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Lardeau Division.

LARDEAU is in a sense perhaps the newest of West Kootenay mining divisions. Although the first claims were located on the 29th of July, 1892—the Black Bear and Kangaroo by T. Downing and B. Ramey—and were followed by other discoveries in '93, certain events then occurring conspired to keep it back till '95, when a start was again made. At the time of the early discoveries in Lardeau the whole district was being searched for mineral, but when the slump in silver came, it severely hurt every silver camp in the country, shaking even the great Slocan, which on account of its forward state stood it best, and almost suspended operations everywhere. In '94, the following year, heavy storms and floods visited the district, and in Lardeau was felt so badly by blocking up and washing out what trails and bridges there were, permission was given claim holders to restake. Consequently, as before stated, little was done in Lardeau till '95, when a renewal of interest in its great ledges again began. In 1896, this interest intensified, and four times the number of claims located the previous year were staked in this, the first year when general prospecting began. All through the winter of last year and up to the present time, the interest in the division has been general, and since the first of the new year, no less than $150,000 of bonds and transfers on and in properties have taken place. As nearly all the new locations will be opened, and as all the new purchasers expect to develop, and in some cases hope to ship ore, the present year will be one of tremendous activity in Lardeau and make it one of the big camps of the country. There is not a vestige of doubt but that, before the fall of 1897, this division of West Kootenay will have undergone a wonderful change, and be just as well known as Trail Creek or the Slocan.

It now presents one of the grandest openings in the district for prospector or investor. It has not been prospected to one-eighth the extent of the other districts, yet sufficient has been done to show it worthy of every attention. To those who this year come into West Kootenay looking for locations and properties, and who find the older camps well filled, no better field than Lardeau could be chosen. And those who want to purchase reliable properties at nominal figures can get good investments there, without paying two prices for them. Capitalists are already giving it their notice, and as mentioned elsewhere, it will soon have a local railway which will cheaply haul its ore. A smelter, too, is talked of at a point in the division on deep water, and this with concentrators its great ore bodies can easily supply. Take it all in all, Lardeau has a most brilliant future, that well justifies every word of praise that can be said of it; and this, any one with even a short acquaintance of its great leads, rich ore, and general advantages, will not deny. It is still a new country in the now rapidly settling West Kootenay. It still presents most of the same opportunities which were to be found in the Trail and Slocan divisions some years ago; opportunities which have made millionaires of their holders and pioneers, but are now closed to men of moderate means.

LOCATION OF DISTRICT.

The mining division of Lardeau takes in on the east all the watershed of the Fish River from Battle Creek to deep water on the N. E. Arm of Upper Arrow Lake. On the north it goes as far as Isaac Creek on the Arrowhead branch of the C. P. R., and running south, goes to within 10 miles of Nakusp, covering both sides of the upper part of Upper Arrow Lake. In size it covers an area of 35 square miles and has a most brilliant future as a mineral field. The main points of business are Galena Bay, where the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields Co. will shortly have a large town, Thomson's Landing, the present entrepot of the Trout Lake district, and Lardeau, at mouth of Fish Creek, where it empties into the Arm.

It would not be surprising, though, if a new town somewhere up Fish River above the Rapids, would yet be a central place of trade. The present main place of business however is Lardeau, and with this as a base, the accessibility of this great division is worth noticing. It is but 40 miles from the line of the splendid Canadian highway the C. P. R. at Revelstoke, where a branch line 28 miles long runs to Arrowhead, (in the division) and brings the present centre of business but 40 miles from a railway terminus. It is also easily reached from the south as the C. P. R. will after April 1st run daily boats from South Kootenay points to Arrowhead, from whence steamers will make daily trips to all principal points in Lardeau.

PHYSICAL FEATURES, ETC.

Inside the division itself, the accessibility does not stop, as from the arm of the lake at Lardeau up the great Fish River lies a main valley for sixty miles. For 6 miles of this goes a wagon road to a point on the river above which for twenty miles is navigable water, and which is fed by a succession of streams on which are situated the main locations of the country. A charter for a railway (to be commenced within two years) has now been applied for to run from deep water at Galena Bay on the Upper Arrow Lake up this valley where it would be easily supplied with ore from the different feeding creeks. At the head of each creek is generally a glacier which feeds it and gives a plentiful and continuous water supply for all purposes. The timber, too, is sufficient for all mining uses for a long time to come. The mountains are the grand Selkirks, which coming up from the Slocan go through the Lardeau with a N. N. W. trend and then go on to Illecillewaet. The formation is chiefly lime, slate, granite and schists, and as would be expected the character of the ores is silver-lead with gold and copper. In all, or nearly all, leads opened in Lardeau, copper and gold have been found in large paying quantities in association with the silver-lead; and this fact is one that is giving it great attention from shrewd investors of the U. S. and England. The gold contents so far go to the ton about $25 on an average (as much as in st. Rossland ores,) and the copper reaches from 10 to 15%. The main character of the ores, silver-lead, is also worthy of great notice, as they go from 30 to 500 ounces in silver and 60% lead, a quantity which will compare with the properties of the same class in the great Slocan. Another great feature of the Lardeau mining division is the largeness and strength of the leads which, in almost every instance, can be traced for miles; in one case on the Glengarry lead, there are as many as nineteen claims located, while on others nine and seven locations are common. As said before, the principal properties are situated on Fish River and its tributaries, and a short description of these different sections will best tell what's there.

FISH RIVER.

