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THE COUNTY COURT.

A LONG DOCKET OF CIVIL CASES DISPOSED OF.

The Jury makes a number of Recommendations to His Honor Judge Forin calling his attention to matters of local importance.

The sitting of the County Court was commenced Wednesday morning before His Honor Judge Forin. There was a long docket of civil cases—the largest which has been seen here yet, but many of them were either settled or sent over to the next court, so that the business of the court was wound up early Thursday.

In Valentine vs. Bluhm and Kerr, a garnishee, the money had been paid into court; Judgment for plaintiff.

Thomas Kendrew sued the employees Liability Association for $120 as weekly indemnity, under an accident policy held from the Association, for injuries received in an accident. The company had admitted liability to the amount of $60 and paid that amount into court. This was ordered paid to plaintiff and the action was enlarged to next court to permit company to enter an appearance.

D. Robinson sued Thos. Abriel for goods to the amount of $611.33. Judgment for plaintiff in 14 days and account referred to J. D. Campbell, as referee, for examination. Robinson also secured judgment against C. Bluhm for an account of $23.85 with costs.

In Buchanan vs. Benson plaintiff got judgment for wages amounting to $168 and also costs.

For goods sold and delivered, S. Crowle secured judgment against C. Bluhm for $20 and costs.

In Robinson vs. Morris, plaintiff, was awarded $267 and costs for goods sold the defendant.

Abrahamson vs. R. A. Fraser, a judgment summons. Defendant was ordered to pay $10 per month.

Stewart vs. DeCew, a jury action, for $618.27 for breach of contract. The case was sent over to next court, and defendant was given leave to amend. Plaintiff to have costs of day including jury, to be paid forthwith.

Hume & Co. vs. Bate, action on promissory note for $291.21. Judgment for plaintiffs.

Pitts vs. Thomson & Black vs. Thomson, Hoar garnishee. Money paid into court; order for payment to plaintiffs.

The following cases were enlarged to the next court: Coursier vs. Corsan, judgment summons; Gray vs. Richardson; Pease vs. Bartlett Bros., for $98 worth of goods sold and delivered, and Wilkinson vs. Pettigrew et. al., for $107.50 for salary as prospector.

There was only one criminal case—Queen vs. M. Cooper, who was accused of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The prisoner who was convicted was allowed out on his own recognizance for one year under section 971, to appear when called upon to receive sentence.

The Will of the late Thomas Wallace was entered for probate which was granted.

The Court stands adjourned till March 23rd.

The Jury's Presentment.

The jury presented the following recommendations to His Honor:—

"We would respectfully call your Honor's attention to the urgency of protective measures being taken against the further encroachment of the Columbia river on the townsite of this place. Unless the protection work is proceeded with before the water rises at the end of April a large portion of the centre of the townsite will in all probability be wiped out and the approaches to the school-house and churches cut off, as well as jeopardizing the safety of the buildings. It is earnestly hoped that prompt action will be taken in this matter of vital importance.

"Another matter to which your Honor's attention is called is the location of the dumping ground for garbage and night soil. Your petitioners are given to understand that the site of this nuisance ground, as originally selected by the government agent and Dr. Duncan, Secy. Provincial Board of Health, was below and to the south of the town, their selection, however, was overruled by Mr. C. Phillips-Wooley, the Sanitary Inspector, who expropriated land for this purpose to the north of and near the town, directly in the track of the prevailing north-westerly winds and in the opinion of your petitioners would prove a serious menace to the public health. The land selected by Dr. Duncan can be conveniently reached by a road remote from the settled portion of the town, Mr. Wooley's road, on the other hand, can only be reached by a road running right through the centre of the town. We would submit that permission be given to either discharge the garbage into the Columbia river or that the site chosen by Dr. Duncan be chosen instead of the present location. At the present time there is no scavenger to remove the night soil from the dry-earth boxes, although instructions have been given to residents to fill up privy pits. We would suggest that an official scavenger be appointed and advocate that some provision be made for carrying out the instructions of the Board of Health.

"We would further urge your influence in supporting our appeal to the Provincial Government for an additional annual grant of $250 for fire protection purposes, as owing to the large area of ground which the town covers, it has become necessary to establish a fire station at both east and west end for the protection of life and property in case of fire. We would mention that this increased service has been brought about by public voluntary subscriptions which effort on the part of the citizens deserves the support from the government which we ask as an assistance to ensure proper service in this direction.

"A matter of very great importance to this town and district, to which we would respectively draw your attention is the necessity of improving the means of transportation to the Big Bend district by constructing a wagon road to a point beyond the canyon and improving the navigation from that point northwards on the Columbia river. The amount of work already done in this district fully warrants the expenditure needed in this direction. THOMPSON E. L. TAYLOR, Foreman of Jury.

GETTING READY.

Opposition Securing Strong Candidates for Next Election.

The provincial Opposition has evidently profited by the lessons taught in the Dominion campaign of '96. Like the then federal opposition it is seeking out strong men to carry its standard to victory; candidates who will lend weight to the party throughout the whole country. That the efforts to secure such men are meeting with success is shown by some of the names already mentioned, chief amongst whom are E. V. Bodwell, of Victoria; E. C. Davis, Q. C., Vancouver, and J. C. Brown, New Westminster.

Mr. Bodwell, who resides in Victoria where he is very popular and highly respected, is one of the leading lawyers of this province, and takes rank with few at the very top of his profession. The ability with which he handled the claims of the B. C. sealers before the Joint Commission has earned him an International reputation. Although taking a keen interest in public affairs all his life, he has never been a candidate for public office. Should he seek election next June, it will probably be in Victoria City.

Mr. Davis also occupies a very prominent place at the British Columbia bar. He is the senior partner in the law firm of Davis, Marshall, MacNeill & Abbott, Vancouver, and has been engaged on most of the important cases which have been heard in B. C. Like Mr. Bodwell, he is new to public life, and will likely stand for Vancouver, where he resides. As this is an opposition strong hold, Mr. Davis' election would be almost assured.

Unlike the two gentlemen just mentioned, J. C. Brown is not a new man to public life. He has already won his spurs in the legislative halls of this province, and, though retired since '94, is still remembered there as one of the cleverest debaters ever heard within the Assembly, and as the only opponent feared by Theodore Davie, Mr. Brown is now and was then post master at New Westminster, and it is said that the Provincial government brought enough pressure to bear on the then Conservative government at Ottawa to compel his retirement from active participation in provincial politics, hence it is that he does not at present occupy a seat in the Legislature. Since that time, however, there has been a change at the Federal capital, and the powers that be at Victoria are no longer able to keep him out of public life with the threat of losing his position. It is said that the present member for New Westminster City, Mr. J. B. Kennedy, will retire and that Mr. Brown will contest that constituency at the forthcoming provincial elections.

With candidates such as these the Opposition need have no fear for the result of an appeal to the country. They will prove a tower of strength to the party both inside and outside of the Legislature.

We charge according to the value of drugs in a prescription, not according to the size of the bottle.—The McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., Ltd. o

The members of Fire Brigade No. 1 were as mad as the proverbial wet hen yesterday. About two o'clock a. m. they were aroused from their slumbers by a din and noise which they mistook for the fire alarm and after throwing on their clothes and getting as far as the fire hall discovered it was only the Chinaman who were celebrating.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 1898.

The annual general meeting of the Board of Trade was held at the Court House Tuesday evening, the principal business being the election of officers for the ensuing year. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Board, and the balloting for members of the Council was quite spirited.

Mr. A. R. B. Hearn, Manager of the Imperial Bank, nominated by H. N. Coursier, was elected President by acclamation, as were also H. N. Coursier, Vice President, and C. E. Shaw, Secretary.

