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THERE MAY BE A SUIT

OVER THE SALE OF THE ORPHAN BOY CLAIM.

Shareholders aroused and have sought legal advice — Money subscribed for the purpose—Whitney's latest He threatens to make it warm for somebody.

Truly, as we said last week, the end is not yet in the affairs of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Co., if present indications count for anything, and it now seems probable there will be some litigation in the matter. Since the sale last week the shareholders in different places have been doing some hard thinking about the whole business and enquiries concerning it are being widely made.

The Vancouver shareholders have already taken action. At a meeting held there last Wednesday a committee was appointed to interview the best legal authority obtainable with a view to annulling the sale of the company's mine to C. N. Davidson. What advice they received is, of course unknown, but it is significant that at a subsequent meeting of the committee a subscription list was opened and $500 subscribed to defray preliminary expenses.

The MAIL is advised that Rossland shareholders also are aroused and are subscribing to a fund for a like purpose. It is probable that an effort will be made to have the dissatisfied shareholders in different places act in concert in the matter.

The former secretary of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Co., F. C. Whitney, who, it was alleged, forged several thousand shares of stock, is having his innings just now. He promises to do a whole lot of things which he probably never will do but which he should do if what he claims be true. He denies all the allegations of wrongdoing made against him by the company and says the affair was an impudent swindle. He threatens law proceedings &c. to vindicate himself, but there is little likelihood of Whitney doing anything in the matter but talk. Under date of 24th inst. he sends the following letter to the Rossland *Miner*:

EDITOR MINER—Sir: On the 19th inst. I wired from Seattle to J. D. Graham, provincial magistrate, Revelstoke, B. C., as follows: "I am director of Orphan Boy Company and hold one hundred and thirteen thousand (113,000) shares of its stock. I protest against the sale of assets under Haskins judgment, which is illegal and fraudulent. F. C. WHITNEY."

I am going to Revelstoke as soon as I shall have arranged a few business matters in this state, and I intend to organize the stockholders of the Orphan Boy company against the whole fraudulent scheme by which Haskins was allowed to take judgment by default. I hope the shareholders will take steps at once to defeat this impudent swindle. They must act as one man and be represented by honest, able counsel. If they do this they will save a valuable property from the jaws of greedy sharks. I have read your references to the Orphan Boy company in your issue of the 15th inst., although I have not the paper at hand this moment. You may rest assured that no act of mine in connection with the company was wrong in the slightest degree. There was no over issue of stock, no forgery, no rascality of any kind. I will in a short time give my slanderers an opportunity in court to sustain their accusations or bear the penalty provided by the laws of British Columbia. I deeply regret that financial concerns have delayed my return to Revelstoke. I hope, however, to be there in a short time, and to be able to render some assistance in recovering the Orphan Boy for its real owners. F. C. WHITNEY.

Referring editorially to the sale the Rossland *Miner* says: "The Orphan Boy is sold. It will be interesting to note whether the man who sold it has any interest in the new company which is to work it. We shall keep our eye on Mr. Haskins and inform the shareholders in the old company if he "bobs up serenely" in the new company after having sold out his partners."

TO OUST THE GOVERNMENT.

An Organization Being Formed for this Purpose in Rossland.

The wildest kind of stories are in circulation in Rossland regarding a certain moral political upheaval, which is to surprise the people of British Columbia in the immediate future, says the Rossland *Miner*. It is said that an oath bound society has been formed, with ramifications all over the province, whose principal object is to secure the impeachment of the present provincial ministry on charges of malfeasance in office. The principal ground of complaint appears to be in connection with granting of cash and land subsidies to railway corporations.

Just who are at the head of this movement we are unable to learn, though from hints dropped it would appear W. B. McInnes, the Dominion member for Vancouver, is high up in the order. J. N. Blake, lately arrived from Toronto and a first cousin of Hon. Edward Blake, and Joseph Powell, a mining engineer, are among the prime movers in this community. A local committee is said to have been formed, which has been gathering data to use in the proposed impeachment proceedings, and this committee has given some attention to the matter of land grants and railways in Kootenay.

Members of this committee have stated publicly that the surveys of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard land grant have been improperly made and are therefore illegal; that the railroad has not been built according to law and is unsafe; that the lands granted to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway have consequently not been earned, but have reverted back to the crown. The immediate object of the committee is said to be to prevent any extension of time to the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company to complete its land survey, and with this object they assert a mass meeting will be held to protest against the passage of a bill for that purpose now before the provincial parliament.