On the river itself the claims of most note are the Sunset, Lardeau King, Umbria and Hope which are situated on the west slope of the river about 11 miles from Lardeau. The Sunset carries a high grade of galena assaying 330 oz. in silver. The Lardeau King, Umbria and Hope are good prospects but have as yet little work performed on them. Assays from surface rock give gold, silver and copper.

Other claims further up the river are the Great Britain, Iron Cap and Bonanza, all of which have good showings and will be opened up this summer.

POOLE CREEK.

On Poole Creek a large number of good claims are located amongst which are the Black Bear, Kangaroo and Almonte. These claims are on one lead and have big showings of galena. They have been recently bonded for a large figure and a large amount of work will be done on them this summer. They may possibly be shippers this year.

Further up Poole Creek is the Hunter and Trapper group also bonded recently. This is a really good property and runs high in both silver and copper. Development work is to be pushed on this group as soon as supplies can be got in.

At the head of this creek is situated the Wide West group of three claims, bonded lately by Toronto parties. This group is of slightly low grade galena but with a great body of it. Other good properties on this creek are the Gem, Juno, Lula and Alma, but as they are of recent location enough work has not been done to go into details. The indications however are that they will turn out well.

LEXINGTON CREEK.

This stream, which flows into Fish River about 11 miles from its mouth, has a number of promising claims located on its headwaters. The Lexington group which includes seven claims has one of the greatest showings of galena in the whole country, and although of rather low grade will yet turn out to be a big mine being easy of access and easily mined. The Kitsap claim on this lead has just been bonded by some people in Rossland.

The Silver Bow group is also situated on Lexington Creek. It consists of three claims and is a high grade concentrating proposition. The owners intend to develop here considerably this year. A number of other claims of promising appearance were staked on this creek late last summer.

BOYD CREEK.

More claims are located on Boyd Creek than on any other in this division and some of the claims have as good surface showings as any in the district. The famous Glengarry group is located at the head of this creek, and on some of the claims there is to be seen some high grade galena running 200 oz. in silver, with some copper. But little work has been done here for want of trails. One was partly put in last fall and will be finished this spring when a good deal of work will follow. The Glengarry and Prince Edward have just been bonded and the Carbonate group on the same lead has been bought. The new purchasers expect to do a large amount of work on these properties.

A number of good claims were staked on Boyd Creek last summer some of which carry high grade galena. This part of Fish Creek will be thoroughly prospected in the coming summer.

McDOUGAL CREEK.

Very little prospecting has yet been done on McDougal Creek but a group of claims were located near its mouth last summer. They are the Capper Chief, Lovely Dove and Last Chance; they are in an easy place to work and run well in gold, silver and copper.

SABLE CREEK.

On the main lead on this creek the Consolidated Sable Creek Mining Co. have four promising properties, named the Agnes, Lucky Jack, Kootenay Star and Stephanie. The company have been slow in developing their property but if worked in a miner-like manner will no doubt prove to be valuable.

Other claims on Sable Creek are the Cornishman, Bessie, and Kentish Maid, (on same lead as the Sable Creek Company's claims), also the Britannia and Red Star.

OTHER SECTIONS.

On the N. E. Arm of Arrow Lake a number of claims were staked last year and but little work has yet been done. The exceptions are the Young Canuck and Great Western, located in '95. The owners of these two claims are pushing development work and they report improvement with every foot driven. These claims are most advantageously located and run well in silver-lead carrying gold.

Several new locations were recorded from many Upper Arrow Lake points last year and many of them gave good indications of being something worth looking at.

The Lucky Four group on the Lardeau and Trout Lake wagon road near Boulder Creek is a promising prospect in a most accessible location. The Great Eagle, also on the wagon road, is the same class.

It is of course quite impossible to name all the properties and prospects of this strongly mineralized division but enough are quoted to shew that all over it claims of merit may be found. The division is still in its infancy but is fast getting out of its swaddling clothes. Once it begins shipping, and it is not far off, it will fully draw that attention which it now is beginning to feel and will speedily catch up in importance and activity with the other camps of the district.

Local and Personal Briefs.

Where is Chas. J. Aman.

Chas. Molson got in Friday.

Murray Haine leaves Monday it is said for home.

Chas. Olsen and Oscar Jacobson came up from Trout Lake Friday.

Cory Menhinick, Lardeau's mining recorder was in town this week.

Rev. J. A. Wood went up to Golden Monday getting back Tuesday evening.

The Brown Bear and other Illecillewaet properties are to be incorporated.

Albert Stone went down to Slocan on Monday and will have a look at the country.

R. S. Wilson has such a rush of business he is employing another hand in his shop.

P. Chapman's brother and his brother's wife are here staying at M. McKay's house.

D. McIntosh returned from his eastern trip last evening looking well and as if he had enjoyed himself.

The MAIL has 500 copies of the Illecillewaet article reprinted and for sale at 5c. each. They are going fast.

Last week's *Gazette* had notices of incorporation of two Big Bend companies, the Big Bend Gold Fields Co. and the Big Bend Gold Mining Co.

Jno. J. Young, editor and manager of the Calgary *Daily Herald*, was in town yesterday and sat in the best chair at the MAIL office for a few minutes.

Already the large and expected influx of people from eastern points has begun, and a steady stream of people for Kootenay points get off every C. P. R. train from the east.

Donald Doings.

