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Trout Lake Division.

LIKE many other mining camps now known, chiefly for their quartz leads, Trout Lake mining division was first brought into notice through its placer gold. On the main river of the camp, the Lardeau, signs still exist which shew that it was worked many years ago, but it was totally abandoned till the period of general activity brought about by C. P. R. construction in 1885-86. Then the attention of a few plucky prospectors was turned to it and from that till last year has been worked intermittently with on the whole, average results. In the fall of '85 Chas. Holten and Wm. Greenwood went in hunting and the following season (these two with T. Dawes, J. Livingstone, Louis Mershan and J. Stoubart went in again to work the creek. They did not get much and left the camp till '88. That year the people who went in went looking for quartz, and their names which should be remembered were Chas. Holten, Thos. Downs, Chas. Rossiter and Thos. Ardell. They located the Silver Cup and several others, but thinking them too far away did not record them. They left the camp till '91, and then Rossiter's and Ardiel's places having been taken by P. Walker and Lochie McDonald, went at it again. They cut a trail into Trout Lake from the Arm at Thomson's Landing, discovered the Great Northern lead on which they staked four claims, and relocated the Silver Cup. Coming out to Revelstoke they recorded these properties which are to-day the banner properties of the camp. Meanwhile, too, J. W. Haskins had been in the camp and on September 6, '90, made his first locations, the Maple Leaf, Beaver and Crown Point. In a letter of his of some time ago he says that he made his first trip for quartz in the division in July '90 that nothing had been done in that line except by the parties before mentioned who he says should be called the pioneers of the Lardeau (it was all Lardeau then) country. He tells how he missed the Great Northern lead and incurred as some of the most claims of importance in the country, the Dardan, Copper, Queen and Maud.

In '92 the Government built a trail using Holten's lines made the year before and this let in a number of prospectors which led to the discovery of the Pool, Gainer, Horne, Abbott and other groups which are now helping with others to put the camp in the front rank of West Kootenay's mineral fields.

In '93 the crisis in silver was felt in Trout Lake as elsewhere but gave new life to the placer creek and though the operations were primitive enough the results were mainly satisfactory. Some of the claims then located on the creek were the St. George, Hornet, Yellow Jacket, Canyon, Nugget, Big 61, Stockholm, Two Friends, Lardeau and others. This placer stream is inseparably connected with the history and growth of Trout Lake enabling as it did many prospectors to make stake enough to work and hold onto their valuable quartz locations through that period of quietude which occurred at and followed the slump in silver. Bit by bit, however, the quartz industry revived and in Trout Lake as elsewhere renewed confidence returned. The placers were for the most part abandoned, except for an occasional effort, and the division come well to the front as a great silver camp. In '94 the Government constructed a waggon road from the Arm to Stoubart's Lake and in '95 finished it to Trout Lake. In '95 a good deal of prospecting began and some development was done on the principal properties. That year there were 75 claims recorded and 34 transfers, among the transfers being some very heavy "deals." The Silver Cup was bonded in September to D. McGillivray, T. Farrell and others of Vancouver for $25,000; the Great Northern and Hillside were taken over by Hugh McPherson and T. W. Bettles for a Montana outfit on Oct. 23rd at $12,000 and the True Fissure went to the Nowell Co., of Juneau, Alaska, in November for $20,000. The sellers in each of these transactions were Holten, Walker and Downs, the early prospectors.

Last year, however, was one of still greater interest in Trout Lake and several events occurred which have helped greatly to advertise the camp. The first was the shipment of two carloads of ore from the Silver Cup which was of extremely high grade. The next most momentous occurrence was the introduction of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Co. (for brevity the Horne-Payne Co.) and the bonding by them of the Broadview, Old Sonoma and Phillipsburg claims for a sum of $35,000. This was in July and about the end of August they took another bond on the Sunshine and Towser claims for $35,000, thus getting interests in two of the great leads of the camp, the Great Northern and Silver Cup. On September 25th the last half, $12,500, of the bond on the Silver Cup was paid and three weeks later work was begun on a sleigh road from Galena Bay to the forks of the Lardeau. In the first week of December the Silver Cup made another shipment to Tacoma, one of 20 tons, which gave an average return of $170 per ton. The Great Northern commenced rawhiding also and have a large consignment at Arrowhead for the smelter. The Great Northern ore will average 116 ounces silver, $8 gold and 10 per cent. copper to the ton. Several other bonds were made during the end of the winter season of '96 and the portion of '97 up to the present, notably on the Badshot, Nettie L., Mayflower, American, Queen of the Hills, Big Five, Canyon Creek Group and others. In February too the Horne-Payne Co. added to their already heavy purchases by bonding the True Fissure (which had been relinquished by the Nowell Co.) for $50,000 on the 16th of that month. Following that comes at the present time the report that the Great Northern itself has been secured for $80,000 by an English syndicate. This last is but rumor as yet and will not be vouched for.

