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The Capital of North Kootenay

BRITISH COLUMBIA UP TO Date is how Julian Durham's newspaper letters are styled, and under such fin de siecle title Revelstoke is described as a place "with a population of some 1200 and an altitude of 1475 feet." With all due deference to this gifted authoress that railway time-table epigram does not do it justice, nor is it correct to say that "it is chiefly as the gateway to the district where Nelson, Rossland, Trail and Slocan silver camps are situated that Revelstoke now claims public attention." Such information might have been appropriate some years ago and given the then passing pullman passenger some indefinite or hazy idea of what the place was, but applied to it now, or purporting to be an up-to-date description, it is inadequate and incomplete, if one may be allowed to tell an authoress so.

It is, of course, quite proper to say that Revelstoke is the "gateway" to South Kootenay, and that the excellent and expeditious railway and steamer services (over one of the most charming scenic routes on the continent) connecting it with all the principal towns of that section is certainly no inconsiderable feature in its claim to be considered important; but great as are the advantages of such connections ("good connections" are always useful) Revelstoke's tenure of public attention would be precarious, indeed, if that were its chief claim upon it. Under such circumstances it would soon become only an incident in the journey south of some up-to-date traveller like Julian Durham, and entitled to no more notice, perhaps, than a statement of its population and altitude.

Revelstoke has however claims upon public attention besides that given by the connection there of the whole Kootenay system of railways and steamers with that great transcontinental highway the C. P. R. It has a trade more profitable than that of transfer trade and a population too numerous to subsist on that of the traveller, though it is not by any means unimportant. Indeed the business of the transient guest is so well valued that it may be doubted if there is in British Columbia another place of equal size in which can be had so much comfortable hotel accommodation. Revelstoke has in fact much to entitle it to notice that should be included in any description of British Columbia's towns and cities. It is the chief town (it will soon be a city) of the political division known as the Revelstoke Riding of West Kootenay (which polled more votes in the 1898 election than did the Nelson Riding) and which includes the Revelstoke, Illecillewaet, Nakusp, Trout Lake and Lardeau mining divisions. To the numerous mining camps of these divisions and their many vigorous young towns (Albert Canyon, Illecillewaet, Arrowhead, Comaplix, Thomson's Landing, Trout Lake, Ferguson, Nakusp and Burton City) Revelstoke is capital and commercial centre, and there is no question but that it is most suitably situated to be the supply source for the daily developing camps of recognized richness which are tributary to it.

Built upon a magnificent stretch of level land, making such a townsite as is not to be found anywhere else in Kootenay, at the second crossing of the Columbia river by the Canadian Pacific Railway, Revelstoke occupies a site affording room for all the expansion that the importance of its position commercially and geographically may call upon it to make and which is already being felt. To the north, into famous Big Bend, it has a navigable river route for about forty miles, and which with improvements may be carried twice as far. What that means with a developed mining country let the present condition of South Kootenay say the development of which was primarily due to its waterways. It does not require much imagination to one acquainted with the huge and valuable ore deposits of Big Bend to see the steamer service now being organized to ply on the Columbia river above Revelstoke supplemented by the railway and both engaged in developing a northern trade that may eventually exceed in value that of the south as it there is a railway route anywhere to the golden placers of the frozen north that would parallel a mineral belt almost the entire way it will be found in the valley of the Columbia, Canoe, Fraser and Parsnip rivers via Revelstoke. Though the millions of placer gold already taken out of this valley and the modern quartz discoveries gives the suggestion more than a fanciful foundation it is better left outside the scope of this article which is meant to be eminently practical and truthful. It is enough therefore to point out that with the already developing portion of Big Bend steadily contributing to create Revelstoke's future it is deserving of more public attention than as a station on the journey south and may rightly enough claim a northern door as well as a southern "gateway."

Before leaving these cardinal points, however, the importance of Revelstoke to the local camps of Trout Lake and Lardeau must be noticed. A northern continuation of the Slocan mountains (the Selkirks) these divisions contain immense bodies of silver-lead ores of varying richness and size. Considerable development has been done and many mining investments made in them but though several shipments netting good returns have been sent out to turn the great value of the ore bodies to best account the present facilities are to be shortly improved by extending the C. P. R. Arrowhead branch around the North-East Arm through the Trout Lake pass to the head of Kootenay Lake. Then these divisions, the trade of which is already large, will blossom as the rose, and another great trade artery be opened for Revelstoke. Besides this there are too the camps at Albert Canyon and Illecillewaet and which being situated upon the main line are easily supplied by Revelstoke through the fine facilities of the national highway. Such advantage of position in connection with a steadily developing mineral country all about it could not remain long undiscovered and consequently the C. P. R. has there concentrated a number of important interests which materially assists its promise of permanency.

