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NORTH RIDING CAMPS.

MINING NEWS OF THE SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

Big Bend budget of briefs—Consolation nuggets—Raymond Allen's big scheme—The Shubenacadie to be worked—The Little Falls sale—Good winter in the Bend.

At the Consolation placer, French Creek, pay has been taken out pretty steadily all winter at the rate of $8 or $12 a day per man, with five men working. It is still doing well, and a recent letter from A. W. McIntosh says he found the biggest nugget taken this winter, one of two ounces. Several others over $20 have been taken.

A three-eighths interest in the Little Falls placer, which adjoins the Consolation at the upper end, will be sold by public auction at Revelstoke on the 13th of March. There is machinery and a 52-foot shaft on this property and it is on the best of ground.

Gus Lund says that on the North Star he has been crosscutting to the old channel but has not reached the pay yet. The indications, however, point to its not being very far away. The total amount of tunneling on this property is 800 feet.

John Sanderson is still busy at the Last Chance getting out timbers and making preparations for the coming season. A sale is reported pending on this property.

This is said to have been the finest winter known in the Big Bend. Snow is but five feet deep at the Orphan Boy and is expected to go off early. The coldest it has been at McCulloch Creek is 7 degrees below zero.

John Swords and Harry Howard are camped at the canyon on Gold Stream. They are making sluice boxes in readiness for sluicing weather. They have about 500 feet of boxes built and will work off a bar on Gold Stream about half a mile below the bridge.

Raymond Allen is working on his placer claim and has a big scheme in hand. He is putting in a dam up the creek at the outlet of the bottom meadow which will make a reservoir to hold water sufficient to give him a strong head to work the creek. It is a big scheme and he is well under weigh with it. His diggings are situated on the east side of the Columbia River nearly opposite the old diggings on Smith Creek. He will put on men to help him in the spring so as to make the best use of the time.

One of the promising bench claims on McCulloch Creek is the Shubenacadie which adjoins the North Star at the upper end. It has been tested before giving very good results two men taking out $51 in two days. It is situated on ground too near where a pot of money was taken out in early days. The owners, Messrs. McDiarmid, Adair and Best propose to fully test it this year and from what they know of the nature of the ground expect to make a big clean-up with little expense.

Gamble's Duty to Advise.

In its last issue the Revelstoke MAIL says: "F. C. Gamble, Dominion engineer, is in town looking over the river. He says he cannot say what will be done or when until the department moves. Mr. Gamble might move himself and make the department rustle. The river bank cannot wait for people like Mr. Gamble, the department or any one else, but must be fixed at once." It is possible our contemporary forgets that Mr. Gamble is but an employee of the government, an official whose duty it is to carry out the orders given him from headquarters. If the river bank at Revelstoke demands attention, and we are aware it does, the representative of the district, Mr. Bostock, is the proper person to make a representation to the Federal government to that effect. This is part of his duty and we do not think he will be found to be backward or any way lax in doing so.—*Vancouver World.*

The MAIL does not forget that Mr. Gamble is an employee of the government and it imagines it is as much his duty to advise the department as to carry out its orders. The river bank at Revelstoke demands immediate attention and the *World* is assured that Mr. Bostock has done his duty manfully and properly towards getting it protected.

If the dilatory government that the *World* upholds with such parasitical and remunerative affection did its part, Mr. Gamble would be at work before now. The *World* says it is aware that the river bank wants fixing. So is Mr. Gamble if he looked at it, and he should be interested enough to urge the matter to a speedy conclusion. If nothing is done on the river bank it will be solely the fault of the Turner government and no amount of whitewashing by the *World* will make the people believe otherwise.

Local and Personal Briefs.

The boat train did not get in till 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

The Imperial Bank will it is reported open for business on Monday.

A public meeting to discuss incorporation will be held Monday. The first mayor will take the chair.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold a parlor social in the parsonage Monday even'g.

Stoneleigh Mining Co. has been formed in Milwaukee to operate hydraulic works on the south side of French Creek.

Presbyterian church: Service tomorrow evening at 7:30; Mr. Geddes, B. A., missionary. Bible classes at 2:30 p.m. to which all are welcome.

Those who want to see some good skating and races well contested should help to the success of the rink meeting on Monday evening next.

E. C. McCorrison, of Lardeau, is in town with his left hand injured. He caught it in a saw at the Kootenay Lumber Co. mill at Lardeau.

R. McDiarmid, foreman, E. Adair and W. Best came down from the Orphan Boy, Tuesday. They will go up again in a few days.

Get your vote registered for the coming provincial election. It is very necessary that everyone should be prepared lest it come when least expected.