To go back to '96, the results of all this activity is well manifested in the records, where the locations jump from 95 to 203, and the transfers from 38 to 80, many for large figures. It is the intention of the Horne-Payne Co. to operate a railway from the Forks, and beyond it, to Galena Bay on ocean water, and they have graded the road, put in bridges, made surveys, and applied for a charter for this purpose. Their interests are now so large that this will be necessary for carrying ore to their smelter at Galena Bay, and will be a great boon to many of the large and fairly rich properties which have been idle for lack of proper transportation. It is probable that this will not now have long to be waited for, now will it be depended solely on the Horne-Payne Co., as the Kaslo-Slocan Railway people are also making application for a charter to connect Trout Lake with Kootenay Lake and have this month put their surveyors over the route which they declare is very easy to build.

On the whole, the outlook for Trout Lake division for '97, and the future, is of the very brightest hue, and already a large number of men have gone in. There is still a large area to be prospected, chiefly on the Duncan and the west and south shores of Trout Lake, and the indications are that the whole division will be eagerly searched for mineral and that capitalists will as eagerly secure good properties. The division needs no booming, its leads, its mines, its dumps and prospects all speak for it better than anything else, and to describe them is the purpose of this article.

LOCATION OF DISTRICT.

The Trout Lake mining division, as it is now called, commences at the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district and thence runs west along the south line of the Illecillewaet division. It then turns south bounded by Lardeau to its junction with the Slocan line, there it goes eastward along the north line of the Ainsworth division to Lardeau River; thence north-east it travels again to the east boundary of the district (crossing Duncan River at a point including the south watersheds of Hall and East creeks) which it follows to point of commencement. It was at first included in the Lardeau Division which was established in '93, and in March '94 was created a division of itself. Its then boundaries were changed to the present ones on December 6th, '95, for the benefit of prospectors, and includes an area of about 23 square miles. The record office is at Trout Lake City, the present supply point, and it is most centrally located for the purpose. Another place of note is Ferguson (but four miles from Trout Lake City) which, but lately established, is growing fast. Weekly mails to both places are in operation and hotel accommodation is to be had at each.

HOW REACHED, ETC.

Trout Lake City is reached from Revelstoke on the main line of the C.P.R.—both from east and west—first by the C.P.R. branch line to Arrowhead, 28 miles; thence steamer to Thomson's Landing, 19 miles, and by an excellent waggon road 12 miles more. To Ferguson, it is four miles further over a sleigh road. From all points in the south it is reached by C.P.R. boats to Arrowhead, thence same as before mentioned. From April out these trains and boats to Arrowhead will run daily, and daily connection can be made to all Trout Lake points. Should the Galena Bay and Kootenay Lake railways be built this season other connections will be made; at this end, from Rosenheim on Galena Bay. In the division the travel from Trout Lake City and Ferguson is over trails having a mileage of 33 miles, viz: To Gainer Creek, 6 miles; up that creek, 5 miles; from its mouth to Abbott Group, 13 miles; from 8-mile post to Silver Cup, 3 miles; and up the North Fork for 6 miles.

GENERAL FEATURES, GEOLOGY, ETC.

As in most of the divisions of West Kootenay the principal mountains in Trout Lake are the Selkirks. The principal river is the Lardeau and its forks and feeders which flows into Trout Lake. The main body of water about 20 miles long by one and a half wide. The summit between the North-east Arm and Trout Lake is low, but 1,000 feet above the level of the Arrow Lakes and is four miles west of the lake. From this point the drainage is all eastwards thence south through the valley to Kootenay Lake. The country generally is overlain by great bands of stratified rocks, singularly regular in strike and dip. These rocks are chiefly chloritic schists and massive limestone. The strike is north-westerly and the principal veins conform with the banding of the rock so strongly that groups of a score of claims in a line are located. This is particularly true of the limestone and schist contact as on the divide between the Lardeau and Duncan Rivers; on the west shore of the lake and at its foot the formation is granite and slate. The leads are remarkably strong and rich in Trout Lake and can be traced in most cases for miles, and so far as tested shew good values. The ore mined at depth is both steel and cube galena with quite a large percentage of gray copper and a very good showing of gold. The richest locations have so far been made near the summits about the height of timber line. The Silver Cup is 5,700 feet above sea level, Great Northern 5,000 feet, Badshot about the same as Silver Cup, yet several promising claims are lower down. The snowfall is about five feet on the average and the precipitation of moisture much greater than in the south end of the district. The scenery is exquisite, and at Trout Lake City is superbly beautiful and should be seen to be fully appreciated.