It is, however, with the mining industry and its progress that Revelstoke as other Kootenay towns is hopeful of identifying itself and in which our readers are most interested, therefore a short review of the contiguous camps will be necessary. First, there is Big Bend: All that portion of East and West Kootenay lying north of the C. P. R. line between the stations of Golden on the east and Revelstoke on the west. This immense triangular area is mineralized throughout but up to the present the principal development has taken place on the western slope reached from Revelstoke by river and road. Here all along the tributaries of the great Columbia, which flows between the Gold and Selkirk ranges, splendid quartz discoveries have recently been made. At Laforme Creek, Carnes Creek, Keystone Mountain, Standard Basin and Ground Hog Basin numerous properties have been opened up with the most encouraging results. The Carnes Creek Company have further proved their very valuable group and recent assays from the Rosebery claim have gone as high as $230 in gold. Laforme Creek too has shewn some good assays and the size and regularity of the main lead is there something wonderful. Considerable work has again been put in on the great iron-cap lead on Keystone, and at Standard Basin some splendid copper claims have been located and opened. Ground Hog Basin, the site of the Orphan Boy claim has been further opened up and splendid specimens of free-milling gold have been taken from some of its quartz cuts. On French Creek the alluvial deposits of Big Bend, which are known to be rich and adapted to hydraulicing, are being tested and the French Creek Company having installed a splendid plant there had a first and experimental clean-up last season which is pronounced to be perfectly satisfactory. The deep diggings too are being operated and arrangements are being made for the working of the Ophir and Gold Stream bed rock flume claims. It is impossible in the scope of one article to give all the particulars showing the prospects of the country but it is safe to say that the continued discoveries and development, and the increasing interest in the mineral wealth of Big Bend gives healthy indication of there soon being north of Revelstoke a district in no way inferior to any south of it. What is wanted is transportation and that is now being arranged

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Nomination.

The Revelstoke Herald still endeavors to make a romance out of the election for North-East Kootenay. We are now told that Mr. Plowright admits that Mr. Forrest's nomination papers were tendered to him as election clerk 15 minutes before the hour of closing of nomination. To whom did he admit it? We made a point to ascertain Mr. Plowright's version and he denies that any such nomination was tendered to him as specified. Then the Herald says Mr. Griffith was so badly flustered that he forgot to swear Mr. Plowright. That is all nonsense, Mr. Plowright knows the provisions of the elections act well, as he has previously and most efficiently acted in this capacity before. The usual oath was taken by him and the law provides that that oath is sufficient for him to act in the absense of the returning officer.—Golden Era.

Mr. Turner's Waterloo.

Mr. Turner's constitutional resolution "That the course adopted by his honor the lieutenant-governor, in dismissing his late ministry was at variance with the constitutional principles upon which responsible government should be conducted," was under debate all Thursday afternoon in the house, and was defeated at 6 o'clock by a party vote of 21 to 14. Two opposition members were absent.

A GOOD START.

Local Lodge of K. of P. Instituted This Week.

The event of the week in secret society circles was the institution of Gold Range Lodge No. 26, of Knights of Pythias, and the installation of its first staff of officers on Thursday. The preliminary steps towards forming this new lodge having been taken some time ago and a working warrant having been issued the instituting officer, Grand Master-at-Arms J. L. Brown of Kamloops, who was commissioned as grand chancellor, assisted by Bros. Mallery, Ladner, MacKay, Myers, Hume, Clark, Herchmer, Powers, McCrum, Boyd, Davies and Bongard, of Primrose Lodge, Kamloops, attended on the day named to put the new lodge on a working footing. The proceedings commenced in the afternoon at Tapping's old hall and was adjourned for an hour at 5.30 to allow for dinner. In the evening it reassembled and the interesting initiatory proceedings which required till early in the morning to complete, were only broken by an adjournment at midnight to the popular parlors of the C. P. R. Dining Hall, where Bro. Savage spread an excellent repast, which was done full justice to by the assembled knights.

The officers of the Revelstoke lodge installed on Thursday are, D.D.G.C.C., J. G. Allan; P.C.C.'s Bros. Allan, Savage, Murray and Thompson; C. C., J. Gill; V. C., Dr. Cross; Prelate, B. R. Campbell, M. E., J. G. Allan, M. F., J. Savage; K. of R. S., W. Murray; M. A., A. C. Thompson; M. W., E. Waterson; I. G., A. Edgar; O. G., J. Sullivan; grand lodge representatives, Bro. J. G. Allan, with alternate, A. C. Thompson.

Four visiting brothers were also in attendance, Bros. F. Soames, Darling, Haller and Crewdson.

The Kamloops contingent were voted by the local lodge "a splendid team," as jolly as they were well posted in their work, and the prospect of meeting them again is looked forward to with interest. The new lodge starts out with a most encouraging prospects of success in membership and in officers and as the field for its labors is a promising one its prospects should soon become realization and permanent prosperity.

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An Increased Income Tax.

THE finance minister, Hon. Mr. Cotton, proposes to provide for the loss of revenue expected by the abolishment of the mortgage tax and the tax on wage workers in mines, by increasing the tax on incomes over $2,000 and increasing liquor license fees in rural districts from $60 to $100.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., and family have arrived at Ottawa and taken up residence on MacLaren St.

Manager Whyte of the C. P. R. says in an interview that substantial improvements will be kept up right through to the coast. New depots are to be built at New Westminster and Sicamous and a number of wooden bridges replaced by steel.

To the Citizens of Revelstoke.

The business of the session will be completed to-day and the lieutenant-governor will prorogue the legislature on Monday. In accordance with your wishes expressed at public meetings and otherwise for the incorporation of Revelstoke I will take the earliest opportunity to urge upon the lieutenant-governor-in-council the necessity of at once issuing a proclamation for the incorporation of the city and selection of a municipal board.

