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The Beach-Crosbie Flotation

THE MAIL, in giving publicity to the matter below, does so in the public interest, and gives what present information it possesses. The facts of the matter are too apparent for present comment. There is only one result to the country if the representations of this prospectus are incorrect or misleading. Further information may be had next week.

EDITOR MAIL:

Sir,—I enclose for publication and for information of the general public the so-called prospectus of the Boston and British Columbia Copper Mining and Smelting Co., originated and floated through the agency of William Crosbie and George W. Beach, two men who resided a short time in Revelstoke. The prospectus sets out that they own a group of copper mines, and that there are 750,000 tons of copper ore in sight. At the average assay given and so-called mill tests made this would give the investing public to believe there were $33,000,000 worth of ore in sight, by actual measurement. One stands appalled at the unmitigated gall and unflinching nerve displayed by the promoters of this gigantic deception, probably unparalleled in the history of mining. You will see in the face of the positive assertions made in the prospectus of the enormous values, that the promoters are offering stock at 25 cents on the dollar. I would also point out that they claim to have let a contract for the erection of a smelter plant at Revelstoke, and that the company is registered in the Province of British Columbia. Representations made in the prospectus of the ore values, amount of ore in sight by actual measurement, copper profits, etc., are misleading in the extreme. Such representations will come back like a boomerang and retard the investment of capital. The people of Kootenay cannot afford to allow such representations to go unchallenged. Our district is rich in mineral, probably the richest on the continent, and Big Bend has mining claims that warrant investment of capital, but that is no reason why such idiotic and damaging statements should be made or the public misled.

Yours very truly,

J. M. KELLIE.

Prospectus

This corporation is formed under the laws of the State of Maine and registered in the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

This company owns the valuable copper properties known as the Standard Group of copper mines, consisting of seven full mining claims, containing approximately 375 acres of mineral land, all located in the Revelstoke mining district of British Columbia, Canada.

Each of these seven properties are 1,500 by 1,500 feet in extent.

Title is absolutely perfect.

There are five distinct parallel copper lodes running through these claims; the narrowest ledge averages 14 feet in width and the widest ledge at the Standard mine will run from 45 to 75 feet in width. There are about 3½ miles of copper lode matter on this property owned by the company.

A large amount of money has already been expended on development work. This work has been carried on for the past two years, and has been continued up to date. Present development in the tunnels, shafts, crosscuts and winzes discloses several huge veins of mineral of great value in copper; reference to the work done is made to the map accompanying this statement.

The ore bodies have been thoroughly sampled on the surface, and in the different levels as the work has progressed, and the value of copper to the ton of ore has been learned from time to time by assays and mill tests, and you will notice by reference to these assays, tabulated herewith, that the veins and lodes grow richer in copper as depth is attained.

RESULTS OF ASSAYS AND MILL TESTS.

Sample	Copper per ton	per cent.	Gold	Silver
No. 1	$ 15 80	7.9	$ 4 60	$ 3 60
No. 2	14 00	7.	Trace	Trace
No. 3	17 00	8.5	4 35	Trace
No. 4	16 00	8.	1 65	1 20
No. 5	36 00	18.	2 20	Trace
No. 6	151 00	75.	Trace	Trace
No. 7	39 77	19.	1 50	2 20
No. 8	42 50	21.5	Trace	Trace
No. 9	83 00	41.	1 80	1 65
No. 10	68 80	34.	2 10	Trace

In computing the value of the copper in the above tables, copper has been figured at 19 cents per pound, but as the market price of copper today ranks from 17½ to 18 cents per pound, far larger values ought to be considered.

The quality of copper is excellent, being peculiarly ductile, and equal, if not superior to any copper produced elsewhere.

The numerous assays and mill tests amply demonstrate the fact that one hundred tons of average ore will produce at least twelve tons of metallic copper, at present prices, worth $4,200. It is expected to work about 100 tons tons per day at first, and to largely increase the amount. It can be mined, transported to the company's reduction works and treated for $5 per ton. Our by products will pay all expenses, leaving the ingot copper produced net profit. A profit of $4,200 per day, $1,500,000 a year, and capable of great increase in proportion as the plant is enlarged, is entirely reasonable from the beginning and absolutely assured.