The gold found in the Lardeau River is slightly "dusty," not sufficient however to interfere with amalgamation. The whole bed of the river and its benches contain coarse and fine gold, and alluvial deposits occur all along the main river and its branches, offering in some places opportunity for hydraulicing.

PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES.

THE GREAT NORTHERN, one of the earliest locations, is now one of the leading mines. It is situated with eight others, on the Great Northern lead on Bald Mountain. It was bonded with the Hillside to the present owners in '95, and work has been steadily pursued to the present time when it is reported sold at a big figure to an English syndicate. It was opened by a crosscut which hit the lead in 30 feet and discloses a 4-foot vein. Tunnels and drifts have been driven and run for about 600 feet and the lead, which is about 40 feet wide, tapped for depth. About 400 tons of ore are on the dump and some is now being forwarded for the smelter. The ore on this claim carries a great percentage of gray copper in case about 20 per cent. The average assay, however, is 150 ounces silver, 40 per cent. copper and from $2 to $15 in gold. This is a wonderful property and if a railway were in would be a large producer.

THE BROADVIEW, under bond to the Horne-Payne Co., is another developed property on the Great Northern Ridge. A camp has been erected, a shaft sunk about 120 feet on the ore and a tunnel driven for depth about 120 feet. The ore is of splendid quality and very similar to that of the Great Northern. Considerable ore is already on dump which will average about or over $100 per ton. The ore body is of great width, and it is a very valuable property. On the Phillipsburg, Old Sonoma and True Fissure, operated by the same company, a fair amount of work has been done and is to be continued this year. The Old Sonoma has a crosscut in 6 ft., tapping the ledge, and the average of the ore is 145 oz. silver, 6% copper and $5 in gold per ton. The True Fissure has had much surface work done, the ore outcropping on the surface 50 to 60 feet across. This has been stripped and about 500 tons put on the dump. Other claims on this lead are the Silver Queen and Banff, upon which ordinary opening work has been done, everything going to prove the wealth of the lead.

THE SILVER CUP has the distinction of being the first shipper of the camp. It is situated on the South Fork of the Lardeau, upon a strong lead about 30 feet wide with a vein of clean ore about two feet thick. The ore is very rich, the average assay from its last shipment made last winter being about 400 oz. silver, 10% copper and $20 in gold per ton. The concentrates will go 6 to 1. The average value of shipments so far is about $250 per ton. A shaft has been extended to 90 feet this year, and a 400-foot tunnel to tap the ore body at a depth below the shaft bottom of 100 feet is now being run. It is now almost in ledge matter and may hit the ore body any day. This property is certainly one of the first rank and is operated by Dunn & Farrell, of Vancouver. It is Crown granted. The Free Coinage, owned by the same people, adjoining the Cup, is opened somewhat and gives indications of being a good property.

SUNSHINE AND TOWSER are first and second extensions of the Silver Cup and have great surface showings. They were bonded last September by the Horne-Payne Co. for $35,000 and have been opened up to a limited extent. On the Sunshine a two-foot vein of rich silver-lead ore has been struck that goes about $157 to the ton with some gold and copper. These properties, with some more work, will be likely shippers this year.

Other promising properties upon this group and on which development has been done are the Morning Star and Brewster & McAulay's which go very high in gold. A trail was last fall cut to this group from the valley of the South Fork. About 10 claims are located on this lead and several others, about five, are located back of it.

THE BADSHOT GROUP covers five claims on the headwaters of Gainer Creek, in the line belt and is a very promising group. It is now reported bonded. On the Badshot claim a shaft has been sunk about 100 feet and a long crosscut tunnel run to tap the ledge has now but reached it. About 100 tons of ore, averaging 200 ounces in silver, 80 per cent. lead and some bismuth are on the dump ready for shipment. The ore body is large and this will be a very large shipper with development.

THE BLACK PRINCE GROUP, also on Gainer Creek, but on the other side from the Badshot, is one of some age and great promise. It also covers five claims. On the Black Prince a tunnel has been run about 200 feet and a shaft in ore for 35 feet. The vein is from 10 to 20 inches inches, wide and is of very high grade. Some ore is on the dump and work will be pushed further this season. Average assays from surface showings on this property are 100 ounces silver, 60 per cent. lead and some copper. Other claims adjoining the Black Prince are the Contact and High Grade, good-looking properties. About 40 locations were made in the neighborhood of this creek last prospecting season.