The citizens of Donald met last Monday night to put in shape their demands on the Provincial Government. The principal topic and one that all the speakers spoke most feelingly on, was the disgraceful condition of the public school, which is not only entirely too small but dangerously unsanitary. The school teacher stated that the place was overcrowded and that there was no seating room for the children. He also wanted assistance the same as other places with as many children. The doctor repeated the school master's remarks that the school house was over crowded and badly ventilated and from a sanitary point of view he considered it dangerous. Other speakers declared that children given places in the school were seated on logs of wood, and that a large number of children would be soon eligible, and there was no where to put them. A strong resolution was then made drawing the attention of the Education minister to the matter. Other wants of the place such as roads and bridges and other improvements were all discussed and resolutions passed calling attention. It was noticeable that a reference to the minutes of a similar meeting last year was read and the same claims were found in each. This shows what Donald has received at the hands of its representative and should clear it of the stigma, applied to East Kootenay generally, of being pap-fed. Donald has never been in favour with the powers but will yet have to be reckoned with. Our resolutions will go forward at once, and if they do not meet with the response they deserve, especially in the school house and one or two other matters, we will expect to give you full particulars and show Hon. Col. Baker we are not without a means of ventilating them. Yours, DON. ALDER.

Trout Lake News.

The Great Northern has been bonded. The papers are made and are now recorded. It is said $10,000 will be paid on April 1st. This at the usual rate of 10% deposit would be $100,000 for the property but it probably is more.

Railway surveyors from Kootenay Lake have come in over the divide and are now dovetailing up the lake. The party is one of five and they claim the road would not be half as hard to build as the Sandon road. Everyone is jubilant in anticipation of a railway, and it is everyone's opinion that the Kootenay Lake road will be first in the field.

The miners are all busy working and making good progress. The Silver Cup, Sunshine, Broadview, Great Northern, Badshot, etc., are all shewing up well.

Camps are being fixed up at the True Fissure ready to start work.

At the Sunshine there is 8 inches of solid ore in the tunnel. A new shaft was started a few days ago.

At the Silver Cup they calculate to tap the ledge in six weeks.

Public School Report.

Following is the standing of pupils in the public school for February:

V. CLASS.—William Beavo, Francis Dent, Bert Temple.

IV. CLASS.—Edna Knowlton, Edith Fraser, Ernest Weed.

III. CLASS.—Myrtle Temple, William Pettipiece, Katie Allen.

II. CLASS.—Pearly Thompson, Essie Hamilton, Dalton Allen.

II. PRIMER.—Delia Morgan, Alfred Bourke, Joseph Morgan.

I. PRIMER.—Robert Caillie, Harold Toombs, Winnie Wood.

H. A. MCTAGGART, Teacher.

For the Young Idea.

Mrs. H. N. Coursier, always energetic in every good work, has made a thorough canvass of the town in the matter of the Kindergarten school. It is understood from 20 to 30 children will attend the school for which the spare school-room has been secured. Superintendent of Education Pope has written a very encouraging letter, and a teacher is now being communicated with. A general meeting of ladies interested is called for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday next in the public school to discuss final arrangements and appoint committees. Chairs and tables are yet wanted and assistance will be gladly received for this purpose.

Gold has been found while excavating a cellar in Nakusp.

Silver Cup.—Sullivan and Corbett fought at New Orleans in Oct. '92.

R. Scott and C. A. Lalonde are candidates for the mayoralty of Rossland.

The sister boat to the Nakusp will be launched at Nakusp about March 15th.

Jack Sands is always prepared to do teaming and hauling of all kinds at shortest notice. See him about your winter wood.

A Sensible Message.

In vetoing the Corliss amendment, President Cleveland says: "When we consider these propositions of the bill in connection with our long northern frontier and the boundaries of states and territories, often but an imaginary line separating them from the British dominions, and recall the friendly intercourse between the people who are neighbors on either side, the provisions of this bill affecting them must be regarded as illiberal, narrow and un-American. The residents of these states and territories have separate and especial interests which in many cases make interchange of labor between their people and their alien neighbors most important, frequently with the advantage largely in favor of our citizens. This suggests the inexpediency of federal interference with these conditions when not necessary to the correction of a substantial evil affecting the general welfare. Such unfriendly legislation as is proposed could hardly fail to provoke retaliatory measures to the injury of many of our citizens who now find employment in a foreign soil, and its operations would result in harm to our citizens."

On Wednesday the House passed the Immigration Bill over President Cleveland's veto by a vote of 193 to 37.

Coast Clippings.

F. C. Whitney, the ex-secretary of the Orphan Boy, who it is alleged wrongfully sold 35,000 shares of stock, signing the vice-president's name to the certificate, could not be held under arrest. Police Magistrate Russell was away, and the Mayor after holding Whitney two days was compelled to let him go as he had no authority to sign a warrant for his arrest. Police Magistrate Russell is back but Whitney is safe in Seattle.

The C. P. R. are known to be contemplating a change of time in the running of trains. It is said that the new schedule may be as follows: The Pacific express to arrive at 2 or 3 in the morning the Atlantic express to depart at 6 in the morning, and a local Kootenay train to leave Vancouver every afternoon.—*Colonist.*

A Vancouver syndicate closed a deal Wednesday by cable with a London syndicate for the sale of six claims in the Big Bend of the Columbia in Ground Hog basin, near the Orphan Boy mine. The price was in the neighborhood of $30,000. The purchasers have acquired quite a number of other properties in the same vicinity, and will expend a large amount of money in the Big Bend during the coming summer in opening up their properties. The syndicate is said to be a very strong one, financially.