J. M. KELLIE.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25, 1899.

Drawing Near.

The Revelstoke incorporation bill was read a second time in the legislature Wednesday evening. The important day when Revelstoke will take charge of its own administrative affairs draws near and this time it would appear as if there was no recall. The legislature will likely, according to accounts, prorogue on Saturday and any day after that may see the official proclamation issued that puts the reins in the people's own hands. The time, therefore, till they are taken up by those elected to guide the civic coach over the road of the future will be but short and not much time should be lost in selecting fit and proper persons for the purpose. A mayor and six aldermen are needed and amongst the intelligent and active property holders of Revelstoke it should not be difficult to find men who will agree to serve in the public interest on the first council.

C. P. R. Bridge Construction.

Mr. Tom Kilpatrick, one of the chiefs of the bridge construction department of the C. P. R., was in Golden this week. Mr. Kilpatrick's jurisdiction has been extended with the change in the divisional points. Formerly his duties extended between Donald and Kamloops, down to Arrowhead, Shuswap and Okanagan; now they have been enlarged as far as Laggan. The entire distance now under his charge is over 350 miles. In the old country this would be considered a pretty big stretch for one individual to look after and supervise. Mr. Kilpatrick has been on a tour of inspection as far as Laggan, inspecting the bridges, and he found all bridges and trestles in good condition.

In recent years there have been great changes in the construction of the bridges on the C. P. R. line. The old wooden bridges have been replaced by handsome and substantial iron and steel constructions, and the wooden fabrics are gradually disappearing. The most important one remaining is the Ottertail bridge, the largest wooden trestled bridge on the C. P. R. line, and considerable reconstruction work has been done on it during the past few months. A new centre span has been put in, and the approaches on both sides have been repaired. This bridge so far as we can see is in a substantial condition. The C. P. R. company will require to face in the near future the problem of having to either replace this wooden bridge with a steel one, or divert the line, so as to escape this crossing over the Ottertail, either of which proceeding will be rather costly.—Miner

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR MAIL:

Dear Sir:—Permit me space to make a few remarks respecting an article entitled an "Expensive Luxury, Etc., Etc., in the Trout Lake Topic and copied in the Herald of the 11th inst. As I was on the ground and probably know the facts of the case better than the tenderfeet who are now digging up these boneyards.

In the winter of 1894 Messrs. W. M. Brown and H. A. Brown were sent as delegates from Revelstoke to Victoria to secure the appropriation necessary to build a wagon road to Trout Lake. They arranged to have the road commence at the new wharf at Lardeau City. On their return a mass meeting at Revelstoke endorsed the action of the delegates and passed a resolution that the work should be done by contract. Evan Johnson was the only one who spoke and voted against commencing at Lardeau. Mr. M. Beaton, who was then at Revelstoke, published a protest in the MAIL against the proposed terminus and work by contract and H. A. Brown replied. As nearly all the prospectors around Revelstoke and Trout Lake were short of cash and desired to earn money on the road to enable them to hold on to their claims, Beaton's letter seems to have produced a complete change of feeling amongst them. Another mass meeting was called at Revelstoke, the first resolution was rescinded and a resolution passed to do the work by day labor.

About three-fourths of the road was built the first year by day labor, and probably cost more than the work done the second year by contract. But, why, now, in the name of common sense, blame Mr. Kellie or Mr. Graham when the people in mass meeting assembled forced the government to commence the road at Lardeau and perform the work by day labor. I am still of the opinion that the day labor plan at that time was the best, for if we as a community had had no chance to make some money we would have gone broke; besides we got the money next year to complete the road.

About the 20th of May, 1894, about 100 men gathered at the head of the Arm anxious to commence work but the government surveyor was detained at Kamloops, so Mr. J. D. Graham employed Mr. Walter Henderson, D. L. S., who laid out the road from Lardeau to Thomson's and up the Big Hill. Then the engineer employed by the government (now the opposition) came and practically took the matter out of Mr. Graham's and Mr. Henderson's hands and partially built about one-half mile of road that has never been used. Mr. Graham stopped work on this road as soon as he came down. Mr. Kellie was absent from the district when this piece of road was built and knew nothing about it till it was pointed out to him three months afterwards, so if anyone is to blame it is our official of the late government and still one of their supporters. I would advise the Topic and Herald to open ancient sores carefully lest they injure their friends more than their opponents.

PIONEER.

THOMSON'S LANDING, Feb. 16th.

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Beef, iron and wine—one of the best things known as a tonic and strengthener after la grippe—Geo. F. Curtis, The Druggist, Revelstoke Station. o

The building committee of the I. O. O. F. have been instructed to secure drawings, prepare specifications and ask for tenders on a brick veneer building 33x63 outside measurement with 36 foot front elevation and flat roof. The upper storey is to be devoted entirely to lodge purposes and plans will call for it to be plastered throughout, with all accessories of a proper lodge room, and also furnace heated and electric lighted.

Criminal Libel Is Charged

Summons to a Person Charged with an Indictable Offense.

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
County of Kootenay.