Chip in for a good skating contest on Monday night. Good sports are the best thing people can engage in and beat travelling fake shows all to pieces.

Five hundred feet of Baker fabric hose has arrived for the fire department. This is the best hose of the kind made. A fire test will soon be made now.

A. W. Hull, well known to old residents of Revelstoke, died at Kamloops on Thursday. Deceased was 89 years old and was a native of Wilts, Eng. Funeral on Sunday afternoon.

R. W. and Mrs. Northey with their children Violet and Stanley left for Rossland this week. They are wished every good fortune by many friends. Gilbert and Alice Northey will remain here.

E. A. Haggen, of Vancouver, is in town canvassing for a "Guide to the Mines of British Columbia." It will be a very useful volume and cover the history, nature and locations of the mines of the whole province. It is a capital thing to get your ad. in.

A good deal of interest is being aroused by the skating challenge of T. Moran. Other matches are on the cards, and it is quite possible that Revelstoke may send representatives to some of the lower country rinks to compete against local champions.

Mr. Barrow, of the Kootenay Iron Works, says at Nelson that while in Victoria he interviewed Messrs. Hume and Kellie who promised to lend their assistance in securing his company a block of land near Cottonwood Creek and the C. & K. railway.

Notice of incorporation of the Carnes Creek Consolidated Gold Mines Co. appears in this week's *Gazette*. The principal place of business is Revelstoke; the capital stock $1,000,000 in one million shares of $1. The trustees are I. T. Brewster, W. Cowan and F. McCarty, all of Revelstoke.

The incorporation of the Western Canadian Mining & Development Co. is noticed in this week's *Gazette*. The principal place of business is Revelstoke; the capital stock $1,200,000 in one million two hundred thousand shares of $1 each. The trustees named are W. A. Martel, Rat Portage; O. D. Hoar and H. A. Brown, Revelstoke.

An anonymous contribution has been sent to the MAIL correcting a statement which appeared in our contemporary's issue of Wednesday. It was probably a mistake, but it is proper here to point out that it is contrary to journalistic etiquette to give publicity to such matters until refused by the paper which is concerned.

Hewitt Bostock, M.P., came up from the south yesterday afternoon. He has visited all the principal places in South Kootenay and got the views of the people everywhere. He went west without stopping but comes back here Monday and will either meet the Board of Trade or hold a public meeting or perhaps both. Hewitt is a pushing young man, and is going to a good deal of pains to get his constituents views.

The carnival at the rink on Monday night was very well attended and a good deal of interest attached to the several events for which prizes were offered. T. Moran took the gentlemen's single skating prize, the ladies single was captured by Miss Alice Northey, and the ladies and gentlemen's double fell to D. McManus and Miss L. Edwards, Frank Brown as a hunter took the prize for the best gentlemen's costume and Miss Millie Behrens the ladies ditto in a tobogganing dress.

NOTES OF THE HOUSE.

OUR VICTORIA CORRESPONDENT GIVES HIS VIEWS.

The townsite trouble—Ore output—Measure for regulating companies introduced—Mr. Kellie and Dr. Walkem—Private bills of public interest.

As expected the debate on the address came to an end on Friday the 4th day of the session. The Hon. Colonel Baker was very facetious in his reply and said that the opposition had predicted the fall of the Government for the past ten years and would do so for ten more. I always considered the Colonel to be an imaginative man but now I am sure of it as it requires a strong imagination to imagine the Turner Government in power for another ten years. He gave great credit to the Attorney-General for having kept law and order like he did and eulogised Hon. Mr. Martin in connection with the new parliament buildings. What sarcasm!

The Attorney-General, the provincial Rip Van Winkle, awoke from his sleep to make a feeble speech in support of his government. He made a great piece of gallery play in saying that the sufferers of the Pt. Ellice bridge disaster should be considered before or as soon as the sufferers of the Indian famine. He defended Chief Justice Davies revision work and attempted to justify Hon. Pooley's appearance for the E. & N. R. Co. against the Province.

Mr. Sword replied to the two previous ministers and did excellent work. His reference to the Governments vigorous railway policy which he said consisted of asking the Dominion to build the railways was the best thing of the day. It describes the situation exactly for in almost every speech by government supporters wherever a railway policy was spoken of something was also said about the Dominions duty to the Province. The address in reply was next carried without division. Later in the day in reply to Mr. Helmcken's question "Does the Government intend to remit the free miners tax." The Hon. Col. Baker said after a little hesitancy: "Yes, in accordance with the statement made by the president of the council.