The attempts to extradite John McKinnon, the Vernon butcher who escaped from jail while awaiting trial and whose arrest some time later was accomplished in Spokane, have proved fruitless, as will be seen by the following item, taken from Wednesday's Spokane "Spokesman-Review":

"John McKinnon, whose strange adventures enlisted the attention of the governments of both Great Britain and the United States, walked out of jail yesterday a free man. His release was ordered by telephone upon receipt of an official communication from the highest authority in extradition matters in the U. S. government.—Ex.

The new C. P. R. steamer on the Columbia will be 175 feet long with 28 feet beam.

Genelles, at Nakusp, have just started a new sawmill with a capacity of 100,000 feet a day.

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

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

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

The P. O. Inspector is advertising for tenders for a twice a month mail service between Revelstoke and Big Bend beginning May 1st.

The government is offering a $1,000 reward for discovery of the parties who broke into Challoner, Mitchell & Springer's jewelry store at Rossland.

All along the line the greatest interest is being taken in mining, and claims have been staked in the Sicamous C. P. R. yard and elsewhere along the road.

A. S. Farwell was in town Monday. He says he will assist in getting the whole matter of lots settled up, and as far as he was concerned it wouldn't take 21 hours to straighten his sidewalk.

I. T. Brewster will resign the position of station agent at the end of the month and take up his headquarters in Dr. McLean's store building where his offices as secretary of the Cariboo Creek Consolidated Co. will be situated.

SOUTHERN KOOTENAY.

Happenings of Interest Amongst its Various Camps.

TRAIL CREEK.

The Mascot is in ore again.

Fifteen feet of ore is now to be seen in the White Bear.

A recent sample from the Juliet went $28 in gold.

The final payment on the Coxey bond has been made. It was $21,000.

A contract has been let for $3,500 worth of work to be done on the Ethel group.

Last assays from the Iron Colt show values of $16. The ore body from which these assays are taken is enormous.

SLOCAN.

The Payne is shipping 1500 tons a month.

Work on the Silver Band is progressing favorably.

The Lone Star continues to develop favorably.

The Charleston made its first shipment this week.

There is a good pile of ore coming out of the Sunset claim.

The Montezuma, on the South Fork of Kaslo River, will soon be shipping.

The Rambler-Cariboo Co. have declared a dividend of $20,000 payable March 15th. The directors declare that they feel confident of declaring a monthly dividend of $20,000 for the next nine months.

GENERAL.

Nelson and Rossland may pull off their municipal elections about the end of March.

The Idaho mine made its fifth dividend last Saturday, $9,000.

The Arlington on Springer Creek has been bonded again.

The Le Roi expected to make another dividend yesterday—one of $25,000.

Charles B. Sanson, of Nelson, well known to all old timers, died there of rheumatism on Feb. 26th.

A miner named Sherwood has died of exposure on the Whitewater trail.

West Kootenay has exported $1,300,612 worth of ore, matte and bullion since Jan. 1st.

The police authorities of Rossland are driving all gamblers out of town.

Sandon has beaten Kaslo at hockey.

An employee of the Nelson planing mill lost an arm last week, by an accident.

The C. P. R. are going to put in a freighting service from Penticton to the Boundary creek and Kettle River sections.

Kauffman of Nelson has been sent to jail for contempt of court.

"Breaking into premises for indictable purposes" at Balfour, is the charge that Jack Perks must answer for.

A. R. Barrow, of the Kootenay Iron Works, has been offered a ten years' exemption from taxation if he locates at Kaslo.

Rossland people are pleased at Cleveland's veto of the Corliss bill.

The Le Roi Co. are said to have had an offer from London of $1,250,000 for their mine, and are reported to have accepted it if a forfeit of $500,000 is posted.

Writs of ejectment are being served against the Rossland squatters.

The biggest compressor plant in Canada has been put in at the Le Roi.

Work to Be Started.

The information is to hand that some party in town has received word that the long expected canyon improvement will be started upon as soon as the camping outfit is procured. Sid Durham, who has wintered at the Union Hotel, will be foreman, and it is hoped that he will do a good job. He is said to have a very large experience of this kind of work, and will no doubt give satisfaction. It is also said that the work of protecting the river bank will soon be begun.

Tin in B. C.

Mr. A. H. Holdich of Nelson, formerly of Revelstoke, writes to a friend here as follows: A prospector, W. Feeney, whom I have known some time, brought in some small nuggets of soft white metal which he had picked out of a rock on one of his claims, and wanted to know what it was—thought it was natural amalgam (gold and mercury). That I know it wasn't from the weight but considered it was arsenic. On examination, however, it is undoubtedly *native tin*—the first time ever found to my knowledge in B. C. and not very common anywhere according to the best mineralogical authors. You may make what use you please of this statement; it is an absolute fact that tin has now been proved to exist, metallic, in B. C.

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THEIR DUTY IS CLEAR.