Copper minning is one of the safest and most profitable industries in America. One need only call attention to prove this statement to the Calumet and Hecla, Anaconda, Boston and Montana, the Parrot, Osceola, Quincy, Tamarack, and the United Verde copper mines. The enormous dividends paid by these corporations and many other copper properties of immense value is well known. Enormous fortunes have been made by Boston and New England people in copper stocks. The principal copper stocks dealt in on the Boston Market have risen $100,000,000 in value, and the end is not yet.

One may fully understand what the enormous mineral showing on the properties owned by this company means when the fact is set forth that the ores of the greatest of all of the copper mines in America averages not over 4 to 5 per cent. in copper.

The history of these great corporations and the millions of dividends these companies have paid, is well known to the business world.

Contrast these facts with the enormous ore bodies in the Standard Group of copper mines owned by this company.

With permanent veins and rich lodes, as large as shown on the map, at a depth of a hundred feet, a general sample of the ore body shows an average of copper of 23½ per cent. to the ton. In estimating the profits of the company as shown previously we have figured only on a basis of 12 per cent. copper.

Our Mr. George W. Beach, the well known mining expert, of British Columbia, in his report to the directors of this company, makes the following important statement:

"The Standard Group of copper mines has every evidence of being a magnificent copper proposition. The geological formation of the Standard Basin, where these mines are located, is an ideal one, and is a formation in which mineral lodes carrying high percentages of value are usually found. All veins are contact, that is, the ore bodies are found in contact between formations of different geological ages. The ore shutes are permanent, and where sampled in the deeper levels shows a higher percentage of copper and gold values than on the surface.

"From actual measurement, I have computed that there is 750,000 tons of copper ore in sight.

"There is another special advantage that I desire to call your attention to, and it is this: that I never saw a mining property better located for obtaining deep levels, and cutting the ore bodies at great depth by short tunnels. With a smelter and reduction works operating in conjunction with the mines, as you contemplate, there is no question but what your stockholders will receive enormous dividends from their investment in the shares of the company."

In the properties of this company, we have every advantage that the earth can give us. Enormous veins, rich in copper ore at such a height that the present generation could never hope to win the millions of tons of copper ore above water levels, any quantity of water power for mining and all other purposes, estimated to be 5,000 miner's inches at the Standard mine, and unlimited quantities of timber for all purposes.

Copper has a ready cash market. The demand for copper is greatly in excess of the supply. Increased cost of production in some localities, and the probable decrease of ores in others, makes it possible for this demand to continue indefinitely. Price have advanced some 5 to 6 cents per pound in the last few months, and the consumption of copper is increasing at an amazing rate all over the world.

A contract has been entered into by the corporation for the erection of a smelter and reduction works, with a capacity of not more than 500 tons per day, large enough for our own output and that of the mines in the vicinity of Revelstoke. This absolutely assures large dividends on our entire capital, leaving our own ingot copper surplus profits.

We unhesitatingly state that we can produce ingot copper as cheap if not cheaper than any other copper mining company in America.

Further information as to the company's properties and operations may be obtained at its offices in Boston, where maps of the mines and specimens of the ore may be seen, and every opportunity offered for the fullest investigation, which is cordially invited.

The shares in this company are the safest and best paying investment offered to the public today.

For the present a limited number of shares of the capital stock of the corporation, par value, $10 per share, fully paid and non-assessable, are offered to the public for sale at $2.50 per share, in order to raise a fund for additional machinery, smelting and reduction works.

All checks should be made payable to GEORGE W. FRENCH, treasurer of the company, 82, 83, 84 International Trust Company Building, Milk and Devonshire streets, Boston, Mass.

The following statement, obtained direct from one of the owners of the Standard claim, was published in the MAIL, April 15, 1899:—"H. P. Smith, one of the owners of the celebrated Standard copper claim, returned Monday from Standard basin. He has been up there developing the property with his partners, Wilcox & Ruhmens, for the last two and a half months, and is very pleased at the prospect presented. Prior to September, when this season's work was started, there was a forty-five foot tunnel run on the property, which caught the lead, or leads, as there are two, at some slight depth. Since then a shaft has been sunk for fifty feet right behind the bigger lead, and when Mr. Smith left they were in thirteen feet on a crosscut at the bottom of the shaft and had gone through thirty-eight inches of beautiful copper ore. Assays have not yet been obtained of this ore, but Mr. Smith says it has much improved with depth and is of much better quality than near the surface."