To B. R. Atkins, of Revelstoke:

WHEREAS you have this day been charged before the undersigned Charles Lindmark, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Kootenay, for that you on eighteenth inst., at Revelstoke unlawfully did publish in a certain newspaper called "The Kootenay Mail" of which you are a proprietor a defamatory libel on, of and concerning John D. Sibbald, well knowing the same to be false, which libel was contained in the said newspaper in an article there in headed, "Questions and Answers," "Something for Mr. Sibbald to Explain," "Result of Challenges," and also in an editorial in said newspaper commencing with the words "The Colonist says Mr. Sibbald can rest content," etc., and which libel was written in the sense of imputing that said John D. Sibbald was guilty of corruption in the management of public moneys, that he was an incapable and inefficient administrator, and that he was a man with a blemished reputation and without a character to maintain.

These are therefore to command you, in Her Majesty's name, to be and appear before me on Tuesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, Revelstoke, or before such other Justice or Justices of the Peace for the same County of Kootenay, as shall then be there, to answer to the said charge, and to be further dealt with according to law. Herein fail not.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this twentieth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at Revelstoke, in the County aforesaid.

[SEAL]

CHAS. F. LINDMARK,
J. P.

In answer to the above the defendant appeared before Justices of the Peace T. L. Haig and C. F. Lindmark on Tuesday at 2 o'clock, and the charge having been read J. Murphy, B. A., said he represented defendant and would ask for an adjournment, as the defendant had been served but an hour or two and that he had been retained since even then. J. M. Scott, of White, Gwillim & Scott, for the complainant, opposed adjournment strenuously and said if for longer period than one day would ask for bonds. Do you really insist on bonds, asked Mr. Murphy, and the reply being in the affirmative, the justices decided on an adjournment of three days without recognizances, or a week with personal recognizances entered into. Defendant decided upon the longer adjournment and entered into his personal recognizances ($500) to appear on Tuesday next at the same hour.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

E. Syder went back to duty on Monday.

Jas. W. Vail is visiting for a few days at the Halcyon Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan of Carnes Creek returned this week from Oregon.

West Huron gave Holmes (liberal) a majority of 200 over McLean (conservative).

G. Schmock, F. McCarty's manager at Trout Lake visited Revelstoke Monday and Tuesday.

Cod liver oil—choice quantity of A 1 just received—Geo. F. Curtis, The Druggist, Revelstoke Station. o

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lendrum, of Ainsworth, are wintering at Santa Monica, Cal., and may return to Kootenay about April or May.

The funeral of the Robinson child on Thursday was very well attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Flewelling of Kamloops.

The MAIL will handle a complete line of calendars for 1900 and all intending purchasers would do well to give it a call.

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Mackenzie's cough balsam will cure coughs each time—50c. and 25c. per bottle—Geo. F. Curtis, The Druggist, Revelstoke Station, B. C. o

J. S. Clute of New Westminster, provincial inspector of customs agencies was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. In spite of recent severe illness Mr. Clute still looks hale and hearty.

Services at the Catholic church to-morrow as follows: Mass 10:30. Sermon text—Yet 40 days and Ninineh shall be destroyed—Jonah 3 4. Evening service, 7:30: Lecture on divorce—What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder—Matthew 19-6.

The spring meeting of Kamloops Presbytery takes place in Revelstoke, the last occasion of meeting being in Nelson. The first sederunt will be held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening next at 7 o'clock. A public meeting on church matters will likely be held Wednesday evening.

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THE government is making such a record in introducing new legislation that it will again need revised statutes to give them handy reference form. The mineral act it is proposed to amend in several important particulars such as making all free miners licenses expire on a given day, giving power to recover from a co-owner by suit in court for work done on a claim, and extending the time when surveys may count for work for two years. It is also proposed to give all the powers conferred upon a gold commissioner in relation to mineral claims to mining recorders in their respective territories.

It is also proposed to amend the municipal clauses act in a very important particular. For the purposes of taxation, the measure of improvements shall be the cost of placing at the time of assessment such improvements on the land having regard to their then condition; the measure of land shall be its actual cash value. This distinction between land and improvements is a step in progressive politics that we are glad to see.

THE estimates for the fiscal year ending June 1900 have been presented to the house. The estimated revenue is $1,549,989, and the expenditure $1,764,833 leaving a shortage of $214,884; not half the average Turner deficit for the past few years, and done too with a most liberal appropriation for public works. This riding of North Kootenay has every reason to congratulate itself and its member at the recognition it has received in these estimates. With $40,000 for river bank work and $22,000 for roads and bridges, besides school improvements, Revelstoke Riding may well say that it has found a government that with due regard to public economy of administration provides liberally for its needs. The dispatch and munificence of its river bank vote is especially appreciated and it is pleasant to be able to say that we do not in this matter have to repeat our contemporary's remark—"one must take what one can get" etc.—made when the late government turned its active attention to this work and contributed its mite.

DEALING with the cost of provincial education in his budget speech the finance minister pointed out that this year the cost is $304,560, that the charge is increasing ten per cent. and threatens to swamp the finances of the province unless some different arrangements are made. Different arrangements means no doubt municipal control.

While on school matters we might point out that the grant of $1,500 in this year's estimates for a school addition will but build another wooden wing and spread the already semi-detached building over still more ground. It would have been much better to have last year, when the government was particularly generous, secured a grant for a suitable brick building and it might be advisable to try and do so yet.