"Surely our contemporary the Revelstoke Mail is not so densely stupid or so awfully ignorant as not to know that the Provincial government has no more to do with, or control over, Mr. F. C. Gamble, the resident civil engineer for the Dominion government in British Columbia, than has any private citizen. Neither has the Provincial government anything whatsoever to do with the banks on the Columbia River at Revelstoke. Once establish that principle—and we are astonished at the Mail putting it forward—and where would the responsibility of the Local government end? Take for instance the banks of the Fraser, about which so much has been said of late, we are not aware that the Federal government has desired to shirk its responsibilities in the matter, or that the Provincial government, even by its bitterest and most unreasonable opponents, has ever been asked to assume the duty of looking after the preservation of the banks of that erratic stream. Blind partizanship with some, however, leads them into committing mistakes and blunders which make them laughing stocks in the eyes of their fellow citizens. We repeat that it is Mr. Bostock's duty to insist upon the Federal government giving attention to the grievance the people of Revelstoke complain of in this matter. If there is any neglect the blame can then be placed upon the proper shoulders. But we are of the opinion that in due time the trouble will be rectified as the government engineers have made an inspection of the stream and its banks, and if at all possible the inroads upon the land being made by the river will be put a stop to."

As few of the people of this place and surrounding camps subscribe to the Vancouver *World*, and as it will help to put the whole matter fully before them, the above from the editorial columns of that paper is given in full.

To begin with, the MAIL never said that the Provincial government had any control over Mr. Gamble (they can have his services, however, without any opposition from this paper), and the qualities which the *World* in its refined use of Queens english applies to us are unnecessary and uncalled for and not worth replying to except to explain that it seemingly wilfully distorts what we did say.

In its issue of Feb. 20th, the MAIL said: "If the dilatory government that the *World* upholds with such parasitical and remunerative affection did its part, Mr. Gamble would be at work before now." This reference to the Provincial governments connection with Mr. Gamble was but to shew that if the Provincial government did its duty in co-operating with the Dominion government and put up its equivalent to what the federal authorities have already done, the work would now be proceeding under direction of Mr. Gamble. It hardly seems necessary to make this explanation and would almost justify us in applying to the *World* the uncomplimentary terms they use to us.

There are none so deaf as those who wont hear, and perhaps none so stupid as those who wont understand, and it would almost appear as if the *World* was itself wittingly stupid, and affected surprise at our attitude merely to screen their principals, the Turner government. We are justified in coming to this assumption from the next argument of the *World* which, perfectly aware of our contention as to the government's duty to the citizens of this place, now comes out to contradict it. It says the Provincial government has nothing to do with the river bank at Revelstoke, that it has never been asked to look after the preservation of the banks of the Fraser, and that blind partisanship with some (ourselves) leads them into committing mistakes which make them laughing stocks in the eyes of their fellow citizens.

The Provincial government took steps to protect the river bank here in '94 and invited the Dominion authorities to assist which they did. It also put in protection works on the Kicking Horse at Golden and if other instances establishing the precedent of protecting property from ravages of rivers by the Provincial government are needed they can be found. It is further stated by Mr. Bostock that when he went to Ottawa the first session he found all arrangements made for co-operation of the two governments in the Revelstoke protection works and acted upon that idea in advising the expenditure. Why, if the Provincial government have acted in this manner before, should they assume a different attitude now, and deny that they have anything to do with what they before considered necessary.

In connection with the Fraser River part of the *World's* argument, it would be well for it to look up the return re Hon. Col. Baker's recent trip east. It opens with a letter from the secretary of a convention of Lower Fraser Valley farmers and landowners who met for the object of appealing to both the Local and Dominion parliaments "for the assistance and protection which is felt is due them." Evidently the farmers and landowners thought as the MAIL thinks, and in thinking so according to the *World* were moved by "blind partisanship" which lead them into "committing mistakes" which made them laughing stocks in the eyes of their fellow citizens. But the farmers made no mistake, they said the Local government should assist and it sent Col. Baker east with their delegates to secure co-operation. On page 5 of the report Col. Baker writes Hon. Mr. Tarte and accepts the conditions that each government shall appoint and pay the expenses of an engineer to report on the Fraser River matter; and that in the event of their report being satisfactory to the two governments—"that negotiations should then be entered into as to what proportion each government should bear in the necessary expenditure for carrying out the projected works."

Will the *World* say that the Provincial government has accepted no responsibility to the farmers and landowners of the Fraser Valley and that it has not assumed, not at request of its bitterest and most unreasonable opponents, but of its own volition and of a sense of duty, the task of co-operating with the Dominion in protecting lands on the Fraser.

The farmers did not mind being the laughing stock of the *World*, nor do we—it is the loud laugh that speaks the vacant mind—for what is right on the Fraser is right on the Columbia, and the property of the people of Revelstoke is just as valuable to them as are the Fraser lands to the farmers there.

The *World's* sneers will not drive us from our position, nothing but proof of error will do it, and that the *World* if it wants to argue the matter decently should produce.

Post-Office Commission.

W. J. Bowser, barrister, the commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to hold a judicial investigation into the actions of certain officials in the postal service in British Columbia, gives notice that he will commence his duties on Monday, March 8th, at 8 p. m. in the court house. All parties interested in the investigation will then be heard.

Another Le Roi Dividend.

Another $25,000 dividend has been declared by the trustees of the Le Roi mine. This makes a total of $325,000 paid in dividends by this property. Although the past month was a short one, the company's payments for labor, machinery and supplies were the heaviest in its history, amounting to $35,000. The company has, besides, fifty-five cars of rich ore in transit. It has now the largest machinery plant in British Columbia. It is expected to pay monthly dividends from now on of $50,000.

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THEIR DUTY IS CLEAR.

