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Big Bend District.

AS FAR as age goes Big Bend is by long odds the oldest mining camp in the district, the first gold discovery in West Kootenay occuring there in 1865. In that, and the following year, thousands of placer miners came from all parts of the continent to Big Bend and inaugurated one of those "rushes" for which that age was famous. Great rivalry existed between Victoria and Portland to supply the trade of the new camp, and the Seymour Pass was the route for the home city. From Portland, the route was via Colville up the Arrow Lakes and Columbia, and a steamboat, the Forty Nine, (so called from the international parallel) the first in all the interior of B.C., was built and operated to convey men to the scene of the gold excitement. On her first trip from Port Colville, she carried 85 passengers at $25 each, and $200 per ton was charged for freight. Ten days the trip took and the boat tied up below Death Rapids on April 25, '66. On the banks of Goldstream also the first town in all the district (known first as Kirbyville) was started and Romanos sawmill turned out lumber at $125 per thousand. Meanwhile men were searching the golden streams all over Big Bend and millions were taken out in nuggets and dust. But it was not for long; the base of supplies was far away and hard to reach, provisions went to famine prices, the placer diggers being improvident and careless and having got what could be most easily had, readily persuaded themselves that there were other creeks to pan. As they came so they went, with a rush, to some other field where they thought they could do as well. Theirs was but a fleeting visit, their heaviest impressions on the country's face but a little surface scratching, yet doing enough to demonstrate the great extent wealth of the country to a later generation. They that worked the easiest of shallow diggings (except in a few cases) and never touched, indeed could not have, the big gravels and the rich quartz veins. The pan and the rocker have had the scene, and the sluice, the pump and the drift, the pipe line and giants, the pick, the dynamite charge and the mill have succeeded.

Active operations in placering were not resumed in Big Bend till '76, about the time of railway construction by the C. P. R., but the results were of only varying degrees of success. In '92 it was again revived and since then has been pushed, especially in a few notable instances, with energy and success. The nature of the present placering is of a most trying character consisting of deep diggings, drifting, and tunneling and a large amount of patient toil has been put in this direction by a few plucky operators who deserve large measures of success. Others, too, are working creek and bench diggings with small means and in the face of many reverses, have managed to draw a large amount of the pure yellow metal from the streams and channels of Big Bend. Steadily, however, hydraulic mining is superseding ordinary hand mining and leases are now held on all the principal creeks. A good beginning was made last year and capital is so largely seeking information about the great gravel deposits it is confidently expected that within five years there will be more hydraulic mining in the Bend than in any other portion of the Province.

There is still another feature about Big Bend, perhaps it should be called its principal attraction, which will no doubt be the basis of its future greatness, it is its rich quartz leads. Attention to quartz mining is of but recent date in Big Bend for in '94 but 10 claims were located there. It is safe to say therefore, though something was done in this direction before that year, that it begins the history of this part of the mining industry. In '95 the number of locations increased to only 30, but in '96, the past year, grew to 125 of which a number have been already sold and bonded and several opened to considerable extent. Everything done so far has demonstrated the value and strength of the leads and considerable excitement has followed. This is not confined to the local section but is general all over Kootenay and a large influx of men is expected this year. Money too it is expected will not be wanting as already English capital has largely invested. There is not in the whole length of the country such a rich mineral section as Big Bend and none that offers such splendid opportunities to the prospector or man with moderate means. Though chock full of mineral it has for lack of proper transportation and advertisement been passed by for places easier reached and more talked about. When those other places are well filled and their moderate openings passed into ready hands, Big Bend's day will be, and that is right now. With the great influx of people this year to all Kootenay, the Northern portion so long lying still will more be heard of and its rich mineral fields be talked about. It would not surprise any of those old prospectors who have trod all the hills of the Big Bend and who know what's there, to hear that within five years the days of '66 were but a dream to the magnificent reality that the development of its quartz veins will bring about. Already the Dominion Government has given its attention to the improvement of navigation and this session the estimates are expected to contain an appropriation which will open the river to Downie Creek, bringing a base of supplies 40 miles farther into the country and giving it cheap communication with the great transcontinental C.P.R. A steamer is certain to go on the river this fall, and new trails are to be built up through mineral belts from the river. A charter for a railway has been applied for and will, it is expected, be built within two years. This would be one of the best paying roads in the country and would parallel a mineral belt in an easy country for about as long as would be required. All the treasures of the Big Bend are still in reach, and the object of this article is, frankly, to draw men's attention to where it is and what is there.

WHERE IT IS AND HOW REACHED.