The committee also maintains that such a bill would be ultra vires and that many of the government's acts in the past are ultra vires. They assert that the the British Columbia Southern act is unlawful and that the lands granted in aid of that railroad cannot be lawfully earned.

Mr. Blake was seen but declined to discuss the matter further than to say that there was such a committee; that it had plenty of funds, was gathering data and would bring the government up with a short turn for its many illegal acts.

Suicides at Rossland.

A. W. Foster, who suicided at the Allan Hotel last week was a mining partner of H. J. Donelly and they were interested in the Boundary country. Foster, who has been engaged in mining pursuits for many years, principally in South Africa, was the scion of a well known Yorkshire family, whose seat is Park House, near Selby. Foster had been drinking hard, having, as he said, been jilted by his sweetheart. The cause of death was a big dose of chloral and bromide.

A woman known as Cora Ross, tired of life, took two ounces of laudanum to relieve her of its burdens. Medical assistance revived her for a short time, but she died next day. Once before she had made an effort to take her own life. Before the end came she had repented of her rash act and fervently desired to live, but the wish came too late.

The Hamilton Group.

One of the biggest assays yet obtained in the Trout Lake camp was recently had from samples taken from the Hamilton group, situated almost on the west line of Trout Lake City. Angus Hamilton was in town last week with some specimens from their property, and P. A. Lindgren, one of the owners, just received assay returns which give 70½ ounces silver, $49.60 in gold and 84% lead. There are three claims in the group and considerable work has been done on the property. A former assay for silver gave them 77 ozs. and this last test return is so satisfactory that work will be pushed. The assay was had from the carbonates. The return has caused not a little excitement amongst the boys in the camp and it is safe to predict that the south side of the lake will be pretty thoroughly prospected this season.

Big Find Opposite Ainsworth.

For years boulders of high grade ore have been found from time to time on the east side of Kootenay Lake, almost opposite the town of Ainsworth, but all efforts to locate the ledge proved futile. It is now understood that a prospector succeeded in finding it towards the close of last week. It is said to show six feet between the walls, which are well defined. An assay on specimens of the ore gave an average of 245 ozs. in silver. Several extensions have already been staked.

The Kootenay Lumber Co. have purchased the Str. Lardeau from Menhinick Bros. and take it over on May 1st. She is a good investment to the company and should make them a good deal of money.

The Gold Hill Hotel put in a very handsome mineral cabinet this week. It was designed by C. B. MacLean and is made to harmonize with the other fittings of the bar. Manager Yandall is keeping pace with the times.

Block 37, upon which the court-house is to be erected, is being cleared. A chain-gang of three axe at work there, and Jack Shaw is foreman of the job.

ANOTHER SMELTER.

Kansas City Co. has decided to Locate in Kootenay.

The Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co. has finally selected and purchased a site for the erection of a smelting plant in West Kootenay. This Co. which is one of the biggest smelting and refining concerns in America, has been contemplating this move for a long time. Two years ago its chief engineer, Mr. Sussman, spent considerable time in Kootenay, investigating the possibilities for his Co. and looking for the location of what was going to be the largest smelter in the country. For some reason or other the project did not materialize at that time, and its coming in now shows that the company had no intention of abandoning the field entirely to its rivals.

The site chosen is at Five Mile point, the terminus of the Nelson & Fort Shepard Railway, on the outlet of Kootenay lake, about five miles from Nelson. It consists of 320 acres and engineers are now at work surveying the land as a townsite to be laid out in connection with the new smelter. The plant is to have a capacity of 300 tons per day from the start.

A Big Ore Contract.

One of the largest single ore contracts ever given out in British Columbia has just been signed by the owners of the North Star Mining company of East Kootenay, comprising Dan Mann, Sir Wm. Van Horne and other Eastern capitalists. They have agreed to deliver 5,000 tons of their silver and lead ore to the United Smelting and Refining company of East Helena and Great Falls, Montana, the same to be delivered during May, June and July. The International Transportation company, of which Jim Wardner is president, will carry the ore from the mine to Jennings, on the Great Northern, thence to be forwarded by rail. It is stated that the deal will net the North Star people a quarter of a million dollars.