The principal interest centered in the election for members of the Council, which consists of nine members. For this were 14 nominations—Messrs. Wells, Haig, Cowan, Abrahamson, J., McKechnie, and Chapman were elected on the first ballot, leaving three more required. Messrs. Brewster, Crage, Brown, W. M., and Taylor, who were a tie, the other nominees being out of the running, were then balloted for when Mr. Crage dropped out. As a result, the Council stands as follows:—Messrs. Wells, Haig, Cowan, Abrahamson, J., McKechnie, Chapman, Taylor, Brown, W. M., Brewster.

The annual report which was adopted without extended debate amongst other matters, mentioned the river improvement, protection to river bank, the garbage nuisance, and cites the fact that a great part Council's attention has been given to the question of perfecting titles here and this last reform has been achieved. It further states that the Council's principal business just now is to secure the building of a waggon road to the head of the Canyon by the Provincial Government and the improvement of the river northwards from that point.

Before the election of officers took place the following new members were elected: Messrs. Mallory, Pippy, Taylor, Brewster, Pease, Woodside, Downie, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Aikenhead, Reid and Downs.

Council Meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of the Council was held Thursday evening, when there was a full attendance. The following committees were appointed for 1898:

Public Works—Messrs. Wells, Abrahamson, McKechnie and Haig.

Mining and Manufacturing—Messrs. Coursier, Cowan and Brown.

Freight and Transportation—Messrs. Chapman, Brewster and Coursier.

Finance—Messrs. Taylor and Haig.

It was decided to give the Public Works committee full power to act in the river bank matter. This is to obviate delays occasioned by calling meetings of the whole Council.

The freight and Transportation committee will furnish information to merchants and others, (whether they are members of the Board or not,) who inquire regarding these important matters.

A letter from Mr. Bostock, M. P. was then read, acknowledging receipt of petition re river bank, and announcing that he and Mr. Kellie were about to wait on the Provincial Government regarding the matter. He does not anticipate any trouble in being able to induce the federal authorities to lend a helping hand in the work.

Secretary Shaw is fitting up a room in the Court House for the use of the Board.

Mining Engineers of B. C. Meet.

The B. C. Association of Mining Engineers held their meeting in Vancouver this week, when many interesting papers relative to their profession were read by members. It was decided to change the name of the association to the British Columbia Mining Institute. Before adjournment it was recommended that the next session be held at Nelson, early in June.

The following officers were elected: W. A. Carlyle succeeds Mr. R. C. Campbell Johnson as President, while the other officers are: Vice Presidents W. Blakemore, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.; R. R. Hedley, Nelson; F. C. Loring, Rossland; J. B. Hobson, Cariboo; S. M. Robins, Nanaimo and R. C. Campbell Johnson, Vancouver; Members of Council: Messrs. A. H. Holdich, Nelson G. F. Monckton, A. J. Calquhoun, W. J. Waterman and Major Vaughan, Vancouver; M. A. Bucke, Kaslo; J. D. Sword, Rossland; H. Perry Leake, Revelstoke; and W. J. R. Cowell, Victoria. Col. Tracy was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Howard West, of New Denver, Secretary.

Messrs. A. Williams, M. P. P., A. J. Calquhoun, W. B. Gallagher, F. C. Loring, Major Vaughan and Col. Tracy were elected as a committee on Mining Laws.

The C. P. R. will make a start this month with the enlargement of the Glacier and Mt. Stephen hotels. At Field the dining room will be doubled in size and a large enclosure of glass will be placed in front of the building.

THEY WILL BUILD WORKSHOPS

In Kootenay for Manufacturing Mining Machinery.

The amount of work now rushing in on the B. C. Iron Works Co. of Vancouver, has compelled them to relinquish for a brief time their progress with the mining machinery work. They are working to their full limit every man and lathe in their shops, to which they are adding considerably. The number of vessels to be engaged in the Klondyke trade and the increase in the shipping trade of Vancouver port promises a continuous and steady increase of work for the company, and it is not unlikely that in a month or so, they will send a representative up to the Kootenays to select a site for workshops to turn out mining machinery. Several questions were directed by the firm to a MAIL representative as to prices of Revelstoke realty and other particulars of this place, so that Revelstoke is one of the places the company has on its list. No better selection could possibly be made, situated on the main line as it is, which would enable them to ship their bulk matter cheaply and without much handling. They could fully handle the trade of the whole country from there and get every convenience desirable. The Board of Trade would not be making a mistake if it urged the B. C. Iron Works Co. not to overlook the location at Revelstoke. Over 300 men are at present in this company's employ.

Incorporation Queries.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

It appears to me the people urging incorporation have overlooked one point, viz: Should Revelstoke incorporate what is to prevent the Provincial government from shouldering the heavy expense of protecting the river bank on the municipality. Again, should Revelstoke incorporate what reasonable proposition would the residents of Revelstoke (being a municipality) have in asking the people of the Province as a whole to protect their property. 3rd: The government an voting assistance to municipalities on the Fraser only guarantee the bonds to secure a cheap rate of interest; the lands diked are practically mortgaged to pay both principal and interest. 4th: Can the municipality of Revelstoke shoulder a burden on the start of $40,000 or $50,000 besides going in for a system of sewerage, grading streets, building sidewalks, etc. If they can do so their financial status is greater than either Nelson or Rossland. 5th: Would it not be well before the people of Revelstoke take a leap in the dark that they find out just where they are going to land. Wallowing in a bog hole of financial ruination may not be as pleasant a pastime as can be imagined. The writer is not opposed to incorporation but before going into incorporation it might be well to consider all issues connected therewith.

OBSERVER.

The New Mining Inspector.

The appointment of an inspector of metalliferous mines has at last been made. The new official is D. J. Macdonald, who has been superintendent of the Galena Farm, Slocan, up to very recently. Mr. Macdonald is a Nova Scotian by birth and has had, it is said, several years experience in mining in Nevada and California. He is now making his first official visit to the Rossland camp in company with Prof. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist.

The appointment of Mr. Macdonald is somewhat of a surprise in view of the fact, as generally known, that it was as good as made a year or more ago to the member for Nanaimo City, who has been packing it, or a promise of it, in his pocket ever since awaiting the convenience of the government to open his constituency. The actual appointment has been delayed as long as possible in the hope that a favorable opportunity would arise, but apparently the wait has been in vain. The appointment of another than Mr. McGregor to this position shows conclusively that the government has no desire to face the electorate just now, not even in an island constituency.

The Modern Argonauts.

(Special Correspondence.)

Vancouver, Jan. 13.—Vancouver, (as does also Victoria,) to a visitor from the country, presents at this moment a very stirring and somewhat unusual picture. In every window are to be seen sleeping bags, tents, canvass boats, rockers, gold pans, camp stoves, and all the other accessories of a mining movement. The streets are full of people of not local residence but strangers from every part of the earth. There are men with shaven upper lips, who figure incessantly and expectorate abundantly. What they figure on it is hard to say, but they are at it all the time. There are men in all kinds of mackinaws, woolen and canvas clothing, going about like Joseph in many colors. Mounted Police from the N. W. are there, spruce looking and stalwat and making the streets musical with clanging of their spurs. Then, too, the dogs. Dogs of all sizes, color and breed, (though the less said about the latter, the better), dogs with muzzles and without, being led around by men who look as if they meant business. In all the hotel chairs, in bars, on the streets, crowds of men are eagerly talking, swapping stories of seemingly great interest to all. What is it all for—what about?

It is the beginning of the passing rush of modern argonauts—the rush of feverish men whose imaginations have been excited with visions of unmeasurable and illimitable wealth in the far-off fields (ice-fields) of Klondyke. They have that worst of fevers (gold fever) that man is subject to, and nothing can cure it but the cooling influence of the Arctic Circle. Well! let them go! There are fortunes for the methodical, hardy and patient, but, alas, for the poor, the weakling and the great majority, (following the history of all placer fields) there is nothing but disappointment and may be worse. The best we can wish them all is success, but we cannot help thinking after all, that half their enthusiasm, half their enterprise, pluck and endeavor, directed to the development of a surer but prosier pursuit nearer home, would in the end be more profitable for them and for the country.