On the 22nd of that month the above information was supplemented by the following from the other owners: "W. H. Wilcox and C. J. Ruhmens came down from Standard Basin Tuesday. They report a widening in the lead on the Standard claim of eight inches since their partner, H. P. Smith, came down last week, making in all a lead about four feet wide of copper ore. The property will be worked again shortly and the owners have every confidence of good results."

From that to this, to the best of knowledge, or as far as can be ascertained, no further development has been done and the above may reasonably be taken as the latest information of the condition of the property on the word of the men who own it.

How consistent it is with the claims and statements of the prospectus may be left to the public. They can appreciate how far a property with a 45-foot tunnel, 50-foot shaft and 4-foot lead at bottom will justify a prospectus that makes one of the general managers speak of 750,000 tons of ore in sight by actual measurement, that is selling stock to raise funds for additional machinery, smelting and reduction works; that speaks of expecting to treat 100 tons per day, at first; of the different levels, of depth, of ore shutes, by-products, etc.; and, having mentioned the Hecla, Calumet, Anaconda, Boston and Montana, Parrot, Tamarack and other great copper mines, their dividends, ore values and histories, asks to "contrast these facts with the enormous ore bodies in the Standard group of copper mines owned by this company," upon which, according to report of J. M. Scott, barrister, who put the deal through, $3,000 has been paid on a $65,000 bond. The public can form its own conclusions as far as the MAIL is concerned; but at any rate, it is its duty to give them an opportunity of doing so.—ED.

Win Into High School.

Principal Sullivan received word this morning from the minister of education announcing the success of Misses Jennie Ferris, Frances Deal, and Master Ernest Davis, in high school entrance examinations. The pretty certificates accompanied the letter. These were all that wrote for examination with consent of Mr. Sullivan, though two others, Miss Eva Lang and Master Harold Clark made excellent showings. Mr. Sullivan deserves congratulations on his success with his scholars.

ANOTHER STEAMBOAT OFFER.

Would Build Right Here, and Put in Engines to Suit.

The Board of Trade Council met Thursday. The following letter re Big Bend steamer was read from Mr. Philby, who had corresponded prior to Mr. Genelle's offer:

BOARD OF TRADE, REVELSTOKE, B.C.:

Gentlemen,—We take pleasure to write this letter to you in order to ask if you will please hand this lumber bill to the lumber men in Revelstoke, as we have decided to build the steamer at Revelstoke, that is, if we can get any good place to build it. So, if you please, you will oblige us very much if you will hand this bill to your lumber men and see what they can furnish us the above lumber for, and lay it down where we build the boat. We will leave the location to you, as you are there and you can pick a place to suit to build the boat yourselves, and just as soon as you can get these figures please mail to us at once so we can see what it will cost us. As we sent you word in our last letter that we were going to build the boat 16x50 feet, but we have now decided to build it 16x61 feet, we would like to hear from you in answer to our last letter, as we would like to know about what speed the Columbia river runs and when at a good stage of water, as that is our main point, to get our engines strong enough.

Let us hear from you as early as you can.

Yours truly,

S. PHILBY-STAUBE & Co.

Great Falls, Mont., May 31, 1899.

The secretary reported that Mr. Kellie, M.P.P., wished him to say that the wagonroad would not be built; the president said he had been informed by the executive council that it would be built. The secretary was instructed to wire for answer to message to Hon. Cotton, of May 26th, re Genelle's steamer and wagonroad offer. A. P. Cummins, P.L.S., reported he could not arrange to complete map till fall. He offered approximate figures of speed of river. Philby's letter was ordered replied to.

CONTEMPLATING SHIPPING

Silver Shield, on Keystone, May Open the Ball.