THE WAGNER GROUP, on the headwaters of Healey Creek, has had a lot of development work done. It is on the Duncan slope, at the summit, and shews a large outcrop. The ledge has been tapped at good depth and a 24-inch vein giving good silver values has been disclosed. Should the Lardo-Duncan railway go in this will be a much improved property as it suffers now from lack of transportation facilities. It is under bond to a Spokane syndicate for a large sum.

THE ABBOTT GROUP, also near this summit, on this side, comprises seven claims. A large amount of work has been put in here and a long tunnel run to catch the ore body. Like the Wagner, it is now hard to reach for development purposes and is not to the force as much as others. It has been shut down for some time, but 460 feet of work has been done. It is said to be in bond to the Horne-Payne Co. and may be worked this year.

THE HOLY MOSES GROUP, the property of the Lardo Mining and Development Co., on the west fork of the Duncan, have been opened up somewhat. The lead is about 30 feet wide and is crosscut at a depth of 40 feet. It looks like a good property and will be further developed this year.

On Hall Creek and on the Duncan above it, about sixty locations were made last season and considerable prospecting will be done there this year.

Down the slope of Healy Creek towards the foot of the lake lies the American, a property of some merit and lately bonded. A trail has been cut from the lake and a quantity of ore worth about $100 per ton is on the dump. The vein here is about 46 to 13 inches wide and shews signs of improvement.

On Canyon Creek on the west shore of the lake about 13 miles from Trout Lake City a strong lead of good ore was found last fall and eight claims located. A sample of ore from one of these surface shewings went 157 ounces silver and 80% lead. These claims it is said have also been bonded. The formation here is granite and slate.

Several locations have been made all along the shores of Trout Lake last summer and fall and may be more will be staked this summer. Most locations to the present time carry silver and gold.

THE POOLE GROUP is situated between the forks of the Lardeau River and is about six miles distant from Trout Lake City. It is a promising and accessible group of seven claims. The lead can be traced two miles, varying in width from 20 to 40 feet and is heavily capped with iron. At a depth of 30 feet on the Mayflower some native copper specimens have been got. The galena contents are not very high, about 40 ounces in silver, but go well in gold. A bond has been or will be made on some of this group.

NORTH FORK OF LARDEAU.

Several locations were made up this creek last summer, chief amongst which are the Cascade, Big Five, Red Plume and other groups. The old locations have remained unopened with the exception of Pilot Knob group which has had a 100-foot tunnel run. This has exposed clear ore vein 18 inches wide and assaying 150 ounces in silver with some copper.

THE HORN LEDGE, on the North Fork, one of the main ledges, has 13 old locations on it and several recent ones. The lead is heavily capped with iron and is traceable for miles. It must remain largely undeveloped till a railway goes into the country.

One of the best of the new locations on this fork is the Big Five in which some rich copper glance has been found on the surface. This property has been bonded to an English syndicate for a big price.

There are several other most promising groups and properties such as the Black Eagle, Molly Mack, Silver Tip and others, but space will not allow any mention of them. Let it suffice to say that Trout Lake swarms with good mineral properties and that the fingers of both hands cannot count the number of prospects that will soon be mines. It is a great district and bids fair that before '97 will have closed will be as widely and favorably known as any in the celebrated district of West Kootenay.

Bringing His Workmen With Him.

An Ottawa dispatch of the 24th says that Contractor Tompkins left there with a large number of workmen to build the C.P.R. hotel at Revelstoke.

Local and Personal Briefs.

Geo. Caldwell, better known as "Doc," is nursing his hand which was badly cut with a chisel a few days ago.

The Imperial Bank have such facilities for handling gold dust that they are in a position to quote the best prices on your "pile."

T. Bradshaw, of the C. P. R. freight sheds, Vancouver, has been promoted to the charge of that company's freight department at Revelstoke.

There was a big turnout Monday night at the Victoria Rink, the occasion being a benefit to the brass band. It was a very successful affair both socially and financially.

A consignment of machinery arrived Thursday for the big Enterprise brewery. It is expected that the plant will be wholly installed and in operation by the first of May.

A sample from the Royal Canadian, Sam Hill's claim near Galena Bay, was submitted to P. Leake, M.E., this week for an opinion, and he pronounced it as coming from a true fissure.

Dave Brenner came in last night from the east. He represents a Scotch-English syndicate operating in the Slocan, and has been across the water consulting his principals.

Fred Wrong returned from Sandon Thursday. He says times are booming in the Sunless City, and also that a number of that burg's successful business men are arranging to operate in the Trout Lake country this season.

Do not allow yourselves to be roped in by eastern travellers. Our tailoring trade cannot be competed with, but if you do want a cheap suit call and examine R. S. Wilson's readymades, they are equal to eastern ordered clothing.