A Golden Testimonial for the Queen.

The great gold mining industry of British Columbia is to be represented at Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee next June by a testimonial which which will not only be worthy of the occasion but also of what is probably the richest mineral section of Her Majesty's empire. That is if the project in which the War Eagle Co. is the prime mover is carried carried to completion. It is proposed that each gold producing mine in B.C. contribute a nugget of the yellow metal for the testimonial. The gold will be sent to Toronto where the whole will be melted together and transformed by the goldsmith's art into some present of great value which will be forwarded to the Queen on the occasion of her jubilee celebration as a token of esteem from the miners of B.C. The Le Roi Co. have sent a $100 gold brick as its contribution.

The Hobos Coming.

There are an unusual number of people soliciting assistance around town these days, and it is not an uncommon occurrence to be asked for the price of a meal; in fact, it happens very often. No doubt some of these are genuine cases of distress, workingmen out of employment and money, but by far the greater number belong to the army of hobos who are now making their way through this country. This is a most undesirable element and the police make an effort to keep them moving, but, if they leave town, their places are immediately taken by fresh arrivals of the same fraternity. The Stipendiary magistrate should experiment with hard work on these fellows. There is no medicine they dislike so much, and if it once becomes generally known amongst the brotherhood that the emblems of the order here are a ball and chain or leg-irons, they will very soon learn to give Revelstoke a wide berth.

The Flat Creek Townsite.

As will be seen by an ad. on page 3 of this issue the Department of the Interior has decided to dispose of some of the lots at Flat Creek, situated five miles east of Illecillewaet. Parties desirous of locating there have been making enquiries about it for years but have been unable to get any information apart from the fact that it was reserved, having been surveyed into a townsite. It is understood that representations were made to Mr. Bostock about this land and the way it was tied up without any apparent reason or good cause. He has evidently done something in the matter and activity of department is probably due to his efforts.

The C. P. R. are preparing for high water. A gang of men are at work mattressing the river bank above the east pier of the Columbia bridge.

SOUTHERN KOOTENAY.

Happenings of Interest Amongst its Various Camps.

TRAIL CREEK.

A. W. Morris, of Montreal, has bonded the Sovereign, on Lookout Mountain, for $30,000. The claim has good bodies of high grade ore in sight.

Considerable development work will be done this season on claims on Green Mountain, situated five miles north of Rossland. They have some fine showings.

The Great Western has a big plant on the way which will be installed immediately on its arrival.

The Columbia & Western is hauling from 250 to 300 tons of ore per day to the Trail smelter.

Morning Star shaft has been pumped dry and sinking resumed.

It will take two weeks more to get the Colonna tunnel under the shaft. They have 60 feet more to run.

The owners of the Joker, on Lookout Mountain, think they have one of the greatest mines in B. C. and will put in steam drills and all necessary machinery. They have had some tempting offers to sell but so far have refused everything.

The ledge on the Dundee, Quartz Creek, has been shown to be 15 feet wide, with a solid body of ore 5 feet wide.

SLOCAN.

A big strike was made recently in No. 1 tunnel of the Whitewater. It has 42 inches of clean galena averaging 175 ozs. silver and 70% lead.

An ore body has been struck in the lowest tunnel of the Surprise which, it is said, assays 244 ozs. silver and 74% lead to the ton.

The Hall Exploration Co. has bonded the Chapleau, on the divide between Lemon and Springer Creeks, for $30,000.

Negotiations are being made for the Young Bear group on Ten Mile Creek. $30,000 is the price offered.

G. A. Gerex has purchased the Producer and adjoining claims, on Galena Farm, for $6,000, half down.

It is said that some of the finest ore ever shown in the Slocan has been taken from the Currie.

Work on the Two Friends has been suspended owing to the bad trail and the difficulty of getting in supplies.

A. G. Ferguson has thrown up the bond on the Dalhousie.

The Silver Queen Co. are showing some fine specimens from their properties on Maxwell Creek, a branch of Caribou Creek.

O. G. Laberee has bonded the Hewitt, adjoining the Galena Farm, for $20,000. He has also bonded six claims situated between Six Mile and Lemon Creeks for $50,000. Hon. W. B. Ives, of Sherbrooke, Que., is interested with Mr. Laberee.

The Reco has declared its second dividend.

GENERAL.

Kaslo experienced a potato famine recently.