The Big Bend mining district properly speaking comprises all that portion of East and West Kootenay lying north of the C.P.R. main line between the stations of Golden on the east and Revelstoke on the west. It acquires its name from the course of the Columbia River which flowing north from Donald for about 110 miles, turns suddenly southwards and is crossed again by the C. P. R. line at Revelstoke 75 miles farther west. This immense triangular area is mineralized throughout, but as settlement or mining operations or discoveries come from the west and south the little that is known of its resources is confined to its western portion reached from the town of Revelstoke which is its natural and only supply point. At this place daily train connection is to be had to the east, west and south and all supplies for the district can be obtained. Starting from Revelstoke a good pack trail follows the Columbia to Goldstream, a distance of 62 miles. The river is now being opened up to navigation and some new trails are to be added to those already existing. The principal stopping places along the trail are Carnes Creek, 23 miles; Boyd's, 39 miles; Downie Creek, 14 miles; and Goldstream, Laforme's ranch, 61 miles. Above Goldstream there are at present no camps but every prospect of several this year.

GENERAL FEATURES.

The dividing line between the districts of East and West Kootenay also divides the Big Bend, and it is only with the western portion this has to deal. The dividing line gives to this part the western slope of the Selkirks and the eastern side of the Gold Range with, between, the main valley. Along this valley a succession of streams feed the river and in and up those creeks placer gold and mineral has been and is to be found. On the Columbia itself auriferous gravels occur in bars covered by high water, gravels on bedrock above low water, and some always covered by water and some in benches and terraces. The benches rise in successive terraces to the height of 300 feet from river level and are not always continuous. The tributary streams are short and their gravel deposits are largely auriferous; they are rapid and straight and the water runs high in midsummer. The movement in quartz has so far developed a few notable camps such as the Ground Hog Basin, Keystone Mountain, Carnes Creek, etc., and though different characteristics belong to each, yet, generally, the veins in the Big Bend cut the formation north to south, and the main leads of the country run south-east and north-west. The large leads are of immense size with huge iron cappings—as that on Keystone Mountain—and some stand 10 feet clear above the ground. All the precious metals are found, and every indication of a good mineral camp is present. Water is extremely plentiful, as might be imagined in a country with such a water-shed, and the timber is here perhaps the best in West Kootenay and consists of black and white spruce, red fir, hemlock and some cedar, though little of this last.

At the mouth of Canoe River, at the head of the Columbia, is a valley of 12,000 acres of good agricultural land, and from there up to Tete Jeune Cache is a splendid open valley of 65,000 acres of good land in a climate of great mildness. From Revelstoke to the mouth of Canoe River is but 90 miles—a small thing for a railway, and to Tete Jeune Cache is only 195 miles. With a mineral belt along this country and such a body of good land available it is easy to see the future of Big Bend.

It should also be stated that Canoe River is navigable for many miles, as well as the upper Columbia, and competent surveyors place the cost of opening all this stretch of river at $80,000, $10,000 of which will clear it to Death Rapids. Now for a short account of what mining has been done in the country:

PLACER MINING.

It would occupy too much space to describe the many placer claims of Big Bend out of which gold has been obtained, and the amount of gold extracted would if it could be authentically stated present an enormous total. Only a short mention of some of the principal placer fields can here be attempted.

French Creek, which runs into Goldstream, was the banner creek of '66 and from then to the present time has yielded an immense amount of money. The great property on French Creek is the Consolation owned by J. Sweeney, W. B. McCreary, Geo. Laforme, P. Levesque and A. Bourgeois. This company operates half a mile of creek diggings and have done a lot of heavy work. In the last few years the Consolation has averaged $8 a day per man. Though working off the channel this year $200 a week is taken with one man in the face of the drift. The average output has been very large for many years and still greater things are expected as the gold is getting coarser.

Above the Consolation is the Little Falls placer which is owned by Gus Lund, A. Irwin, F. Hilton, and A. Bowen. This also has been a pay property and is well opened up. An offer has been made for it and two other leases by San Francisco parties.

McCulloch Creek is also a tributary of Goldstream and is not a long stream. It yielded a large amount of gold in the pioneer days and is now being largely worked in its older channels. The present properties of note are the McCulloch Creek Tunnel Co.'s property, the Last Chance, the North Star and Shubenacadie. On the Last Chance, operated by a local company, a large amount of work has been done, crosscutting and tunneling for the old channel. About 200 feet of work was done this year and pumps have been put in. This property well exemplifies the trials of such mining but it is now within measurable reach it is said of a discovery which may be of extraordinary richness. It is to be hoped so. For 11 years the present manager, John Sanderson, has stuck to this claim and his perseverance will yet have a reward. Large pay was taken out of McCulloch Creek higher up and it is in the old channel somewhere. Adjoining the Last Chance is the North Star (Gus Lund and George Laforme, owners.) On this claim a tunnel runs below the creek bed for 800 feet and crosscutting for the old channel is in progress. This is a valuable property and much is hoped for it. The Sanbenacadie is also a claim of some promise but little has yet been done, but it is to be worked this year by Messrs. Adair and McDiarmid.

Goldstream, fed by the streams already mentioned, is a rather difficult stream to work being of great size and running very high in the season. Several claims have been worked here however and a good deal of pay has been obtained. Recent claims are the Hidden Treasure and Big Hole.

On Camp Creek the Imperial, Senate and Unique are good properties partly opened, and on Smith Creek a number of claims are held of great promise.