H. McCutcheon and J. C. Campbell of Campbell Bros., furniture dealers, of Vernon and Rossland, arrived in town yesterday. Mr. McCutcheon, after visiting Rossland, will return to Toronto, where he is floating the Big Six Gold & Copper Co.

P. Leake and E. L. Kinman returned Thursday from their inspection of the work on the Grant claims on the north fork of the Illecillewaet. They were accompanied by Sandy McRae and found everything O. K. except the depth of snow which was considerable.

Sam Hill is up from Galena Bay. He had a close call one day last week. He started to cross the Northeast Arm and broke through the ice. Being alone it was with considerable difficulty he extricated himself from the icy waters and returned to Arrowhead to thaw out. Happily he escaped with nothing worse than a cold bath.

The Dominion parliament was convened last Thursday.

THE FIRST SALE

In Keystone Mountain Camp Was Made This Week.

The first sale to be made on Keystone Mountain was consummated this week by A. W. McIntosh when he disposed of a quarter interest in the Keystone to F. B. Wells for a good figure. McIntosh is the pioneer prospector of the camp—in fact the Keystone was the first claim staked there—and as a result has interests in several good locations on both the Keystone and Galena ledges (the two big leads discovered to date) on which he will commence work as soon as the season opens, putting in his first work on the Galena ledge.

The facilities for getting into the camp are, as yet, very meager. A trail has been brushed out for a distance of 5½ miles which is only a prospector's trail, but with some work could be made do duty, as far as it goes, as a trunk trail for the camp. From the end of this trail two 1½ mile extensions will be necessary before much development work can be done here.

The Rossland syndicate which has several locations in this camp, which were made near the close of last season, has determined to start work as soon as possible to prove their properties. Beyond question there will be great activity on Keystone Mountain this summer. Thirty-four locations were made last season, and there is no doubt about the prospector giving it a good share of his attention during the coming summer.

Heinze's Big Mortgage.

A Butte dispatch announces that the Montana Ore Purchasing Co. have mortgaged their entire properties for $1,500,000 and that the mortgage has been filed in the auditor's office there. It is made in favor of Richard Lacy, of New York. As the Montana Ore Purchasing Co. is practically owned by F. Aug. Heinze and his brother the filing of this mortgage is thought to have great significance regarding the first named gentleman's future operations in B. C. As will be remembered he made an unsuccessful effort last winter to raise the money in England for the extension of the Columbia & Western, nevertheless he announced confidently that the road would be built and it is now surmised that it is for this purpose he has mortgaged his Butte property and that he intends to put up the necessary capital himself. If this should prove true it certainly shows a wonderful faith in the future development of this country.

From the River.

The new steamer now being built at Nakusp will be launched in about two weeks. In general design it resembles the Nakusp, with which it will alternate between Arrowhead and Robson. It will be 180 feet long and 32 feet in the beam, and will be called the Kootenay.

A commencement has not yet been made on the new fast boat which is to make the daily round trip between Arrowhead and Robson, but her machinery has been ordered and when a start is made the work will be rushed through.

The water in the river has risen over an inch and steamboat men hope that it is the beginning of the spring rise. Navigation has been impeded considerably owing to low water.

Capt. Troup is temporarily relieving Capt. Gore, who is laid up with rheumatism.

Its Flotation Was Opposed.

It is said that considerable opposition from parties in both B. C. and London was experienced by the promoters of the Gold Fields of B. C. Ltd. in their efforts to float the company in London; but a cable this week states it was highly successful when placed on the market there. This company is the one promoted by Capt. John Grant, well known in this vicinity, and Mr. Ernest Grant-Govan, who spent some time in British Columbia last year with his mining engineer. Grant-Govan is expected to arrive in British Columbia early next month, and will at once inaugurate an active development of the company's several properties, amongst the principal of which are Grant's group on the North Fork of the Illecillewaet.

Consolation Still In Pay.

That old reliable placer on French Creek, the Consolation, is still in pay. This is the word from the Big Bend this week. Other placers may have but indifferent luck but the pay dirt of the Consolation seems almost inexhaustible. For years they have been taking the yellow stuff out of this claim and it appears to be getting richer as the gold gets coarser. Jack Sweeney and four men have been at work there all winter and so far they have escaped any ill luck. The weekly clean-ups have run from $100 to $275 throughout the winter.

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REVELSTOKE, MARCH 27, 1897.

