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## QUIT THE GOVERNMENT

### THE MEMBER FOR NORTH KOOTENAY TAKES A DECIDED STEP.

He has not been in touch some time—Not consulted in Commissioner appointment—Puts his position before the people.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

*Dear Sir*:—For the information of my political friends and supporters, I beg to say that the recent appointment of John D. Sibbald, as Gold Commissioner, was made without my knowledge, and I have had no information, directly or indirectly, from any official source, that such an appointment was contemplated. Having been a Government supporter and Member of the Legislature for many years, I claim the right to at least advise with the Executive as to who would be a likely and proper official for this important position. This is the second time my political leader has made appointments without my knowledge. I cannot longer support a Premier under such degrading conditions, and have decided to cut myself clear of the Turner Government without further ceremony. Should my political friends and supporters object to such a proceeding, in that event I will be pleased to resign my seat in the Legislature.

I wish to add in conclusion that the troubles between myself and Members of the Executive are not of recent origin. During last session I left the House intending at that time to cut myself clear of the Government party and wrote Hon. Mr. Turner a letter covering seven pages of foolscap explaining my reasons for so doing, and that I intended placing my resignation with proper authority. I was sent for and matters patched up temporarily. Since that time there has been friction, evasion and wriggling. It was not that way in Theodore Davie's time.

I shall take the earliest opportunity to obtain an expression of opinion from my constituents. J. M. KELLIE.

Revelstoke, Dec. 16, 1897.

### THE TURNER ORGAN.

The Herald Acknowledges Its Recent Somersault.

The murder is out. The Herald *will support the Turner government*. It says so.

The Herald says our allusion to Turner "sugar" means that it has been bought by the Turner government, and it should know.

The MAIL has compelled its acrobatic contemporary to be candid with the public and exhibit itself as a Turnerite organ and the mouthpiece of a coterie of peanut politicians.

Lacking experience of this country the Herald is unfamiliar with the punishment meted out here to journalistic turncoats, otherwise it would not have the temerity to glory in its shame.

We have heard of rainmakers and other peculiar professions but it has remained for the Herald to invent a new calling—that of official smokemaker to the Turner government.

The Herald's promised "smoke" deceived no one but itself, like the ostrich with its head in the sand. Its contortion and motive were as plain as daylight during the three weeks of its rehearsal.

The Herald will discover, before this campaign is over, that it pays to be honest with the public. That a shuffle such as it has been guilty of might be condoned elsewhere but not in the mining communities of B.C.

Our contemporary says in making its new choice (Turner) it considers it to be, under the circumstances, "the only one possible." Yes! No doubt, the only one possible under the Herald's circumstances.

For persistent falsity and loquacious mendacity commend us to our local contemporary. It has all the tricks of the acrobatic clown but none of his pleasing art. His cheery cry, "Here we are again," is the Herald's every week, but given as it is, in such a dismal, parrot-like way, it earns no sympathy, wins no applause. It is always the same old song about Liberal platform, Liberal ascendency, Grit scheming, and so on and so on. Have done with this nonsense, Herald, doff the thin disguise. Do not treat the public as children or fools. "They're on to you" and your gang of peanut politicians and, by the events of this week, recognize now what your game is.

Just three issues, not more, of this "poor, old KOOTENAY MAIL" was all it took to bring its boastful contemporary to a confession of its treachery and make it come out of its cover.

Revelstoke Herald, Dec. 8th.—* * * This is not simply a provincial issue. It is a Dominion and national question. And on it the Herald has made up its mind to take a determined stand, from which all the mud slinging of the MAIL for the next six months will not cause it to budge an inch.

Revelstoke Herald, Dec. 15th.—* * * But as the choice has to be made between the Liberal platform and the Turner government, then the Herald has no hesitation in saying that of the two it *vastly prefers and will support the Turner government*.

This is not all, however. The MAIL will show that the Herald has advocated many, if not indeed most, of the planks of this platform and violently denounced the Turner government. It will prove its shameful change of opinions to the bitt and make it eat its past utterances without salt. We will give it pills with no sugarcoat and treat it to still more of its own "common sense and vigorous English."

### THE NEW CENTRAL HOTEL.

Formally Opened With a Big Dance Thursday Night.

Messrs. Abrahamson Bros. were as good as their word when they announced a "grand opening" for their new Central Hotel for Thursday evening. It was indeed a grand opening. Everyone was invited and, generally speaking everyone came. The guests filled the splendid new house and they were made welcome in true hospitable style. The new dining-room was used for dancing—the principal feature of the evening's entertainment—and about fifty couples footed it merrily, to the excellent music of the orchestra and under the direction of Guy Barber as floor manager, until shortly before midnight, when a splendid supper was served with no unstinted hand. Though "God save the Queen" was played it served the purpose only of the more sedate. The rest of the guests kept it going till about 3.30 a.m. when they departed, tired but happy.

A MAIL representative took the opportunity to inspect the new house, which was opened with such *eclat*, and found it fully equal to his expectations. Entering at the main door leading into the office, a room 28x18, the visitor is struck at once with the finish and solidity of the work. On the right is the new desk and entrance to the bar-room and on the left a door leads directly into the beautiful dining room (28x30) which is lighted by four double windows and with tables laid for twenty-four persons. Off the dining room is the new spacious kitchen containing one of the famous John Bull steel ranges with hot water boiler of 80 gallons capacity. At the further end of the building from the office are the premises occupied by the MAIL.

To return to the office, the way is led upstairs by a splendid 5-foot return stairway with elegantly finished balustrade and wainscoted side. At the first floor at the head of the stairway is the comfortable and elegant ladies parlor, and on each side of the six-foot hall which stretches from end to end of the building are thirteen beautiful bed rooms, and in a transverse hall are the bath, toilette and linen rooms and one bed room. The second floor is just as elegantly furnished as the first, many having iron bedsteads, and contains 15 rooms.

Hot and cold water is found on each floor, and the whole house is well warmed with hot air from numerous radiators. It is also wired from top to bottom with electric fixtures and will be lighted with electricity as soon as the plant is working. The building occupies a frontage on the main street of 82 feet (without the annex) and is ornamented with spacious balconies with doorways from each floor. Altogether it is a most complete and well designed building, an ornament to the town and a good evidence of the enterprise of the proprietors who are well known as solid and progressive citizens of Revelstoke.

Any mention of the house would be incomplete without a word of praise to Wm. Abrahamson who designed and superintended the whole work, to D. Stamper who did the painting of the house, to C. H. Archibald the plasterer, and Wm. Lawrence who put in the plumbing and heating.

Constable McRae returned Tuesday from Kamloops.

Arthur Dick, who has been ill at Trail, is now reported better.

Mrs. Fromey is still very weak but much better than she has been.

John Hector, of Nakusp, was a visitor to Revelstoke on Monday.

The MAIL is pleased to note this week the marriage of two more of Revelstoke's young people—Mr. F. H. Fretz and Miss Annie Bell—and wishes them both—with the rest of their many friends every joy and happiness in their married life. The happy couple left Wednesday morning for Glacier, B. C.

We hear of two more marriages that may occur at any moment. The grooms are both gay old birds and we trust to be able soon to announce their final catching: Look out for the girls, boys!

## SEASONABLE SUPPLIES

### WHERE AND WHAT TO BUY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

A list of progressive business houses patrons of the Mail—In their stores everything needed may be had—Read their notes.

With the approach of Xmas, the most festive season of the year, people are anxious to know where they shall buy and what. The enterprise of our local houses, which are patrons of the MAIL, has been so noticeable, that in the following article, devoted to the contents of their stores, will be found everything required to suit the season.

**BOURNE BROS.**

In the well stocked premises of this old established firm may be found a splendid selection in almost every line of goods. In groceries everything, as teas, coffees, branded and blended, flours, sugars, cheese, mince meat, spices, potted and canned meats, fish and fruits, apples, oranges, lemons, raisins, nuts, currants and almonds. Fancy goods of all kinds are also shown, and no trouble need be experienced in selecting suitable useful or ornamental gifts. Dress goods too are fully complete to please the ladies, and gentlemen can suit themselves in any kind of furnishings. *Don't forget* the hardware department, which is the most complete and moderate in price in the whole country.

**H. N. COURSIER.**

Coursier, the enterprising merchant, like Bourne Bros., needs no introduction to the public. They know he is always on the ladder somewhere about the top when it comes to supplying the public with that they need. His store is a marvel so complete and well stocked, that a customer never has to go away without being satisfied. Read his Store News column this week and see what you want. If you don't find it there, just ask for it, for if it be groceries, provisions, delicacies or necessities, dress goods, gloves, hosiery, shoes, (the Slater, remember,) slippers, gent's furnishings, children's toys or comforts, they are all there, every one of them of the best. Remember, too, the dress making and millinery departments, best in town.

**McDOWELL ATKINS WATSON CO., LIMITED.**

Onward always Onward seems to be the motto of the leading drug firm in our town—the McDowell Atkins Watson Co., Limited. From a modest beginning 15 years ago it is now, with half a dozen elegant pharmacies scattered over the province, the most extensive retail drug house in B.C. if not in Canada. Their store in the McCarty block, since its start here has made a most enviable reputation with the public. The old saying "if it is to be had they have it" fits their case exactly. They have everything in drugs, and their line of chemicals, patent medicines, dainty toilet accessories photographic supplies, perfumes, hair, nail, tooth and other brushes, are most complete. There is no good enough quality to them, it is the best or they won't carry it. The great care of the manager, Geo. T. Mallory, is sufficient guarantee of politeness, courtesy, experience and ability.

**J. R. HULL & CO.**

The growing trade of this well established business has absolutely required its removal to new quarters and in its new quarters with efficient and capable management, it is prepared to do the business of the town in the meat and provision line. Anything you want to tickle the palate or refresh the inner man is on hand, especially so for the holiday season. See our advertising column this week and then come to our store. We aim to supply the public, and we will do as we say without any words about it.