Hon. Baker said in reply to the question about his eastern trip that he visited Toronto and Montreal at his own expense and moved to strike out those words—Carried.

Mr. Eberts, in reply to Mr. Kellie, who asked the cause of delay in the settlement of the Revelstoke townsite dispute, said:—

"The principal cause of the delay in the settlement of the question of the disputed lands in the railway belt is that, out of ten original grantees or their successors in title, only five have responded to the request of this Government to execute surrenders and releases. In the Farwell townsite out of 57 owners either under conveyance or agreements for sale, only four have as yet placed themselves in communication with the Government, although every possible means, by published advertisements and the issue of circulars, have been taken to bring the matter to their notice. Of these four note have completely established their claims. Another cause for delay has been the non-receipt of information and maps requested and promised by the Dominion Government to identify those lands dealt with by the Dominion prior to March 29, 1895, (the date of the Dominion orders-in-council), the guarantee of which from the Provincial Government does not come within the terms of the settlement. The five surrenders already executed are delayed in transmission pending the approval of the Minister of Justice, and an assurance from the Dominion Government that the grants to be received in exchange will be of the same liberal character as the original grants from the Province."

I am not acquainted with the merits of this matter but if you will give me particulars I will help in getting it straightened out.

Mr. Cotton wanted an adjournment to discuss the conservation of water rights but Mr. Turner said he was impressed with the importance of the matter and it would have early consideration. House adjourned till Monday 2 p.m.

Monday's sitting was in the early part mostly taken up with agricultural matters and then came Mr. Graham's question about railway rates. Then Mr. Turner presented a return shewing expenses attached to the negotiation of the loan of '95. The next event of notice was more generally interesting the introduction of a bill to correct an ambiguity in the B. C. Southern Rly. Aid Act. The effect of the amendment is to shew that the company's land grant covers only from the eastern boundary of the province to Kootenay Lake, and not on to the coast. Another score for the opposition public.

The return asked for by Mr. Kellie shews the output of minerals from B. C. to be up to date over one hundred millions worth.

The output for the various districts in the last two years was:

	1895.	1896.
Cariboo	$ 282,000	$ 281,050
Cassiar	22,575	21,000
Kootenay, East	17,575	151,427
Kootenay, West	2,223,200	1,002,735
Lillooet	10,603	33,095
Yale	211,581	266,078
Other Districts	10,000	15,000
Total	$2,831,000	$1,816,955
	1895.	1896.
Placer Gold	$ 481,863	$ 511,026

The new bill for the regulation of companies was next introduced. It covers 55 pages of printed matter, and is divided into nine heads. No company according to it can commence business until 10 per cent. of its capital stock is paid up in *cash*. Annual reports are to be made to the registrar, and a company may reduce its capital by consent of the supreme court. Prospectuses must state the names of proposed directors and amount of shares agreed to be taken by each, number of shares fully paid up and the names of vendors of property purchased or to be acquired and its price. The office of director shall be vacated if he holds other office or place of profit under the company, if he becomes bankrupt or insolvent or if he participates in the profits of any contract with the company, except as a member of another company.

The registration fees for companies (other than foreign) are as follows: If the nominal capital does not exceed $10,000, a fee of $10; above $10,000 for every additional $5,000 up to $25,000, $5; above $25,000 to $500,000, for every additional $5,000, $1; for every additional $5,000 above $500,000, 25 cents; provided that no company shall be liable to pay in respect of nominal capital any greater fee than $250. Existing companies requiring to be registered under this Act are to pay the same fees as new companies.

The fees for registration of foreign companies under this Act are to be one-tenth of one per cent. upon the authorised capital, in addition to the specific charge of $10 for registering the company's name and office and the address of its agent and manager.

The subject treated is a vast one and will occasion a good deal of discussion.

Premier Turner shuffled out of Mr. Hume's question asking for a return of land transfers in W. Kootenay, but Mr. Sword backed it up and supplemented it with a request for particulars of every lot transferred and fees in each case. An order was on Tuesday passed to make this return. On Tuesday too, Dr. Walkem, the independent member, took the World to task for criticising his remarks on the amount paid that paper for publishing a sale of land for taxes. This was not a very stirring day. It may be interesting to your readers to know that the Lardeau Railway company seeks incorporation, the petition being from John Andrew Mara and others. Also that Mr. Helmcken will on Thursday ask leave to introduce bills entitled an act to amend the Placer Mining Act Amendment Act '96, and an act to amend the Mineral Act 1896. Mr. Eberts too will on the same day bring in a measure "An Act to accelerate the Incorporation of Towns and Cities."