"Surely our contemporary the Revelstoke Mail is not so densely stupid or so awfully ignorant as not to know that the Provincial government has no more to do with or control over, Mr. F. C. Gamble, the resident civil engineer for the Dominion government in British Columbia, than has any private citizen. Neither has the Provincial government anything whatsoever to do with the banks on the Columbia River at Revelstoke. Once establish that principle—and we are astonished at the Mail putting it forward—and where would the responsibility of the Local government end? Take for instance the banks of the Fraser, about which so much has been said of late, we are not aware that the Federal government has desired to shirk its responsibilities in the matter, or that the Provincial government, even by its bitterest and most unreasonable opponents, has ever been asked to assume the duty of looking after the preservation of the banks of that erratic stream. Blind partizanship with some, however, leads them into committing mistakes and blunders which make them laughing stocks in the eyes of their fellow citizens. We repeat that it is Mr. Bostock's duty to insist upon the Federal government giving attention to the grievance the people of Revelstoke complain of in this matter. If there is any neglect the blame can then be placed upon the proper shoulders. But we are of the opinion that in due time the trouble will be rectified as the government engineers have made an inspection of the stream and its banks, and if at all possible the inroads upon the land being made by the river will be put a stop to."

As few of the people of this place and surrounding camps subscribe to the Vancouver *World*, and as it will help to put the whole matter fully before them, the above from the editorial columns of that paper is given in full.

To begin with, the MAIL never said that the Provincial government had any control over Mr. Gamble (they can have his services, however, without any opposition from this paper), and the qualities which the *World* in its refined use of Queens english applies to us are unnecessary and uncalled for and not worth replying to except to explain that it seemingly wilfully distorts what we did say.

In its issue of Feb. 20th, the MAIL said: "If the dilatory government that the *World* upholds with such parasitical and remunerative affection did its part, Mr. Gamble would be at work before now." This reference to the Provincial governments connection with Mr. Gamble was but to shew that if the Provincial government did its duty in co-operating with the Dominion government and put up its equivalent to what the federal authorities have already done, the work would now be proceeding under direction of Mr. Gamble. It hardly seems necessary to make this explanation and would almost justify us in applying to the *World* the uncomplimentary terms they use to us.

There are none so deaf as those who wont hear, and perhaps none so stupid as those who wont understand, and it would almost appear as if the *World* was itself wittingly stupid, and affected surprise at our attitude merely to screen their principals, the Turner government. We are justified in coming to this assumption from the next argument of the *World* which, perfectly aware of our contention as to the government's duty to the citizens of this place, now comes out to contradict it. It says the Provincial government has nothing to do with the river bank at Revelstoke, that it has never been asked to look after the preservation of the banks of the Fraser, and that blind partisanship with some (ourselves) leads them into committing mistakes which make them laughing stocks in the eyes of their fellow citizens.

The Provincial government took steps to protect the river bank here in '94 and invited the Dominion authorities to assist which they did. It also put in protection works on the Kicking Horse at Golden and if other instances establishing the precedent of protecting property from ravages of rivers by the Provincial government are needed they can be found. It is further stated by Mr. Bostock that when he went to Ottawa the first session he found all arrangements made for co-operation of the two governments in the Revelstoke protection works and acted upon that idea in advising the expenditure. Why, if the Provincial government have acted in this manner before, should they assume a different attitude now, and deny that they have anything to do with what they before considered necessary.

In connection with the Fraser River part of the *World's* argument, it would be well for it to look up the return re Hon. Col. Baker's recent trip east. It opens with a letter from the secretary of a convention of Lower Fraser Valley farmers and landowners who met for the object of appealing to both the Local and Dominion parliaments "for the assistance and protection which is felt is due them." Evidently the farmers and landowners thought as the MAIL thinks, and in thinking so according to the *World* were moved by "blind partisanship" which lead them into "committing mistakes" which made them laughing stocks in the eyes of their fellow citizens. But the farmers made no mistake, they said the Local government should assist and it sent Col. Baker east with their delegates to secure co-operation. On page 5 of the report Col. Baker writes Hon. Mr. Tarte and accepts the conditions that each government shall appoint and pay the expenses of an engineer to report on the Fraser River matters, and that in the event of their report being satisfactory to the two governments—"that negotiations should then be entered into as to what proportion each government should bear in the necessary expenditure for carrying out the projected works."

Will the *World* say that the Provincial government has accepted no responsibility to the farmers and landowners of the Fraser Valley and that it has not assumed, not at request of its bitterest and most unreasonable opponents, but of its own volition and of a sense of duty, the task of co-operating with the Dominion in protecting lands on the Fraser.

The farmers did not mind being the laughing stock of the *World*, nor do we—it is the loud laugh that speaks the vacant mind—for what is right on the Fraser is right on the Columbia, and the property of the people of Revelstoke is just as valuable to them as are the Fraser lands to the farmers there.

The *World's* sneers will not drive us from our position, nothing but proof of error will do it, and that the *World* if it wants to argue the matter decently should produce.

Post-Office Commission.

W. J. Bowser, barrister, the commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to hold a judicial investigation into the actions of certain officials in the postal service in British Columbia, gives notice that he will commence his duties on Monday, March 8th, at 8 p. m. in the court house. All parties interested in the investigation will then be heard.

Another Le Roi Dividend.

Another $25,000 dividend has been declared by the trustees of the Le Roi mine. This makes a total of $325,000 paid in dividends by this property. Although the past month was a short one, the company's payments for labor, machinery and supplies were the heaviest in its history, amounting to $35,000. The company has, besides, fifty-five cars of rich ore in transit. It has now the largest machinery plant in British Columbia. It is expected to pay monthly dividends from now on of $50,000.