**CANADA DRUG & BOOK CO.**

This firm, composed of well known business men of the Northwest, is one of the important and permanent houses which was this year struck with the coming importance of Revelstoke, and it very wisely decided to come and stay. It occupies a handsome block, its own property, and caters to a largely growing trade. Some of the handsomest Xmas presents in town can be seen at this store; also the choicest, most artistic and various line of Xmas cards and calendars ever seen here. See the display of sterling silverware, toilet and manicure sets, and the stock of best English and French perfumes. Their stock of toys and fancy goods, gifts, books, etc., is most complete. See them before purchasing your presents.

**GUY BARBER.**

The ever genial Guy has not forgotten his friends, and he says his friends have not forgotten him. He has just been appointed to an important position (see his advertisement) and is ready to serve the public to a complete stock of jewelry novelties, rings, watches and anything in his line at correct prices.

**McCARTY'S MEAT MARKET.**

Under the management of the obliging Mr. Cowles, whom we hear from Winnipeg was pronounced to be the most perfect man in his trade, there on in Chicago, F. McCarty is prepared to offer for inspection the most artistic, complete and rarest show of dressed meat carcasses ever shown in B.C. Mr. Cowles challenges comparison and asks the public to step in Xmas week and see the specimens of his art. Mr. McCarty intends, he says, to lead the district in his business and will spare no expense to give the people what they want.

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### RESIGN FROM COMMITTEE.

Messrs. Cowan and Crage Say Their Names Were Used Without Consent.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

*Sir*:—Your issue last Saturday mentioned my name as one of the executive committee of the recently formed Conservative Association. Allow me to state that my election on such committee was unauthorized and entirely without my knowledge or consent. I resent such liberty with my name and hereby tender my resignation. I cannot allow my name to be used to give color to other people's schemes. W. COWAN.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

*Sir*:—I notice that in your issue of last week, my name appears as a member of the Committee of the newly formed Conservative Association of this place. In this connection I would say, that while thanking the Association for the honour they have done me I beg to decline the nomination. Had I been present at the meeting, I should have done so personally, but as I knew nothing of the occurrence until I saw it in print, I did not have that opportunity. I would suggest that I consider the nomination of men on committees of this nature (provisional or otherwise) is a mistake, unless they are present at the meeting, and thus have opportunity of accepting or declining to serve. Apologizing for trespassing at such length upon your valuable space, I am, Yours Faithfully

W. F. CRAGE.

Revelstoke, Dec. 14, 1897.

### Local and Personal Briefs.

Work on the Kootenay Lake end of the Crow's Nest Pass line has commenced.

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., returned from his protracted eastern visit on Sunday.

Jim Armstrong and Swan Anderson arrived in town Wednesday from Illecillewaet.

A. W. Wright, mining operator of Rossland, was in town Sunday registered at the Central.

Ross Thompson of Rossland, has accepted the nomination for mayor of that city.

Mr. Green, captain of the tug Archer and late purser on the Lardeau, was in town this week.

W. H. Whittaker, lawyer of Kamloops, arrived Monday morning to attend county court.

The council of women in Victoria are instituting a crusade against the nickle in the slot machine.

A full stock of Christmas Cards, Toys and Fancy Goods, all new, at the Canada Drug & Book Co., Limited, Revelstoke Station, B. C. *

John Skogstrom, of the Springs Hotel, Albert Canyon, was in town Monday. He returned Wednesday.

D. C. McGregor of Vancouver, was in town this week in connection with Kendrew vs. Employer's Liability Co.

Sheriff Redgrave, of Donald, was in Revelstoke Tuesday. He looks and carries himself as well as ever, and his fund of anecdote is unimpaired.

Fancy Dress Skating Carnival at the Victoria Rink Wednesday Evening, December 22nd. Prizes for Ladies and Gent's costumes and skating.

Mr. Charles Carlson, postmaster at Albert Canyon, was in town this week. He reports his office as being a great advantage to that camp.

All the Christmas numbers of the periodicals and magazines, at Canada Drug & Book Co., Limited, Revelstoke Station, B. C. *

The new range for the Central Hotel and hot air furnace for the Cowan block arrived Tuesday having been on the road since October.

There will be a midnight choral celebration of the holy eucharist at St. Peter's Church on Xmas Eve, commencing at 11:30. Christmas day services: Holy communion 8 a. m.; and at morning prayer at 11 o'clock (choral.) On Sunday, there will be the usual service—Holy communion at 8 and 11. At the latter service, Mr. O. Roberts will sing Gounod's "Nazareth," Choral evensong at 7:30, followed by a carol service. Donations of flowers and evergreens for the church decorations will be most welcome.

## RANK POLITICAL JOB.

### SIBBALD APPOINTED GOLD COMMISSIONER FOR N. KOOTENAY.

Efficient officers overlooked and their past services ignored—Political friends not considered—Sibbald's personal fitness discussed.

The announcement of the appointment of John Drinkwater Sibbald to the office of Gold Commissioner for North Kootenay was received, when it appeared exclusively in the Herald (now the Turnerite organ), with a howl of derision by those opposed to the Turner government, with disgust by its friends, and deep disappointment by a very large number of people generally.

Why this man should get the position puzzles most people, when loyal, clever, and efficient officers there are who have been entirely overlooked. Petitions have been sent out for them and numerously signed, and they have had several good recommendations offered. The petitions were ignored, the recommendations pigeon-holed. Their past services are slighted, their their capabilities unconsidered, their loyalty unrewarded and themselves snubbed by this appointment. They have no claims, it seems, upon a government without gratitude or sense of justice; a government which looks upon such an opportunity as this, as one only for political expediency and patronage.

What is there in such a policy to encourage honesty and carefulness, and attention to duty? Absolutely nothing. If they are to look for no promotion or preferment, no matter how honorable or efficient, but be thrown aside for some scheming wire-puller, what incentive is there to remain honest and attentive? It is a most iniquitous practice, and this appointment, looking at it from the point of view treated, is a most wicked one and full of doubtful results to the country.

Another way to look at this appointment is that of political principle, second only to the other. When a government, as in this case, neglects to consult its loyal and tried supporters, people who have helped them loyally in the past, for others, till recently enemies, it is a confession of lamentable weakness and political degradation. They think to win the enemy over (the *Herald* and its peanut gang have gone) with a conciliatory appointment and yet keep in line the faithful old guard. It is a shameless trick, based solely on the low idea that their old supporters in this part of the riding are spiritless and low. It is a wrong conclusion as this cowardly government will find to its cost. People have not fallen so low and they will not take this insult to their loyalty without resentment. Already it may be seen in the member's letter whom they did not see fit even to consult. A nice reward this after his many government votes on critical occasions. They ignored business men's and political supporter's messages and appointed this man against their advice. It is a most pitiable example of political baseness and the MAIL has no hesitation in saying that if the appointment was not to be made from the ranks of the service (which it should) it should be made with the approval of political friends who are best able to advise on such a matter. There is no other conclusion to come to, looking at the matter from these standpoints, than that John Drinkwater Sibbald is not entitled to the position and it is safe to put it down as a political "job" of a most contemptible kind.

Coming to the personality of the appointment, the only possible excuse the government could urge for not recognizing their officers or friends, would be that they had got a man who was eminently successful, respected, and the choice of the people generally; then some excuse might be found. But does John D. Sibbald fill these requisites. Has he been so successful in managing his own affairs as to inspire confidence in his handling of other people's? Is he respected by the whole community, by business men, free miners, citizens? Has his past career in this community been such as to command respect and admiration? Is he the choice generally of the public, and do they express their approval of his appointment?

The MAIL regrets to say that none of the conditions are fulfilled in John Drinkwater Sibbald. He has not been successful, he is not generally respected, and he is not by *any means the choice* of the people. It cannot agree with its contemporary in endorsing the nomination and from every point of view treated holds that he is not entitled to the post.

### Board of Health Fiasco.

Numerous complaints have been received at the MAIL office from residents at the Station about the inconvenience put to by adopting the recent orders of the health officers. Looking the matter up it was found that the official scavenger, Samuel Smith, had quit the job, disposed of his team, and was now working on the railway. He said in conversation to a resident that he was out money on the job and that he would not have gone in on it but that he thought it was a government one. And this is the end of the great excitement, this what the health inspector and secretary made trips through the county for. The people put to expense and inconvenience, and the scavenger quit the job.

How long will people suffer under such administration and extravagance.

### THE RIGHT PRINCIPLE.

*Honest and Candid Opinions from a Visitor.*

T. J. Lendrum, Agent for the smelter co.'s townsite, one of the most valuable properties in this town, was in Revelstoke this week. Interviewed by the MAIL he said payments on property were very fair indeed, and he would try and give those who had bought, every opportunity to meet payments without extra burden of interest if possible. He was much pleased to see the steady growth of the place and expressed the opinion that our stores, hotels and butcher shops would favorably compare with any of the south country towns. He was greatly surprised too to see the enormous scope of the work on the Electric Light and Power plant.

Speaking about matters political, Mr. Lendrum said he had taken note of the opinions expressed by both papers here and he was of the opinion that party should be kept out of provincial affairs. What British Columbia wants at present is men, not party lines, and we should try to get men who would push the country's resources without reference to party views.

On the subject of the Gold Commissionership, Mr. Lendrum was sorry to see loyal and capable officers overlooked, and sacrificed to the political needs of the Government who by yielding to "pull" expect to make friends. It looks to me, said he, as if the Government knew it was to be beaten and didn't care further about consulting any interests but their own.

From your remarks, it is easy to see, you are opposed to the Turner Government Mr. Lendrum.

Opposed to them! Yes, I am opposed to them root and branch, and so is the whole of Kootenay. It is time for a change and with the enormous future opening out before this province, it should be a complete one.

Mr. and Mrs. Lendrum left Thursday morning for a lengthy visit to the old country, where Mr. Lendrum will bring a few heavy mining propositions to the notice of the market.