May 24th is the date set for the new C. P. R. boat Slocan to make her initial trip on the lake.

The sunken Steamer Ainsworth has been raised sufficiently to be towed from her exposed position into Kaslo Bay, where she will be hauled out and put in good condition.

Sour Dough Alley, Rossland's notorious thoroughfare, is only a memory now. It has been completely wiped out and the houses removed to other locations.

The different labor organizations of Rossland have organized a trades assembly with the following officers: President, James Cusick; vice-president, Michael Powell; secretary-treasurer, P. J. Holoban; executive committee: Fred Barker, Thos. J. Corrigan, and R. A. Hutchens; sergeant-at-arms, A. J. Long.

The Canadian Powder Co. will erect a factory at Trail with a capacity of two tons a day.

Terrible Destitution in India.

The American board of foreign missions received from the Rev. James Smith, one of its missionaries in Ahmednagar, India, a carefully prepared statement on the prevalence of the plague and the famine in that country. Mr. Smith says, in part: "More than 3,500,000 people are on the relief works, works that owe their inception to the famine, and the number is increasing by a quarter of a million a week. The increase is likely to go on and be more rapid in the future, for the people have well nigh exhausted their own slim resources and prices are still steadily rising. The price of wheat here to-day is $2.25 a bushel. The cheapest grain sells at over $1.25 a bushel. Wages of day laborers were never so low, ranging from 5 to 7 cents a day. At present prices a man requires at least 23 cents a week to buy the grain, out of which his bread is made, leaving two cents a week for everything else he may need. The plague, it is commonly believed, is owing to the curse of the queen in revenge for smearing her statute (image, they call it) in Bombay, some months ago. Patients are carried off by government orders to the plague hospitals. Despite all, and with the full knowledge of all, every officer of the government, from the governor downward, maintains a most dignified silence and directs every energy to the impossible task of relieving millions of the starving poor, while their own countrymen, in too many cases, either fold their arms in indifference, or heap abuse upon the others for not doing the relief work in some other way."

C. P. R. Increasing Their Facilities.

The C. P. R. has decided to build in the Hochelaga shops two heavy consolidated locomotives for the mountain sections, three compound freight locomotives for the Pacific division, six ten-wheel passenger locomotives for the western division, six of the same pattern for the eastern division and four compound locomotives for use wherever required. The company will also build 100 refrigerator cars, sixty dump cars and ten furniture cars.

Local and Personal Briefs.

Water rising very fast at Arrowhead.

J. T. Wilkinson floated into town to-day.

John Kirkup arrived up from Rossland yesterday with 15 prisoners en route to Kamloops.

The amount of freight coming in is such that it can hardly be handled with the present facilities. On Thursday every side track and switch in the yard was full. Work on the new freight shed is progressing.

Thursday seemed to be a red letter day for drunks, and the police authorities could hardly gather them in fast enough. Hotel Graham was full to overflowing. The victims were principally railway navvies.

W. J. Gould, photographer, of Vernon, is in town and prepared to do business. Mr. Gould finishes his work right here in town and guarantees perfect satisfaction. He has pitched his tent near the C. P. R. water tank.

J. F. Raynes, secretary of the Kootenay Lumber Co., was in town Monday. He says his company will establish a lumber yard here to supply the local demand. They sent up two carloads this week, but this had been ordered.

John Abrahanson went down to Trout Lake, Monday, to help the boys out at the Queen's. There is a big rush into Trout Lake this spring and the facilities of the hotels at Trout Lake City are being taxed to accommodate the travel.

A sneak thief walked off with a bag of gold dust worth about $100 which he abstracted from the pocket of a coat belonging to one of the guests at the Central Hotel, the occupant of the room having retired leaving his door unlocked.

Revelstoke Lodge No. 25, headed by Revelstoke Brass Band, paraded to the English church Sunday evening where the Rev. F. Yolland preached the anniversary sermon. There was a large turnout of members who together with their friends crowded the church to its fullest capacity.

R. W. Geddes, who has been Presbyterian missionary here for the past year, left Thursday for his new field of labor at Duck Lake, N.W.T. A farewell social was held at the residence of Geo. Burton, Wednesday night, when Mr. Geddes was presented with a purse by his friends.