The attorney-general's bill to do away with the six months residence in order to become a barrister in the province has our endorsement. The newspaper or other business, or even the workingman, is not protected by such a clause, so why the lawyer. This clause doesn't as far as we can see go to make any better bar talent and would tend to keep good men out of the country who could not afford to throw away six months of active practice.

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for. With a steamer service on the Columbia, Big Bend will not be long before it engages the attention of the railway builder and already long charters are applied for. At Albert Canyon the principal work was of course the operation of the Waverley and Tangier properties. Situated but 20 odd miles east of Revelstoke, this camp is within easy reach of a good supply point, and on its many valuable properties, on the North Fork, Moose creek, Silver creek and the Canyon, considerable work has been done. The extensive operations of the Waverley and Tangier were wisely curtailed this summer to a direct development policy and current report says the Tangier is daily demonstrating its value. The company's intention is to thoroughly prove the mines and spend their money in doing that. There are 19 claims in this group and the surface showings on several justify expenditures. Also on the North Fork the lead, on which are located the Sutton, Big Horn, and other claims, can be followed, it is said, to the Lanark group in Illecillewaet. Nothing has been done on the Lanark group this year, but it is said by an officer of the company to be probable that this year will again see this well known property developed. On the Bluebell in this division a good deal of work has been done and the Gladstone, Summit Lode, the Donald, Silver Bow, Dunvegan, Alma, Elizabeth, Annie and Free Coinage have all the earmarks of good properties. It needs but half the attention of capital now given southern camps to bring Albert Canyon and Illecillewaet camps actively before the public as shippers of well averaged silver and copper ore; already they have been made from three or four properties. Illecillewaet is a camp of very great promise but its career has been much hindered by mistakes, and by the development of South Kootenay camps nearer the American line. There are signs, however, of an awakening interest in this premier mining camp of B. C., and a number of bonds have lately been there and at Albert Canyon made to moneyed people at Rossland and Vancouver.

South-east of Revelstoke are the local camps of Lardeau and Trout Lake, the progress of which have been great indeed during 1898. So great and varied are the mineral resources of these camps that it is now almost certain that the C. P. R. Arrowhead branch will be continued through them via Trout Lake City to the head of Kootenay Lake, and thus direct connection will be given with the Crow's Nest Pass and other railway systems converging on Kootenay Lake. In Lardeau more work has been done last year than all together heretofore, and a number of good groups have been bonded. The Mohawk group was bonded for $150,000 last summer to Mr. Beer, of Nelson, and considerable work has been done, chiefly on the Beatrice claim. Some trial ore shipments have already been made, giving very good returns, and there are now several hundred tons on the dump. The Lardeau-Goldsmith Co., of Rossland, have also purchased property on Pool creek. They, too, have done a large amount of work and have on the Brunswick a very fine showing of high grade ore. The Moscow, Glacier, Agnes, and Hunter and Trapper are all amongst the good properties on Pool creek. On Lexington creek there are some splendid properties and though not yet developed considerable work is promised. On Boyd creek a good deal of work was put in this year upon the Glengary, and a trial ore shipment was made last fall to the smelter. The Kootenay Chief has also been opened up, and the Copper Lode and Anaconda group have sufficient primary work done to give promise of good properties. On McDougal creek several gold-copper strikes were made last year, and the Sunset group at head of Scott creek is developing nicely. The Copper King on the divide between Scott and Meadow creeks is a very recent location that is now being opened up now, and the Lost Cup, on 9-Mile creek must not be overlooked. This review is very incomplete of this camp where the development promises so much, but another opportunity must be taken to dilate upon it.

Fish river, the main stream of Lardeau division, will within a year be a camp of considerable repute, and with a railroad to feed to its progress will be marvellous, as it is most easy of access. The leads are all large and the values good, and everything promises it a brilliant future.

Trout Lake is another camp of which Revelstoke is very hopeful and proud, its history and development having hitherto been closely connected with it, and from which place it is only separated by a journey of some six or so hours. Its mines are well opened and of public standing, and such names as the Silver Cup, Sunset, Badshot, Black Prince, Ethel, Lade group, Wagner and Abbott groups, Alpha group, Great Northern group, Holy Moses group, Copper Queen, Prodigal and Davey groups, Molly Mack and Horn lodges, Black Diamond, Celtic, American, Alice, Klondyke, Bannockburn group and Canyon Creek group, Mabel group, Empire, and a number of others are all familiar more or less to the mining interested public. It would be tedious to detail all the development work done on these claims and it must do to here say that although affairs generally were quiet in Trout Lake the year of '98 more solid and substantial development was done than ever before. Everyone there realizes the immense saving in transportation that a railway will bring and are getting ready to use it. It is a good ore that will stand $25 or $30 a ton transportation charges, and though that may be taken as the average cost of getting Trout Lake ores to deep water at present, several shipments have been made, notably from the Silver Cup, Ethel, Lade, Great Northern and others. There is simply no question of the value of Trout Lake mineral bodies, and with a railway it will perhaps be greater than the Slocan, for it has gold and copper claims, and values of no mean order. The chief claim of the camp is of course the Silver Cup, and this article should stop long enough to compliment the management of D. G. McNeill, under whose direction it has now at considerable depth again struck the lead with a rich pay streak three feet thick. Samples of this strike will average $165 in gold gold and silver, and actually ran as high as $1000. Mr. McNeill recently stated that the value of the ore now in sight will approximate a million of dollars. The Ethel is another claim which has attracted considerable notice. Discovered previous year, it was bonded last year for $40,000. Two preliminary tunnels were then run on it. The vein is reported small but exceedingly rich, and the owners say they have now sacked some of the richest ore ever brought out and shipped in this district. A fair average value from assays obtained gives 200 oz. silver, $5 to $8 in gold and 5 per cent. copper. Picked specimens have run to 3822 oz. silver. The Badshot, on the great lime dyke, is another great property, extensively developed and with an extensive ore body. The sensation, too, made by the Lade Bros.' gold discovery is still fresh on the public mind. From a shipment made last year this one netted the owners $250 per ton. The Alpha group, Wagner and Abbott groups have been extensively opened and further work is under consideration. As before stated, Trout Lake division is getting ready for an event which means everything to it and space will not allow a description of the preparation to take advantage of it. The whole camp is alive to its opportunity and prospective future, and 1899 will probably see the dawning of this new era as already word is current of railway construction. For a more detailed description of Trout Lake properties, towns, etc., our readers may well be referred to a recent pamphlet issued by the local newspaper, the Trout Lake Topic.