Wednesday was a much more interesting day taken from every point of view. It began with Dr. Walkem asking Mr. Kellie if it was true that he is a candidate for the office of Gold Commissioner in W. Kootenay.

Mr. Kellie denied it and retorted very happily that all he aspired to was the position of Premier.

The bill to correct the ambiguity of the B. C. Southern Grant was read a first time and gets a second reading Thursday.

The next important debate of the day was on Mr. Adams' (Cariboo) motion that it was desirable to place an export duty on ores. Col. Baker thought doing this would result in smelters forming a ring to hurt mine owners. Mr. Sword agreed with the Colonel. Hon. Mr. Turner said it was a weighty matter and was afraid that such a policy would injure the mining industry. Mr. Foster thought it would stop settlement of newly opened districts and would probably close down low grade mines. Mr. Semlin agreed with Mr. Turner and asked the mover to withdraw the resolution.

Mr. Kellie did not think it necessary at present to put an export duty on ores. When the province had better communications and cheaper coke, it would be time enough to talk about this. Mr. Adams withdrew the resolution.

The Provincial Secretary made his reply to Mr. Helmcken's query as to the costs of his recent eastern trip. The return amounts to $201.

The standing committee on private bills reported that in the case of (No. 6) Revelstoke Water Works, Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., and (No. 7) Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Co., Ltd., the standing orders have been complied with.

THE ORPHAN BOY.

It Promises To Be a Mine and a Very Good One.

From Ed. Adair, a miner who has worked on the Orphan Boy from the very beginning and who has just returned, the following particulars of work done have been gleaned. Knowing the very general interest taken in the progress of this property both on its own account and that of the neighborhood in which it is located the details are given at some length.

The work on the Orphan Boy was commenced about the 8th of October and with seven men working has been steadily prosecuted ever since. The camp was first built and then work was begun on the claim. A shaft was started in one of the smaller leads but was discontinued lest there would be insufficient powder and all hands were put on the No. 1 tunnel. The tunnel was started to crosscut the lead and it caught one wall with forty-five feet driven. It then cut the lead at an angle of thirty-five degrees and running 79 feet went through a lead 25 feet wide from wall to wall. Of this lead, nine feet is splendid free milling quartz and along the foot wall is a fourteen inch streak of ore which so closely resembles some of the Trail ores that put together they could not be told apart. In the quartz, free gold was plainly discernible in several places with the eye. From starting point to finish No. 1 tunnel is in 124 feet and the ore on the dump mostly free milling quartz is about seven hundred tons. There was no timbering necessary except the first thirty feet. At or near the end of the tunnel a body of decomposed quartz was struck which from all appearances should be enormously rich. On the 6th of January a second tunnel (No. 2) was commenced at a point about 125 feet lower than the first and is now in 78 feet. It is expected to cut the lead again with about six or more feet to run. On getting under cover in No. 2 the outer edge of a body of what looked like decomposed asbestos was struck and it is believed that a large quantity of that mineral substance is close at hand.

There are four other distinct leads on the Orphan Boy, varying from 14 inches to two feet wide, and are all of a very promising free milling character. The shaft before spoken of was sunk on one of these for 125 feet and was in ore all the way. The powder is now short and some hands have come down to Revelstoke to bring up sufficient to carry on operations.

Speaking generally, Adair says: I have no hesitation in saying that I believe the Orphan Boy to be a most promising property and one that will in the very near future be a mine, and a good one too. This opinion is shared by all who have worked on it and as an evidence of their opinion some of the boys are, I understand, taking stock in the company. Within five weeks the ledge will, if it keeps its dip, be struck and I then expect to see the Orphan Boy take a front rank. It has every convenience there for handling cheaply; there is plenty of water for milling or pumping or anything else and any quantity of good timber.

Big Bend Mails.

The present mail contract for Big Bend expires March 31st, which is now but six weeks off. The delay in providing a service this winter was occasioned by allowing the previous contract to expire before the present one was provided. This should be guarded against at the close of March and provision made to continue it until the season, which will be early, permits a twice a month service.

Down River Points.

The Bank of B. N. A. has opened a branch at Trail.

Harry Hughes had a narrow escape from snowslide last week.

The Bank of Montreal are opening a branch at New Denver.

Silverton townsite has been secured by Alexander & Rothbone.

The Reco Mining Co. are expected to pay a $100,000 dividend shortly.

An attempt is being made to get a waggon road from Burton City to Blue Grouse Creek.

The U. S. committee on ways and means have agreed to put back the duty on lead ores to 1½ cents per pound.

W. Thomlinson leaves Bourne Bros. New Denver store this month and will after a short rest open a mining broker's office.

Work has commenced on the new combination steel and iron bridge across the Columbia at Northport. There will be 1,200 feet of spans.