The fire in Coursier's warehouse last Saturday fortunately caused little damage as it was pretty well clear of goods. The fire was caused by a lighted match being thrown on the floor the boards of which were saturated with coal oil. The brigade was quickly on the spot and soon had the blaze under control.

Rev. H. A. Ford, the new rector of the English church has arrived in town accompanied by Venerable Archdeacon Small, of Lytton. There will be communion service at 8 a. m. to-morrow and the induction will take place at 11 o'clock, the archdeacon preaching the sermon.

Geo. J. Atkins, of Chicago, president of the French Creek Hydraulic Co., accompanied by Mr. Scapp, their hydraulic engineer, arrived in town yesterday. Much of the company's plant has arrived and some of it has already been forwarded to French Creek. Mr. Atkins is busy to-day getting the business affairs of the company in shape for the season's work. Mr. Scapp will have charge of the erection and operation of the plant.

A ROAD IS REQUIRED

TO PROPERLY OPEN UP CARIBOO CREEK CAMP.

The camp is attracting a lot of attention — Claims staked to the summit—Nakusp is busy — New buildings at Denver—Our correspondent's budget.

Cariboo Creek camp, south of Nakusp, is exciting considerable interest and there are now over 300 claims recorded there, many of which are extremely promising. One or two of the groups have been incorporated and further mention will be made of them later. This section only needs a proper road to open it up and it will be more heard of; indeed, a good deal of its future depends upon the installation of a good road, and it will be badly set back if such is not provided for this year and put in the proper place to open tributary claims. Several notable men have gone into Cariboo Creek and it is said think very highly of it. Claims are now located up to the summit and over and mineral will be soon proved to exist right over to the Slocan Lake.

NAKUSP IS BUSY.

Nakusp is now furnishing employment to a very large number of men. Gennelle's mill has orders ahead for a million feet, and cannot at all keep up with the demand. Their new mill is finished and awaits only the machinery which is daily expected. When running it will cut 45,000 feet per day of 10 hours, and will be worked day and night.

The C.P.R. are employing a number of hands making new slips and landings, and a large car scow is being completed.

Mrs. McDougald's and J. McNeil's hotels are newly arrayed to meet the requirements of the increased travel and are most complete and comfortable. There is talk, too, of a new first-class house being erected opposite the station, and Mrs. McDougald already has excavations completed for the buildings which she plans.

DENVER BUILDING UP.

New Denver is not by any means what many outside who cannot see it, think, eclipsed by Slocan City or worried by the great progress at the latter place. On the contrary it never looked brighter nor the people more hopeful. Buildings are going up wholesale and are mostly the product of successful mining operations. It is a practical example of what perseverance and faith in a camp comes to and its people are still what they naturally have always been, intensely loyal to their town. They hold more interests, bonds and perhaps money, than those of almost any other town in the country.

WATER ROUTE NOTES.

The old steamer Kootenay is lying dismantled at Nakusp, and its new namesake is being finished, and fitted for the passenger service in which she will speedily be employed.

The steamer Nakusp made her first through trip from Arrowhead to Trail, for this season, on the 23rd inst. Last year this trip was not made till May 4th, so that this season the season commences two weeks earlier. Capt. Nesbitt is in command while Capt. Gore is ill; Pete is still mate, and Kennedy purser.

The new steamer Kootenay is on the run with freight only as yet, but a gang of men are employed putting in the fixings fitting her for passengers also.

The new boat on Slocan Lake is nearly completed and will, it is expected, be put in commission about May 15th, anyway it will be ready for the Queen's birthday. In this connection it would be a fitting and appropriate thing to do to christen her after the gracious lady our beloved Queen, who this year celebrates her diamond jubilee. This suggestion is warmly recommended by many to whom the idea has been broached, and it is their hope to soon see the "Victoria" steaming on the lake which carries the silver name of Slocan.

Great Northern Ore for Nelson.

Two carloads of ore were shipped from the Great Northern, in Trout Lake, to the Nelson smelter on the 23rd. The ore is very good grade going about $7 or $8 in gold, $10 to $12 in copper and about $100 in silver. It cost about $21.50 per ton to get this ore from the mine to Nelson and $19 of this was for the distance to Arrowhead, the rate from there to Nelson being but $2.50 per ton.

Speaker Higgins Bolted.

The Hon. D. W. Higgins, speaker of the legislature, has bolted the Government on the Cassiar Railway Bill. He declared in committee that it would create a great monopoly and he would not support it.