WAYFARER.

MORE GOLD COMMISSIONERS.

Rumor gives New Denver and Rossland One Each.

It is rumored that the government are contemplating the creation of two more Gold Commissionerships for West Kootenay, one at New Denver and the other at Rossland. It is said by those who are supposed to know that Alex. Sproat, the Recorder at New Denver, is the appointee for the job at that place, and that John Kirkup, Government Agent at Rossland and one time of Revelstoke, will get the position at Rossland.

A Faithless Husband and Father.

Amongst the arrivals in town Wednesday was a deserted wife, whose condition has evoked the sympathy of the entire community. She came all the way from Montreal to hunt up her recreant spouse, and found him in—well, where she expected. The circumstances, as far as can be learned, are shocking to a degree and disclose a case of depravity one seldom meets with and one which certainly calls for intervention of some kind. The police are, or should be aware of the particulars, and if this individual (who is the father of a family) is not prepared to do what is just and right in the premises they should see to it that this town and province are made too small and too hot to contain such as he and his paramour. In some places they use tar and feathers, or the ducking pond, for such cases.

A Good Citizen Going.

Mr. Geo. T. Mallery, who organized and has since conducted their Revelstoke branch for the McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., the druggist, is about to sever his connection with the business here to take charge of his firm's establishment at Kamloops. In common with the business community and public generally the MAIL regrets Mr. Mallery's departure, for during the few months of his residence here he has proved himself a distinct acquisition to business circles and a most worthy citizen in every respect. Revelstoke's loss will prove Kamloop's gain. Mr. Mallery leaves Tuesday to take charge of his new post which, we are glad to learn, will be much more remunerative.

Mr. Mallery's successor in the management of the Revelstoke branch will be Mr. G. F. Curtis, who arrived in town today from Vancouver. His connection with the McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., is a guarantee that he is thoroughly competent in all branches of his profession.

The Le Roi Deal is Off.

"Information has been given out from the head office of the Le Roi that the deal for that mine is off. About four weeks ago the British American Corporation of London, which contained such well known names in its directorate as Lord Dufferin and Lord Loch, issued its prospectus. Its capital stock was to be $7,500,000, and amongst the properties upon which options were said to be had was the Le Roi. In making the announcement the other day, Col. W. W. D. Turner, President of the Le Roi Mining and Smelting Co. said: "All dickering with the British America Corporation is now off. We decided that several days ago and so notified the people in London by cable. I never thought for a moment that a sale would be consummated to that company. To my mind it looked much as if the people who drew that prospectus used the name of the Le Roi mine to attract the attention of the English investing public. They never had the right to use the name of the mine in any way, but their prospectus was cleverly worded."

Mr. Hobbs had one of the new mountain engines in the Donald shops the other day and says, from an intimate knowledge of American railroad engines, that the engines now being turned out at the C. P. R. shops in Montreal beat them hollow, and he does not believe that better engines are turned out anywhere in the world than at Montreal.

A NEW SHIPPING CAMP.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF ORE FROM THE NORTH FORK.

The Waverley Mine its first shipper—A carload of ore for Swansea—Will send six carloads a month to Everett in future.

Amongst the shipping camps of Kootenay may now be numbered that of the North Fork or Albert Canyon, and to the Waverley is due the honor of being the first shipper therein. On Monday a carload of Waverley ore was sent to Swansea, Eng., and it will be followed in a few days by a carload of ore from the Tangier. The ore is a silver-lead showing much gray copper and should give good returns. The management intend that hereafter the Waverley shall be a regular shipper and will endeavor to get out at least six carloads a month as long as the road holds good. In future the ore will be consigned to Everett, the first shipment being made to Swansea for the purpose of the owners who are principally resident in England.

The ore from the Waverley is being rawhided to the summit, and sufficient is being brought out daily to keep IT teams busy between there and the railway line at Albert Canyon. Mr. Fraser, who has charge of the transportation work of the company, says that about 30 tons per week are being brought down to the Canyon and if the dry weather continues this output will be steadily maintained.

Much depends upon the weather and a soft spell would interfere greatly with the hauling over their 25 miles of road. It is to be hoped that conditions may be sufficiently favorable to allow all the ore to come down quickly and cheaply. The company has been to great expense in keeping open their long piece of road, owing principally to the lateness of the start made. The credit for the shipment is mainly due to the efforts of J. D. Graham, the new manager of the company, and the pity is that he hadn't charge a few months earlier. In this connection it might be mentioned that Mr. Graham has received notification of his appointment as manager of all the company's interests in B. C., including the Forth Fork and coast properties.

It is understood that work will be suspended on the Tangier pending the installation of some necessary machinery.

A Successful Entertainment.

The ladies of St. Peters' church, are to be congratulated upon the success of their social and dance at Tapping's Tuesday evening. The Hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and with its lights, draperies, furniture etc. presented a pretty picture to the observer. The attendance, too, was good, about 35 couples being present, and the dancing was kept up until 4 a.m. The entertainment left nothing to be desired and was voted by all present as the best of the kind ever given in town. The success of the affair has encouraged the ladies of this congregation to renewed efforts and there is likely to be another function of the kind in the very near future.

Local and Personal Briefs.

Ralph McLean is able to be around again and has resumed his duties in the post office. He was confined to his home for 14 days through illness.

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The management of the electric light company expect to have the current over the wires by Monday night sure. There may be a trial tomorrow night. So look out for the illumination.

The police officials were entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Chinese restaurant. W. White, Q. C., acted as chairman and toastmaster and the guests say they were treated with true oriental courtesy.

The Chinese new year is being celebrated with the usual eclat by the local celestials. The festivities commenced Thursday and reached the climax to-day. The festival only extends over four days here during which time John keeps open house for all, including the "barbarians."

A concert and dance will be given Tuesday, Jan. 25th, at Tapping's theatre, under the auspices of Fire Brigade No. 2 for the benefit of the funds of the brigade. It promises to be a first class affair in every particular and the members are working hard to make it a success. The concert programme appears elsewhere in this issue.

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REVELSTOKE, JAN. 22, 1898.

THE agitation for redistribution is gathering force each day as the injustices and inequalities of the present measure are being exposed. Even some of the journalistic supporters of the Provincial government have been forced to admit that necessity exists for a more equitable measure of representation.

Our local contemporary in congratulating itself upon the first anniversary of its birth is kind enough to take the public into its confidence and tell what they may expect from it in the future. With courage born of despair it boldly avows that it will continue the face-both-ways policy which has characterized its course in the past and will lose no opportunity to turn an "honest" penny. It does not intend to burden itself with any principles, they are too bothersome sometimes, but will endeavor to be "practical." For instance, it avows its belief in the government ownership of railways, but promises to continue advocating the bonusing of private companies to build them. In fact, our contemporary's future, as outlined by itself, is so liberally besprinkled with "ifs" and "buts" that it must be a sore task for its friends to puzzle out where it is likely to stand on any public question unless they happen to be in the "know" and are familiar with the "considerations" which influence it.

AN effort is being made by the very few who approve the appointment of John Drinkwater Sibbald to create the impression on the outside that opposition to his appointment to the gold commissionership emanates entirely from the Liberals of Revelstoke, who are said to oppose it solely because Mr. Sibbald is a Conservative. None know better than his handful of supporters that this is not the case. They well know (as does the government which appointed him, by this time) that the chief opposition to the job by which the position was secured to the present incumbent comes from Conservatives who have heretofore been supporters of the Provincial government; Conservatives, too, who have, (unlike the little clique who are patriots and partizans for revenue only) when occasion required, always stood ready to assist the cause of Conservatism with their time and money. They are the solid men of the party; not the tricksters and wire-pullers, as the government will find to its cost when it next asks for a renewal of their confidence.

Called Down Again.