Kaslo has another excitement. An alderman is prosecuting the city clerk for a breach of by-law No. 15 of the city. Another party, D. C. McCallum, is bringing the city into the Supreme court and asks to have the tax levy by-law of '94 quashed.

TRUE FISSURE SOLD.

BONDED TO THE HORNE-PAYNE CO. FOR $50,000.

Trout Lake early prospectors rewarded for perseverance—They have bonded and sold to $107,000—Horne-Payne Co. now working four claims on one lead.

Another of the great properties of the Trout Lake camp has been bonded; this is the True Fisure on the celebrated Great Northern lead. It was bonded on Tuesday, the 16th, to the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Co. Ltd. by Chas. Hulton, Thomas Downs and Peter Walker for $50,000. A deposit has been made, the second payment is due in January of '98, the third three months from then, and the final payment will be made in June of the same year. This company, the Horne-Payne, now control four of the seven locations on this great lead viz.: the Phillipsburg, Old Sonoma, Broadview and True Fissure and have splendid properties in all of them. The True Fissure, their latest purchase was located by Messrs. Holten, Dowis and Walker in '91, and was bonded to the Nowell Mining Co., of Juneau, Alaska, in '95, for $20,000; but failing to make the payments required by the bond it reverted to the original owners. About $7,000 has been expended on this property, counting everything, up to the present. It is a silver-lead ore, with gold, the silver contents averaging about 80 ounces to the ton and is on the North Fork of the Lardeau River.

Messrs. Holten, Downs and Walker were owners of four claims on the Great Northern lead: the Great Northern, Hillside, Broadview and True Fissure and have bonded them all for a sum of $82,000. They also owned the Silver Cup on the South Fork and sold it for $25,000, making a total sum of $107,000 for their interests in Trout Lake. They have besides another very promising claim left on the Great Northern lead.

These three men are good examples of what perseverance and grit will do. They went into Trout Lake district in the fall of '95, and have been there off and on ever since. They thought they had good properties and held on to them through good report and ill, and to-day sees the reward of their tenacity. With commendable spirit they are putting their well-earned money into ventures and improvements in the country where they made it.

That Hotel Again.

It was stated last week that the C. P. R. were going to build a $25,000 hotel. That the report was correct is fully shewn this week by the following notice taken from the Vancouver *News Advertiser*:—

"Tenders will be received up to noon on Monday, 22nd inst., for furnishing of all labor and material and for the erection and completion of a hotel at Revelstoke.

Plans, specifications, forms of tender and all necessary information can be obtained at the office of J. J. Gamble Esq., Resident Engineer. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. H. ABBOTT,
Gen. Supt."

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 15, 1897.

This notice is not advertised locally, but is clipped from one of the Vancouver papers. Local contractors have therefore had no opportunity to submit estimates.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor cannot be responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

The following letter explaining matters relative to his reported retirement is published at the request of Rev. F. Yolland:

AN EXPLANATION.

To Editor of the "News-Advertiser."

Sir—A note appeared in Saturday's issue of last week about myself which is somewhat misleading. The article in question stated that I had placed my resignation in the hands of the Bishop and was going to turn my attention to mining. This is in a sense true though it is liable to give a very wrong impression. I should be glad, therefore, if you would be good enough to insert in your next issue this further explanation: With the permission of the Bishop, I am taking a few months' rest from clerical work for two reasons: (1) because I have been suffering with ill-health lately: (2) because I intend paying a visit to England this year. If I return from England after next Christmas as I expect to do, I shall resume my ministerial work in this diocese.

Yours faithfully,
FIELD YOLLAND
Revelstoke, B.C., Feb. 15th, 1897.

Services at usual hours, morning and evening, in the Methodist church tomorrow. Rev. J. A. Wood, pastor.

Church of England services tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. F. Yolland will officiate.

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Rubber Boots and Shoes : : wear like iron.

REVELSTOKE, FEB. 20, 1897.

THE registration of land titles seems just as far away as ever. Atty. General Ebert's answer to Mr. Kellie would lead one to think that it was the people's own fault. Is it so? If it is, why so much agitation. A communication from somebody who can not get registered and who thoroughly understands the question would help to elucidate it.

SOME coast people want a charter for a railway from the coast to Kootenay. Incidentally they say it is to benefit Kootenay but it is clearly seen the motive is to build up the coast cities. The people of the interior have no objection to assist the cities of the coast by building this road if they will show a corresponding advantage to the inland towns, but until such advantage is shown they cannot expect us to exhibit much enthusiasm for the scheme.