### The Black Eagle Group.

This group of claims in Trout Lake mining division, at the foot of 8-mile creek where it joins the south fork of the Lardeau, is a very promising one with a very strong lead going well in silver and lead. It was bonded in March or April last by James Dixon for $10,000 on behalf of some Vancouver parties, and in November the bond was turned over to John Grant et. al. The second payment was made this week on behalf of Mr. Grant, and cabins are to be put up immediately with a view of working the property. The owners of the property are Messrs. Oscar Jacobson, Charles Olsen and Albert Sanden, all pioneers of Trout Lake and deserving of their good fortune.

Oscar Jacobson, Charles Olsen and Albert Sanden of Trout Lake City are in town this week. They say that though things are quiet in the winter, great hopes are entertained for next summer.

John Cobbledick, who had bonds on some Ground Hog Basin properties, intends next session to apply for incorporation of a company to turn to commercial use the rich deposits of iron on the coast of B. C.

Slocan City will soon have a third paper. It will be called the Kootenay Mining Standard, and appear about the first of the year. It will be devoted entirely to mining matters.

Before purchasing see those beautiful dolls of all kinds and prices at the Canada Drug & Book Co., Limited, Revelstoke Station, B. C. *

W. A. Baker, P. L. S. of Vancouver returned Tuesday evening from his Big Bend trip. He has been up there for two weeks in bad weather in the interest of Vancouver parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutterbuck of Donald, have become permanent residents of Trail, and will reside on Spokane Street, west of the Megkin Hotel. Mr. Cutterbuck is engineer on the Trail Robson branch. He is one of the old reliables of the C. P. R., and has been with that company for seventeen years.

### Christmastide.

Of all the beautiful thoughts of Christmas time found in books, perhaps, none can compare with the following from Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Some say that ever gainst that season comes
Wherein our Savious's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long.
And then, they say, no spirit dares stir abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike;
No fairy takes or witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time.

## HOLIDAY AMUSEMENTS

DATES FOR ENTERTAINMENTS OF THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Xmas Tree Entertainment, Thursday—S.S. Scholars Cantata, Friday—Firemen's Ball, Monday—Masquerade Ball, New Year's Eve.

Engagements for the holidays are not numerous, but what they lack in number—as may be seen below—is made up in quality.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23.

Programme of the Presbyterian Xmas tree entertainment to be given at the church:

1. Doxology.
2. Chorus by S.S. children.
3. Recitation, Master Eddie Jeffs.
4. Song, Rev. P. D. Muir.
5. Recitation, Emma Graham.
6. Piano duet, Mrs. Melville and Mrs. Laurence.
7. Scotch stories, Mr. Laurence.
8. Recitation, Master Willie Clack.
9. Song, Mr. Saunders.
10. Recitation, Master G. Graham.
11. Song, Mr. Melville.
12. Recitation, Master Burty Laurence
13. Piano solo, Mrs. Melville.
14. Address, Mr. Millar.
15. Vocal duet, Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Melville.
16. Reading, Mr. Lawson.
17. Address, Rev. P. D. Muir.
18. Song, Francis Lawson.
19. Recitation, Bessie Lawson.
20. Anthem, by the choir.
21. Reading, Mr. Lawrence.
22. Christmas tree, Santa Claus.
23. God Save the Queen.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24.

The scholars of the Methodist church Sunday school are preparing a cantata for Christmas eve—"The Crowning of Christmas"—in which each holiday of the year claims the crown, and is personated by one of the scholars in costume. Each holiday is celebrated in song, and finally a committee of boys award the crown to Santa Claus, who receives this token of honor at the hands of "The Little Crown-bearer."

MONDAY, DEC. 27.

The fifth annual ball of the Revelstoke Fire Brigade (No. 1) will be held at Peterson's hall, Monday, Dec. 27th. All are cordially invited. Don't miss it. Free busses from Station. Tickets $2.00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Masquerade Ball. Further particulars later.

### A Christmas Pie.

The following appeared in the Newcastle Chronicle of Jan. 6, 1770: "Monday last was brought from Howick to Berwick to be shipped to London for sir Hen. Grey, bart., a pie the contents whereof are as follows—viz. 2 bushels of flour, 20 lbs. of butter, 4 geese, 2 turkies, 2 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes and 4 partridges; 2 neat's tongues, 2 curlews, 7 blackbirds and 6 pigeons. It is supposed a very great curiosity was made by Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, housekeeper at Howick. It was nearly 9 feet in circumference at bottom, weighs about 12 stones will take two men to present it to table; it is neatly fitted with a case and four small wheels to facilitate its use to every guest that inclines to partake of its contents at table."

### A Mine in Two Years.

The purchase of the Le Roi by the gigantic British American Co. has created much talk about that already well-known mine. The Rossland Times thus describes it:

"Le Roi is getting to be a great mine. The shaft has been sunk below the 600-foot level, and work is still going on to reach 700 feet. It is the intention later on to continue sinking to 1,000 feet. At the same time the levels will be extended in all directions, and the work of exploration and development will keep pace with the depth of the shaft. The output will be largely increased and a new cable, 2,500 feet long, has been ordered for hauling ore from the deeper workings. The output of the mine is now 200 tons a day and the force of men employed numbers 215. A new pump is to be placed in position at the 600-foot level, with a capacity of 200 gallons a minute. This will be sufficient to keep all the underground workings in fork. The C.P.R. will build across the Le Roi ground, with a terminus on Josie ground. This will give no less than three railroads access to the dumps at the Le Roi. The dividends paid the fortunate stockholders in the past two years amounts to $675,000, and another dividend of $50,000 is due this month. The Le Roi is a mine."

### Saved By a Woman.

It is a recognized fact that many of our greatest statesmen, literary geniuses and successful men owe their success to the inspiration of a woman. It was the linen cuff and the quick thought of the woman who wore it that gave us one of the prettiest and most tuneful of the Strauss waltzes. Johann Strauss and his wife were one day enjoying a walk in the park at Schonau, when suddenly the composer exclaimed—"My dear, I have a waltz in my head. Quick! give me a scrap of paper or an old envelope! I must write it down before I forget it." Alas, after much rummaging of pockets it was found that neither of them had a scrap of paper. The despair of the waltz King was pathetic, until a happy thought struck his Frau; she held out a white linen cuff, and in two minutes that cuff was manuscript! Its mate followed; still the inspiration was incomplete. Strauss was frantic and was about to dash for home with the third part of the waltz ringing in his head, when suddenly his wife bethought herself of her collar, and in an instant the remaining bars of "Blue Danube" decorated the surface.

### WILL SELL THE AIR.

It Will be in Compressed Form for Power Purposes.

A project is now under consideration for supplying the mines of the Rossland camp with compressed air from pipe lines radiating out of a big central compressor. The promoters of the enterprise, according to the Rossland Miner, propose doing away with the local compressing plants now in operation at the various mines, so that the only machinery required would be the drills, the pumps and the hoists, each of which would be supplied with power direct from the company' pipes.

The proposed new plant would be erected under the Taylor system of air compression which has received practical tests in the east and is altogether unique. It utilizes the fall of water but dispenses with any moving parts. The plant consists of a cistern, down the centre of which passes a vertical tube, widening out at the bottom into a large drum. At the top of the vertical tube, and connected with it, is a horizontal supply pipe. The water, which is automatically mixed with air, flows through the supply pipe down the vertical tube to the bottom of the cistern. During the course of the fall the bubbles of air contained in the water are compressed in a measure proportionate to the height of the fall. Arriving at the bottom of the tube, the compressed air is caught in the drum, while the water is allowed to escape. The drum acts as a main pipe line leads, while branch pipes run off to supply individual customers. It is estimated that in such a plant as may be built at Rossland it will be possible to distribute to the mines 70 per cent. of the potential power contained in the water.

## SEASONABLE SUPPLIES

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McCAGUE BROS.

The City Bakery proprietors have on sale a splendid assortment of Xmas cakes, seed cakes, mince pies, confectionery of all sorts, and last, but not least, plenty of good household bread. Give them a call and get your money's worth.

GEO. T. NEWMAN.

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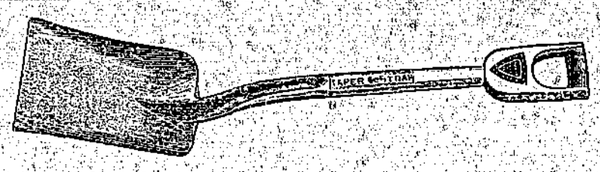

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# RAILWAY NEWS ITEMS

## HANEY REPORTED TO RESIGNED HIS CROW'S NEST JOB

### On Account of Government Interference —Employees Must Rest—Intercolonial to Make Fastest Runing Time—Imrovements for Travel.

The Hon. Mr. Blair seems to know what he is doing in the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal. A step in the new policy is the introduction of powerful locomotives capable of hauling twelve Pullman coaches, two baggage and one express car, up steepest grade on the road, at the rate of 50 miles an hour, or it will run up and down the medium grades at the rate of 70 miles an hour. One of these engines (No. 168) has already been procured. It is a double compound engine, Vaudrain pattern, mounted with a boiler 60 inches in diameter, 27 feet long, with a grated surface of 26 feet. It is what is known as a 10-wheeler, having a truck of 4 wheels and 6 fly wheels, 6 feet across.

Mr. Adolph Davis, late Superintendent of the N. Shore Railway, is made consulting engineer of Government railways, and he is having a free hand. J. B. Lambkin, for the past 13 years with the C. P. R., has been appointed district passenger agent with headquarters at Montreal.

The Fort Steele *Prospector* reports that M. J. Haney has resigned as manager of construction on the Crow's Nest road because he has been called to account by the Dominion Government for the shameful way in which the men were being treated.