This completes the notice of North Kootenay camps and their common centre, Revelstoke, and short and incomplete as it most undoubtedly is, it offers most convincing proof of the importance of both—an importance which should not be overlooked in any description of British Columbia up-to-date.

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passed on till they faded away into a row of black dots.

Suddenly the plovers rose into the air, uttering their customary wails, and dispersing like a group of stars from a rocket; and the herons drew up their flail-like legs, and flapped themselves away.

Something had disturbed them; a carriage sweeping round to the other side of the house.

"There's the door-bell!" Rosalys exclaimed, with a start. "That's he, for certain! Is my hair untidy, Jane? I've been rumpling it awfully, leaning back on the cushions. And do see if my gown is all right at the back—it never did fit well."

CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED.

The butler flung open the folding doors and announced in the voice of a man who felt that it was quite time for this nonsense of calling to be put an end to by the more compact arrangement of the morrow:

"Lord Parkhurst!"

A man of middle size, with a fair and pleasant face, and a rather short beard, entered the room. His blue eyes smiled rather than his lips as he took the little hand of his hostess in his own with the air of one verging on proprietorship of the same, and said: "Now, darling, about what we have to settle before morning! I have come entirely on business, as you perceive."

Rosalys merely smiled up at him. Miss Jennings left the room and Rosalys's suitor silently kissed and admired his betrothed, till he continued:

"Ah—my beautiful one! I have nothing to give you in return for the immeasurable gift you are about to bestow on me—excepting such love as no man ever felt before! I almost wish you were not quite so good, and perfect, and innocent as you are! And I wish you were a poorer woman—as poor as I—and had no lovely home such as this. To think you have kept yourself from all other men for such an unworthy fellow as me!"

Rosalys looked away from him along the green vistas of chestnuts and beeches stretching far down outside the windows.

"Oswald—I know how much you care for me, and that is why I—hope you won't be disappointed—after you have taken me to-morrow for good and all. I wonder if I shall hinder and hamper you in your profession? Perhaps you ought to marry a girl much younger than yourself—your nature is so young—not a maturing woman like me."

For all answer he smiled at her with the confiding, fearless gaze that she loved.

Lord Parkhurst stayed on through a paradisaical hour till Miss Jennings came to tell them that tea was in the library. Presently they were reminded by the same faithful relative and dependent that on that evening of all evenings they had promised to drive across to the house of Colonel Lacy, Lord Parkhurst's uncle, and one of Rosalys' near neighbors, and dine there quietly with two or three intimate friends.

CHAPTER VI.

When Rosalys entered Col. Lacy's drawing-room before dinner, the eyes of the few guests assembled there were naturally enough fixed upon her.

"By Jove! she's better looking than ever—though she's not more than a year or two under thirty!" whispered young Lacy to a man standing in the shadow behind a high lamp.

The person addressed started, and did not answer for a moment. Then he laughed and said, forcedly:

"Yes, wonderful for her age, she certainly is."

As he spoke his hostess, a fat and genial lady, came blandly towards him.

"Mr. Durrant, I'm so sorry we've no lady for you to take in to-night. One or two people have thrown us over. I want to introduce you to Miss Ambrose. Isn't she lovely? O, how stupid I am! Of course you grew up in this neighborhood, and must have known all about her as a girl."

Jim Durrant it was, in the flesh; once the soldier, now the "traveler and explorer" of the little known interior of Asiatic countries; to use the words in which he described himself. His foreign-looking and sun-dried face was rather pale and set as he walked last into the dining-room with young Lacy. He had only arrived on that day at a hotel in the nearest town, where he had been accidentally met and recognized by this young man, and asked to dinner off hand.

Smiling and apparently unconscious he sat down on the left side of his hostess, talking calmly to her and across the table to the one or two he knew. Rosalys heard his voice as the phantom of a dead sound mingling with the usual trivial words and light laughter of the rest, Lord Parkhurst's conversation about Egyptian finance, and Mrs. Lacy's platitudes about the home rule question, as if she were living through a curiously incoherent dream.