IT is a pleasant thing to hear what you have long worked for acknowledged to be right. It is a proud moment after a stubborn fight to hear yourself proclaimed a victor. It is full of pleasure to the opposition press to hear the government admit that the land bonusing of railways is wrong and that miners need not pay the obnoxious $5 tax. If appearances are not deceptive the government will also adopt another of the opposition's planks and refrain from giving away gratis public franchises to mere speculators.

Mr. Kellie's first speech this session is full of independence and we hope he will hold out for all he considers to be right. He says Kootenay should have two more members. Yes! three, Mr. Kellie. The question is will he try to get them. He says a young gold commissioner is wanted in Capt. Fitzstubbs place. True! Will he insist on getting him. So with all the rest, many things are wrong and they are known to be wrong; the point is to right them. With his remarks on the regulation of mining companies we fully agree. There is no reason why a mining company any more than any other concern should be subject to irritating espionage and interference by governments. Put the incorporation laws right and give shareholders a little more power and the thing will right itself.

CONCERTED action should at once be taken to impress upon the provincial government the duty they owe to this town. They have for years been taking taxes out of it while the title was questionable, and though Chief Justice Davie was paid $500 for his trip east to settle the matter it is not adjusted yet. The river bank too, Premier Turner is loth to help to save the town. It seems as if these powers had conspired to injure the place. Not content with leaving the title in abeyance, thereby retarding settlement, they now express unwillingness to save it from destruction. Then look at the matter of street improvements. Look up the public accounts for '96 and see that Nelson, where the government have interests, got nearly $900 for street improvements and Revelstoke but $200. Look at the public buildings in Donald, Nelson and elsewhere and contrast them with the chicken coop here and any man who has the interest of the place at heart will get warm. The government built a parliament house at Victoria that will cost a million. What for? To put a respectable face on things. Yet here in Revelstoke where hundreds are coming and going daily they maintain a structure unfit to look at.

Experience Teaches.

Companies incorporated hereafter to work individual mining claims would do well to profit by the failings of the past two seasons and provide plenty of treasury stock. If the stock is never required to be issued it reduces the actual capital on which dividends have to be paid by that much and if it is required to put the mine on a paying basis it is a very nice thing to have it on hand. It will pay promoters to be less hoggish in the future. Let them be satisfied with a small interest and put more of the capital in the treasury.—*Rossland Miner.*

Provincial Returns.

The public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th, '96, were brought before the house last week. They show the net revenue of the province to have been $989,617.10, an increase of $93,591 over the previous year; and the net expenditure to be $1,614,723, a decrease of $300,000 from the year before. Amongst the expenditures the largest were, for roads etc., $238,000, for the parliament buildings $257,000. The increase in receipts was mainly made from miners licenses and general mining receipts.

In the statement of collections in the different districts West Kootenay and Yale with $122,001 and $105,000 respectively, easily head the others, showing the need of generous treatment in representation and appropriations. In E. Kootenay, Col. Baker's constituency, the amount collected was $17,853, shewing an increase of only $2,000 over last year. It will be interesting to watch the appropriations for E. Kootenay in the coming session. In the '95 returns E. Kootenay got about $4 to every $1 it contributed. Victoria city is but third with $79,000 collected and yet it has about twice the representation that W. Kootenay has. There is no need to dwell on these inequalities as most people are familiar with them; it should be remembered, however, that W. Kootenay and Yale with less than one-sixth of the representation contributed in the fiscal year '96 over one quarter the entire revenue of the province for the year.

Andy Strikes It Rich.

A letter has been received from Andy Hunker, dated Dec. 17, 1896, at Hunker Creek, District Yukon, N. W. Territory, postmarked at Juneau, Feb. 4th. He writes: "I have struck new prospects and they are extra good. There are now two districts—Bonanza and Hunker. Both are big creeks about 25 miles long. They empty into the Klondike which empties into the Yukon at Dawson City, which is about 50 miles above 40-Mile Post. There is a good deal of excitement, and I dare say it is the biggest prospect that has been found in the Yukon country. Give my respects to the boys if any of them should inquire for me, and tell them I am well. If any should come here, let them fetch plenty of provisions, for there is hardly anything here now."

An Alaska letter in Seattle paper says that $87 has been taken from a pan, and that Hunker Creek gives promise of rich returns. On Eldorado Creek, $60 and $68.50 has been found in the pans, and thirty pans in one shaft average $3 to the pan.

