursday was severely cut by him with an axe. He was much alarmed at the extent of the injury he had inflicted on the poor beast and thought he might be tried and sentenced for it. Happily for Mr. Tapping, the owner of the cow took the price of it and that settles the matter. It should never be allowed to occur again without the penalty allowed by law being inflicted, viz. 3 years.

Reserve----Kootenay District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a belt of land described as follows:—Commencing at the intersection of the Columbia River by the northern boundary of the Railway Belt, near Carnes Creek; thence following the said river up stream to the north-western end of Kinbasket Lake, and extending back ten miles on each side thereof, is reserved for the exclusive purpose of entry under the Land, Mineral and Placer Mining Acts.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 11th April, 1896. 52-2t

NOTICE.

A LANDLORD'S WARRANT from S. Needham to the Sheriff of Kootenay has been issued to cover the sum of $22.50 owing by one B. Carlisle. If this amount, with all costs and Sheriff's fees, is not forthwith paid the furniture seized in Lot No. 5, Block 11, Douglas Street, Revelstoke, will be sold at that place on Thursday, the 23rd of April, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, or so much thereof as will satisfy debt and costs.

S. REDGRAVE, Sheriff.

Revelstoke, B.C., April 16, 1896. 52-1t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that accounts owing to the Revelstoke Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, are required to be paid on or before the 21st day of May, next.

F. B. WELLS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days after date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner Lands and Works for license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing east bank of Fish Creek at mouth of Pool creek, thence north 1½ miles, thence east ½ of a mile, thence south 1½ miles, thence west ¾ (three quarters) of a mile, containing 640 acres.

Also commencing ½ mile south of Seven Mile Post, thence north along river one and five-eighths of a mile, thence west three-eighths of a mile, thence south 1½ of a mile, thence east ¾ of a mile, containing 400 acres. In all 1040 acres.

Vancouver, April 6, 1896. GEO. D. SCOTT. 51-6t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days after date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing on west bank of creek at foot of rapids, below One Mile Bridge, thence north one mile, thence west ½ of a mile, thence south one mile, thence east ½ of a mile, containing 480 acres.

Also commencing at cabin, 11 Mile Post, thence north 1½ miles along river, thence west ½ mile, thence south 1½ miles, thence east ½ mile, containing 100 acres. In all 980 acres.

KATE SCOTT.

Vancouver, B.C., April 6th, 1896. 51-6t

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