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The Corliss Bill in Victoria.

In the House on Monday Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Dr. Walkem,

That, whereas this house learns with much regret that the government of the United States of America intend enacting an alien labor law containing a provision known as the "Corliss Amendment," inimical to the best interests of labor; And whereas it is within the power of this legislature to pass measures relating to the tenure of land and the regulation of labor, and more particularly affecting the citizens of the United States of America, which may result in disturbing the harmonious relations at present existing between the loyal subjects of Her Most Gracious Queen Victoria and the citizens of the United States of America; and whereas it is undesirable to pass any such laws, although it will be necessary, as far as lies within the power of this legislature, to protect the citizens of this province in the event of such labor law becoming operative;

Be it therefore resolved that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to communicate with the government of the Dominion of Canada, urging upon that government the desirability of making such representations to the President of the United States of America as will prevent the passage of said alien labor law, and thus render protective measures by this legislature unnecessary.

This was, Mr. Helmcken contended, to strengthen the hands of the Premier of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Turner commended the moderate view of the resolutions and thought it would be small of Canadians to follow the precedent set by the U. S. of which they disapproved.

Mr. Booth did not agree with the Premier, and said Canada should defend herself against such disgrace as the Corliss bill put upon them.

Mr. Kellie had an amendment to offer as follows:

"To strike out the balance of the resolution after the words 'United States of America' in line 7 and insert in lieu thereof: 'And whereas it may be desirable to pass such laws as will protect the citizens of this province in the event of such Corliss amendment becoming operative; be it therefore resolved, that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to communicate with the government of the Dominion of Canada, urging upon that government the desirability of passing such legislation as will secure to the laboring classes of this Dominion the same amount of protection as it is proposed to secure to the laboring classes of the United States, and placing the same restrictions upon all citizens of foreign countries coming into this Dominion from the United States as will be placed upon all those, not being citizens of the United States, desirous of obtaining employment in the United States, should the Corliss amendment become a law."

Mr. Kellie said his object was to retaliate, and not to allow the Americans any privileges denied to Canadians. We could not allow the United States to tramp on our corns, and impose laws on us that we did not put on them. It was beneath the dignity of Canada to ask the President to veto any bill passed by the United States legislature, and he accordingly wanted his amendment to pass to show the United States that we would not allow the United States to dictate to us.

Mr. Rogers did not think that the Corliss bill would pass. Mr. Semlin thought the Corliss amendment would undoubtedly become law, and did not see why Canadians should not pass any resolutions on this subject. He could not agree with the Premier that no retaliation should be taken, and if the Corliss amendment was enforced, let Canada retaliate.

Hon. Col. Baker did not think resolution necessary. British Columbia would be foolish to pass laws preventing America's from coming into the country, which owed a good deal to them.

Mr. Sword said if B.C. wanted to discriminate against foreigners let them charge the United States miners higher for mining licenses than British subjects, but do it on business principles and not as retaliation. It would be most undignified to ask the President of the United States to interfere with laws passed by United States congress. Let Canada take any stand she wished without any reference to the U. States. Let Canada act altogether in her own and our own interests, but when Canadians take such high ground on the subject and then turn round and place on others the very same restrictions we complained about, it was decidedly inconsistent.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Funny, but not Argument.

Sir Richard—Now, gentlemen, I think it is time to frame our tariff. Let us start by hearing our leader's views on the subject.

Mr. Laurier (striking attitude)—I am proud that I am a Canadian. I am a Liberal of the English school——

Sir Richard—Yes, yes; but what about the tariff? Suppose we begin at coal oil.

Mr. Laurier—Very good. Then I repeat, I am proud that I am a Canadian. I am a Liberal of the English——

Sir Richard—Quite so, but that is not just now to the point. Shall or shall we not cut off the head of this iniquitous industry?

Cries from Messrs. Davies, Blair, Mulock, Sifton and Tarte, "Off with it!" Sir Oliver Mowat, Messrs. Paterson, Fisher, Scott and Fielding (in chorus), "Go slow, good friend, only an arm or a leg."

Mr. Laurier—I am sorry, Cartwright, that you can't frame a tariff, without referring to coal oil. Let us forget the nasty stuff.—Mail and Empire.

Miner's Surface Rights.

At Nelson recently Judge Forin gave a decision on the right to the surface of mineral claims which is of considerable importance. The cause before him was an application on behalf of Gilbert Malcolm Sproat, part owner of the townsite of Sandon, for a receiver of the rents claimed to be due by C. K. Hammond, of the Slocan News Co.

The Judge refused the application upon the ground that a crown grant of a mineral claim gave no surface rights other than for mining purposes. He held that the holder could not eject an occupier from ground not required for mining purposes. He said further that if the moneys were ordered paid by Hammond to a receiver, Sproat could not properly or legally claim them, and it was not very clear to him to whom they would ultimately go.

Coke Contract Made.

The Nanaimo Free Press has been informed on excellent authority that the Union Colliery Company of Comox has entered into contract with the Kootenay smelting companies to supply 1000 tons of Union coke per month for the next 12 months, and that even this amount may probably be increased. If this report should prove correct, and we have every reason to believe it is correct, it will mean good times at the Union. In this connection the Free Press has been informed that the coal from the recently operated Alexandra Colliery of Dunsmuir & Sons makes a grade of coke which gives the best possible results in some grades of smelting at Kootenay, and that for the present a limited quantity of the Alexandra coal will be taken to the Union coke ovens and there converted into coke. Should the demand justify, coke ovens will shortly be erected in the immediate vicinity of the Alexandra mines, about five miles south of this city.