In its effort to score a point against an opponent of its master—the Turner government, the *Herald* has called down the ire of another contemporary—the Rossland *Times*. In a recent review of a *Times* article it said: "But after all the worst rub comes from the *Times* itself, when in a previous issue it stated that there is little doubt that Mr. Kellie has a strong pull towards the remunerative post of gold commissioner for the new riding."

Now, the editor of the *Times* objects to being misrepresented. He did not say anything of the kind. The *Herald* wilfully misquoted to serve its own purpose, which, to say the least, is a disreputable act. This is what the Times has to say about it: "If the Herald had exercised a little of the discrimination we have always given it credit for, it would have seen that the paragraph from which this 'worst rub' was taken was not the editorial opinion of the Times. It was one of several paragraphs contributed by an occasional correspondent under the heading of 'Float.' The opinions for which the editor of the Times is responsible are always published in the editorial columns on the second page, which as age is generally understood by newspaper men. Furthermore, the editor of the Times knew that Mr. Kellie had the refusal of the gold commissionership long ago. The Herald is barking up the wrong tree."

An Appalling Crime Record.

There have been more than 1,600 deaths by violence in South Carolina during the past 11 years, and over 200 homicides within the present year. These are the appalling facts which lately caused the pulpit of the state to set apart one Sunday for preaching against the crime of murder.

The Buffalo Express prints a record of the lynchings in the United States reported in press dispatches from June 8 to December 30. The total is 77. Of the victims, 51 were negro men, 22 white men, 3 Indians, and 1 white woman. The offences are: Assault on women and children, 36; murder, 22; robbery, 5; horse or mule-stealing, 3; arson, 2; shielding men wanted by mobs, 2; giving evidence against white-caps, 2; and one each for wife-beating, "general principles," being a negro school teacher, teaching negroes music, revenge on a constable, besides one woman for unknown reasons.

U. S. Mineral Production for 1897.

The mineral production of 1897 again establishes a record, but from present indications it will be exceeded during the year which is just opening.

"The production of gold in 1897 was 2,685,000 fine ounces, valued at $55,498,950, against 2,558,433 fine ounces, valued at $52,886,200, in 1896. The production in the Transvaal was about the same as in the United States and it will be doubtful which country will hold first place until revised figures are obtained. There was a large increase in the gold production of Colorado, which has now surpassed California for the first time, but the increase of production in that state was offset by decreases in others. The gold production of the Klondyke, which was only $2,000,000, notwithstanding the exaggerated newspaper reports, has been credited to Canada, and the latter country shows consequently a great increase in output. The most important gold producing district in the United States was Cripple Creek, which broke its best previous record. Other important districts of the year were the Black Hills, South Dakota; Mercur, Utah, and the various camps of the Mother lode in California.

"The production of silver of domestic origin in the United States in 1897 was 56,117,000 fine ounces, against 58,488,810 fine ounces in 1896. In addition to this there was a production of 30,325,000 fine ounces from foreign ores and bullion, against 33,123,520 fine ounces in 1896. The decrease in the American production is accounted for by the heavy decline in the value of silver, which compelled a number of important producers to close down. The falling off in production would undoubtedly have been greater had it not been for the high price of lead during a considerable part of the year. A very large proportion—probably 80 per cent.—of the silver production of the U. S. is derived from ores in which gold, lead or copper is the more important element of value. In both British Columbia and Mexico there was an increase in the production of silver; in the former it corresponded more or less to the increase in the production of lead and copper; in the latter, where business is conducted on a silver basis, the cost of labor falls proportionately with the value of silver, and silver mining is not affected to the same extent as in countries which are on a solid gold basis. There was a considerable increase in the lead production in Mexico in 1897, and an increase in the silver production was consequently to be expected.

"The production of lead in 1897 was 191,520 short tons, valued at $16,203,598, against 177,7?2 short tons, valued at $10,381,843, in 1896. Besides this there was a large amount of lead produced in the United States from foreign ores and bullion, a large part of which was exported after desilverization. The increase, which was proportionately large in Missouri, is accounted for by the high price of the metal during most of the year. The chief sources of domestic lead supply continue to be the Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho, Leadville, Colo., and the vicinity of Joplin, Mo. The exportation of foreign lead refined in bond during the first ten months of the year was 41,600 short tons. The exportation of domestic lead during the same period was 5,976 tons.—*Engineering and Mining Journal.*

He Must Have Struck Hard Luck.

A prominent mining engineer, who has been there, sums up in a few words the condition at Dawson City, which most correspondents tell in volumes: "A more God forsaken place you never saw. Where the town is located used to have been a cold moose swamp. During the summer time it is undoubtedly a regular quagmire. I should judge it would be a hot bed of typhoid fever and every other malarial disease in the summer time. The population is variously estimated at from 3,000 to 5,000. There is no place to eat, no place to sleep, no wood, except what is floated down from above the Klondyke, and every stick of timber and [illegible] and here in town is already contracted for a dozen times over. There are fully 500 loafers in town who won't work and expect to be fed and there is no food to feed them with. The police won't arrest them because they haven't any food with which to feed them. Everything is frozen except the whisky, and there seems to be an unlimited supply of that article at 50 cents a drink, and I suppose other beverages at corresponding figures. Pneumonia is getting in its deadly work. It is expensive to die here, but dead men come in every day. Frozen potatoes are $1 a pound. Frozen meat is $1.50 a pound, wholesale rates; hauling, $5 an hour. Five-cent cigars cost 50 cents each, and flour, $125 for a 50-pound sack; candles, $1 apiece; $75 is paid for a five-gallon can of coal oil. In fact, none is for sale. Coffee $1 a pound and not fit for dogs. Sugar 30 cents and tea $1 a pound. No man works for less than $15 for nine hours and confers a very great favor upon you even at that rate. Cord wood, sawed and split, is $50 a cord. Can't say what it will be before winter is over. The restaurants are all closed because they cannot buy supplies. Bakeries are closed because there is no flour. There is no hotel and there are no lodging houses. What in the world these people are going to do before the season is over I cannot say. The people are still coming over the trail without provisions. The police are driving every one down the river as they arrive. The condition of affairs is very precarious here. There is a probability of there being bloodshed on account of the starving people. Caches, where individual supplies are kept, are being nightly robbed and people are on the qui vive. In several instances thieves have been detected and caught. Money can't buy food and the actual staple of life, flour, is unobtainable."—Western Mining World.

Certificate of Improvements.

ORPHAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Cicero N. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. 9,070, issued February 10th, 1897, at New Westminster, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

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

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
No. 21/97.

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

The head office of the Company is situate at Nos. 1 and 2, Great Winchester Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £300,000, divided into 300,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, and Albert Edward McPhillips, Solicitor, whose address is Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

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

(a.) To acquire the mines or claims known as the Silver Cup, Sunshine, and Towser, situate in Kootenay District, in the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada, and any mineral claim or claims adjoining the same or in the vicinity thereof, as to the Company may from time to time appear expedient;

(b.) To adopt and carry into effect, either with or without modification, an agreement dated the 29th day of April, 1897, between the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, of the first part; William Fitzgerald and Thomas Dunn of the second part; and Edgar Ashleton Bennett, as trustee for the Company, of the third part;

(c.) To develop, open, raise ore, metals and minerals from and generally work all or any of the mines, minerals, mining and mineral claims, lands and premises when acquired as aforesaid, and to crush, smelt, calcine, refine, manipulate and prepare for market ores, metals and mineral substances of all kinds, obtained from all or any of the said premises, and to carry on any other metallurgical operations [illegible] to any of the objects of the Company;

(d.) To construct, maintain, improve, work, control and manage any roads, ways, tramways, railways and other works and conveniences which may seem conducive to any of the objects of the Company;

(e.) To carry on any other business [illegible] which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property or rights;

(f.) To acquire and take over [illegible] the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorised to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the business of the Company;

(g.) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engaged in any business or transaction, or in the execution or management of any work or undertaking whatsoever which may appear to the Company conducive to the attainment of its objects or any of them, or otherwise for its benefit, so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company; and to lend money, to guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such person or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same:

(h.) To purchase, take on lease, hire, or in exchange, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purpose of its business:

(i.) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company upon such securities, and in such manner, as may from time to time be determined, and in particular to invest or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the objects of the Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company:

(j.) To borrow, or raise, or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company may think, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), including its uncalled capital:

(k.) To draw, make, accept, indorse, discount, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable instruments:

(l.) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company:

(m.) To do all or any of the above things, in all or in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, trustees, contractors, or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents, sub-contractors, or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with others:

(n.) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in British Columbia and elsewhere abroad, and to enter into arrangements with any governments or authorities that may seem conducive to the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any government or authority any rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions:

(o.) To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the Company:

(p.) To remunerate by annual payment, or otherwise, any Company or person for services rendered, or to be rendered, or for services or conveniences placed, or to be placed, for any period at the disposal of the Company, or for the use for any period or purpose of the Company's or [illegible] property:

(q.) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements.