Another Gold Producer.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of an order made herein by His Honor, Judge [illegible] the 19th day of January, 1897, the Sheriff for the County of Kootenay will sell by public auction at the Court House, Revelstoke, on Saturday, the 13th day of March, 1897, at [illegible] in the forenoon, the interests of the above named Sylvester Hoys and Frank Anderson, formerly of Revelstoke, B.C., but whose present whereabouts are unknown, in the "Little [illegible] Placer Mining Claim," situate on French Creek, Big Bend, West Kootenay District, [illegible] dues [illegible] the Gold Yuan Placer Claim.

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His First this Session.

Mr. Kellie, member for Northwest Kootenay, made a characteristic speech, using pointed and picturesque western expressions to adorn his discourse. He started out with the claim that Kootenay was entitled to more representation in this house. Two more representatives would be Kootenay's due and if any of the members were afraid of the expense let some of those who represent small constituencies resign and give Kootenay their places. Another of Mr. Kellie's wants was a young, live gold commissioner, and he hoped that the present gold commissioner would be pensioned and replaced by young blood. He desired to see municipal government in Kootenay and have the towns incorporated, so that they might build their own schools and carry out proper sanitary measures. He hoped some change might be made in the mineral act so that rock in place should mean any deposit of mineral that could be mined. He did not believe in the appointment of a mining engineer by the government as suggested by Mr. Graham to examine mines before incorporation, for mining engineers were frauds, and he did not see why the government should have any more supervision over mining companies than over any other business in the country. They had heard a good deal about a railway policy. It was all very well to have an aggressive railway, and the member for Lillooet, who seconded the address, sounded the keynote when he asked for a business railway policy. Retain the trade for the coast was their cry and the government was asked to dig up the dough and saddle the expenses on the province as a whole. They could not build a railway on wind, and it would be to the interest of the country if the Dominion government were asked to give assistance, instead of the province.

The Dominion took a million dollars out of British Columbia without any return, and while Kootenay contributed between $350,000 and $400,000 to the Dominion treasury, only $21,000 was contributed by the Dominion for public works in Kootenay last year. Anyhow Mr. Kellie believed that if capitalists saw anything in building railroads from the coast they would jump in and build it. He was opposed to land grants to railways. Speaking of joint stock companies, Mr. Kellie suggested that when a mining company was formed a certain amount of the stock should be set aside for the development of the claim, and the stock so set aside should be classed as working capital and not be allowed to be used for any other purpose than developing or working the claim. "I have seen a reference in the speech from the Throne about the Queen of England," went on Mr. Kellie, "but nothing about the King of Kootenay."

"Who is he?" asked several members, while the house laughed.

"He's King Corbin, of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway," replied Mr. Kellie amid renewed amusement. "He is skinning the mining lands of timber without reference to the rights of miners." There was no grant, Mr. Kellie maintained, that allowed Mr. Corbin to interfere with free miners searching for minerals. "But," went on Mr. Kellie, "Mr. Corbin goes through the land like a despot, taking the miners by the throat and making them disgorge." One man had told Mr. Kellie that he had to pay Corbin $750 for the privilege of holding his timber. The government, Mr. Kellie held should grant no company outside of a town or a municipality control of water rights. The government had no right to give any person such privileges, and he hoped that any man coming to the house and asking for such things would be "kicked out of the back door." "The rights given to a free miner are sacred," Mr. Kellie went on, warming to his subject, "and I hope that Mr. Corbin when he tries to trample on the free miner's rights will be taken in charge for highway robbery." (Laughter.)—*Victoria Colonist.*

Coal Barons and Chinese.

Probably no decision given by the courts of British Columbia for a very long time has met with such general approval as the recent one upholding the constitutionality of the Coal Mines' Regulation Amendment Act, 1890, prohibiting the employment under ground of females, boys under twelve and Chinamen. With the bare legal question the people were not concerned it is the practical result that appeals to them. Disguise it as you may, under the form of a reference by the government to the courts of this province, the question was, would the Dunsmuirs be allowed to defy the will of the people and employ Chinese in their mines in order to draw a bigger profit out of the pockets of the people from the coal which the people gave them? That was the proposition in a nutshell.

One would think that having received such vast concessions from the people of British Columbia the Dunsmuirs would see that it was at least politic, to say nothing of right morally, to employ the labor of those people who made them rich and who exempted them from taxes on coal. One would further have thought that from motives of policy also, it would not have been wise to take such a narrow stand in the face of the more liberal one taken by other proprietors, such as the New Vancouver Coal Company, which acts towards the people in a very different way. The letters of our special correspondent, "Britomart," published some time ago regarding the Chinese at Union showed that under the uncontrolled rule of the Dunsmuirs a portion of this island was beginning to exhibit the worst features of a province of China and the face of a white miner at Union would not improbably become a novelty.