It is very encouraging, amidst all the excitement over Big Bend road or trails discussion, to hear that the question deserves all the attention it is getting, as already the first ore shipment from the camp is being arranged. The claim from which it is hoped to ship is the Silver Shield, Keystone Mountain, owned by Messrs. Woodrow and McIntosh, who have been steadily opening it up for some time past with a view to shipping. They have already three tons out and contemplate making a twenty ton shipment. The questions considered now are transportation and treatment. They think the cheapest way is to pack to the river and boat direct to Trail, feeling sure the "Company" will give a good rate to encourage further ore getting. As to treatment, it is a question if the smelter will make a special run of twenty tons. However, if the smelter is purchasing ore it will give them value, probably, on tests or assays. The lowest assay of the Silver Shield ore, so far, is reported to be $75 per ton silver-lead.

The semi-annual election of officers of Selkirk Lodge No. 12, I. O. O. F., took place at its regular session in Oddfellow Hall, Saturday night. The officers elected were: N. G., J. Palmer; V. G., H. A. Hanbury; Sec., D. Mathie; Treas., R. Gordon.

W. H. Caldwell, secretary of the Donald Gun Club, has determined that Donald has not seen the last of its celebrations. The terms of the Gun Club provide that the cup shall be fired for at Donald and Mr. Caldwell refuses to hand it over for competition on any other conditions, consequently the next cup match will again have to be fired at Donald. Golden era.

D. R. Young and R. B. Dixon of the Kootenay Mining Standard were in town Thursday taking local views and securing information for their July special number which promises to be a daisy. No charge, says Mr. Young, is being made for these pictures, the only way to assist the enterprise is the legitimate one of purchasing copies.

A Dominion Day picnic excursion is being arranged for by the Methodist church Sunday school committee, who have also invited the Presbyterian church Sunday school to co-operate with them. Children under 14 years of age will be carried free, while the "grown-ups" will have as cheap a rate as can be arranged for. The excursion will start off at 8 a.m., returning about 7 p.m. The city band will discourse their sweetest music for the benefit of the excursionists.

Revelstoke's City Fathers

THE city council held its usual weekly meeting last night and had the usual attendance. Proceedings go very much smoother than at first, and the big list of by-laws having been passed, meetings do not now last till after midnight.

The regular meeting of the city council was held last evening with Mayor McCarthy and Ald. Kilpatrick, Brown, Wells, McKechnie, Crage, and Graham present.

Minutes of last regular meeting and that of special meeting read and adopted.

Communications were received from J. K. Strachan, city clerk, Nelson, extending invitation to Revelstoke city council to attend celebration at Nelson on June 30th, July 1st and 3rd; from Revelstoke Water, Light & Power Co., stating intention of company to extend mains at a cost of $10,000, and asking if city wished to purchase stock to this amount; from A. C. Thompson, on behalf of I. O. O. F. lodge, offering the council a lease of the lower part of the hall for five years at the rate of $350 per annum, council to complete room suitable to its use and pay for same; from W. S. Gore re information as to surveys; from the office of the minister of the interior on the park question. Several letters with regard to the grading of various streets were also read.

The communication of the I. O. O. F. was referred to the public works committee. The clerk was instructed to write thanking the Nelson council for their invitation. The letter of the R. W. L. & P. Co. was referred to the finance committee.

The finance committee reported having seen the proprietors of the local newspapers for prices of printing by-laws and debentures, but would leave a recommendation to council. A joint tender from the Revelstoke Herald and the KOOTENAY MAIL for publishing and printing by-laws was read, also tenders on debentures from Revelstoke Herald ($35) and KOOTENAY MAIL ($32).

A motion accepting the MAIL'S tender for printing debentures was unanimously carried, while the question of printing or publishing the by-laws was referred back to the finance committee for further consideration.

The public works committee's report recommended that the city procure certified copies of the five different registered plans and field notes of Revelstoke and Farwell; that $10 be sent to the Department of the Interior at Ottawa to pay for patent of the land granted to the city of Revelstoke for a public park; that the city solicitor be instructed to draw up the agreement between the C. P. R. Co. and the city regarding the street leading to the station; that King street between Douglas and George streets, George street between King and Hanson streets, and Hanson street between George and Douglas streets, be cleared and leveled fit for vehicles to pass (approximate cost, $60); that the putting in of a cedar drain (2 ft. 9 in. x 2 ft. 9 in.), starting at a point on Second street between Campbell avenue and Connaught avenue, thence easterly along Second street to McKenzie avenue, thence northerly along McKenzie avenue to Victoria road, thence easterly along Victoria road to a point near the C. P. R. water tank, be adopted. The committee also recommended the expenditure of $50 on the mattressing opposite O. H. Allen's brewery as being needed for the protection of the river bank further down as well as of Mr. Allen's property, and not necessarily as a precedent.