The C. P. R. have issued a circular to their employees making it necessary for trainmen and engineers to take sufficient rest at divisional points. They must not start out from the divisional point to which they belong unless they are perfectly fresh and fit to make the round without rest, if necessary; but in no case must they leave any divisional point unless prepared for at least 12 hours service. It is high time this step was taken in view of the recent accidents.

Mr. Maxwell, an architect from Montreal, will go over the hotels of the C. P. R. company along the line—at Glacier, North Bend and Field, with a view to making plans for the extension of these resorts to accommodate the increasing tourist traffic. Every comfort required by the traveller will be looked after and special arrangements made for all visitors to enjoy the scenery.

### Not In Home Politics.

At the Toronto University banquet held last Friday, Hon Edward Blake was again the principal speaker. He referred to the misapprehensions caused by his recent speech at Strathroy and said he meant with regard to returning to Canada only that he looked forward to returning there to live. He would not desert the cause he had identified himself with until he could do so without injuring it.

### Northport Smelter.

L. F. Williams, the Secretary of the Le Roi company, says that the smelter is now under roof, and is practically finished with the exception of the calcining furnaces. It will start up some time before the present contract with the Trail smelter will have been completed, and the Le Roi will treat all its ores at the Northport smelter.

### The Nelson Smelter.

The lead furnace of the Hall Mines smelter is nearly completed and probably will be blown in shortly after Jan. 15th. Some of the lead ores are now being roasted and made ready for the furnace. The company is now endeavoring to make contracts for a steady supply of lead ores and if this has not been done by the time the furnace is blown in, only a short run will be made with the ore now in hand.

### What is Electricity?

The American Electrician condenses from the London Engineering's review of Prof. Trowbridge's new book, "What is Electricity?" as follows: The writer says that in spite of the all-round progress made during the last thirty years we know no more about the essential nature of electricity than did Benjamin Franklin 150 years ago. The several explanations offered, based upon the ether, or ether and matter associated, merely substitute one unknown for another. "After all, what is matter? What is the ether? How is matter associated with the ether?" To such fundamental questions we can return no other answer than the now famous ignoramus. They make, or tend to make, us painfully conscious of the infinitude of our nescience. The writer of the review adds that Lord Kelvin must have brooded over these provoking unknowns when he wrote to him in 1892, "Tell me what electricity is, and I'll tell you all the rest." This inability to detect electricity in its primordial form need, however, exert no distrustful, no depressing effects on the mind of the student of physical science. "Let him remember that a ray of light is an unexplained phenomenon; yet what wonderful truths are revealed to Fresnel, what knowledge has been wrested from it by means of the spectroscope, and what marvels is it not every day recording on photographic plates. If he feels himself morosely affected by the agnosticism, let him recall the astronomical phenomena which are calculated accurately years in advance without any knowledge whatever of the nature of gravitation; or let him think of that masterly bit of analysis which led to the discovery of argon without any knowledge on the part of Lord Rayleigh or Prof. Ramsay, of what chemical affinity is. If he is a practical man, let him reflect that the engineer lives amid stresses and strains, and though ignoring the intimate nature of the forces which he uses, builds up powerful engines and dynamos, and as successfully tunnels a Mount Cenis as he throws a bridge across the Hudson or the Firth of Forth."

### Notes of the Yukon.

William Ogilvie, the celebrated surveyor, returned to Ottawa Tuesday, after an absence of two years. He says that if 100,000 people go to Klondyke next spring 85 per cent.—and that is giving it a wide margin—will have to come out. He does not think there will be a railroad in there before 1899.

Major Walsh has imposed a tax of $2 per gallon on whiskey entering the Yukon.

Robt. Kerr, C.P.R. traffic manager, says the company consider the most feasible route to the gold region is via the Stickeen river. The company's steamers—the finest on the Pacific coast—will run to Wrangel at the mouth of the Stickeen. From there river boats will run to Glenora, 10 miles up Telegraph creek. It is the intention to run a narrow guage railway from Glenora to Teslin lake, but as it will take several months to build a railway 130 miles in length, this part of the route will not be built until later in the summer.

### LOOKS LIKE A COMBINE.

#### The C.P.R. and Corbin vs. Heinze and Great Northern.

J. L. G. Abbott, who is the local solicitor for the C.P.R., is just now securing the right-of way for that company into Rossland. So far he has had no trouble, as the owners of claims which carry the surface rights with them have cheerfully donated the company enough land for a right-of-way.

It is rumored that an arrangement has been entered into with D. C. Corbin by which the C.P.R. is to have the right-of-way over the grant of the Red Mountain railway. It was also stated that the relations between the Corbin line and the C.P.R. are of the friendliest character possible. It is evidently the intention of the C.P.R., when its connection with Rossland is completed, to run a daily train into Spokane over the tracks of the Red Mountain railway and the Spokane & Northern in much the same as it runs a train into and out of Seattle daily over the Seattle & International railway. The object of this, says the Rossland Miner, is to compete to greater advantage with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways, that have for a long time been seriously cutting into the business of the C.P.R. by reason of the greater expedition with which they handle the business, and the deep cuts that have sometimes been made by those lines in the freight rates.

### House Decorating Ideas.

Don't put borders on carpets for small rooms.

Don't hang chandeliers or lamps in low-ceiled rooms.

Don't buy what suits the fancy, regardless of their combined effects.

Don't select anything because it is fashionable, but because it is good.

Don't have any apparent, much less any regular, arrangement of furniture.

Don't believe for a moment that expensiveness is essential to beautiful effects.

Don't make a narrow door narrower with a heavy drapery.

Don't use decided patterns for upholstry if you have done so for wall and floor coverings.

Don't use large patterned wall paper in small rooms, or a deep border with low ceilings.

Don't buy chairs that are not well made and comfortable, or lounges that are not low and broad.

### Honesty Their National Trait.

In Sweden a crime is an event. Theft particularly is very rare. Honesty as the fundamental quality of the race, is naturally recognised and officially counted upon. In this respect the Stockholmers show a confident carelessness which is always a surprise to strangers and causes them some uneasiness. In the theatres and concert halls there are large cloakrooms, where hats and furs are left without the smallest safeguard. The performance over, each one again takes possession of his effects, nor does an "accident" ever occur. The inhabitants are accustomed to expect a reciprocal probability in the transactions of everyday life. Upon most of the tramways in Stockholm conductors have been dispensed with. The passenger himself deposits ten ore in a till placed at the end of the vehicle, behind the driver.

### Christmas Bells.

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolves from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

But in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead nor doth he sleep,
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"
—Longfellow.

### The Farmer's Klondyke.

In round numbers about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat had been shipped over the Manitoba and Northwestern railway up to the end of November. At that time it was calculated there were 500,000 bushels in elevators along the line and fully another half a million in the hands of the farmers if not more.

### Holland's Queen Mustn't.

The great cycling question has nearly caused a dynastic crisis in Holland. The young Queen, during a recent visit to Vienna, learned to ride a bicycle, and on her return she brought a spick and span machine with her. The Queen Regent, however, intervened, and said she could not permit the future Queen to go in for such a dangerous pastime without the consent of the Ministers. A Council was accordingly held, and despite the pleadings of the young Queen, the solemn Dutchmen decided that cycling was not permissible in the case of their future ruler as her death might cause serious complications. The Queen, therefore had to assent to the banishment of her machine, and is only partly consoled for its loss by the present of a new and very pretty pony. But, surely, there is as much risk in riding a pony as a bicycle.

### Christmas In Russia.

The Russian Christmas is ten days later than the English one, but is celebrated very much in English fashion. Families all meet upon that day and country house parties are many. The tree is a Christmas yew and is beautifully decorated. The gifts are placed on small tables near the tree. The churches are decorated with greens and so are the houses, but no mistletoe is used. Two or three days are public holidays at Christmas time, and the people greet each other with "Happy feast to you." A huge pyramid of rice with raisins in it which has been blessed at the church, is served at the Christmas dinner, and the meats are goose, duck and sucking pig.

### We Cannot Comprehend It.

According to the *East Kootenay Miner*, the Kootenays are to be divided into three divisions—North Kootenay, South West Kootenay and South East Kootenay. North Kootenay will comprehend the northern portions of East and West Kootenay and will comprehend Revelstoke, Donald, Golden and Windermere, with its capital at Revelstoke. South West Kootenay will comprehend the greater portion of the present South West Kootenay and its capital will be Rossland. South East Kootenay will include the whole of that present district and a portion of the southern part of West Kootenay and its capital will be either Nelson or Cranbrook.

### Christmas Legends of the Forest.

The juniper, which is sacred among the Celtic peoples, received its wonderful powers because when Herod's soldiers pursued the holy family the juniper opened her branches and covered them from sight.

Another legend tells that the cross was made from juniper wood.

The pine, hazel, fig, date, palm and rosemary are all attributed with virtue as the shelters of the holy family.

When they passed through the forest, all the trees bowed in reverence; only the aspen remained erect and arrogant. So the Holy Child pronounced a curse, and "at the sound of his voice the aspen began to tremble through all her leaves and has not ceased to tremble to this day."

There came not a breath of wind
through the trees.
Then why did the aspens shiver?

Another version is:

Once, as our Savior walked with men
below,
His path of mercy through a forest lay
And mark how all the drooping
branches show
What homage lest a silent tree may
pay.
Only the aspen stood erect and free,
Scorning to join the voiceless worship
pure.
But see! He cast one look upon the
tree.
Struck to the heart, she trembles evermore.