THE Rossland *Miner* in its news columns and editorial last week goes for what it calls the Orphan Boy swindle. In describing how F. C. Whitney, the first secretary of the company, placed shares on the Rossland market which the company have advertised as forgeries and refused to accept. It says Whitney told a very interesting story about the mine, and this story was corroborated by each succeeding issue of the KOOTENAY MAIL. Under these circumstances Mr. Whitney had no trouble in disposing of his stock. Some 40,000 shares were sold altogether in Rossland, principally on the strength of the published interviews with Mr. Haskins and Mr. Whitney in the Revelstoke paper.

This is a most scandalously unfair statement which would to many people imply that there was some complicity between this paper and Whitney so as to allow him to dispose of forged stock. Such an inference is entirely false. This paper knew nothing of Mr. Whitney's operations in Rossland; it never interviewed him but once, to get a statement of the affairs of the company at the general meeting and this was published December 12th. What statements this paper has made re the company have been on the authority of its officers, and what has been said about the property has come always in the ordinary course of news.

It has long been surmised, before Mr. Haskins return from San Francisco, that there was forged stock on the market, and the MAIL interviewed some of the directors as to what would be done in the matter. They were not able to give an explanation until Haskins returned. When that gentlemen arrived he was interviewed, but as he was then unable to say what would be done (he was taking legal advice), or what steps would be taken about reorganization so as to protect those who had bought treasury stock at the issue price, the interview was held over till full particulars could be obtained. As far as Whitney goes the business is a swindle, and it has affected the company's standing badly. It was as much a surprise to the MAIL as to the *Miner* that the company repudiated Whitney's sale, but the management probably know what they are about. Morally it would be better perhaps if they protected the purchaser of this stock.

But, just now it is our own affairs which interest us most. We are naturally jealous of our reputation, which the *Miner's* attack is calculated to injure. The *Miner* itself interviewed Whitney at even greater length than the MAIL and gave full publicity to his statements. We did not do as much. This being so, we expect our contemporary to do us the justice of removing any misconstruction which might be placed on its references to the MAIL.

It might also be said that the *Miner's* attack, though purely in the interest of investors is calculated to injure other properties and incorporations in this section. It should not do so, and the *Miner* will no doubt say so, as there are in this district as many honest men and meritorious claims and incorporations as elsewhere, and the public will, if they look into the matter find it so.

Officers of the Kaslo Union.

The officers of the Kootenay miner's union recently formed at Kaslo are H. E. Croasdaile, of the Hall Mines, president with the following vice-presidents: George Alexander and Scott McDonald for the Ainsworth mining division; John G. McGuigan and W. E. Mann, for the Slocan mining division; T. G. Procter, for the Goat River division, and Frank Fletcher for the Nelson division; J. R. Robertson, of Nelson, treasurer, and John Keen, secretary.

Fitz Retires From the Ring.

Fitzsimmons has reiterated his intention of leaving the ring. "I do this," he says, "in compliance with a request made by my wife before I met Corbett on Wednesday. She exacted a promise that, win or lose, my last battle would be fought, and that promise I intend to keep. I am confident in my ability to out-class any man in the world, and would appear again in the ring to-morrow were it not for that one reason." He has notified Corbett, Goddard, Choinski, Sullivan, Sharkey and Maher of his retirement and will not even give boxing or sparring exhibitions in the future. His winnings on the 17th total $38,000.

Grant Govan's Company.

The English company organized by Grant Govan is known as the Gold Fields of British Columbia, limited. It has a capital of £300,000. The directors are the Right Hon. the Earl of Essex, the Right Hon. the Earl of Huntingdon, Col. Henry Fludyer, Col. Thos. Henry Austey, Ernest Grant-Govan, and Alexander Matheson. The advisory board for Canada is composed of the Hon. Chas. E. Pooley, Hon. D. W. Higgins, and David R. Kerr of Victoria.

The company has been organized to take over a large number of mining claims in British Columbia, covering in all about 3,000 acres. Several of these are at Albert Canyon and some in the neighborhood of Rossland. Six hundred and forty acres consist of the Cronie valley property situated in the Similkameen district, and are placer ground. A most elaborate prospectus has been issued by the company. A feature consists of carefully prepared maps of all the mining properties to be taken over by the company.

Commendable Enterprise.

The *Province* Mining Map pamphlet has just been received and is such an excellent production that it deserves review. The contents includes maps of B.C., (small size), a colored map of the mining divisions of South Kootenay and two large supplementary maps of Trail Creek and Toad Mountain camps. In a footnote it is learned that a map of Slocan is in print and that every section of B.C. will be added till the whole is covered, producing when all pasted together the largest and best map of the country ever published. It is a grand enterprise and will be in the hands of this house a large success.

Much valuable information is given in the present pamphlet, covering lists of gold commissioners, mining recorders, scale of record fees, South Kootenay centres and routes; also an original and useful telegraphic cipher including numbers, prices, days and measurements is compiled; and a short summary of the mining laws is included. It concludes with an index to advertisers of which there are a large number of reliable houses.