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THE persistency of the Opposition to the Railway Loan Bill is mainly responsible for two important amendments to the act which makes it somewhat less objectionable than when introduced. The first provides that where railway companies lay aside portions of their land grants for town sites those townsites shall be subject at once to taxation. The second will compel Mr. Heinze's company to forfeit its land grant if it accepts the cash bonus of $4,000 per mile. Though this last was opposed by members of the Government a sufficient number of their followers voted for Mr. Sword's amendment to carry it.

THE latest and by long odds the most adacious proposal of the Provincial Government in its effort to dispose of the public domain to private corporations was made last Friday to the legislature when the Premier moved the second reading of "An Act granting aid to the Cassiar Central Railway Co." The aid granted consists of a lease for fifty years of "lands in the electoral district of Cassiar, together with all minerals precious and base therein and thereunder, and also the right to extract the same therefrom," under certain conditions. For each mile of railway built 10,240 acres of land in a block is to go under the control of the company and any free miner making a location within such area will be compelled to give the company a half interest, and on payment of $5 an acre the company is to receive the fee simple of prospective townsites. The grant of the precious metals is subject to a royalty of one and a half per cent, upon the net returns from these metals being paid to the Government, and in addition $50 per annum on claims held.

This bill, according to Premier Turner, is designed solely to open up and develop the great district of Cassiar, which he thinks would not be done without some aid of this kind and the country is also to be saved the great expense of survey. By its provisions the company would virtually grubstake the prospector.

The Premier evidently recognized the weakness of his case when he indulged in special pleading of this sort. The freeminers of this country do not require or desire a grubstake from any bonus hunting or land grabbing corporation; and as for demonstrating the possibilities of the country, who has done this but the prospector. He has already done this in Cassiar else this company would not have sought its charter and the aid which the Government now propose to give it. Does it look like assisting the prospector to compel him to give up half of his interest in locations made by him to a railway company? Will the development of the country be assisted or accelerated by blanketing a great section of it for half a century?

It is time that a halt was called in this policy of squandering the natural wealth and opportunities of the Province, which is being uninterruptedly pursued by the Government. Protests of the press and of individuals seem to have no effect with this spendthrift ministry and if there be one member of the legislature with any patriotism or zeal for the public weal he should resign his seat as a protest. Such a course would result in bringing the whole policy of the government to the attention of the country more forcibly than can be done otherwise. Failing this a popular agitation for disallowance by the Governor-General should be inaugurated by and on behalf of the people of the whole Province.

THE Federal Government has at last announced its tariff policy, for which the country has been waiting since the elections last June, and that oft repeated question "What will the Liberals do with the N. P." is answered. The new schedule proves not to be a revolutionary one, as predicted by some and hoped for by others, but a readjustment, as promised, with a view to lightening the burdens of taxation to those least able to bear them by a reduction on necessaries, while creating as little disturbance as possible to trade. Of course it does not please everybody or all interests; that was hardly to be expected. Commendation was hardly to be looked for in conservative quarters, but the independent press and the public generally look upon it as a fair measure of relief from the excessive duties and restrictions imposed by the old tariff, and the Liberals are said to be enthusiastic over it.

The great industry of B. C. has not been overlooked in the new tariff. Mining machinery of all kinds, whether manufactured in Canada or not, is placed on the free list as is also nitroglycerine and blasting powder. The agricultural interests get free binder twine and a reduction on implements. The increase on spirits and tobaccos is in the nature of a tax on luxuries.

Probably its most important feature is the double schedule by which preferential treatment will be accorded Great Britain and other countries which will extend similar favors to Canada. The "disloyal" Grits have done what the "loyal" Tories only talked of doing, and, thanks to Mr. Laurier and his colleagues, Canada's message to the mother land in this year of jubilee will be most appropriate, breathing, as it does, good will, and evincing a desire to draw closer yet the ties which bind her greatest colony to her.

Applying for Railway Charters.

New railway schemes are as plentiful at Ottawa this session as they are at Victoria. Amongst the latest proposals of interest to B. C. is one for the incorporation of Messrs. R. Prefontaine, C. N. Armstrong, Arch Campbell, Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau and A. C. Wurtele, under the name of the British Pacific Railway Company to build a railway from Victoria, B. C. to Winnipeg, via Butte Inlet, Cariboo, Edmonton, and Prince Albert. With a branch line to a point on Hudson's Bay and another branch down the valleys of the Canoe, Columbia and Kootenay Rivers to the international boundary.