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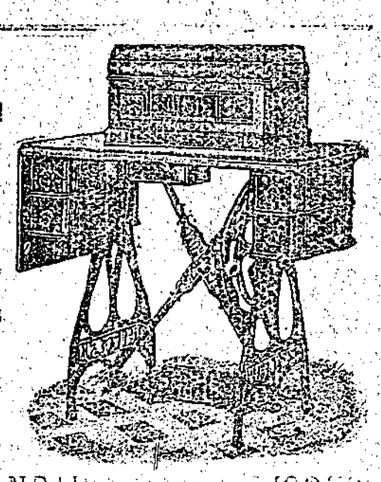

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Heap on more wood! The wind is chill!
But let it whistle as it will
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Each age has deem'd the newborn year
The fittest time for festal cheer;
And well our Christian sires of old
Loved when the year its course had rolled
And brought blithe Christmas back again
With all his hospitable train.
Domestic and religious rite
Gave honor to the holy night.
On Christmas eve the bells were rung.
On Christmas eve the mass was sung.
That only night in all the year
Saw the stoled priest the chalice rear.
The damsel donned her kirtle sheen.
The hall was dressed with holly green,
Forth to the wood did merry men go
To gather in the n isletoe.
Then opened wide the baron's hall
To vassal, tenant, serf and all.
Power laid his rod of rule aside,
And ceremony doffed his pride.
The holly, with its s in his shoes,
That night, night village partner choose;
The lord, undergoing, share
The vulgar game of "post and pair."
All hailed, with uncontrolled delight
And general voice, the happy night
That to the cottage, as the crown,
Brought tidings of salvation down.
—Sir Walter Scott.

## MAXWELL'S MISSION.

Young Maxwell stood by his impatient horse, one foot in the stirrup, in front of the commanding officer's tent. His cheeks were flushed and his eyes shone with the light of gratified pride.

"I have chosen you," said the officer, "in spite of your youth, not only because of the speed of your horse and your own activity and zeal, but because of the character you have gained while in the service of the company. It is not to every man of the pioneers I would trust 200 sovereigns in gold. And look here, young man—Farrel's death by fever left a vacancy among the sergeants. I'll say no more, except that in the company a sergeant always stands a chance of becoming a lieutenant. I trust you, Maxwell. You understand your orders?"

"Cross two rivers going due north, then head for a big kopje which I will see from the bank of the second river. There I shall find Lieutenant Adair's camp, get a receipt and return."

"Exactly. You will get there shortly after nightfall. Remember, you will have no danger from wandering Matabeles, if Lobengula keeps his promise of truce until Adair hands him the money. As to any one else, there is not a soul in Mashonaland save the Matabeles and ourselves. I wouldn't send you alone if it were otherwise. The real fact is, I can tell you, there have been desertions and discontent lately, and I—I don't want to risk losing any money at the hands of some man who might be tempted to ride off with it."

The youngest trooper of that audacious band, who, in insignificant numbers, marched a few years ago right into the country of the most dreaded Kaffir king in South Africa, the ferocious Lobengula, rode off on his mission with a glad and proud heart. This was his chance, but he felt he had earned it, and as his horse bounded through the long grass and breasted the waters of the rivers Maxwell's imagination was picturing a glorious future of which that day should be the beginning. There was scope indeed for dreams, gazing on that rich and measureless veldt, which could fatten countless herds, which could yield incalculable stores of grain, whose river beds were sanded with gold. Another India? Another Clive? Who shall read the dreams of youth?

So fleetly sped his horse that the messenger had crossed the first river and was in sight of the second, beyond which he could already see the kopje or hill, which was his destination before the sun quite disappeared on the western rim of the veldt. It was, however, darkening, and the kopje was merging swiftly into the gray shadows of evening, when suddenly from the tall grass to his right came a loud call. It was not the nearness of the voice, though that was startlingly close, that brought Maxwell to a sharp halt. It was the fact that it was a civilized voice, as distinctly discernible from a Kaffir cry as could be, and a voice also that seemed in distress.

"Wacht een beetje!" (Wait a little).

It was the cry of a Dutchman, a Boer, and it amazed the courier so that he reined in his horse. What, he thought, could a Boer be doing alone in that wild land, hundreds of miles from his Transvaal settlement? At any rate, if he needed help—

"Wacht een beetje!" came the call again, but sharply, commandingly. From the grass, high as a man's head, came a denser shadow than of any fleeting cloud and the beat of a horse's hoofs. Maxwell, in the dusk, saw only the vague outlines of a rider swiftly approaching. Suddenly something gleamed in a parting ray of the sun, and the pioneer realized that a long rifle was pointing at him. With a cry not of fear, but of anger at having been deceived by that first call for help, the youth whipped his revolver from its holster and fired at the still shadowy horseman. At the same instant he pressed his knees to his horse's flanks, and the brute plunged forward—too late! The courier's attention had been so concentrated on his right that he had not noticed another apparition stealing upon him from the left. As the horse started forward a strong arm clutched the reins and forced it back, while another, wielding a knobkerrie, struck Maxwell from his horse.

Without a word the two strangers leaped from their horses, and, bending over the boy, rifled it of its money belt, containing the golden burden. Not until that was done did they speak, and, although the first man had called to the messenger in Dutch and with a Boer's accent, now they spoke in English.

"I hit too hard, I'm afraid," said one. "He's not gone, is he?"

"Not he," said the other. "The night air will bring him round soon enough. Have we got all?"

"It's stowed snugly in the belt which I have, safer there. There is no time to divide up now. Picket the young un's horse beside him. We can't leave that regular loose."

They did so, and soon the sound of their galloping horses was again northward, but this time back grass as they rode as swiftly and mysteriously as they had come.

The moon was up when the heavy dews from the cloudless sky and the night wind of the veldt brought back to Maxwell his lost senses. He staggered to his feet, and for a long time he stood looking at his impatient horse and pressing his throbbing head in a vain effort to remember what had happened. It was not until he had clambered into the saddle and his hand had wandered to his waist, round which his money belt had been, and found that gone that the full strength of his misfortune was understood. The mission confided to him had failed, and he was disgraced—robbed like any greenhorn. Robbed? A sudden horrible thought paled his cheeks. Would the commander of the expedition believe his story? The officer had himself hinted that the trust would have been a temptation to some, and—he had no wound to show save a paltry lump on his head; no proof, no witness that he had been attacked at all. In doubt and misery, he rode back to camp with a sore heart and hanging head.

Next day he faced a gathering of the officers in the headquarters tent. He had told his story, and it was received with a greater incredulity even than he had feared. One stout, loud voiced man laughed it to scorn.

"Don't tell me!" he cried. "You're little more than a boy yourself, Maxwell, but a child could invent a better tale than that. Look here! You say they were Boers. You ought to know that no Boer or any other white man would venture into Mashonaland unless he was protected by being one of us. Lobengula's scouts would snap him up, eat him up. If there were any such fool, we'd know of it. And, again, do you mean to tell us that the thief, if he was a Boer, would not have picked you off without any palaver at all? And, having done so, would he have left your horse—a Boer? Why, any Boer would do a good deal of shooting to get such a horse as yours. No, no! Own up. In a moment of temptation you've hid this money and had not the experience to invent a plausible yarn."

The trooper turned white to his lips, but answered never a word. The commanding officer looked at him sadly. He had placed the greatest trust in the youngster.

"Say no more, major," he said abruptly. "Maxwell, I regret this occurrence very much. Much as I hate to say it, the major argues correctly. It is impossible to credit this wild tale of Boers being around here. The matter must, however, pass out of our hands. Tomorrow Sergeant Wayne goes to Kimberley on company's business, and Private Roberts with him. They will take you as far as Fort Tuli, on the frontier, under arrest, awaiting trial."

It was with very different sensations from those with which he had ridden off on his mission that Maxwell commenced his journey to Tuli. Yet, though a prisoner, and his heart filled with a dumb despair, he held his head proudly as he shook hands with a few comrades who bade him cheer up. But the efforts of his friends to give him hope were for the greater part forced, for Maxwell could not but see with bitterness that even they found it hard to credit his story. It was preposterous to believe that any other white men were in that hostile country save the pioneers themselves. His cheeks flushed as he overheard the remark of one:

"I'm sorry for him, for he was a first rate sort, but he ought to have done it neater than that. Anyhow they can't do anything to him. They can't prove I took the money, but they can't prove he did not, don't you know."

"So," thought Maxwell with anguish, "I shall be a suspected man all my life."

The prisoner and his two guards rode on almost in silence. The journey to Tuli, on the frontier, would take them at the least three days, and it was not one without danger. They did not fear any interruption from the Matabele warriors, for these were passed to the north with their king, but lions and large game abounded, and the broad rivers over which they had to swim their horses swarmed with crocodiles. To defend himself, therefore, Maxwell's rifle and cartridges, although he was under arrest, were not taken from him. He knew his guards but slightly. They were not men of the kind he had chosen to be intimate with; of the rader, less educated class in that mixed company of adventurers and young fellows.

Sergeant Wayne first broke the dreary silence.

"We're as gloomy and silent as if we were all going to be hung," he cried, with a loud laugh. "Cheer up, Max! Cheer up! There's nothing to be so glum about, man. There's nothing in the way of evidence against you, is there, Roberts?"

"What do I know?" growled the other.

"Pshaw! You're as morose as Maxwell here. And you ought to be happy enough, too—got your discharge, going back to your friends, money in pocket"—

"Is it?" growled the private. "I wish you'd hold your row."

"Nasty, ain't he, Maxwell? He'll be better after supper and he's got some of that springbok meat down his throat. Finest buck I ever shot, Max."

"I thought hunting passes had been stopped since Jones got assagaied when out shooting?" said Maxwell indifferently.

"Maybe they are, old man," said Wayne, with a laugh, "but the sergeant of the guard can sometimes get a chance to get some fresh meat for supper. So Roberts and I managed to skip the camp"—

He suddenly stopped and looked quickly at the prisoner. But Maxwell's thoughts were already wandering back to his own position.

"Well, well," said the sergeant, "as I was saying, Maxwell, you needn't be afraid. They can't prove anything against you; so no harm's done, and some day you can drop back and dig up the"—

Maxwell cried out in a passion of indignation:

"Do you really think I hid that money?"

The sergeant looked at him with an eye half shamed, half amused.

"Well, Maxwell," he said, "the Boers and the knobkerrie and the call for help made a pretty story, especially that cry from the night, 'Wacht een beetje!' but we all know there were no Boers within 100"—

He stopped, for Maxwell was looking at him, startled, curiously.