This report was adopted without discussion.

The fire, water, and light committee recommended the installation of six additional hydrants. Adopted.

By-laws 13 and 15 were finally passed.

Ald. Kilpatrick raised the question as to whether the city could collect licence fees for the past six months. The general opinion seemed to be that they could not.

The disposal of garbage next occupied the council's attention, and a discussion ensued as to whether scavengers should be hired or licensed. It was mentioned that three applications had been received for such work. Finally a motion calling for tenders for the position of city scavenger was passed.

A request by A. McRae for the expenses attendant on the up-keep of a prisoner was then acceded to, after which the council adjourned.

ALL THE SAME DEADMAN'S ISLAND

Great Excitement Over Road or Trails Question.

All sorts of rumors about the wagon road and trail question are flying this week, and excitement is very keen about it. Talk of Deadman's Island! it is not in it. Mr. H. J. Bourne is said to have stated that he had received a telegram from Hon. F. Hume that the road would be built; J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., just back from Victoria, where he saw the ministers, says emphatically the road will not be built. Other advices received by the MAIL, and coming from a direct source, say that Genelle's steamboat proposition was "off" long ago. Inquiry of Board of Trade secretary Shaw, a few hours before going to press elicited the fact that no reply had been received by the board to their messages to Hon. Mr. Cotton. If Genelle's proposition is "off," it would seem to be good sense to assist the other steamboat man's proposal, which does not impose conditions, and put the road money on good trails to feed his boat running from Revelstoke.

WHAT THEY ASK FOR.

Apology for a News Item In Last Week's Mail.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

Dear Sir,—Drs. Jeffs and Cross have instructed me to write you demanding that you publish an ample apology for a certain article which appears in the issue of the KOOTENAY MAIL dated June 3rd, and which exists an insinuation on their professional character.

The article complained of is as follows: "Nurse Lucas returned Tuesday from Montreal, where she had been in attendance on George Foucault. She reports that specialists consider restoration of the patient's sight as hopeless owing to the length of time which elapsed before his arrival there."

This throws an insinuation on the professional reputation of the attendant physicians here, and they demand a retraction and apology in the next issue of your newspaper.

Yours truly,

J. M. SCOTT.

The MAIL has no hesitation in declaring absence, in the article objected to, of any intention on its part to cast insinuations on the professional reputations of Drs. Jeffs and Cross, and is perfectly willing by saying so to remove any such impression from either the doctors' minds or the public's. We were not attributing delay to anyone and not thinking of Drs. Jeffs and Cross in the matter, but gathered and gave the item in an ordinary news way, without prejudice or intention to injure anyone. We should also say that the report in question was not made by nurse Lucas, but was contained in a letter to one of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen charged with care and removal of Foucault, by another member of that order who went with the the patient to Montreal. If there is anything erroneous about the item we willingly retract it.

How Is This?

The popular firm of Jas. Gill & Co., have put in an improved national cash register, the most complete machine made. An error is rendered impossible, as the machine shows the number of times it has been opened and what it was opened for. It is a total-adder, and, at night, gives the number of sales during the day, number of customers in store, amount cash received, received on account, amount paid out. It tells the proprietor what time his store is opened in the morning, and what time it was closed at night. Mr. Gill is most enthusiastic in his praises of the register, and says it is a great success.

All Foresters are requested to meet at the Oddfellows hall, Sunday, June 18th, 6:30 p.m., when Court Mount Begbie No. 3161 will parade to St. Peters church for the anniversary services of the order. A special invitation is extended to visiting Foresters. Revelstoke City Band will furnish music for the parade.