HYDRAULIC MINING.

There is a great future for hydraulic mining in the Big Bend, as along the main river and most of its tributaries are splendid gravel benches of great value. The boulders are generally not large and there is almost an entire absence of "cement." "Flasty" gold is the exception and what is got is worth about $18.50 per ounce. Water can be obtained under any desired head and need not, in most cases, be carried far. Hydraulic mining differs from quartz mining in many ways; the ore is gravel and it is all in sight; it is all on the dump without mining and questions of treatment need not be considered as the difference between the "run" of the gravel in gold per yard and the cost of washing it is nett profit. Much of the success of hydraulicing is in getting favorable conditions such as freedom from cement, plenty of water, few and small boulders and easy grades and tailing dumps. These conditions are all in the Bend and allow ground going from 5 to 6 cents per cubic yard to be washed at a profit.

On an angle between Smith Creek and the Columbia, on the north side of the creek, the Columbia Hydraulic Co. are operating three leases covering 300 acres. They have 40 feet of gravel bench at the present workings rising 80 feet behind and 75 per cent. of the boulders pass through sluices. A water head of 185 inches is in use and is brought to the workings in 6,570 feet half the distance being flume and half pipe. A most complete plant is in operation and, on the authority of the manager, Professor Nason, a most satisfactory clean-up was made last summer. Work will soon be resumed.

On French Creek, the French Creek Mining Co. have 2½ miles of ground covering the rich placer claims Chicago, Royal, Gold Hill, Honduras and Nugget. The main body of the gravel here is contained on the four southerly claims, it is about two miles long with an average width of half of mile and is from 40 to 100 feet high. A test pit sunk 90 feet did not reach bedrock and the good gravel contents are estimated at 20,000,000 cubic yards. This company has now part of a plant at Revelstoke and as soon as the river is open it, and more on the way, is to be put in to the amount of $30,000.

On the south side of the same creek the Stoneleigh Mining Co. have control of the True Blue, Fairhaven, and Bellingham Bay claims with a two miles frontage on the creek. They, too, have an enormous body of gravel of a good average value. They have most favorable conditions for hydraulicing and will work conjointly with the previous company in bringing water. They intend to install an expensive plant this summer. Other hydraulic ventures are: The Ophir Bedrock Flume Co. at the mouth of McCulloch, have, in the Ophir, what is considered by many to be one of the finest claims in the country. Through some litigation it, unfortunately, remains idle. On Smith Creek, the B.C. and United States Co. have arranged to take up several very promising leaseholds and work them as a bedrock flume proposition. They, too, intend to put in an extensive plant shortly. In the immediate vicinity of Revelstoke leases for bench lands have also been applied for by Montreal parties, and the prospect of their being worked is good. The outlook for hydraulicing in the Big Bend is, as before stated, most promising and the best proof is the pay already obtained and the eagerness with which leases are being acquired.

QUARTZ MINING.

GROUND HOG BASIN, lying between French and McCulloch Creek, was last year, well staked and several claims were opened. The ore is free milling, the formation a micaceous slate which the veins cut at right angles. About fifty claims are now located in Ground Hog, of which the following deserve mention.

The Orphan Boy, on Barrett Creek, is the most developed property in the Basin and offers a good example of what the rest will be. Work was commenced on this claim on Oct. 8, '96, and continued to this month with 8 men working. Two tunnels have been run, No. 1 which crosscuts the lead at an angle of 35 has got both walls twenty-five feet apart and well defined. Of this lead nine feet is splendid free-milling quartz and along the foot wall is a two foot streak of ore similar to Trail ores but more capable of concentration. Number one tunnel is in 124 feet, and number two, a hundred or more feet below, was in 78 feet when an accident suspended work. There is now about 1000 tons of ore on the dump averaging $28 per ton. There are four distinct leads on this claim and a stampmill will be put up there this June.

The Ole Bull is also one of the best claims in this camp and is on one of the main leads. It shows a four feet lead and free gold may be seen in the cut with the naked eye. A 20-foot shaft is down and a small mill is on the ground. This property with the C O D, Roschery, Big Bend Belle, Golden Hill and O K are bonded to the London and B. C. Alliance Syndicate, of London, England, and will be well developed this summer. The C O D has a two-foot lead of very rich looking quartz and an open cut 12 feet deep shows it up. There are three leads on the C O D. The Big Bend Belle is the northern extension of the Ole Bull, and the Golden Hill lies to the south on same lead. The Golden Eagle is another promising property bonded by this same syndicate.

The Vancouver and Gloster are two of a group of 11 claims owned by the Vancouver syndicate and five of these have been put into a company, The Big Bend Gold Mining Co. These two claims have had work done on them and show good leads from one to three feet wide of free milling quartz of an average value of $19. Work will be done on this group this summer and fall. Other bonded properties are the Beaver, Holt, Magnet, etc., which are bonded to the B. C. Exploration Co., of London, England, for a large sum. These too will be largely developed this year. There is also a local syndicate owning the Shamrock, Mammoth, Fairview, Arabian, Maple Leaf and Belcher which propose to do a fair amount of work on their very valuable claims. The Arabian of this group is a splendid prospect. Another bonded group is the Bella group secured by McCallum & Potts and which they purpose putting in work upon this season.