"Well, well," the sergeant said, "there's no harm done. They can't prove anything."

Silence fell on the three again, but Maxwell was full of strange thoughts.

They camped by the side of a river which the sergeant would not swim before daylight, having a discreet regard for crocodiles, busiest always and hungriest at sundown. Roberts prepared the deer meat for broiling. Wayne gathered material for the fire, and Maxwell took the billies and went down to the river, 50 yards away, to fill them with water. The wet season was nearly over, and the river was running low. Already rocks and ranks of shingly sand showed above the stream dimly in the evening light. Maxwell cautiously scrutinized each muddy log and suspicious projection, aware by experience how easily the long, still amphibians might be mistaken for a mud imbedded tree trunk, but he saw no signs and returned to camp with his water pails. As he approached, the other two were busy and did not hear him. The sergeant was stooping over the fire, now lighted, his back turned to the young trooper. His coat was thrown aside, and his shirt had been disarranged by the armfuls of wood he had been carrying to the fire. A portion of his waist was plainly seen in the light of the flames. Maxwell looked and gasped and dropped a billyful of water. The sergeant turned at the clatter and faced him.

"What's the matter, young un? By George, you look white! Is it a crocodile?"

He ran for his gun in almost a panic, for the pioneers held the loathsome reptiles in greater horror even than lions. Maxwell had time to recover himself and forced a laugh.

"I stumbled," he said. "You're awfully scared of the brutes, Wayne."

"I am," said the sergeant, with a shudder. "I was swimming the Umbezi along do MacMahon that time when he and his horse were both pulled down. I dream of it still."

Maxwell rose after supper, when the other two lit their pipes. If he had been pale when he dropped the billy he was flushed now.

"Sergeant," he said, "if it's not against orders, I'd like to try a shot at those brutes. Leave dark, if there are any lying about on the banks."

"Of course, of course, old man," said the sergeant easily. "There's no commanding officer about with bothering regulations, and, to tell the truth, I'm going to leave the pioneers anyway and ain't worrying about any prisoners. I'm sorry for you, Maxwell, 'pon my soul I am, and if you want to escape, why, man, I'll look the other way, and Roberts too. I'll help you too. By Jove I will!"

He spoke with almost anxious enthusiasm, as if he really would like to see Maxwell take his rifle and horse and ride off, but the youngster only smiled and walked off to the river. It was getting dark rapidly. Crocodiles were about in all probability, but the pioneer did not look to see. He waited a minute, and then, controlling his voice with an effort, he sang out as carelessly as he could:

"I say, you fellows, look here! I believe this is a diamond."

The ruse succeeded. The two troopers came leisurely down from the camp. Maxwell glanced anxiously at them, and his eyes lit up triumphantly, for they were unarmed. They had left their guns and pistols and belts by the fire.

"Diamond!" cried Wayne, his pipe between his teeth. "Let's see, Max. Everything's possible in Africa. Why not diamonds here as well as at Kimberley? Where is it?"

Maxwell was standing on the very brink of the river, where the bank was two or three feet high above the swift water. Instantly they approached him, coming to his side.

"Let's see," said Wayne again.

Suddenly Maxwell dashed between them, running some 20 yards away from the river. His rifle sprang to his shoulder, his eye glanced keenly through the sights.

"Wacht een beetje, you scoundrels!" he shouted in triumph. "Move a foot and I'll drop you to the crocodiles! Wacht een beetje! It's my turn now!"

He stood between them and their arms, and with his rifle, a repeater, they knew he was a sure shot. They both turned white, and neither spoke. At last, with an oath, Wayne found utterance.

"Is this a joke?" he cried angrily.

"About as much so as when you hit me over the head with a knobkerrie," said Maxwell calmly. "I know now who the Boers were. You and your hunting pass! You talk too much, Sergeant Wayne! When you repeated that call for help—'Wacht een beetje'—on the march today, I recognized your voice. When you told me how you and Roberts had been out hunting without leave, you made me think, and now I know. Give me that belt, next your skin—my belt!"

"Oh, you're crazy!" cried the ser-

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## NOTICE

The partnership existing between the undersigned, who carried on business as Liverymen and Teamsters, under the firm of Fleming & Hamilton, has been dissolved by mutual consent as at 15th November, 1897. All liabilities of said firm will be discharged by W. Fleming, who is authorized to collect all outstanding debts due to the firm.

Signed { W. FLEMING.
F. J. HAMILTON.

33-3 Revelstoke Station, B. C., Nov. 29, 1.97.

## Certificate of Improvements.

ORPHAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM.

Situated in the Big Bend Mining Division. District of West Kootenay: located on Barrett Creek, a tributary of McCulloch Creek, in the Big Bend mining division of West Kootenay.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Cicero N. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. 9370, issued February 16th, 1897, at New Westminster, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated at Vancouver this 30th day of November, A. D., 1897. 33-9

## Private Bill Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a Private Bill to incorporate a Company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from a point at or near Albert Canyon, thence up the valley of the North Fork of the Heckelwaet River to the headquarters of the Downie Creek, thence down the valley of the Downie Creek to the junction of that stream with the Columbia River, with the power to equip, construct, maintain branch lines to any mine or mines, and all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat, and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 17th day of November, 1897.

WILSON & SENKLER,
31-6t Solicitors for the Applicants.

## LICENCE AUTHORISING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, } No. 149.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Waverly Mine, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at 18 Copthall Avenue, in the city of London.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £100,000, divide into 100,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Albert Canyon, and John Grant, Manager Director of the above Company, whose address is Albert Canyon, is the Attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established and so licensed are:—

(1) To prospect and explore for the purpose of obtaining information, and also to acquire and enter into treaties and contracts and engagements of any description, and either absolute or conditional, with respect to mines, mining rights, minerals, lands, forests, harbours, water rights, rivers, and property of every or any nature situate in any part of British Columbia or elsewhere; and to negotiate for and acquire concessions, privileges, and rights, absolute or conditional, from any sovereign powers, rulers, governments, or states, or person or persons, or from any corporate or other body, and to enter into any arrangement with any government, ruler or authority, municipal or otherwise, for any purposes, or to any effect, and from time to time to alter and vary the same accordingly.

(2) To carry on mercantile, commercial, trading, and financial businesses of any and every description, either as principals or agents, and to buy, sell, and enter into contracts, either absolute or conditional, in respect of stocks, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations, options and securities of every or any description in any part of the world.

(3) To purchase, take on lease, or acquire by exchange, licence, hire, or otherwise, lands, forests, buildings, harbours, mines, mining rights, patents, or other rights or claims (whether absolute, exclusive, optional, conditional or limited) an any other kind of property in any part of British Columbia or elsewhere.

(4) To work, win, quarry, convert, manufacture, use, crush, wash, smelt, reduce, refine or otherwise treat and render marketable, and sell or otherwise dispose of or deal in metalliferous quartz and ore, and other mineral and metal substances and products, and precious stones and produce of every description.

(5) To carry on and transact the businesses of merchants, contractors, carriers by land and water, farmers, graziers, traders in and manufacturers of all kinds of merchandise, goods, provisions and articles, and to carry on the business of bankers, capitalists, ship-owners, managers of estates, farms, mines, railways or other properties, and financial agents and brokers in all their respective branches, and the businesses of engineers, builders, miners, and any other businesses directly or indirectly connected with or capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the businesses for the time being, or objects of the Company.

(6) To erect, construct, establish or acquire by purchase, hire, or otherwise, and carry out, maintain, improve, develop, manage, work, control and superintend any roads, ways, bridges, harbours, reservoirs, water works, gas works, electrical works, farms, canals, tramways, railways, quays, wharves, furnaces, mills, crushing and hydraulic works, factories, warehouses, ships, steamers, tugs, barges, machinery, locomotives, wagons, appliances, apparatus, and other plant and works, and to contribute to, subsidise, and otherwise aid, and take part in any such constructions, works or operations.

(7) To cultivate lands and properties, whether belonging to the company or not, and develop the resources thereof, by building, reclaiming, clearing, draining, damming, ditching, farming, planting and otherwise, upon such terms or system as may be considered advisable, and to breed, grow and to deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep, horses, and poultry.

(8) To improve, manage, develop or otherwise turn to account, or deal with all or any of the property and rights of the Company.

(9) To establish and support or aid in the establishment or the support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of the Company, or the dependants or connections of such persons, and to grant pensions and allowances, and to make payments towards insurance, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition, or for any public, general or useful object.

(10) To establish, form and subsidize or otherwise assist in the establishment, promotion or formation of any other companies having for their objects, or some of them, any of the objects mentioned in this memorandum, or the prosecution of any other undertakings or enterprises of any description, having objects which may advance, directly or indirectly, the objects of the Company, and to secure by underwriting or otherwise, the subscription of all, or any part of the shares or loan capital of any such Company, and to pay or receive any commissions, brokerage or other remuneration in connection therewith.

(11) To contract with, or obtain any sovereign or other power, government or state, or any municipal or other body, politic or corporate, or company or persons, for or in relation to capital, credit, money or resources, for the prosecution of any works and undertakings, project or enterprise called or may be taken or contemplated, and any agreement or otherwise in relation to loans or credits issued or proposed to be issued by any government or state, or municipality or city, or national government or state, or corporation, or person or persons.

(12) To lend or advance money or give credit to any kind of people, firms, companies, and corporations, and to do all such things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Company, or any of them, and to invest the moneys of the Company not required for the purposes of the Company in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the directors of the Company, and to lend money on the security of any securities, or on the underwriting of any company or any part thereof.

(13) To advance money for, or otherwise assist in making explorations and surveys of every kind, and in promoting immigration into any country, colony or state.

(14) To guarantee the performance of any contracts or engagements, and to become liable or responsible for money or for the fulfilment of contracts entered into by others.