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A very interesting interview appearing in our Wednesday contemporary is that of the "successful delegation" with provincial ministers. We are at a loss, however, to know who or what the delegation represented. To be received as they were indeed, to be a delegation at all, they must have represented some body or interest, and we conclude from the freedom with which ministers spoke that they had assurances in that direction. Now, who did they represent, or who sent them? They were expressing views approved by the public in open meeting so it certainly was not the people (Mr. Kelly represents them just at present) and, therefore, upon what grounds they were sent might also be explained. The whole matter is one of considerable public interest and, seeing that the interview is made public and ministers freely reported, there should be no objection to stating exactly who the delegation represented and as what they approached the government. We are not, of course, forgetful that the Herald states this successful delegation to have been sent by a "the business men of Revelstoke," but as several of these gentlemen have interested us that they had no part in it we cannot accept that as a correct description. Perhaps ministers will tell us in what capacity this delegation was received.

One contemporary, getting inspiration from the "successful" delegations interview with ministers, wants the city council to move, the government to change one of its appointments or licenses or police boards, as all but one. The Herald thinks are good. After the Herald growing indignant over the government using its discretion in these appointments and backing City Fathers in passing emphatic resolutions upon the rejection of their entire recommendations, it certainly seems rather to suggest that they should now keep in its purpose by begging in change of the. And upon what grounds should it request this change? "Not acceptable to the people." Where are the people? The Herald will supply them, perhaps.

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KELLIE'S COAT IS OFF.

HE ASKS THE HERALD TO EXPLAIN STATEMENTS.

Quotes Gamble on Wagon Road—Refers to the Forty Nine and Lytton—Asks for a Show Down on Schemes Injuring His Opponents.

EDITOR MAIL:

SIR,—I write to take exception to the unfair and unjust criticism of the Herald, which seems to have an uncontrollable itching to get its knife into me and to misrepresent all my political actions. It reels off its political bile and rancour by the yard and dishes up columns of unparalleled insinuation and political bias. Its editorials, charged and double-shotted with political venom, flow like a torrent, tumultuous and continuous, but serving no purpose, nevertheless, for the sea of public opinion swallows it up and never breaks a wave in consequence. Its latest editorial, with flaming headline—time for a change—indicates that the cold shades of opposition are not congenial to the aspirations of this presumptive political Moses, who would like to dictate and control the destinies of Revelstoke riding. Its latest screed indicates very plainly that the old sore of incorporation still rankles in its bosom. When, last winter, it was driven into its den under the lash of almost unanimous public opinion it gnashed its teeth in impotent rage and ever since, when opportunity offers, it shows its bitter resentment. The danger of having $10,000 for protection saddled on the town or placing the government in an awkward position by forcing incorporation at an inopportune time, was not of apparent moment with it compared with making political capital against me. Now the construction of an expensive and useless wagonroad engrosses its best attention; a wagonroad that, in the opinion of practical prospectors and experienced boatmen, would be wanton waste of public money. Mr. Gamble, an experienced engineer and at one time employed by the Dominion government, made a report on the Columbia river above Revelstoke, and frankly told Hon. Mr. Cotton in my presence that, in his opinion a steamboat that could not run the canyon would encounter worse water above, and that the wagonroad, if built to head of canyon, would be no use unless extended further up the river. The old steamer "49"—ran for two seasons from south of the boundary to La Porte and did not need a wagonroad to run over. The Lytton has run the canyon half a dozen times and it, too, did not have to run over a wagon road to do it.

Will the deluded editor of the Herald, in the face of such facts still persist in his wagon road crusade and deluge me next week with another torrent of political abuse and dash his brains (excuse me for mentioning them) against this stone wall of expert testimony and public opinion?

I may say I am tired and sick of the Herald's senseless insinuations and pointless assertions, and I wish it would stick to facts. If its case against me is good they should be enough for its purpose. I request it to retract its statement that I am an obstacle to the progress of the town or prove its guilt. I ask it to recall its slanderous statement that my "whole available stock of energy seems to be consumed during the vacation devising petty schemes for the benefit of my supporters and the injury of my opponents." I ask it for a "show down," and challenge it to particularize the schemes I have been engaged in and to show in what way I have injured my opponents. It either means what it says or it doesn't. If the Herald editor means what he says he must be possessed of information on which to prove the groundwork of his charges. Let us have all the facts direct and straight from the shoulder. Come on MacDuff!