The Miner's Inch.

There has been introduced in the California Assembly, and favorably reported upon by the Committee on Mines and Mining Interests, a bill "legally defining what a miner's inch shall consist of." It is a remarkable bill, worth quoting, and is as follows:

"For a uniform system of measuring water when the term 'miner's inch' is used, it is hereby declared that a 'miner's inch' of water shall be such a quantity as flows from an orifice one inch square through a two-inch plank, with still water standing at a depth of six inches above the top of the orifice, such a discharge to be not less than one and one-half cubic feet per minute, equal to twelve gallons."

It will be observed that this bill prescribes that a "miner's inch" shall be equal to a flow of not less than one and one-half cubic feet of water per minute, "equal to twelve gallons." Does the author propose to change the measures now in use in this country? According to all the accepted authorities, and as most school boys know, one cubic foot of water is equal to about 7.48 gallons—or, to be more exact, it is equal to 7.4805 gallons. Upon this basis one and one half cubic feet of water would equal 11.22075 gallons. The standard American gallon, or old English "wine" gallon, contains 231 cubic inches.—Ex.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Monday, the 8th day of March, A.D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.

Revelstoke, Feb. 26th, 1897.

NOTICE

In the County Court of Kootenay holden at Revelstoke.

In the matter of the "Placer Mining Acts" '91 and Amending Acts. And in the matter of the "Gold Yam Placer Claim." And in the matter of an application by Gust Lund, manager of the said "Gold Yam Placer Claim" to sell the interests of Sylvester Howe and Frank Anderson in the "Little Falls Placer Mining Claim."

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of an order made herein by His Honor Judge Forin, on the 13th day of January, 1897, the Sheriff for the County of Kootenay will sell by public auction, at the Court House, Revelstoke, on Saturday, the 13th day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the interests of the above named Sylvester Howe and Frank Anderson (formerly of Revelstoke, B. C., but whose present addresses are unknown) in the "Little Falls Placer Mining Claim," situate on French Creek, Big Bend, West Kootenay District, British Columbia, to satisfy the balance due on their respective assessments in the Gold Yam Placer Claim.

CHAS. R. CARLYON,
Solicitor for Gus Lund.

Revelstoke, B. C., 25th January, 1897.

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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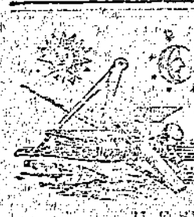

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The regular meeting are held in the Masonic Temple, Bourne's Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

H. E. SMYTHE, Secretary.

REVELSTOKE LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 26.

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Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1658.

Regular meetings are held in the Odd Fellows' Hall on the second and Fourth Wednesday's of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

H. STEED, W.M. J. J. WOODROW, Rec. Secy.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Albert Stone got back last night.

P. Loake went to Calgary on Wednesday.

Conductor Macdonald has the mining fever bad.

J. J. Foley, of Arrowhead, was in town this week.

Jack Spurling is visiting the town after a stay at Sandon.

The brewery is now rapidly going ahead and ice is being put in.

Chas. Green, of the hotel at Lardeau, was in town yesterday.

Chas. Wilson will be back from Slocan Lake next week sometime.

A. B. Diplock, the Vancouver stationer, was in town this week.

A. McC. Creery, agent for the New York Life, was in town this week.

John and Geo. Hutchison, brothers to our Jim, were in town this week on a visit.

Guy Barber won a quarter-mile backward skating race at the rink Monday evening.

A. R. B. Hearn, the resident manager of the Imperial Bank, arrived this week.

F. McCarty's ice is some of the finest seen and is nicely packed in his cold storage warehouse.

Miss A. Walker came up from Trail Wednesday and went Thursday to the hospital in Victoria.

A recent letter from J. A. Smith says he will leave Toronto next Monday or Tuesday for Revelstoke.

For Arrowhead and Revelstoke the C. P. R. are taking their ice from the Three Valley Lake near Clanwilliam.

Geo Johnson shot a coyote at the slaughter house yesterday. This is the first animal of the kind seen near here.

F. Abey, the druggist, is moving into the Ross building where he will dispense all necessary remedies both day and night.

J. W. Haskins gives notice that he will be at the Union Hotel on the 15th to pay off all bills against the Orphan Boy Company.

Board Of Trade Notice.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Revelstoke Board of Trade will be held at the Union Hotel, Thursday next, March 11th, at 7:30 p. m. Principal business, election of new members. All desirous of becoming such will kindly hand their names to the Secretary before the above date.

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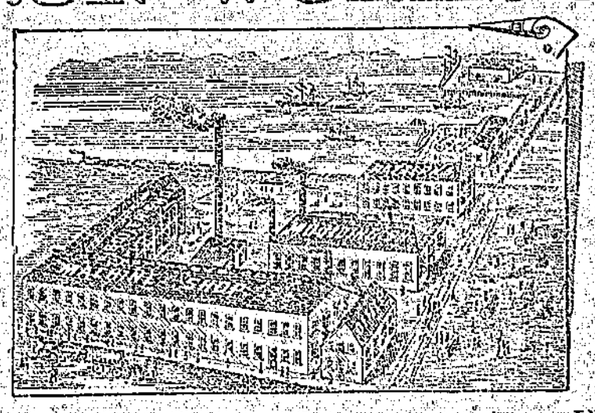

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