(15) To issue on commission, or receive brokerage, or other remuneration or consideration, upon the issue or reissue or for guaranteeing the issue of or the payment of interest on any stock, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of any company or public or local authority.

(16) To borrow or raise money, with or without security, and to secure the payment of money borrowed or raised, by the issue of debentures or debenture stock (perpetual or terminal), bonds, mortgages or any other security, upon such terms as to priority or discount or otherwise as shall be thought fit, and to secure the same if thought fit, by mortgage or charge upon the undertaking of the Company and all or any of its real and personal property, present and future, and all or any of its uncalled capital or in any other manner, and to purchase or redeem at a premium if deemed expedient any debentures, debenture stock, or securities of the Company.

(17) To sell, lease, charter, or otherwise dispose of, absolutely or conditionally, or for any limited interest, the whole or any part of the undertaking, property, rights, concessions, or privileges of the Company for such consideration in cash, shares, or otherwise as the Company may think fit, and to abandon any part of the business for the time being of the Company, and to carry on any of the objects mentioned in this clause, to the exclusion of the others.

(18) To subscribe for, purchase or otherwise, acquire the shares of stock, whether ordinary, preferred or deferred, or the debenture bonds or other securities of any company, and to accept the same in payment for any property sold, or business undertaken, or services rendered by this Company, and to hold, sell, or otherwise dispose of the same.

(19) To pay for any rights or property acquired by the Company, or any services rendered to the Company, in fully or partly paid shares or stock, debentures of other securities of the Company, and to make such payments or gifts by way of bonus or otherwise, and either in money, or in any other value as may from time to time be deemed expedient for information or advice given, or for services of any kind rendered to the Company, or in connection with which the Company may directly or indirectly be interested, and generally to make any payments or agree to pay any commissions, with or without any consideration moving to the Company, it is considered by the Directors to be the interests, or directly or indirectly to the benefit of the Company to do so.

(20) To promote any company for the purpose of acquiring all or any part of the undertaking, property and liabilities of the Company, or for carrying on any business or doing any act or thing which may be deemed conducive to the prosperity of this Company. Also to acquire the whole or any part of the undertaking and assets, and undertake the whole or any part of the liabilities of any now existing or future company, and to conduct, liquidate or wind up the business of any such company.

(21) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, co-operation, reciprocal concession, or otherwise, with any person or company, and to remunerate any person or persons, joint stock or other company, by fixed salary or specified remuneration, or by a share of profits, present, past or future, or part one way and part the other.

(22) To make and carry into effect or determine arrangements with British or foreign manufacturers, railways and shipping companies, proprietors or charterers of shipping, carriers, proprietors of steam or other mechanical power and other persons or companies.

(23) To obtain any provisional order or Act of Parliament for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.

(24) To undertake and execute any trusts the undertaking whereof may seem desirable, and either gratuitously or otherwise.

(25) To pay any commission or Brokerage for the purpose of securing the subscription of any part of the share or loan capital of this Company or of any company promoted by this Company, or in which this Company is or intends to be interested, and generally to remunerate any persons for underwriting such capital, or for services rendered in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any shares, debentures, or other securities of the Company, or for promoting, or guaranteeing the raising of capital for any other company.

(26) To procure this Company to be legalised, domiciled, or recognized in any foreign country or colony, and to procure its incorporation in a like character, or as a Societe Anonyme in any foreign country, and to carry on the business of the Company, or any part thereof, in any foreign country or colony, or dependency of the United Kingdom, or in any part of the world, under any other style or name.

(27) To draw, accept, make, indorse, discount, and negotiate bills of exchange, promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable instruments other than bank notes.

(28) To distribute among the members in specie any property of the Company, or any proceeds of sale or disposal of any property of the Company, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made, except with the sanction (if any) for the time being required by law.

(29) To exercise the powers given by "The Companies' Seals Act, 1891," and the "Companies (Colonial Registration) Act, 1883."

(30) To do all such acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the above objects.

(31) It is expressly declared that the intention is that the objects set forth in each of the foregoing paragraphs of this clause shall be construed in the most liberal way and shall be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to any other paragraph or by any inference drawn from the terms of any other paragraph.

(32) The word "Company" in this clause when not applied to this Company shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons whether incorporated or not incorporated, and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and whether now existing or hereafter to be formed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
31-4t Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.


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HUGH McPHERSON, TROUT LAKE CITY, Resident Agent.

# ORPHAN BOY HISTORY

## A NOVEL ACCOUNT BY AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER.

### How the Company Started—Stocks in Conflict—Irregular Issuance—Whitney's Sale to Garvey and What it Did.

The following account of the Orphan Boy co. history is interesting and novel to those at Revelstoke who are familiar with the facts:

To the Editor of the Rosslander:

In perusing your interesting paper I have read many squibs on the now famous Orphan Boy case and being well acquainted with the whole affair, though not interested in it in any way, I think it only fair your readers should know the true history of the case. With your permission I will place a short sketch of the whole history of the company before them from a source I can vouch for.

Before the incorporation of the company Haskins agreed to sell to Whitney and his associates the Orphan Boy mineral claim for $7,000 cash and two-sevenths of the stock of a company to be incorporated capitalized for 700,000 shares of $1 each, Whitney to pay all the expenses of incorporating the company.

When the charter was granted to the company Whitney found it was impossible to raise the $7000 cash and Haskins agreed to take a further 100,000 shares on condition he should have the sole right of the Vancouver market to sell in. The company started work under the trusteeship of Mr. Widdicombe, the President, Mr. Haskins, vice president, Mr. Whitney, secretary-treasurer. The mistake was here made that the proprietary stock was not pooled and Whitney and his associates started selling their stock at Spokane, Rossland and elsewhere, making no attempt to push the sale of treasury stock.

At a general meeting of the company, Haskins, Coursier, Whitney, Carlyon and Brown were appointed directors and they afterwards, according to the by-laws, elected from among themselves Haskins president and manager, Coursier vice-president, and Whitney secretary-treasurer, and fixed the salary for manager at $150 per month and secretary-treasurer at $100 per month.

Whitney, leaving shortly after the meeting for San Francisco, Carlyon was appointed secretary-treasurer pro tem, and he found the books in such a state as necessitated an audit being made and a new set of books opened. Whitney was afterwards deposed and Brown appointed in his stead. Coursier at this time resigned his position as vice president and McCarty was elected in his stead.

During the audit it transpired that Whitney had issued himself some stock of his own allotment irregularly by signing Haskins' name to it, and this becoming known had hurt the sale of stock.

Haskins had been giving away a lot of his stock for advertising and from time to time advancing sums of money to the company as the necessity arose to keep the work going.

Treasury stock was being offered at 15c, but owing to the competition of the proprietary stock on the market at a lower figure it sold very slowly, only 30,000 shares of it being sold altogether at a little over $2,000. This state of affairs could not last and the company live, so the directory board appealed to the owners of the proprietary stock to take it off the market and allow the treasury stock to be sold. Haskins consented to do so, but Whitney refused. The position of matters was explained to Mr. Garvey of Vancouver and he secured control of the unsold balance of Whitney's stock amounting to 119,000 shares. The change of ownership did not improve matters as Garvey immediately started to sell the stock, in fact made a demand on the company to transfer his stock free of the regular charge of 25 cents each certificate.

Now comes the move for which Haskins and Brown had to pay pretty steep. The company had no funds, the men had quit work and were clamoring for their wages and the merchants wanted settlement of their accounts. Haskins failed to raise money on some property he owned and borrowed money from his wife, undertook to pay men and merchants what was due them in consideration of them assigning the claims against the company to him. The arrangement was carried out, Haskins paying out over $1,000 in cash and small balances still due the merchants were transferred to Haskins' account at their instructions. Up to this time neither Haskins or Brown had drawn a cent of their salaries, and Brown assigned his account of salary due, nearly $300, to Haskins.

Haskins then informed Brown that in the event of his suing the company he would require him in Vancouver. Brown demurred on account of it being outside of his duties and asked $100 for the trip which Haskins agreed to allow him if the company refused to give it to him. This $100 has not yet been paid to Brown nor will it till a meeting of the company has decided whether it is the company's expense or private expense of Haskins.

The rest of the story your readers know, how Haskins sued the company and got judgment, sold the mine, and the proceedings that followed.

The strange part of the proceeding to me is that Garvey, who, I consider, was directly responsible for the closing down of the company—for had he pooled the Whitney stock as the company had reason to expect him to do, treasury stock could have been sold—should be the man to swear out the information which caused the arrest of the only men, to quote judge's ruling, who had made any attempt to keep the company afloat.

This is the history as I have known it from the start and is fully proven by the evidence brought out in the trial. I'm asking you to devote the space necessary to publish this I do so in the interest of fair play, knowing you will not grudge it. AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER.

### London Takes a Hand.

The prospectus of the long-talked-of and gigantic British American Corporation has been issued. The capital is £1,500,000 sterling. One million pounds of the shares are now offered at par, the issue being limited to the shareholders of the London and Globe Finance Corporation.

The directors are the Marquis of Dufferin, Lord Loch, Lieut. Governor Mackintosh, E. A. Hoare of the Bank of B. N. A., and Whittaker Wright, a well known London financier.

The company has secured the famous Le Roi and Josie mines and other well-known Rossland mines and Nelson properties. It also secures as a going concern the Alaska Commercial Co. with the townsite at Dawson City and claims on the Bonanza, El Dorado, Bear and other Klondyke creeks.

Labouchere's Truth speaks well of the company.

### A Teacup Storm.

They had a public meeting in Kamloops last week to discuss the sewage by-law, when Thos. Roadley was uncomplimentary enough to say that he opposed the by-law because he did not think the present council competent to handle $30,000 of the people's money. This roused the ire of Mayor Gordon, and it is seriously stated that he has entered a suit against Roadley for $5,000 for slander.