J. M. KELLIE.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE

Made in Dominion Land Prices on Railway Belt

The following is the contents of the order-in-council relating to the reduction of the price of lands in the railway belt. The change is a most useful one and merits general appreciation.

"All lands of the Dominion which may be for sale from time to time within the railway belt containing minerals within the meaning of the Mineral act (B. C.) not being Indian reserves or settlements or portions thereof, and not being under license or lease from the Dominion government, shall be open to purchase by the provincial government at the price of $5 per acre," that from time to time, since the passing of that order, it has been represented that the price is an excessive one to charge for such lands, and that amongst other communications to that effect which are on file in the Department of the Interior is a copy of the despatch of the 30th March, 1894, of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, and of a report of a committee of the Executive council of that province of the 20th February, 1894, which are referred to in the order-in-council of the 21st May, 1894, whereby it was decided that the application of the provincial government could not be complied with, as, although the lands within the railway belt in that province and all minerals therein, except the precious metals, belong to the Dominion, and although the province obtained a revenue from the issue of free miners' licenses to mine thereon, the only revenue which was derived therefrom by the Dominion was the price, so objected to, of $5 per acre for these lands.

The minister further states that since the last mentioned order passed, further applications for a reduction in the price of such lands have been received in the Department of the Interior, and that recently it has been represented to him that where these lands are not valuable for agricultural purposes or for the timber growing thereon, the price thereof should be reduced to $1 per acre.

The minister, although adhering to the decision that $5 per acre is a reasonable price for these lands generally, has concluded that a reduction may fairly be made to $1 per acre under the circumstances mentioned in the application lastly above referred to, and he, the minister, therefore recommends that where such lands are of no value for agricultural purposes or for the timber growing thereon, the price thereof be reduced to $1 per acre, if the written application, to be furnished under paragraph (c) of the Order of the 11th February, 1890, is accompanied by a solemn declaration, which is to be made by a Dominion or Provincial land surveyor, in accordance with the provisions of the "Canada Evidence Act, 1893," and in which, after the surveyor's name and residence have been given in full, it is stated (1) That he has examined the lands which are the subject of the application, and (2) that such lands are of no value for agricultural purposes, or for the timber growing thereon.

The committee submit the same for your excellency's approval.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

HORSE NEWS AND VIEWS.

A mare that will be out on eastern tracks next season is named Seventy-Dollars.

Surveyors recently surveyed and laid out a half mile training track at the Ketcham farm, Toledo.

W. A. Paxton, Jr., Omaha, wears as a watch charm a gold mounted tooth from The Merchant (2), 2.20.

It is said that the veteran rainsman A. J. Feek, Syracuse, will again resume his seat in the sulky next year.

Rare Beef is the latest gem of a name for a horse. Perhaps it will be well done before the campaign is over.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

A Million Years From Now.

They say the sun in time will be divested
of its heat
And leave the earth a solid ball of ice,
A status that, in summer may our full approval meet;
Though in winter it will hardly be so nice—
In fact, the frigid prospect makes us shudder at the thought,
And apprehension furrows every brow.
But don't go crazy over it, for scientists have taught
'Twill happen in a million years from now.

'Tis likewise said there'll come a day
when taxes won't accrue,
When lawyers will abolish, thought of fees,
When debtors all will pay their debts to the minute they are due,
And water pipes will never, never freeze;
When rivalries will ne'er invade the reformation choir,
When primaries won't generate a row—
But, ah, don't bank upon it that these items will transpire
In even twenty million years from now!

—Boston Courier.

Kept Her Word.

"What are you going to do with that silver mounted revolver of mine?" asked the languid husband.

"I am going to use it to drive the wolf from the door!" replied the energetic wife.

Whereupon she took it to the nearest pawnshop and got $2 on it.—Chicago Tribune.

Impractical.

"I'm afraid," said the man with the heavy gold watch chain, "that our friend the inventor will never succeed."

"But he is very clever and industrious."

"Yes, but he insists on getting his machine so that it will work before letting me put stock on the market."—Washington Star.

The Infallible Man.

The man who never makes mistakes
Is never popular;
His cursed infallibility
To friendship is a bar.
It's maddening, when things go wrong,
To hear him calmly say,
"You might have known you'd botch it when
You went to work that way!"