F. A. Heinze has associated several gentlemen with him in a project to build a railway from Lethbridge, N. W. T., through the Crow's Nest Pass to the tide water in southern British Columbia, as well as to construct a bridge over the Columbia River at Robson. He also is asking for an act of Parliament to authorize the project.

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PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

For Great Britain is the Keynote of Fielding's Budget.

According to custom the Federal Government took control of all telegraph lines in Canada last Thursday so as to prevent speculators or others taking any undue advantage of the tariff changes to be announced by Finance Minister Fielding. No budget speech since Confederation had been as eagerly awaited and the whole nation was anxious to know what the Liberal Government was going to do with the tariff. The speech, according to the press dispatches, was not a disappointment. The Nova Scotian's effort being classed as one of the most brilliant in the annals of the Commons.

Mr. Fielding's budget was divided into three sections. First came explanations of financial conditions of the last twelve months, which was largely a repetition of blue book statistics. Then came explanations of what the Government expect to do during the next financial year in the way of revenue and expenditure. Nearly ten months of the present year have elapsed and the revenue amounts to $30,251,403, with expectations that will bring the total revenue up to $37,300,000. The expenditure has been for ten months $25,463,483, and expectations are $12,303,000 more. On account of the abnormal swelling in the revenue before the tariff announcement, the next two months may be looked upon to produce the same revenue as March and April. He expects a deficit of $600,000. On the basis of the new tariff we should have next year a revenue of $37,500,000, which he calculates will make a deficit of $750,000.

Taking up the tariff question he went back to the first tariff after confederation, showing the development of the protective system which not even Sir John Macdonald had expected to keep up permanently, but was only calculated to meet the abnormal needs of the country at a time of financial depression. He went to the heart of the manufacturers' claim of vested rights in the national policy, which he denied in toto.

The history of Canadian manufacturers has been that of a big fish eating up the small ones and ever the larger ones crying out for more assistance. He pointed out that nature is to a certain extent a protectionist to our industries. Again Canadians manufacturers have the advantages of being in the home market and beyond this his protection of patriotism. No man ever fancied the Government would adopt a policy of free trade in a moment. Manufacturers knew in investing their money they were taking risks. There was a speculative element in this national policy business, but the interests of labor have to be considered as well as those of capital.

Turning to trade relations with the United States, he deplored the unfriendly indications from that country. Many well meaning Canadians press for retaliation. We submit that it is wiser to wait and see the result of the present uncertainty in the United States regarding the trade policy, and pending such it is prudent to not extend retaliation. Canadians wish to trade with all people who will deal with us. What is any nation but a combination of individuals. Let trade drift into natural channels. Canada has not the right to complain of the effect of the Dingley bill. Let us instead follow the United States example in framing our tariff with an eye to our own interest. This leads to the conclusion that we must have one tariff for countries willing to trade with us and another schedule for all others.

We propose a general tariff, largely on the lines of the present, free from some of the enormities, injustices, specific duties and restrictions. Then again, there will be a special tariff for countries desirous of trading with us and this latter gives above all a preference to the products of Great Britain.

Great Britain and other countries favoring Canada will receive immediately a reduction of ¼ until June 7, 1898, and after that ⅓ reduction. This really constitutes the preferential treatment which Great Britain will enjoy under the Liberal tariff as she only is in a position to take advantage of it. A question arose as to the favored nation clauses in imperial commercial treaties and the effect which the same would have on the operations of Canada in the revised tariff. Belgian and German treaties especially stand in the way. The finance minister explained that Great Britain's participation in the preference is not made through any especial provision, therefore, it cannot be claimed for Germany, Belgium and other countries under the French treaty unless they comply with the special conditions which the Canadian Government demands.