### Christmas In France.

Christmas begins at midnight on Christmas eve, when everyone goes to midnight mass in the churches. This lasts for an hour. Then we go home and have a fire, dinner or supper, to which our friends and relations are invited. Black sausage and champagne always figure prominently at this feast, and it is kept up till an early hour in the morning. We always put our shoes by the chimney corner Christmas eve in the hope that the little Noel would come and fill them. The grown people receive no presents and send no Christmas cards or letters. It is only the children who have gifts. The night before Christmas the shops are ablaze with lights; the restaurants keep open all night and are decorated with greens and have Christmas trees in their windows. In the Bon Marche there is a huge tree every Christmas, loaded with presents for the poor children. In the Latin quarter every one is up all night Christmas eve, and all sorts of fun and jokes prevail. Every one goes to church Christmas morning and on the altar of each church is a creche representing the Holy Child, his mother and Joseph. The scenery of the Holy Land is in the background. Christmas dinners in France are very like the English dinners—turkeys, partridges, roast beef and plenty of champagne and bordeaux.—Exchange.

### Shortest on Record.

The construction of the Crow's Nest road is proceeding apace and it is possible that the 330 miles of line will be finished in the shortest time on record. It is not quite known where it will strike Kootenay Lake, nor when it will reach Nelson, as the work along the west shore of the lake is said to be extremely heavy; but communication between its terminus on the lake and Nelson will be made by means of huge barges, carrying whole trains.

### The Big Power Plant.

Robert Jamieson, from Bonnington Falls, states that his company will have the electric plant being established there, completed and ready for operation by the middle of January. The present plant will develop a 2500 horse power and when completed will have cost in the neighborhood of $200,000. Matters have been so arranged that the power can be increased to 5000 and to 9000 horse power at short notice and at comparatively small expense.

The wires had been strung from Rossland within two miles of the plant last Wednesday and is probably completed by this time. At the crossing of the Columbia River below Waterloo the span is 850 feet and the wire is 75 feet above the water. Four working mines in Rossland will be supplied with the power and this will include the Center Star, Virginia, Monte Cristo and either the Iron Mask or War Eagle. No wire will be strung to Nelson at present as the business will not justify it. Should the Hall Mines, however, adopt electricity as its motive power, the line will be built.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE THAT 60 days from date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated on Goldstream near McCulloch Creek in Big Bend, West Kootenay District, beginning at a post marked Gus Lund, N. E. corner, thence running north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

Located October 10, 1897.

29-36 GUS LUND.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I the undersigned do intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land being situated on Gaynor Creek near the mouth of Bunkerhill Creek in the Trout Lake District, West Kootenay, commencing at a post marked E. W., south-west corner; thence running north 80 chains, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west to the place of commencement, being 320 acres more or less.

ERNEST WHITAKER,
per JAMES DIXON.

Trout Lake, Oct. 26, 1897. 29-91

### Meeting of Shareholders.

AS INSTRUCTED by resolution of the Board of Directors at their meeting held at Revelstoke on Nov. 19th, 1897, a general meeting of the shareholders of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company Limited will be held in the Company's office, Union Hotel, Revelstoke, on Tuesday, December 28th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

BUSINESS.

1. To discuss the position the Company will take in the civil suits now before the court to set aside the sale of the mine.
2. To pass accounts.
3. To take the necessary steps to wind up the Company.
4. Any other business to be properly brought before the meeting.

H. A. BROWN,
Secy.

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## MAXWELL'S MISSION.

(Continued from page 4)

geant, with a forced laugh. "What belt?"

"The one I saw about you when your shirt was drawn aside by the firewood you carried. Unbuckle it and throw it here before I count three. Quick!"

The sergeant glared furiously, but made no movement.

"One!"

The sergeant sulkily moved his hand.

"Two!"

The surly trooper, Roberts, who had hitherto remained still, suddenly broke the silence by a torrent of oaths.

"You ass!" he cried, turning on Wayne. "Didn't I tell you to give me my share and throw away the bell? But you wouldn't. You waited a chance to bolt with it all. And now you've queered us both."

In a paroxysm of rage he flung his heavy fist backward in the face of his accomplice. Wayne, taken by surprise, retreated, and his second step carried him over the bank into the stream. He went down with an appalling cry, drawn from him not so much by dread of the current as by the swift and horrid recollection of what fearful beasts had there their home. In such an instant the minds of men betray each its normal trend, and the two men left on the bank now proved what instincts swayed their actions.

"The belt! The belt!" yelled Roberts. "He's got the belt!" And he leaped from the bank to save the gold. Maxwell uttered no word. He had heard that despairing cry, had seen the agonized face as the man fell, and he dropped his rifle and leaped into the stream to save a fellow creature, although a moment before he was sternly determined to shoot him where he stood. The two leaped so nearly together and so closely after the falling body that all three were struggling in the water together. They were all good swimmers—pioneers had need to be—and in another instant they would have scrambled out, when from the mud bank, near the shore, there slid a dusky form that plunged heavily into the water. All three troopers heard that ominous plunge close to them, and all three knew what caused it. With a hideous yell Wayne, suddenly paralyzed with fear, screamed:

"Save me! Maxwell, Maxwell, save me!" Maxwell was already clinging to the bank, but he turned to the river again and saw the sergeant, so stricken with horror that he was utterly unable to reach the shore. Two strokes bore the youngster to the sinking man's side. Maxwell caught him with his left hand and grasped the belt about his waist. With all his strength he drew Wayne to the bank and dragged him ashore, literally out of the jaws of a huge crocodile.

Then another yell of agony arose from the river. The great reptile, disappointed at its first attempt, had darted about. Its jaws opened once more and closed. The next moment, save for a reddish tinge on the water, the river flowed on as before, and Roberts had disappeared.

Wayne was weak as a child from shock and sobbed hysterically, imploring young Maxwell not to leave him. In the collapse of his nerves he himself unfastened the belt of gold and gave it to the other, and poured out, with a flood of tears, his confession, telling how the dead man and he, knowing somehow of Maxwell's mission, had left the camp and lain in wait for him.

Maxwell said little, but as soon as the sergeant had recovered sufficiently he ordered him to saddle up, although it was now dark, and through all that night they rode their weary horses back to camp, but with positions reversed, for he who came out as a prisoner returned as the guard.

At early morning the young pioneer told his story in the commanding officer's tent, giving him the belt with the money intact, and as the officer shook hands and congratulated him Maxwell saluted and said with a triumphant smile:

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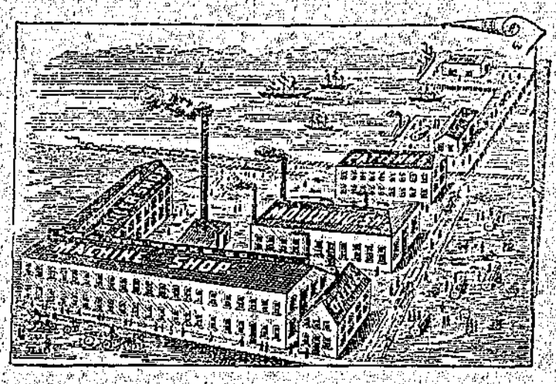


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No. 1 passenger leaves Trail - - - 12:30 p.m. Connects with C.P.R. steamers from north.
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T. J. LENDRUM,
Agent and Attorney in fact for the Kootenay B. C. Smelting and Trading Syndicate.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards of Donald are visiting Revelstoke this week.

Cory. Menhenick is in town this week from Trout Lake.

F. Ahlin & Co. are pushing things. They have put on a new delivery wagon.

The C. P. R. are getting out a publication on the Yukon and ways of getting there.

Noah Abrahamson, with his cheery smile was up this week from Trout Lake City.

Misses Thomas and Hyde were visitors from Trout Lake this week. They came up to attend the grand opening of the Central Hotel.

Rev. Father Peytavin will celebrate midnight mass in the Roman Catholic Church on Christmas Eve. As he cannot be here on Christmas Day, this will be the only Xmas service held in this Church.

A. St. G. Hammersly, City Solicitor for Vancouver, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. He was on his way to Rosebery, where some parties he represents intend to put up a sampler without delay. He also goes to Nelson, returning this way.

Several improvements have lately been added to the Catholic Church. Outside, a substantial bell tower, surmounted by an octagonal spire, springing from an ornamental gothic base, has been erected. The spire, it should be stated, is neatly finished off by the distinctive globe and Latin or oblique cross. Inside the church a commodious gallery is about finished, and a handsome communion railing is being put in place.

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### USEFUL PRESENTS.

Our aim has been to make our premises the centre of holiday attraction and while our toy spread is a very fairy land for children our range of sensible and useful gifts furnish everything anticipated and scores of surprises in novelties suitable for home presents as well as to send to distant friends.

### A BUSY WEEK

Many don't have time to think and buy as they would wish during Christmas week and as we cannot at one showing bring every attractive article in stock directly before the view of our patrons a list of a few specialties will enable you to think of some of the things you cannot at once observe: Soft eiderdown silk covered cushions, head rests, tea cosies, Roman embroidered tea covers, centre pieces, doylies, eiderdown comforters and cot covers, handsome silk blouses, Maltese lace handkerchiefs, knitted slippers, French kid gloves, fur ruffs, collars, caps and capes, gents smoking jackets, neckties, collar and cuff boxes, albums, miniature statuary, fancy mirrors, beautiful hand lamps, dinner sets, fancy china dishes, cups and saucers, pretty Revelstoke souvenir chinaware.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Wednesday, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.
Revelstoke, Nov. 26th, 1897. 32-3t.

The above sitting has been adjourned until Wednesday, January 19th, 1898.
JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.
Revelstoke, Dec. 15th, 1897.

REVELSTOKE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST KOOTENAY.

The sitting of the Court of Revision at Revelstoke is adjourned from Friday Dec. 17, 1897, until Friday, Dec. 30th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m. W. J. GOEPEL, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal. Revelstoke, Dec. 17, 1897.

### NOTICE.

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