Suddenly during the progress of the dinner Mrs. Lacy looked across with a glance of solicitude towards the other end of the table and said, in a low voice:

"I am afraid Miss Ambrose is rather overstrained—as she naturally may be. She looks so white and tired. Do you think, Parkhurst, that she finds this room too hot? I will have the window opened at the top."

"She does look pale," Lord Parkhurst murmured, and as he spoke glanced anxiously and tenderly toward his betrothed. "I think, too, she has a little overtaxed herself—she don't usually get so white as this."

Rosalys felt his eyes upon her, looked across at him and smiled strangely.

When dinner was ended Rosalys still seemed not quite herself, whereupon she was taken in hand by her good and fussy hostess; sal-volatile was brought, and she was given the most comfortable chair and the largest cushions the house afforded. It seemed to Rosalys as if hours had elapsed before the men joined the ladies, and there came that general moving of places like the shuffling of a pack of cards. She heard Jim's voice speaking close to her ear:

"I want to have a word with you."

"I can't!" she faltered.

"Did you get my letter?"

"No," said she.

"I wonder how that was! Well, I'll be at the door of Ambrose towers while the stable clock is striking twelve to-night. Be there to meet me. I'll not detain you long. We must have an understanding."

"For God's sake, how do you come here?"

"I saw in the newspapers that you were going to marry. What could I do otherwise than let you know I was alive?"

"Oh, you might have done it less cruelly!"

"Will you be at the door?"

"I must, I suppose! * * * Don't tell him here—before these people! It will be such an agonizing disturbance that—"

"Of course I shan't. Be there."

This was all they could say. Lord Parkhurst came forward, and, observing to Durrant: "They are wanting you for bezique," sat down beside Rosalys.

She had intended to go home early, and went even earlier than she had planned. At half-past ten she found herself in her own hall, not knowing how she got there, or when she had bidden adieu to Lord Parkhurst, or what she had said to him.

Jim's letter was lying on the table awaiting her.

As soon as she had got upstairs and slipped into her dressing gown, had dispatched her maid and ascertained that all the household had retired, she read her husband's note, which briefly informed her that he had led an adventurous life since they had parted, and had come back to see if she were living, when he suddenly heard that she was going to be married. Then Rosalys sat down at her writing table to begin somehow a letter to Lord Parkhurst. To write that was an imperative duty, before she slept. It need not be said that awful, indeed, to her was its object, the letting Lord Parkhurst know that she had a husband, and had seen him that day. But she could not shape a single line, and the ashen aspect that she would wear in his eyes, as soon as he learned the truth of her history, was so terrible to her that she burst into hysterical sobbing over the paper as she sat.

The clock crept on to twelve before Rosalys had written a word. The labor seemed Herculean—insuperable. Why, had she not told him face to face?

Twelve o'clock it was, and nothing done; and controlling herself as women can when they must, she went down to the door. Softly opening it a little way she saw against the iron gate immediately without it the form of her husband, Jim Durrant—upon the whole much the same form that she had known eight years ago.

"Here I am," said he.

"Yes," said she.

"Open this iron thing."

A momentary feeling of aversion caused her to hesitate.

"Do you hear—do you mean to say—Rosalys!" he began.

"No—no. Of course I will!" She opened the grille and he came up and touched her hand lightly.

"Kissing not allowed, I suppose," he observed with mock solemnity, "in view of the fact that you are to be married to-morrow?"

"You know better!" she said. "Of course I'm not going to commit bigamy. The wedding is not to be."

"Have you explained it to him?"

"N—no—not yet. I was just writing it when—"

"Ha—you haven't. Good. Woman's way. Shall I give him a friendly call to-morrow morning?"

"O no, no—let me do it!" she implored. "I love him so well."

"That's a pleasant remark to make to a husband!"

"Well—that was my feeling: I may as well be honest! I didn't know you were coming back any more, and you yourself suggested that I might be able to remarry!"

"You'd better do it—I shan't tell. And if anybody else did, the punishment is not heavy nowadays. The judges are beginning to discountenance informers on previous marriages, if the new-assorted parties themselves are satisfied to forget them."

"Don't insult me so. You've not forgotten how to do that in all these years!"

There was a silence, in which she with passive gloom regarded the familiar scene before her. The inquisitive jays, the pensive wood-doves, that lodged at their case thereabouts, as if knowing that their proprietor was a gunless woman, all slept calmly, and not a creature was conscious of the presence of these two but a little squirrel they had disturbed in a beech near the shady wall. Durrant remained gazing at her; then he spoke, in a changed and richer voice:

"Rosalys!"

She looked vaguely at his face without answering.

"How pretty you look in this starlight—much as you did when we used to meet here nine or ten years ago!"

"Ah! But—"

The sentence was broken by his abrupt movement forward. He seized her firmly in his arms, and kissed her before she was aware.

"Don't—don't!" she said, struggling.

"Why?"

"I don't like you—I don't like you!"

"What rot! Yes, you do! Come—damn you, dear—put up your face as you used to! Now, I'm not going off in a huff—I'm determined I won't; nor shall you either! * * *. Let me sit down in your hall, or somewhere, Rosalys! I've come a long way to-day, and I'm tired. And after eight years!"

"I don't know what to say to it—there's no light downstairs! The servants may hear us, too—it is not so very late."

"We can whisper. And suppose they do? They must know to-morrow."

She gasped a sigh, and preceded him in through the door; and the innocent squirrel saw nothing more.