Ole Bull, Big Bend Falls, C. O. D. and Keyser mineral claims; and Ole Bull, Lost Bear and [illegible] mineral claims, situated in the Trout Lake Mining Division, West Kootenay; located in the Big Bend.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for the London and B.C. Alliance Syndicate, free miner's certificate No. [illegible], intend, sixty days after date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

WILLIAM A. BAUER, P.L.S.

Dated this [illegible] December, 1897.

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CROW'S NEST ROAD.

The Superintendent Discusses Affairs Connected with its Construction.

M. J. Haney, who is in charge of construction on the Crows Nest railway has the following to say regarding the statements made by certain of the laborers as to unfair treatment by the contractors? "I wish some one would bring me a case with a specific charge. When I was in Ottawa the minister had a number of letters, but there was no way whereby I could trace the matter to a contractor or to the foreman. Everything stated was indefinite. As soon as any one makes a definite charge I shall reply by wire or letter. We employ very few men, but when the commissioners come our way to investigate, I want to see some definite case laid before them, and not so much broad indefiniteness. Men out there cannot expect to be supplied with Turkish baths and tooth brushes while engaged in railway labor work."

The Crow's Nest road proper, begins at Lethbridge, and although the grading is completed, the erection of some heavy bridges necessitated the starting point for track laying to be located five miles further west. Mr. Haney states that the rails are laid and ballasting completed to Pincher Creek, or a total 65 miles. This section is in a perfectly finished condition, so much so in fact that a train could run over it at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

The grading is completed to a point five miles beyond the summit, or a total of 110 miles from Lethbridge. It seems only the other day, in fact, that the first sod was turned. Yet over one hundred miles of first class railway have since been constructed and the rails laid for two-thirds of the way.

It is, however, from the point where the grading of the Crow's Nest railway now ends to the foot of Kootenay lake, a distance of 180 miles, where the greatest efforts of the company are now being made. Distributed all along these 180 miles, no less than 4,000 men are at work, and this little army will be kept up to its full strength all through the winter months. Over forty contractors are engaged, and, between the two points just indicated, some of the heaviest work of the whole line is being encountered. A good many tunnels will have to be pierced and some heavy bridges built. Mr. Haney has been over the entire line three times making the trip on horseback, this mode of travelling being at present comparatively easy, as the company has built 200 miles of wagon road, beginning 80 miles west of Lethbridge, as a fair road was already in existence to that point.

The cost of feeding this army of construction will reach from $15,000 to $50,000 per month. They are paid $1.50 per day, although the bridge builders and others earn a higher figure and the men pay at the rate of $1 per week for board.

"When will the tracklayers reach deep water at the foot of Kootenay lake?" Mr. Haney was then asked, and this is an important question, as there has been a conflict of opinion on that point.

"We expect to reach there by October next. This will bring the railway within 60 miles of Nelson and the water is deep enough to float ocean steamers between those points."

"Will the company build this last section of 60 miles?"

"Yes, it will be undertaken as soon as the other portions of the line are well under way. The engineers are now at work revising the location and, and although there will be a good many tunnels the grades will be comparatively easy. The road will follow the lake and river and will afford some of the finest scenery in America."

Mr. Haney was then asked regarding traffic and he stated that trains would likely be put on the eastern sections in the spring in order to facilitate the moving of supplies.

The rails to the summit are 56 pound, while those used beyond will be 73, and the whole road bed and bridges are being constructed to resist the heaviest engines and traffic. The coal deposits of the Pass, which begin west of the summit and extend along the line a distance of forty miles are already operated.

Political Rumors.

The organs of the government are just now busily engaged in trying to sow dissensions in Opposition ranks by giving tongue to all kinds of unfounded rumors regarding divisions, disagreements, etc. Their latest effort in this direction is one designed to scare conservatives with the cry of liberal ascendancy. It was started in the Vancouver *World*, an alledged Liberal paper, and is being echoed by the smaller fry, among the subsidized shouters of Turner & Co. It is to the effect that a plot is being hatched to depose C. A. Semlin (a Conservative) leader of the Opposition, and install E. V. Bodwell (a Liberal) in his place.

Referring to this subject, the Victoria *Times* says:—Mr. Semlin is leader of the Opposition party, having been appointed to the position at a caucus of the Opposition members of the legislature, after the defeat of Mr. Beaven. This is the only constitutional method of selection. If Mr. Bodwell becomes a candidate, as we sincerely hope he will, his candidature will have the support of Mr. Semlin and the Opposition party generally. There will be no unseemly rivalry for the leadership. The Opposition party will be united."

Sighted In B. C.

Professor Nordeskagold, the Arctic explorer, has informed the Swedish academy that the foreign office has received intelligence that several persons worthy of credence saw Prof. Andree's balloon early in August in British Columbia, seven miles north of Quesnelle Lake, in the district of Cariboo. The professor regards the news as being of sufficient importance to call for closer investigation. Andree's balloon left Dani's Island, one of the Spitzbergen group, July 11th, 1897.

To Harness the Ocean.

It is stated with much positiveness that Thomas A. Edison, Jr. has evolved a plan for the utilization of power with production of heat, light and electricity which, if carried into effect, will revolutionize the industrial world in a more radical manner than have all the inventions of his illustrious father. He proposes to harness the ocean and compel it to do the bidding of man. He would erect an iron pier in the sea beyond the breakers, where he would get the natural roll of the ocean waves. Under this pier would be placed floats. Each float would be as large as possible, but small enough to rise on the top of the swells and sink into the trough between them. The pier would be anchored with piston cylinders, which would pump the air into a great compresser. From this the air will pass to engines, which in turn run electric dynamos. The current would be taken ashore by insulated wires. He thinks it will require a capital of about $25,000,000 to put the plan into operation and produce power enough to supply New York and surrounding country.

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.
And in the matter of the petitions of Rose Haskins and Johan Urlich Laursen.
And in the matter of the Winding Up Act and amending Acts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that his Lordship, Mr. Justice McColl, has fixed Monday, the thirty-first day of January, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Judges' Chambers in the Court House, in the City of Vancouver, as the time and place for the appointment of an Official Liquidator of the above named company.

A. E. BECK,
District Registrar.

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THE CREDITORS of the above named company are required, on or before the seventh day of February, 1898, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors if any, to A. E. Beck of Vancouver, the Provisional Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at Judges Chambers in the Court House, in Vancouver, at such time as shall be specified in said notice or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said debts and claims.

A. E. BECK,
District Registrar.

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Application to Parliament.

APPLICATION WILL BE MADE to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, maintain and operate by any motive power a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near Arrowhead, Arrow Lake, British Columbia, by the most feasible route via Trout Lake or Duncan Rivers to some point at or near the south end of Kootenay Lake in the Kootenay District with branches of any length; with power also to construct, maintain and operate the necessary bridges over navigable rivers, and necessary ways, ferries, roads and other works.

Dated at Ottawa this 27th day of December, 1897.