There are many other claims here worth noticing but space will not allow. There are few camps that have a better future than Ground Hog, and a number of stamps will drop there this year. Few camps, if any, have had in so short a time as this so many bonds and sales made.

KEYSTONE MOUNTAIN camp is not as well opened as the previous one, but from the indications, its location and the opinions of experts who have looked it over, when it is it will be one of absorbing interest and excitement. The main feature of interest here is a huge ledge which crops out at intervals for seven miles and for two miles it is traced through a line of schist and quartzite formation. There is an iron capping to this ledge, fully 100 feet in width beneath, which when shot off a streak of solid ore, chiefly a steel galena is found. The surface is an oxidized galena running very high. The vein as far as known is about 10 feet wide assaying $14 in gold, 19 oz. silver, and 70% lead; other and lowest assays gave $2.50 in gold, 70 ounces silver and good lead percentage. This lead now carries about 15 claims the surface showings of which are all excellent. Assessment work has been done on the Snowbird, Heather and other claims belonging to A. W. McIntosh, Abrahamson Bros. and others, and a Rossland syndicate expect to do considerable work this spring. Thirty four claims were located in this camp last season and as the hills all around contain mineral in great quantities there will be a big rush this season. The camp lies five miles west of Boyd's ranch which is four miles south of Downie Creek. It is supposed the great lead on Keystone is the main lead of the country and an outcrop of that on the head of South Forks of Downie which runs N. W. A mineral belt of county is back of this and the Government intend putting in a trail up Downie Creek to tap it. Keystone is undoubtedly one of the big camps of Big Bend.

CARNES CREEK camp, but 30 miles from Revelstoke, is one of great promise. The leading group here is the property of the Carnes Creek Consolidated Co., offices at Revelstoke, and is composed of the Roschery, Salisbury, Homestake, Arsenic and two other claims. The Roschery carries the highest grade of ore and has a six to seven foot ledge. The ore is a kind of arseno-pyrite and is pronounced by experts to be of a character capable of cyaniding on the ground at a cost of $2 50 to 4 per ton. The average gold value of the ore is about $40. This group gives every indication of developing into valuable mines. A large amount of work has been already put on these claims. There are eight other claims of some merit but yet undeveloped on this creek. A shaft down 20 feet on one of these undeveloped properties gives $23 in gold from a small but strong lead. Gray copper is also found at the head of this creek and as a camp it presents features of accessibility etc. which must bring it to the front. There is but one obstacle to navigation between the mouth of this creek and the C. P. R. main line and that is being cleared out by the Dominion authorities.

JORDAN PASS.

In this pass, which runs in a northwesterly direction and about 12 miles from Revelstoke, two strong parallel leads have been found running through one group of claims. On the Wild Goose an open cut and 35 foot shaft have been put in and shows solid mineral 12 feet wide and carrying gold. Surface assays from the parallel ledge above the Wild Goose give $4 in gold. There are more leads in the Jordan Pass and a good deal of prospecting will be done there this year. Its proximity to the railway is a great attraction. Up to the present only about ten locations have been made here.

OTHER FIELDS.

There are many other places in the Bend with plenty of good mineral but remaining yet untouched. Downie Creek a splendid mineral country will shortly be opened by trail to prospectors. Above Smith Creek and up Canoe River huge bodies of mineral—gold and silver—are known to exist and some parties intend prospecting there this summer. Quartz mining has only just begun and everything is yet to be had reasonably but signs there are that it will not be for long as as a large number of prospectors and capitalists are turning their attention to it, and now that capital is in the country and being made there, it will be but a short time from when attention is once given Big Bend quartz before it will be an active and wealthy mining camp.

Hugh McPherson was in town this week.

SUPT. ABBOTT RESIGNS.

Asst. Supt. Marpole Will Probably Succeed Him.

The announcement that Mr. H. Abbott, Supt. of the Pacific division of the C. P. R. has resigned his position is regretfully received by his many friends in this Province. Connected with the road since its inception, and in the position which he has just left, since 1885, he has exhibited much courtesy, care and keen sense of duty. He was at all times most accessible and a good citizen much respected. His probable successor is Mr. R. Marpole with William Downie as assistant.

The Lexington Group.

Another group of Lardeau properties has been bonded this week. This time it is the Lexington. The claims bonded are four in number; the Lexington (T. Downing), Banner (B. Ramey), Index (G. D. Bole), Jumbo (A. E. Kincaid). They are located on Lexington Creek, which flows into Fish River about 11 miles from its mouth, and have a huge showing of galena. They are easy of access and likely to prove mines. The purchaser is J. E. Boss, of Spokane, who has already largely invested in this division. The terms of the bond call for a 10 per cent. deposit and the balance in a year. The price of each property is $5,000, or $20,000 for the group.