The man who never makes mistakes
Is numerous, alas!
His chief delight is to admire
His image in the glass.
For those who try, but fail, he has
No sympathy at all,
And everybody scowls at him
And hopes to see him fall.

The man who never makes mistakes
Is a confounded bore!
He never would be missed if we
Should never see him more.
The feeling at his funeral
Would be relief sincere,
And no one on his weed grown grave
Would ever shed a tear!

—Somerville Journal.

Next.

Lady (interviewing housemaid)—Why did you leave your last place?

Housemaid—Because master kissed me, mum.

Lady—And you didn't like it, eh?

Housemaid—Oh, I didn't mind it, mum, but the mistress didn't like it.—Larks.

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Block 12—Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12.
Block 13—Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20.
Block 14—Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9.
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BORN.

SOMMER.—At Comaplix, Friday, June 2, 1899, the wife of Geo. Sommer, of a son.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

M. Grady of Silverton was in town Monday.

J. A. Magee of Comaplix was in town Wednesday.

Remember the parlor social next Thursday evening.

J. O. Piper came up from Trout Lake City Monday.

Auction sale of lots at Crage & Mayne's next Wednesday.

J. P. Kennedy of Illecillewaet is visiting Revelstoke this week.

W. Abrahamson went down to Trout Lake City this week.

J. A. Dallas returned Thursday from a two months' visit to Manitoba.

Ole Sandberg returned Monday from Sweden accompanied by his bride.

J. W. Kellie, M.P.P., returned Wednesday from the flying trip to the coast.

Chas. Carlson of Albert Canyon was a visitor to Revelstoke the first of the week.

J. McMaster returned Wednesday from a trip through the southern country.

Jas. McMahon completed this week a new stage wagon for Craig & Hillman of Thomson's Landing.

Nelson board of trade has called a special meeting to discuss the new federal redistribution bill.

The written promotion examinations of the public school will be held next week, commencing Monday.

The Oddfellows hall is fast growing. The roof is on and the brick will be started next week, probably.

Messrs Wilcox and Rumens returned to Big Bend this week to do assessment work on some of their properties.

Metcalfe left Wednesday morning on a prospecting trip into Boundary country. He will be gone for a few months.

R. S. Wilson, delegate from Revelstoke lodge I. O. O. F., to the grand lodge meeting, leaves for the coast Monday.

Trout Lake City is to celebrate the 1st of July and intends to have a big day. Don't forget this invitation to a day's enjoyment.

The regular meeting of the Reform and Labor Association will not be held this evening, having been postponed until Saturday next.

Mrs. E. H. S. McLean left for Hamilton, Ont., Sunday morning in response to a telegram announing the illness of her mother.

A. N. Smith's new addition to the bakery building has been completed and R. H. Trueman moved into his photo studio rooms Tuesday.

The Kindergarten management promises an interesting entertainment shortly in shape of a minstrel troupe. Practices have already begun.

On Wednesday night three esquires won knights spurs in Gold Range lodge K. of P., and three pages were advanced to esquire rank.

You are invited to attend the parlor social to be given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at the residence of Ald. Graham next Thursday evening.

D. McManus, relieving C. P. R. agent, came in last evening from Glacier. He is on his way to Kelowna and will probably return to Revelstoke before long to relieve the local agent.

Dr. McLean is making considerable alterations to his house this week by the addition of office rooms and a large bay window. The doctor, wishing to have something odd, is erecting a small tower.

R. Gordon has moved into his new blacksmith shop. His front building will be used as stores, one to be occupied by himself for plumbing supplies. The upstairs has been fitted up for family residences.

Services at St. Peters church to-morrow: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., matins and sermon; 2:30 p.m., children's service; 7.30, p.m., choral evensong and sermon. All are cordially invited. E. C. Paget, D. D., vicar.

REVELSTOKE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST KOOTENAY.

A COURT OF REVISION AND APPEAL under the Assessment Act 1898 and amendments will be held at the Court House, Revelstoke, on Saturday, June 24th, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

F. FRASER,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
Revelstoke, June 8th, 1899. 8-2t

City of Revelstoke

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Friday, June 16, for the position of city scavenger.

The lowest, or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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C. E. SHAW,
City Clerk.
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