It is a most comprehensive publication and the only fault to be found with it from a local point of view is that it does not include North Kootenay. A subsequent pamphlet covering this section would be an equally successful publication in the hands of the Province Publishing Co.

No. 70.

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.

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The Missouri's Source.

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Ontario Nickel Mines.

The great nickel field in the Sudbury country, is comparatively quiet at present. The Canadian Copper Co. (Copper Cliff) a few miles from Sudbury, employs in the mine itself about 400 men. A depth of 1,000 feet in this vast body of nickeliferous ore has been attained. We have reason to believe, says the *Canadian Miner*, the by-products of this successful American company swell a good deal the very large dividends of the company. Last year about $120,000 of gold is said to have been extracted in the process of obtaining nickel, and other metals have added to the receipts of this veritable bonanza. The affairs of the company are kept rigidly quiet. The final processes, completed down east in the States, are reputed to be very successful, but whether the dividends paid are twenty per cent as some people are led to believe, or forty per cent, and a little over, is mainly the concern of the shareholders. The industry contributes to the prosperity of Sudbury and the region thereabout and incidentally to the Dominion. The profits goes to Americans because Canadians did not understand at the time the opportunity open for them, or because those who did understand had not the capital.

Power From Ocean Waves.

There seems to be no limit to the ambition of engineers, inventors and promoters. Having "harnessed" Niagara, it is now proposed to perform a similar office for the Pacific ocean. A California inventor has devised a wave motor by which, it is claimed, power can be developed and transmitted electrically at slight cost. The details of the scheme are not given in the press dispatches which announce the successful public test of the contrivance near Los Angeles last week, but it is claimed that it is provided with an automatic regulator that removes the chief objection that has been raised to machines of the class hitherto introduced. Parvin Wright, the inventor, claims that "during the minimum wave movement he will be able to develop one horse power on every foot of ocean frontage used," and the cost of steady power at the coast will be $10 per annum. A practical and economical arrangement of this kind would be welcomed by power consumers, and it remains to be seen whether the present scheme will meet the requirements or prove unequal to the exacting demands of commercial use.

Waiting for an Explosion.

Lord Rosse, who built the famous telescope that bears his name, was an expert mechanic, and was also somewhat careless about his dress. On one occasion the earl was looking through the engine room of a large manufactory. He suddenly became much interested in something he saw, and looked apprehensive. The engineer came up. "Well, what's up?" he growled. "What are you shaking your head and looking at your watch for? What have you got to find fault with?" "Oh," answered Lord Rosse, "I'm not finding any fault. I'm just waiting till the boiler explodes." "Till the boiler explodes? Why, you're crazy man! You'll have to get out of here." "Well," said the earl, "if you work ten minutes longer with that screw loose there, the boiler certainly will explode." The engineer looked at the screw indicated by his rough visitor. He jumped at the screw, and fastened it as soon as he could. "Why didn't you say that sooner?" he demanded. "Why should I?" answered Lord Rosse. "I never yet have had an opportunity to see a boiler explode!"—Ex.

Saving up Money.

If the savings of the people may be taken as indicating the condition of the country, last year cannot be considered as a very bad one for Canada. We have heard a good deal about hard times during the past year, but notwithstanding this, the Canadian people managed to increase their cash surplus on hand by about $10,000,000. This certainly does not look like a very bad year.

The total deposits, including those in savings and loan companies, at the end of last year were $280,000,000, this being an increase of about $10,000,000 as stated.

This vast sum represents the surplus cash savings of our people, and it is certainly a very respectable sum, in proportion to population, for the people of this country.—Ex.

Increasing Size and Capacity.

The rapid increase in the size of railroad cars and locomotives would lead one to believe that within 20 years we shall witness cars of 100 tons capacity, and locomotives of 200 tons weight. In 1875 the railroad freight car had a capacity of 10 tons only, which has been increased to 40 tons, and the locomotive weighed 45 tons, which has been increased to 100 tons. In the days of 10-ton cars and 45-ton engines, the steel track was also light as small as 35-pound iron rails being used. To-day 70-pound steel rails are common, and on some roads 90-pound rails are used. This tendency toward largeness and mammoth construction as the "economy of concentration" is going on in every industry. The Great Eastern was condemned years ago because it was thought to be too big to ever be serviceable in competition with lighter vessels, yet a contract has just been let by the White Stargline for the building of a vessel which calls for a boat 705 feet long, or 25 feet longer than the Great Eastern.

S. Uchida, Japanese consul at New York, says: "I am authorised to say that my country will not dispose of silver, even after she shall have adopted the gold standard. Its all the available stock of silver is to be coined into subsidiary coins."