A. FERGUSON,
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Time Table No. 6. To take effect July 3, 1897.
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No. 6 passenger leaves Rossland - - 7:00 a.m.
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No. 3 passenger leaves Trail - - - 8:15 a.m.
Connects with Red Mountain for Spokane.

No. 2 passenger leaves Rossland - - 11 a.m.
Connects with C.P.R. steamers for north.

No. 1 passenger leaves Trail - - - 12:30 p.m.
Connects with C.P.R. steamers from north.

No. 4 passenger leaves Rossland - - 3:00 p.m.
Connects with Red Mountain for Spokane.

No. 5 passenger leaves Trail - - - 3:45 p.m.
Connects with steamer Lytton at Trail.

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T. J. LENDRUM,
Agent and Attorney in fact for the Kootenay B. C. Smelting and Trading Syndicate.

Dated at Ainsworth this 8th day of December, 1897.

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REVELSTOKE, JAN. 22, 1898.

THE agitation for redistribution is gathering force each day as the injustices and inequalities of the present measure are being exposed. Even some of the journalistic supporters of the Provincial government have been forced to admit that necessity exists for a more equitable measure of representation.

OUR local contemporary in congratulating itself upon the first anniversary of its birth is kind enough to take the public into its confidence and tell what they may expect from it in the future. With courage born of despair it boldly avows that it will continue the face-both-ways policy which has characterized its course in the past and will lose no opportunity to turn an "honest" penny. It does not intend to burden itself with any principles, they are too bothersome sometimes, but will endeavor to be "practical." For instance, it avows its belief in the government ownership of railways, but promises to continue advocating the bonusing of private companies to build them. In fact our contemporary's future, as outlined by itself, is so liberally besprinkled with "ifs" and "buts" that it must be a sore task for its friends to puzzle out where it is likely to stand on any public question unless they happen to be in the "know" and are familiar with the "considerations" which influence it.

AN effort is being made by the very few who approve the appointment of John Drinkwater Sibbald to create the impression on the outside that opposition to his appointment to the gold commissionership emanates entirely from the Liberals of Revelstoke, who are said to oppose it solely because Mr. Sibbald is a Conservative. None know better than his handful of supporters that this is not the case. They well know (as does the government which appointed him, by this time) that the chief opposition to the job by which the position was secured to the present incumbent comes from Conservatives who have heretofore been supporters of the Provincial government; Conservatives, too, who have, (unlike the little clique who are patriots and partizans for revenue only) when occasion required, always stood ready to assist the cause of Conservatism with their time and money. They are the solid men of the party, not the tricksters and wire-pullers, as the government will find to its cost when it next asks for a renewal of their confidence.

Called Down Again.

In its effort to score a point against an opponent of [illegible] the Turner government, the *Herald* has "called" down the [illegible] contemporary the Rossland *Times*. In a recent review of a *Times* article it said:—"But after all the worst [illegible] comes from the *Times* itself, when in a previous issue it stated that there is [illegible] that Mr. Kellie [illegible] towards the [illegible] gold commissioner[illegible]."

Now, the editor of the *Times* objects to being misrepresented. [illegible] anything of the kind. The *Herald* [illegible] its own purposes, which, to say the least, is a disreputable act. This is what the Times has to say about it:—"If the Herald had exercised a little of the discrimination we have always given it credit for it would have seen that the paragraph from which this "roast" was taken was not the editorial opinion of the Times. It was one of several paragraphs contributed by an occasional correspondent under the headline of "Float." The opinions, for which the editor of the Times is responsible, are always published in the editorial columns on the second page, which as [illegible] age is generally understood by newspaper men. Furthermore, the editor of the Times knew that Mr. Kellie had the refusal of the gold commissionership long ago. The Herald is barking up the wrong tree."

An Appalling Crime Record.

There have been more than 1,600 deaths by violence in South Carolina during the past 11 years, and over 200 homicides within the present year. These are the appalling facts which lately caused the pulpit of the state to set apart one Sunday for preaching against the crime of murder.

The Buffalo Express prints a record of the lynchings in the United States reported in press dispatches from June 8 to December 30. The total is 77. Of the victims, 51 were negro men, 22 white men, 3 Indians, and 1 white woman. The offences are: Assault on women and children, 36; murder, 22; robbery, 5; horse or mule stealing, 3; arson, 2; shielding men wanted by mobs, 2; giving evidence against white-caps, 2; and one each for wife-beating, "general principles," being a negro school teacher, teaching negroes music, revenge on a constable, besides one woman for unknown reasons.

U. S. Mineral Production for 1897.

The mineral production of 1897 again establishes a record, but from present indications it will be exceeded during the year which is just opening.

"The production of gold in 1897 was 2,685,000 fine ounces, valued at $55,498,950, against 2,558,433 fine ounces, valued at $52,880,200, in 1896. The production in the Transvaal was about the same as in the United States, and it will be doubtful which country will hold first place until revised figures are obtained. There was a large increase in the gold production of Colorado, which has now surpassed California for the first time, but the increase of production in that state was offset by decreases in others. The gold production of the Klondyke, which was only $2,000,000, notwithstanding the exaggerated newspaper reports, has been credited to Canada, and the latter country shows consequently a great increase in output. The most important gold producing district in the United States was Cripple Creek, which broke its best previous record. Other important districts of the year were the Black Hills, South Dakota; Mercur, Utah, and the various camps of the Mother lode in California.

"The production of silver of domestic origin in the United States in 1897 was 56,117,000 fine ounces, against 58,488,810 fine ounces in 1896. In addition to this there was a production of 39,325,000 fine ounces from foreign ores and bullion, against 33,133,529 fine ounces in 1896. The decrease in the American production is accounted for by the heavy decline in the value of silver, which compelled a number of important producers to close down. The falling off in production would undoubtedly have been greater had it not been for the high price of lead during a considerable part of the year. A very large proportion—probably 80 per cent.—of the silver production of the U. S. is derived from ores in which gold, lead or copper is the more important element of value. In both British Columbia and Mexico there was an increase in the production of silver; in the former it corresponded more or less to the increase in the production of lead and copper; in the latter, where business is conducted on a silver basis, the cost of labor falls proportionately with the value of silver, and silver mining is not affected to the same extent as in countries which are on a solid gold basis. There was a considerable increase in the lead production in Mexico in 1897, and an increase in the silver production was consequently to be expected.

"The production of lead in 1897 was 191,580 short tons, valued at $13,921,318, against 174,752 short tons, valued at $10,481,518 in 1896. Besides this there was a large amount of lead produced in the United States from foreign ore and bullion, a large part of which was exported after desilverization. The increase, which was proportionately large in Missouri, is accounted for by the high price of the metal during most of the year. The chief sources of domestic lead supply continue to be the Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho, Leadville, Colo., and the vicinity of Bonne Terre, Mo. The exportation of foreign lead refined in bond during the first [illegible] months of the year was [illegible] short tons. The exportation of domestic lead during the same period was [illegible] tons.—*Engineering and Mining Journal*.

He Must Have Struck Hard Luck.

A prominent mining engineer who has been there, sums up in a few words the condition at Dawson City, which most correspondents tell in volumes: "A more God forsaken place you never saw. Where the town is located must have been an old moose camp. During the summer time it is undoubtedly a regular quagmire. I should judge it would be a hot bed of typhoid fever and every other malarial disease in the summer time. The population is variously estimated at from 3,000 to 5,000. There is no place to eat, and no [illegible] sleep, no wood, except what is floated [illegible] down from above the Klondyke, and every stick of timber and wood [illegible] here in town is already contracted for a dozen times over. There are fully 500 loafers in town who won't work and expect to be fed and there is no food to feed them with. The police won't arrest them because they haven't any food with which to feed them. Everything is frozen except the whisky, and there seems to be an unlimited supply of that article at 50 cents a drink and I suppose other beverages at corresponding figures. Pneumonia is getting in its deadly work. It is expensive to die here, but dead men come in every day. Frozen potatoes are $1 a pound. Frozen meat is $1.50 a pound, wholesale rates; hauling, $5 an hour. Five-cent cigars cost 50 cents each, and flour, $125 for a 50-pound sack; candles, $1 apiece; $75 is paid for a five-gallon can of coal oil. In fact, none is for sale. Coffee $1 a pound and not fit for dogs. Sugar 30 cents and tea $1 a pound. No man works for less than $15 for nine hours and confers a very great favor upon you even at that rate. Cord wood, sawed and split, is $50 a cord. Can't say what it will be before winter is over. The restaurants are all closed because they cannot buy supplies. Bakeries are closed because there is no flour. There is no hotel and there are no lodging houses. What in the world these people are going to do before the season is over I cannot say. The people are still coming over the trail without provisions. The police are driving every one down the river as they arrive. The condition of affairs is very precarious here. There is a probability of there being bloodshed on account of the starving people. Caches where individual supplies are kept are being nightly robbed and people are on the qui vive. In several instances thieves have been detected and caught. Money can't buy food and the actual staple of life, flour, is unobtainable.—Western Mining World.