The Mystery Solved.

The man, J. F. Fulton, stabbed Wednesday morning by one E. Evans, being pronounced out of danger on Friday, both were tried by J. D. Graham, Stipendiary Magistrate. Fulton got four months for creating a disturbance on the streets, and Evans six for unlawfully wounding. It is just as well to say here that this class of people are not wanted here and will do well to keep away as the magistrate has expressed his intention of inflicting full penalties in all such cases, and in doing this he will have the support and approval of the townspeople. In Evan's possession were found 10 pairs of gold rimmed spectacles of a pattern made by Laurance, of Montreal, which are being held at the Government office.

Getting Ready for Business.

J. A. Mage, manager of the Kootenay Lumber Company's mill at Lardeau is in town. He says the mill is running full time and there is now a million feet of lumber in the yard, all of very good quality. A scow 16x60, capable of carrying 80,000 feet of lumber, is almost completed and work is proceeding on the tug boat. When the Arm is open everything will be in readiness for a big season's business.

Local and Personal Briefs.

Charlie Wilson arrived from his down river trip late last week. He will again foot his own horn in the band.

D. W. Clendenan, of the Chicago *Record*, by his card, was in town this week looking for information for a write-up.

A very serious outbreak of fits (simmons) took place in town this week, and the only thing that seemed to curb it was repeated doses of St. Patrick's Oill.

We notice for stylish made coats no outside breast pocket is to be worn this summer. Call at Wilson's and see the the latest in fashions.

J. M. Kellie is on the order paper with a motion to quash Corbin's land grant. Too late. There is no use locking the stable door after the horse is stolen.

Perry Leake and E. L. Kinman have gone up to Grant's group on the South Fork of Downie Creek to look over the work done. They left Monday.

"Uncle George" Baldwin, the fur buyer and all-round sport was in town this week. Mr. Baldwin pays the best prices for furs and makes no delay on shipments. See his card in this issue.

F. Steele, treasurer of the Ibex Mining Co. of the Slocan, was in town Tuesday and left a pretty souvenir of his property. Development is being pushed on the Ibex with such satisfactory results that the stock will, on April 1st, be advanced 20 per cent.

Dave Ferguson, lord of the manor at the new town which bears his name and which was christened in this office, arrived from Purple Valley, Ont., Tuesday night. Mr. Ferguson has been around the centres of trade in the east and is of the opinion that a large number of people will arrive here this summer. He is no doubt correct.

R. J. Kirkwood, one of the old timers in Illecillewaet and lately of South Slocan, was in office this week and made this town a pleasant call. He is a fine fellow and deserves the reward of his enterprise. W. J. and Mrs. Kirkwood and Miss Alma Kirkwood were with him en route to New Denver.

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IN the past three weeks, mining companies to the number of 120 with an aggregate capitalization of $100,000,000 have been registered. This brings the total capitalization of companies in B. C. to the sum of $600,000,000. We will all be rich when this amount pays dividends. This is as much a county of magnificent figures as of magnificent distances, and there are as many ciphers amongst the figures as there are miles in the distances. Yet all these companies do business, probably because distance lends enchantment to the view. Barnum would have done well in B.C.

IN its issue of December 2, '96, the Vancouver *World* said: "It is to be hoped the proper authorities will give heed to the conditions existing to the north of and in the vicinity of Revelstoke; as they now stand they are indeed a public disgrace. A word to the wise should be sufficient. But if wisdom is lacking another course is open and that is a mighty one—it is the voice of the people."

In February, this same paper says the Government have nothing at all to do with the river bank at Revelstoke, and is astonished at the *Mail* for suggesting such a thing.

Oh! the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, in what curious channels of contradiction do they run. Which of these two opinions would the *World* wish the public to believe it is sincere in.

THE new water clauses bill is on first reading a seemingly fair measure designed to protect the interests of the public in one of the great natural advantages and fights with which the country is blessed. It is a comprehensive measure covering 155 sections and its very large scope makes it rather unwieldy and hard to digest. It is to be hoped the measure will be well debated and made as comprehensible as it is comprehensive so that any miner may construe its bearings on his own rights without being drowned in its sea of clauses.

The Government is bit by bit stealing all the Opposition thunder and making the talked of coalition easier of accomplishment. First the opposition to land bonusing, next the remission of miner's licenses, now the protection of water rights.

There are still a few little matters the Government might fix up, such as proper representation, etc.

The C.P.R. Annual Report.

The report of the past year's financial results of the C.P.R. system has just been issued. It is candidly written and goes into all the merits and demerits of its national trade. It is extremely gratifying to British Columbians to see it stated that the development of trade here in the province has greatly lessened the shrinkage which would have occurred without it by the shortage in the wheat crop.

Inseparably connected, too, are the future of this province and the financial improvement of the road. The C.P.R. management, as well as the country generally, will greatly benefit by the development of this province and the amount of benefit they receive will be in a great measure the out come of the amount of energy they display in developing trade routes.