CHAPTER VII.—CONCLUDED.

Three hours and a half later they reappeared. The lawn was as silent as when they had left it, though the sleep of things had weakened down to a certain precarious slightness; and round the corner of the house a low line of light showed the dawn.

"Now, good-by, dear," said her husband, lightly. "You'll let him know at once?"

"Of course."

"And send to me directly after?"

"Yes."

"And now for my walk across the fields to the hotel. These boots are thin, but I know the old way well enough. By Jove, I wonder what Melanie—"

"Who?"

"Oh—what Melanie will think, I was going to say. It slipped out. I didn't mean to hurt your feelings at all."

"Melanie—who is she?"

"Well—she's a French lady. You know, of course, Rosalys, that I thought you were perhaps dead—and—so this lady passes as Mrs. Durrant."

Rosalys started.

"In fact, I found her in the east, and took pity upon her—that's all. Though if it had happened that you had not been living now I have got back, I should have married her at once, of course."

"Is she, then, here with you at the hotel?"

"O no—I wouldn't bring her on here till I knew how things were."

"Then where is she?"

"I left her at my rooms in London. O, it will be all right—I shall see her safely back to Paris, and make a little provision for her. Nobody in England knows anything of her existence."

"When—did you part from her?"

"Well, of course, at breakfast time."

Rosalys bowed herself against the doorway. "O—O—what have I done? What a fool, what a weak fool!" she moaned. "Go away from me—go away!"

Jim was almost distressed when he saw the distortion of her agonized face.

"Now, why should you take on like this! There's nothing in it. People do these things. Living in a prim society here you don't know how the world goes on!"

"O, but to think it didn't occur to me that the sort of man—"

Jim, though anxious, seemed to awaken to something humorous in the situation, and vented a momentary chuckle. "Well, it is rather funny that I should have let it out. But still—"

"Don't make a deep wrong deeper by cruel levity. Go away!"

"You'll be in a better mood to-morrow, mark me; and then I'll tell you all my history. There—I'm gone! Au revoir!"

He disappeared under the trees. Rosalys, rousing herself, closed the gate and fastened the door, and sat down in one of the the hall chairs, her teeth shut tight and her little hands clenched. When she had passed this mood, and returned upstairs, she regarded the state of her room sadly, and knelt again over her writing-table, murmuring: "O how weak, how weak was I!"

But in a few minutes she found herself nerved to an unexpected and passionate vigor of action, and began writing her letter to Lord Parkhurst with great rapidity. Sheet after sheet she filled, and having read them over, she sealed up the letter and placed it on the mantlepiece to be given to a groom and dispatched by hand as soon as the morning was a little further advanced.

With cold feet and a burning head she flung herself upon the bed just as she was, and waited for the day without the power to sleep. When she had lain nearly two hours and the morning had crept in, and she could hear from the direction of the stables that the men were astir, she rang for her maid, and taking the letter in her hand stood with it in an attitude of suspense as the woman entered. The latter looked full of intelligence.

"Are any of the men about?" asked Rosalys.

"Yes, ma'am. There have been such an accident in the Meads this past night—about half a mile down the river—and Jones ran up from the lodge to call for help quite early, and Benton and Peters went as soon as they were dressed. A gentleman drowned—yes—it's Mr. James

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ROBINSON—At Revelstoke, on Wednesday, February 22nd, Leah Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Nettle is reported ill with the grippe.

R. S. Johnston, of Arrowhead, was in town Wednesday.

Noah Abrahamson of Trout Lake was in town this week.

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Last Sunday, February 19th, was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the inauguration of Pythianism.

Mrs. D. Lyttle, of Kamloops, came in Friday morning on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Adair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shaw have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their infant son who died suddenly on Tuesday.

Fred Manning's injured ankle is getting better daily. It was dislocated by catching in a belt at the factory on Tuesday afternoon.

A deal involving the sum of $20,000 is reported by the Trout Lake Topic as pending on the Trout Lake property Towser, which adjoins the Silver Cup.

The Great Western Mines Co. holds its annual meeting on March 7th. An interesting report may be expected in view of the reported big strikes on the Nettie L.

Little Leah Robinson died Wednesday morning after a long and severe illness. Genuine sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson.

A. Sullivan, school principal, says so far but four scholars from Donald have attended the local school but he is advised that about sixty altogether may be expected.

The "new torryism" which wants party politics in neutral provincial affairs got a bad blow in New Brunswick, election returns indicating that the coalition government have been sustained by an immense majority. New Brunswick and British Columbia are the only provinces which keep their political affairs free from the party names, liberal and conservative.

While abounding in startling innovations the Metropolitan Opera Co.'s rendition of La Mascot on Tuesday night was nevertheless much enjoyed by a large audience. The star numbers were few, but Will Rising's singing of The Merry Heart was, perhaps, the best. Miss Aldrich, too, made a very good impression, and was well received throughout. The company is a very fair one, indeed, and its visit was much appreciated.

A slight, but it is impossible to say how important, change has somehow crept into the amended partnership qualification clause for mayor and aldermen in the printed bill of amendments to the Revelstoke incorporation act. The suggested amendment sent to Victoria by the public meeting was "and whose individual interest in such partnership firm is of not less value, etc. As printed it reads and whose individual interest in such partnership land" etc.

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