Certificate of Improvements.

ORPHAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Cicero N. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. 9,970, issued February 16th, 1897, at New Westminster, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated at Vancouver this 30th day of November, A.D., 1897. 35-9t

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
No. 21/97.

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

The head office of the Company is situate at Nos. 1 and 2, Great Winchester Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £300,000, divided into 300,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, and Albert Edward McPhillips, Solicitor, whose address is Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

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

(*a.*) To acquire the mines or claims known as the Silver Cup, Sunshine, and Towser, situate in Kootenay District, in the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada, and any mineral claim or claims adjoining the same or in the vicinity thereof, as to the Company may from time to time appear expedient:

(*b.*) To adopt and carry into effect, either with or without modification, an agreement dated the 29th day of April, 1897, between the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, of the first part, William Farrell and Thomas Dunn of the second part, and Edgar Ashton Bennett, as trustee for the Company, of the third part:

(*c.*) To develop, open, raise ore, metals and minerals from and generally work all or any of the mines, claims, lands, mining and mineral claims, lands and premises when acquired as aforesaid, and to crush, smelt, calcine, refine, manipulate and prepare for market ore, metal and mineral substances of all kinds obtained from all or any of the same premises, and to carry on any other metallurgical operations which may seem conducive to any of the objects of the Company:

[illegible]

(*f.*) To carry on any other business [illegible]

[illegible] the Company [illegible] or any of them:

(*g.*) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company [illegible] to the Company:

[illegible]

(*h.*) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, or otherwise with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction, or in the execution or management of any work or undertaking whatsoever which may appear to the Company conducive to the attainment of its objects or any of them, or otherwise for its benefit, or so directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such person or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same:

(*h.*) To purchase, take on lease, hire, or in exchange, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purpose of its business:

(*i.*) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company upon such securities, and in such manner, as may from time to time be determined, and in particular to invest or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the objects of the Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company:

(*j.*) To borrow, or raise, or secure, the payment of money in such manner as the Company may think, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), including its uncalled capital:

(*k.*) To draw, make, accept, indorse, discount, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable instruments:

(*l.*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company:

(*m.*) To do all or any of the above things, in all or in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, trustees, contractors, or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents, sub-contractors or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with others:

(*n.*) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in British Columbia and elsewhere abroad, and to enter into arrangements with any governments or authorities that may seem conducive to the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any government or authority any rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions:

(*o.*) To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the Company:

(*p.*) To remunerate by annual payment, or otherwise, any Company or person for services rendered, or to be rendered, or for services or conveniences placed, or to be placed, for any period or purpose at the disposal of the Company, or for the use for any period or purpose of such other company's or person's offices, subjects or property:

(*q.*) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements.

[illegible] mineral claim, and Ole Bull, Lily, Bear and Cold, H.B. fractional mineral claims, situated in the Big Bend Mining Division, West Kootenay, located on the Big Bend.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William Bauer, acting as agent for the London and B.C. Alliance Syndicate, free miner's certificate No. [illegible], intend, sixty days after date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

WILLIAM A. BAUER, P.L.S.

Dated the [illegible] December, 1897. [illegible]

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CROW'S NEST ROAD.

The Superintendent Discusses Affairs Connected with its Construction.

M. J. Haney, who is in charge of construction on the Crows Nest railway has the following to say regarding the statements made by certain of the laborers as to unfair treatment by the contractors: "I wish some one would bring me a case with a specific charge. When I was in Ottawa the minister had a number of letters, but there was no way whereby I could trace the matter to a contractor or to the foreman. Everything stated was indefinite. As soon as any one makes a definite charge I shall reply by wire or letter. We employ very few men, but when the commissioners come our way to investigate, I want to see some definite case laid before them, and not so much broad indefiniteness. Men out there cannot expect to be supplied with Turkish baths and tooth brushes while engaged in railway labor work."

The Crow's Nest road proper begins at Lethbridge, and although the grading is completed, the erection of some heavy bridges necessitated the starting point for track laying to be located five miles further west. Mr. Haney states that the rails are laid and ballasting completed to Pincher Creek, or a total 65 miles. This section is in a perfectly finished condition, so much so in fact that a train could run over it at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

The grading is completed to a point five miles beyond the summit, or a total of 110 miles from Lethbridge. It seems only the other day, in fact, that the first sod was turned. Yet, over one hundred miles of first class railway have since been constructed and the rails laid for two-thirds of the way.

It is, however, from the point where the grading of the Crow's Nest railway now ends to the foot of Kootenay lake, a distance of 180 miles, where the greatest efforts of the company are now being made. Distributed all along these 180 miles, no less than 4,000 men are at work, and this little army will be kept up to its full strength all through the winter months. Over forty contractors are engaged and, between the two points just indicated, some of the heaviest work of the whole line is being encountered. A good many tunnels will have to be pierced and some heavy bridges built. Mr. Haney has been over the entire line three times making the trip on horseback, this mode of travelling being at present comparatively easy, as the company has built 200 miles of wagon road, beginning 80 miles west of Lethbridge, as a fair road was already in existence to that point.

The cost of feeding this army of construction will reach from $15,000 to $50,000 per month. They are paid $1.50 per day, although the bridge builders and others earn a higher figure and the men pay at the rate of $1 per week for board.

"When will the tracklayers reach deep water at the foot of Kootenay lake?" Mr. Haney was then asked, and this is an important question, as there has been a conflict of opinion on that point.

"We expect to reach there by October next. This will bring the railway within 60 miles of Nelson and the water is deep enough to float ocean steamers between those points."

"Will the company build this last section of 60 miles?"

"Yes, it will be undertaken as soon as the other portions of the line are well under way. The engineers are now at work revising the location and, although there will be a good many tunnels the grades will be comparatively easy. The road will follow the lake and river and will afford some of the finest scenery in America."

Mr. Haney was then asked regarding traffic, and he stated that trains would likely be put on the eastern sections in the spring in order to facilitate the moving of supplies.

The rails to the summit are 56 pound while those used beyond will be 73, and the whole road bed and bridges are being constructed to resist the heaviest engines and traffic. The coal deposits of the Pass, which begin west of the summit and extend along the line a distance of forty miles are already operated.

Sighted In B. C.

Professor Nordeskagold, the Arctic explorer, has informed the Swedish academy that the foreign office has received intelligence that several persons worthy of credence saw Prof. Andree's balloon early in August in British Columbia, seven miles north of Quesnelle Lake, in the district of Cariboo. The professor regards the news as being of sufficient importance to call for closer investigation. Andree's balloon left Dani's Island, one of the Spitzbergen group, July 11th, 1897.

To Harness the Ocean.