It is also cheering to those who know the local situation thoroughly to see that the company is alive to the fact that it is still, with possession of the C. & K. N. Co. boats, at a great disadvantage in competing with American lines into Kootenay and it speaks of having direct railway connections of its own.

The most important feature of the report is the reference to the necessity for the Lethbridge-Nelson road, and the statement is concisely made that steps have already been taken towards the commencement of the road in the Spring. It is also expected that the government will reasonably assist them in this matter. The financial position of the company is seemingly flourishing and the year's business shows a surplus of $1,700,772.

Take Notice.

Mails for all points south (B.C.) now close at Revelstoke Station P. O. at 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This applies to 1st class matter only, i.e. letters and postcards. No registered mail dispatched. This mail closes at 4 p.m. punctually, whether south train is on time or not.

Stuck to His Feet.

The London correspondent of the Rossland Miner speaking of a lecture given by Prof. Odlum on the resources and principal features of B. C., says:

"The professors maps—drawn and colored by himself, presumably—were both instructive and amusing. In the diagram showing the rainfall in different parts of the province, certain numbers such as 75-50 and 12-20 were to be observed, which the lecturer gravely stated to mean the average annual rainfall in feet! The chairman, the Hon. Forbes Vernon, smilingly suggested inches, but the professor gravely stuck to his feet. In London, where it has rained almost continuously since last September, with brief intervals for fog or snow, the sadness of such a dampness can be properly appreciated. The slides showing specimens of B. C. lumber were received with interest and possibly some people went home under the impression that the magnitude of the timber was due to the abnormal rainfall."

He Is In On It.

The interesting Monitor Mine suit which was appealed from Judge Walkem's ruling was tried last week before the Supreme Court and decided in favor of the plaintiff, Wells. In this case Wells claimed a half interest in the Monitor near Three Forks on the ground that Petty said if he discovered anything Wells should on account of a previous understanding "be in on it." Judge Walkem when he tried the matter at Nelson decided that Wells had an interest but as the interest could not be defined it was left undecided. The matter was carried to the Supreme Court who have now decided with a full bench that the verbal agreement was binding and that Wells is entitled to a half interest in the mine, which is now a valuable property.

During the month of January the mines of the United States produced 39,500,000 pounds of copper; foreign mines produced 6,600 tons of 2,240 pounds. Export of copper from the U. S. during January amounted to 9,700 tons.

Fairly well authenticated is a report from the west that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways are being consolidated. These two lines control Corbin's road from Spokane to Rossland, and it is with them that the C.P.R. will have to contend for the control of Kootenay's trade. The amalgamation of the two lines may afford them some additional strength in competing against the Canadian line.—*Trade Review.*

No. 301.

Certificate of the Registration of a Foreign Company.

Companies Act Part IV., and Amending Acts.

Stoneleigh Mining Company (Foreign).

Registered the 22nd day of February, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Stoneleigh Mining Company" (Foreign), under the "Companies Act, Part IV., "Registration of Foreign Companies," and Amending Acts.

The head office of the said Company is situated at Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, U. S. A.

The objects for which the Company is established are:—

To purchase, acquire, operate, exchange, hold, mortgage, sell, lease, and convey mines, minerals, or lands containing or supposed to contain, mines, minerals, deposits or auriferous sands or gravels, and generally to engage in the mining business, and to develop and operate mines of all kinds, and to engage in and carry on the business of purchasing, erecting, constructing, operating and maintaining dams, canals, ditches, water-ways, reservoirs, gates, flumes, race-ways, sluices, tunnels, water-mains, pipes, machinery, buildings and fixtures suitable, necessary, or convenient for the utilization of water for the purpose of hydraulic placer mining, or otherwise:—

To do and perform every act and thing not herein specified, but which may be necessary, proper, or expedient for the success or profit of this Company, not inconsistent with law; and in pursuance of its purposes and objects, to purchase, acquire, hold, sell, rent, mortgage, hypothecate, or otherwise handle and dispose of all kinds of real or personal property, and to exercise all powers and franchises incident to the business, purposes, and objects herein specified, or any of them.

The capital stock of the said Company is one million dollars, divided into one hundred thousand shares of the par value of ten dollars each.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 22nd day of February, 1897.

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The Government Bring Down a Comprehensive Water Bill.

The Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897, is the short title of a very long bill of 43 pages and 155 sections which has just been introduced by the Hon. Attorney-General. Its intent is to confirm to the Crown all unrecorded water and water powers and to consolidate and amend the law relating to the acquisition of water rights for all purposes. So far, it is, with the Trading Companies Act, the most important measure brought before the House. Following is a summary of its provisions:

Part One declares all unrecorded water to be vested in the Crown and that no right to permanent diversion or exclusive water rights shall be acquired otherwise than under direct legislative authority.