When the Union Pacific was built the company paid $139 a ton for its iron rails, delivered at Omaha. It has just purchased 30,000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered at Omaha, for $18 per ton.

The French minister of war lately offered a prize for the swiftest bird in a flight from Perigueux to Paris—310 miles. There were 2740 entries, and the winner did the distance in 7 hours and 34 minutes.

The Schenectady locomotive works are building engines for the Northern Pacific railroad which will, it is claimed, be the largest ever constructed. Some of their features are: Cylinders, 23 by 31 inches, 30 inches stroke; boilers, 72 inches in diameter at the smallest ring next to the smoke box; five driving wheels on each side; working weight, 100 tons. The fire-box sheets, 12⅜ inches by 7⅜ inches, and half an inch thick, had to be made in two pieces with a lap joint.

To Prevent Gaol Breaking.

A water-tube gaol is one of the latest achievements of ingenuity. It is no longer necessary to make the prison bars so heavy and so hard that cutting through them becomes very difficult; but, instead, they are made simply of pipes, forming part of a high-pressure water system. Should any of these pipes be severed, the water would escape and quickly give warning of the break.

The annual Oxford and Cambridge boat race will take place next Saturday, April 3rd.

The Nova Scotia legislature has been dissolved. The elections will take place on April 20th.

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W. FLEMING.

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

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres more or less of land situated about eleven miles above Carnes Creek on the east bank of the Columbia River and adjoining on the east side the pre-emption of A. W. McIntosh.

A. W. McINTOSH.

March 23rd, 1897. 49-4t

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,
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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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H. STEED, W.M. T. J. GRAHAM, Rec. Secy.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Louis Thompson is in town.

Jim Edwards was in town this week.

Dave Ferguson went down to Trout Lake this week.

Murray Hume is back from New Brunswick.

Building operations have started on the Poole block.

Clarence Marsh is back from his Coast trip.

Fred Ahlin has gone to Craigellachie for a few days.

Work has been started on cutting brush for the river bank.

R. P. Pettipiece has returned from his down river trip.

The I.O.F. met last night when the charter was closed.

Johnny Neilson got back from his Big Bend mail trip Sundays.

A. W. McIntosh got down from French Creek last Sunday.

G. Roche and G. Spink have gone to Three Valley Lake trapping.

Miss Mary Edwards is again convalescent after two weeks illness.

Rev. J. A. Wood is visiting the Methodist missions south of Vernon.

Miss Steene, of Nelson, was in town Sunday leaving Monday morning for the East.

Coursier's waggon was out of wheels Wednesday. Rushing things, you know.

Pete Arena was in town this week. He has great hopes for Galena Bay this summer.

Harry Nicholson, a brother of Billy's, arrived from the east Saturday. He plays a good cornet.

R. S. Wilson has put in a stock of readymade clothing in connection with his tailoring establishment.

T. L. Haig's office is to be moved by the C. P. R. so as to allow them better access to their new hotel.

I. T. Brewster returned Wednesday from his sojourn at the springs and has gone to the Coast.

Andrew Abrahamson, of the Queen's Hotel, Trout Lake, is in town this week.

Rev. R. B. Laidley, of Kamloops, will preach in the Methodist church, morning and evening, to-morrow.

Jack Spurling is back at T. L. Haig's office and W. F. Crage is travelling for business in the meantime.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

25th February, 1897.

To be Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Kootenay:—

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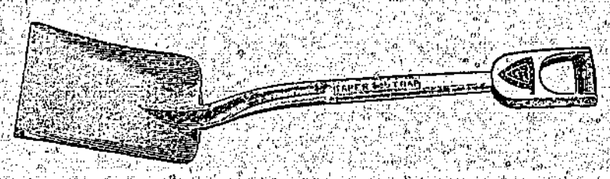

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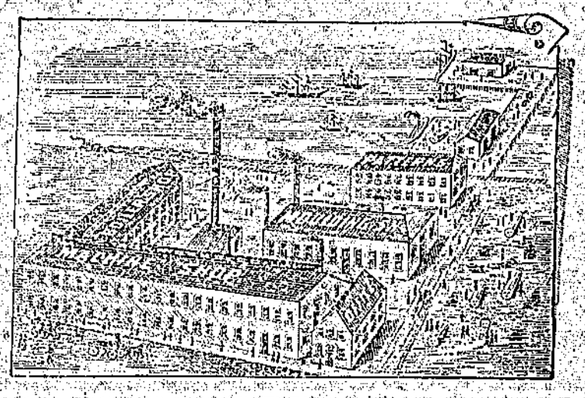

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