It is stated with much positiveness that Thomas A. Edison, Jr. has evolved a plan for the utilization of power with production of heat, light and electricity which, if carried into effect, will revolutionize the industrial world in a more radical manner than have all the inventions of his illustrious father. He proposes to harness the ocean and compel it to do the bidding of man. He would erect an iron pier in the sea beyond the breakers, where he would get the natural roll of the ocean waves. Under this pier would be placed floats. Each float would be as large as possible, but small enough to rise on the top of the swells and sink into the trough between them. The pier would be anchored with piston cylinders, which would pump the air into a great compressor. From this the air will pass to engines, which in turn run electric dynamos. The current would be taken ashore by insulated wires. He thinks it will require a capital of about $25,000,000 to put the plan into operation and produce power enough to supply New York and surrounding country.

Political Rumors.

The organs of the government are just now busily engaged in trying to sow dissensions in Opposition ranks by giving tongue to all kinds of unfounded rumors regarding divisions, disagreements, etc. Their latest effort in this direction is one designed to scare conservatives with the cry of liberal ascendancy. It was started in the Vancouver *World*, a'n alledged Liberal paper, and is being echoed by the smaller fry among the subsidized shouters of Turner & Co. It is to the effect that a plot is being hatched to depose C. A. Semlin (a Conservative) leader of the Opposition, and install E. V. Bodwell (a Liberal) in his place.

Referring to this subject, the Victoria *Times* says:—Mr. Semlin, is leader of the Opposition party, having been appointed to the position at a caucus of the Opposition members of the legislature after the defeat of Mr. Beaven. This is the only constitutional method of selection. If Mr. Bodwell becomes a candidate, as we sincerely hope he will, his candidature will have the support of Mr. Semlin and the Opposition party generally. There will be no unseemly rivalry for the leadership. The Opposition party will be united."

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

And in the matter of the petitions of Rose Haskins and Johan Urlich.

And in the matter of the Winding Up Act and amending Acts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that his Lordship, Mr. Justice McColl, has fixed Monday, the thirty-first day of January, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Judges' Chambers in the Court House, in the City of Vancouver, as the time and place for the appointment of an Official Liquidator of the above named company.

A. E. BECK,
District Registrar.

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NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

And in the matter of the petitions of Rose Haskins and Johan Urlich Laursen.

And in the matter of the Winding Up Act and amending Acts.

THE CREDITORS of the above-named company are required, on or before the seventh day of February, 1898, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors if any, to A. E. Beck, of Vancouver, the Provisional Official Liquidator of the said company; and if so required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator and by their solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at Judges Chambers in the Court House, in Vancouver, at such time as shall be specified in said notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said debts and claims.

A. E. BECK,
District Registrar.

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Application to Parliament.

APPLICATION WILL BE MADE to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, maintain and operate by any motive power a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near Arrowhead, Arrow Lake, British Columbia, by the most feasible route via Trout Lake or Duncan Rivers to some point at or near the north end of Kootenay Lake, in the Kootenay District with branches of any lengths with power also to construct, maintain and operate the necessary bridges over navigable rivers, and necessary ways, ferries, roads and other works.

Dated at Ottawa this 24th day of December, 1897.

A. FERGUSON,
Solicitor for the applicants.

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Time Table No. 6. To take effect July 3, 1897.

Daily between Trail and Rossland.

No. 6 passenger leaves Rossland - - 7:00 a.m.
Connects with steamer at Trail.

No. 3 passenger leaves Trail - - 8:15 a.m.
Connects with Red Mountain for Spokane.

No. 2 passenger leaves Rossland - - 11 a.m.
Connects with C.P.R. steamers for north.

No. 1 passenger leaves Trail - - 12:30 p.m.
Connects with C.P.R. steamers from north.

No. 4 passenger leaves Rossland - - 5:30 p.m.
Connects with Red Mountain for Spokane.

No. 5 passenger leaves Trail - - 5:45 p.m.
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T. J. LENDRUM,
Agent and Attorney in fact for the Kootenay B. C. Smelting and Trading Syndicate.

Dated at Ainsworth this 8th day of December, 1897.

T. L. HAIG, Resident Agent, REVELSTOKE, B.C.

T. J. LENDRUM, Attorney in fact, AINSWORTH, B.C.

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

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

F. G. Fauquier, recorder at Nakusp was in town Wednesday.

E. Hillman, of Thomson's Landing, was in town this week.

Rev. Father Thayer, successor to Father Peytavin, arrived in town this week.

Frank Lewis, accompanied by his sister Edith, left for Edmonton Wednesday.

The Imperial Bank has just opened new branches at South Edmonton and Montreal.

Amongst the lawyers attending the sitting of the county court was W. H. Whittaker of Kamloops.

E. L. Kinman left Tuesday for Vancouver, where he will take steamer for Frisco and the Sandwich Islands.

Mrs. J. Forster returned from the Coast Monday and is making preparations for removing to Kamloops.

W. G. Goepel, government auditor, spent a couple of days here this week examining the books at the government office.

CONCERT - SUPPER AND DANCE.

(Under the auspices of Fire Brigade No 2.)

Tapping's Hall, January 25th, at 8 p. m.

1. Chorus—Midnight Fire Alarm....—Brigade
2. Instrumental Duet (Harp and Flutina) —Mr. and Mrs. Melville
3. Comic Reading.... W. M. Lawrence
4. Solo.... A. R. B. Hearn
5. Indian Club Swinging.... Messrs. McTaggart, McDonald and Kettle
6. Vocal Duet (Sister Elves).... —Miss Northey and Mrs. Melville
7. Recitation.... W. A. Kettle
8. Song and Chorus (Harp Accomp.).. —Messrs. Melville, Barber, Savage, McTaggart and Wilson
9. Recitation.... Miss Stella Brown
10. Instrumental Selection.... —Mandolin Club
11. Song.... Mrs. A. R. B. Hearn
12. Stump Speech.... Walt R. McBon
13. Solo.... R. Tapping
14. Song and Chorus (Harp Accomp.).. Quartette
15. Tableaux

Private Bill Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly for the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for a private bill to incorporate a company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from a point at or near Albert Canyon [illegible] valley of the North Fork of the [illegible] river to the head waters of the [illegible] thence down the valley of [illegible] to the junction of that stream with the Columbia river, thence down the Columbia river to [illegible] with the power to equip, construct and operate branch lines [illegible] necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the province, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, bonuses [illegible] from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such railways, ferries [illegible] company, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway [illegible] or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

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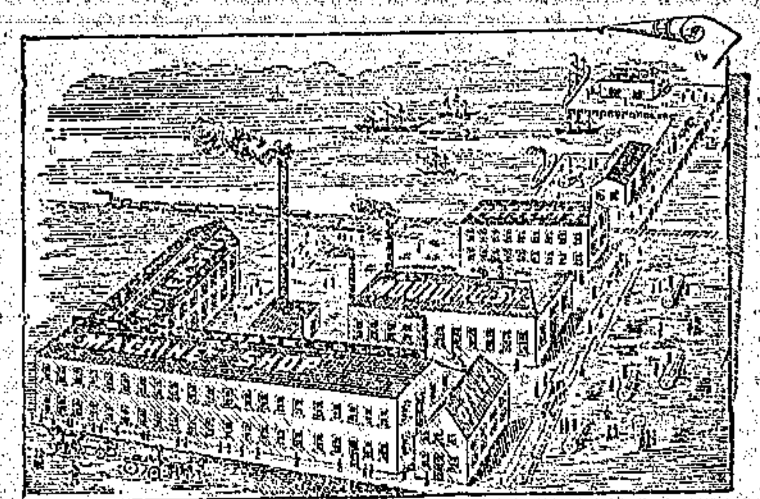

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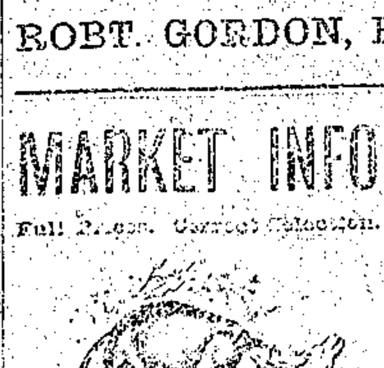

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