As anyone who has followed the utterances of this journal on the Chinese question generally will know, *The Province* has never spoken harshly or unjustly of the Chinese, treating in fact the whole subject as one not lightly to be dealt with. But it does seem to us that to greedily acquire immense public concessions from the people of this country and then to seek to deprive the givers, and the children of the givers, of the right to labor in their own concessions shows a spirit of sordid gain and hopeless selfishness that is really repellant to contemplate in an era of supposed enlightenment.—*Province.*

Cheap Labor.

Labor is cheapest in India, where the wages of the laboring classes average something like 1½ cents a day. A fairly skilled journeyman can earn about $3 a month and a good mechanic about $4, or twice the pay of a native soldier. Domestic servants may be had so cheaply both as regards food and wages that a family which in America or England could only keep one or two servants, could in India keep a whole retinue. In many parts of South America Indian labor is to be had for about 4 cents a day, but after all the lowest level would appear to be reached in China. There are large districts in China where labor is so cheap that it can hardly be reckoned on a money standard. Thousands of Chinese laborers live on a little more than a handful of rice or so a day, and yet even there there are thousands of unemployed practically starving. Hence the wage value of the laborer who just manages to live is practically infinitesimal. Of labor that may be fairly called skilled the Japanese is probably the cheapest, for a worker in lacquer or inlaying and mosaic work will employ skill and knowledge that has been inherited and handed down for generations in return for a wage that an American laborer would refuse with contemptuous disgust.

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LOFTUS.—At Craigellachie, on Feb. 16th, the wife of D. Loftus of a daughter.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Sandy McRae came up from the Springs, Wednesday.

Tom Sutherland came up Wednesday from Sandon.

Rev. Field Yolland got back from the Coast yesterday.

Ed. Crockett came up from Sandon, Sunday, with his brother Dave.

Was it Charlie Abrahamson who turned the bus over Thursday.

There's to be some good skating contests on Monday it is said.

The Imperial Bank's temporary premises are rapidly going up.

Jack Knowles got back from his long eastern trip on Monday.

W. H. Vickers went into Trout Lake, Monday. He has a hard trip.

C. Ericson is reported to have lost his way coming down from French Creek.

A notice was round this week asking for 20 men at Genelle's sawmill at Kualt.

Louis Thompson, J. Atkinson and Joe Kirkpatrick have gone into Trout Lake.

R. P. Pettipiece got back from his Coast canvassing trip Thursday morning.

Angus McDonald yesterday went back for a day or two to Albert Canyon.

Albert Stone skated against time last Saturday. Time lost and Jack Shaw won.

Dan McGillivray, J. O'Leary and other railway contractors went south Monday.

Chas. R. Carlyon, the local barrister, left yesterday evening for Victoria on a business visit.

Johnny Neilson got back Monday from his mail trip to the Bend. He was gone exactly three weeks.

Mrs. Coursier and other ladies have almost completed arrangements for the opening of a kindergarten school.

Ben Green came in from Albert Canyon, Wednesday. The C. P. R. want his land as a timber limit.

Gus Lund got down from the Bend, Monday, looking well. There's no bacon and beans in the Lund camp.

J. W. Haskins, manager of the Orphan Boy, arrived home from his long trip to Frisco and other places on Friday.

Mr. Kellie should ask the Hon. Atty.-General for a list of those 57 lot owners with the numbers of their lots and blocks.

Miss Bailey, late of the Victoria Hotel has gone on a visit to her home in Enderby. She will come back again.

At a spelling bee in Great Falls, Montana, the mayor spelt pewter, "puter." The mayor's name is Webster.

Sergt. Langley, of Victoria, passed through here Monday with Bert Scriver, who was arrested for forgery at Rossland.

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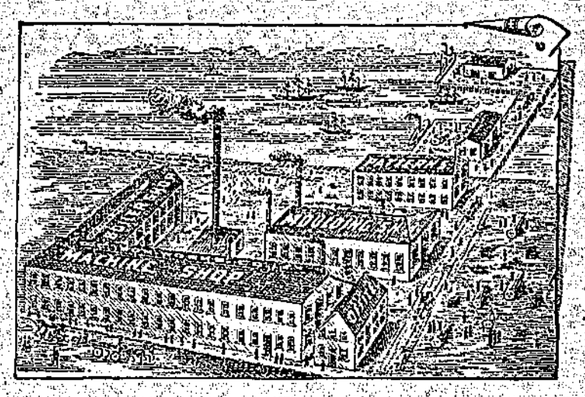

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