Part Two provides that every privilege under this part of the Act shall be conditional upon the reasonable use of the water acquired. Every holder of a water right record shall take all reasonable means for working the water granted and if wilfully wasted may be cancelled or reduced by the Gold Commissioner. Application must be made with thirty days notice to the Gold Commissioner of the district and may cover ordinary domestic, agricultural, mining, milling and concentrating uses.

Part Three deals with the supplying of water to incorporated and unincorporated localities, cities and towns. It gives municipalities rights to record unrecorded water subject to approval of Lieut.-Governor and of expropriation over recorded water for a proper household supply. Other applications for water required by a municipality may be stayed until the application of the municipality is decided upon. A municipality need not confine its application to as much as is necessary but can anticipate expansion. Waterworks companies may with consent of a municipality construct systems and upon obtaining a certificate from a judge may do so in unincorporated localities their rights to be subject to expropriation if the locality is in the future incorporated. Upon expropriation a company is to be paid, the total costs of the works, a sum sufficient to make their profits up to 15 per cent on actual paid up capital for the time the plant is in operation and a bonus of 30 per cent upon the cost of construction. The profits of a water company must not exceed 20 per cent in any one year.

Part Four deals with all classes of companies (exclusive of waterworks) who desire to obtain water records for motive power, irrigation, hydraulic mining, tramways, telegraphs and electric lighting systems. A special mode of incorporation is required for this class of companies, and the object of the incorporation must be restricted to those specified. The water right and the amount of capital in these cases is set by the Lieut.-Governor-in-council. Within municipalities these concerns must comply with the by-laws. Twelve months is the maximum period allowed any company to commence work. All charges of these companies have to be submitted to the Lieut.-Governor-in-council for approval.

Part Five governs procedure of expropriation and provides that no record or privilege of any municipality shall be taken by any other municipality without the propriatory municipality's consent and authority of the Lieutenant-Governor-in council. Also that the records or privileges of any company shall not be purchased by another company without the consent of the same order. All municipalities and companies are empowered to give aid by way of bonuses etc. to any company and are authorised to take shares etc. in such companies under conditions.

Part Six deals principally with regulations of the act and the repeal of former acts but provides that the Lieut.-Governor-in-council may reserve unrecorded water for Crown purposes subject to acquisition by public but without compensation. All Crown reserves of water shall specifically declare the terms and conditions upon which reserved water shall be available and acquired from the Crown. Powers are also given to appoint water commissioners, and a scale of fees may be established and provision made for collection. The act is made to come in force June 1st, 1897.

The following acts and parts of acts are repealed:

Sections 59 to 79, both inclusive, of the "Mineral Act, 1896."

Section 54 and sections 56 to 78, both inclusive, of the "Placer Mining Act, 1891."

Section 2 of the "Placer Mining Amendment Act, 1894."

Sections 39 to 52, both inclusive, of the "Land Act."

Section 9 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1891."

"An Act providing for the election and defining the duties of Water Viewers," being chapter one hundred and seventeen of the "Consolidated Acts, 1888."

"The Water Privileges Act, 1892."

Provided that such repeal shall not affect any rights acquired, or any liabilities or penalties incurred, or any act or thing done under any of the said Acts or parts of Acts.

Satisfactory Mining Test on Le Roi Ore.

The result of the milling test upon the low grade ore of the Le Roi, while not so fanciful as indicated in the Spokane Review, is more than gratifying to the management of the mine. Ten and one-half tons of the ore were selected from the dump of the Le Roi for the test, the average value of which was $10 a ton. The ore was concentrated 6 to 1. There was saved on the plates a gold and silver value of $67.85, and the gross value of the concentrates was $83.82, so that 65 per cent of the values were saved. The concentrates averaged 1.08 ounces gold, 292 ounces silver, and 2½ per cent in copper. The tailings assayed $5 in all values. The management estimates that the dump from which the ore was taken will average $10 per ton. If further tests demonstrate the practicability of this mode of treatment it will mean a great deal to the Le Roi as well as the other properties in the district, as it solves the problem of treatment for the low grade siliceous pyritic ores.—Nelson *Tribune*.

The Santa Rita copper mines, near Silver City, New Mexico, are again reported sold. The price this time is stated at $1,500,000, and the London Exploration Co. is named as the buyer.

Cheap Gold Production.

The Alaska-Mexican mine shows wonderfully cheap production of free milling ore of very low grade. In September the bullion shipped amounted to $21,258, and the ore milled was 12,900 tons—an average of 433 tons a day. One hundred and twenty-nine tons of sulphurets, or one per cent of the ore milled, was treated, and the bullion from this amounted to $5,371. The working expenses of the mine were $17,017, and the profit for the month, $4,241. The average yield was only $1.61 per ton on ore milled, but the average cost was only $1.31 per ton. Miners' wages are $3.50 per day in Alaska, against $1.25 in southeastern Ontario, and the expenses of living are correspondingly higher. The low cost of production is very suggestive to owners of free milling properties in Canada.—Ex.

The Big Strike is Ended.

The great miners strike at Leadville was brought to a close last week mainly through the efforts of Eugene V. Debs, the man whom the railroads have ostracized, and Tingley S. Wood. The strike has cost the camp $1,000,000, an immense sum truly; beside what the various miners' unions and other labor organizations have contributed, the amounts of which none know except the leaders of the strike. It has been a long, hard struggle and, while the ordinary citizen condemns a strike as involving more or less trouble all around, sympathy has been very strongly with the men of Leadville who only asked for $3 per day upon which to exist and support their families where the cost of living is greater than in almost any other western camp. Altogether the Leadville strike has been a very sad affair and its effects are likely to be felt for some years to come.

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Revelstoke, B. C., Feb. 11th, 1897.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on 16th April for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years semi-monthly each way, between Big Bend and Revelstoke, from the 1st May next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Revelstoke and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Victoria, B.C., 5th March, 1897. 47-3t

Private Bill Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow-gauge railway from a point at or near the head of Galena or Thumb Bay, on the Upper Arrow Lake, in the District of West Kootenay, in the Province of British Columbia, to a point at or near the Forks of the Lardeau Creek, in the said district, with power to build a branch line from a point on the main line of said railway about 13 miles from Galena Bay to Trout Lake, and to extend the said railway or build branch lines thereof up either or both the north and south branches of the Lardeau Creek for a distance of ten miles on either branch, and also to build a branch from a point on the main line of said railway about 8 miles from Galena Bay for a distance of 20 miles up Fish River; and with further power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines, and to build wharves and docks in connection with the said railway; and for all other usual, necessary or incidental rights powers and privileges.

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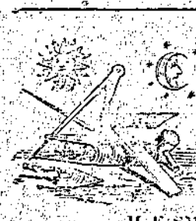

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TY STEED, W.M. J. L. WOODROW, Rec. Secy.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Frank Holten is in town this week.

The ice on the Arm is still in good condition.

F. McCarty is opening branches at Nakusp and Ferguson.

J. A. Smith returned from Toronto on Tuesday.

The band practice nights are now Mondays and Fridays.

Harry Corsar got in from Calgary on Wednesday.

Cory Menhinick and J. E. Boss were in town this week.

Mrs. M. McKay and family removed to Nelson last Thursday.

Miss J. A. McLean arrived from Muskoka yesterday.

H. A. Bell, of Vancouver, has the C.P.R. hotel contract.

Note the call for tenders on the hospital in this issue.

Pay up your Board of Trade fee and don't hum and haw about it.

A mail contract is advertised between Arrowhead and Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Coursier left Monday for a trip to Vancouver.

See Wilson's stock and get prices for a Spring suit before ordering elsewhere.

A man named Harper has been found with his throat cut in a shack near Beaver.

Jim Edwards came in Wednesday just to take in the ball, you know, that's all.

Ed. Atherton, P.M. at Sandon, was in town Tuesday, just as satisfied-looking as ever.

Monday's No. 1 was the first train Jack Allen has pulled since he became a benedict.

W. R. Hull, of Calgary, is said to be contemplating the erection of a hotel at Kamloops.

Hutchison & McGregor have sold out to Hutchison Bros., of Vernon, who will remove here.

Angus McDonald got back from Grant's group Tuesday morning in time to loose on Corbett.

If anyone has lost a number of pairs of spectacles they can get them from the Gold Commissioner.

W. Shatford, one of Vernon's leading business men, will put in a store building and stock at Trout Lake.

The engineers in Trout Lake say that the line through from Kootenay Lake will be very easy of construction.

Pete Walker is taking in the east, that is, he is having a good time and putting in the winter. Pete is all right, east or west.

TENDERS WANTED.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by Drs. Jeffs and McKechnie, up to March 31st, for the erection of a hospital. Plans and specifications to be seen at Dr. McKechnie's office. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Contract will be awarded to local builders only. 48-2

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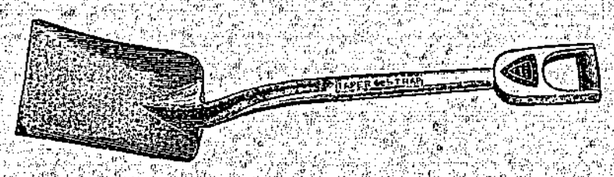

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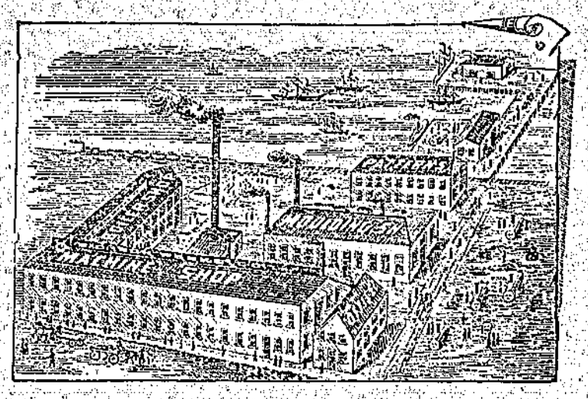

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