In his summing up Mr. Fielding claimed the Liberal party has fulfilled its promise and pledges to the Canadian people on the lines laid down in the convention of 1893 by reductions in both specific and general tariffs. It shows utmost consideration to existing interests and especially as the policy of the Liberal party in the reduction of the duty on British goods. Negotiations are pending for better trade relations with the United States, and if they are ready a treaty will be signed, if not he would regret the fact, but Canada still goes on her way rejoicing to deal in markets of her own selection. The new tariff has advantages of greater simplicity, and is intended to remove the friction so common between customs authorities and business men. The Government gives to the country the boon of free corn and specially to the dairying interests. The reductions on coal oil, fencing and binder twine will be especially appreciated by the farmers. The medical and dental professions are assisted by instruments being put on the free list. The mineral and mining interests of Canada are recognized by mining machinery securing a place on the free list. Cheaper iron is designed to aid manufacturers. A reduction in the cost of bread stuff will help the public generally. Great Britain has only been dealt with as she deserves. She has given us a large degree of liberty. To-morrow the customs houses of Canada will open on terms of preferential trade to the mother country, a most fitting recognition of this, the glorious year of jubilee.

KELLIE REBELS

Against an Extension of Time to N. & F. S. Railway.

In committee on the Nelson-Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Amendment Act, last Friday, Mr. Kellie took strong ground against the bill, claiming that the company were robbers and pirates; that, instead of bringing down such a bill as this, the Attorney-General, if he did his duty, would prosecute them as felons; that they had not complied with the Land Act in their manner of surveying their claims; that the company, claiming that they were short of the required acreage, had received a Crown grant of 1,160 acres north of Rossland, really to secure the timber on it.

Mr. Williams pointed out that this company had been allowed to take up its land directly contrary to the terms of the Subsidy Act, and that in only one very small section did the Province retain any land with frontage on the railway, instead of the crown lands alternating with the railway lands, as provided by the Act.

Hon. Col. Baker and Hon. Mr. Pooley contended that the land had to be found for the company, and could not be found in the way specified in the Act.

Mr. Sword pointed out this was no excuse whatever for the Government assuming to override the law and to act as they saw fit without any authority from the Legislature. It was only another instance of the slight respect the Land Office had for the law.

Mr. Kellie produced several affidavits complaining on the part of different miners of interference with the timber on mining claims.

Commenting upon Mr. Kellie's attitude on this measure the *Columbian* says:—

"So unscrupulous and shameless have the Government become in the matter of favoring private subsidized corporations, at the expense of the public, that their own supporters are revolting. The latest to give the Government a piece of his mind—and a pretty strong piece, too—is Mr. Kellie, the member for Northwest Kootenay. The immediate cause of Mr. Kellie's indignation is the introduction by the Government of a bill to amend the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Subsidy Act, 1892, which bill consists of one enacting section, extending for six months the time limit in the original bill for "designating and surveying the lands to be granted" to the company. The Act of 1892 granting the land subsidy, 10,240 acres per mile, to this railway company, for the construction of a railway from Nelson to Fort Sheppard, provided, among other things, that "No lands shall be granted "to the company which are not "designated and surveyed by them "within five years from the passage of "this Act." The five years are up, and the lands, or all of them, have not been so designated and surveyed. The Government, of course, immediately brings down a bill to extend the time, though Mr. Kellie declares that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works has already violated the Act for the benefit of this company, and that, instead of having their time limit extended by the Government, it is the duty of the Attorney-General to proceed against the company as felons, for unlawfully, with the connivance of the Chief Commissioner apparently, getting hold of timber lands, etc., to which they had no right. These are pretty strong words from a Government supporter."

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A. W. McINTOSH.

March 23rd, 1897. 49-9t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Cory Menhinick, intend 60 days after date to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land situated on Fish River, Lardeau, West Kootenay, and commencing at a post placed just above the canyon on Fish River and running north one mile, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile to place of commencement.

CORY MENHINICK.

Dated March 25th, 1897. 50-9t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following land situate on the N.E. Arm of Arrow Lake, commencing at a post about one mile north of Whiskey point, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains more or less to the lake, thence following shore of lake to starting point.

J. E. RAYNES.

Comaplix, B.C., April 12th, 1897. 52-4t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I will apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut timber on the following described land situated on the east side of the Columbia River, between Upper and Lower Arrow Lake: Kootenay District, commencing at a stake at the south-west corner about 4 miles north from Burton City, running east 20 chains, north 230 chains, west 20 chains to river bank, thence south, making river the boundary, 230 chains to initial post, containing 600 acres more or less.

MARIE GENELLE.

Nakusp, B.C., March 22, 1897. 1-4t

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we the undersigned intend sixty days after date to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land situated about eight miles up creek known as Half-way Creek on the east shore of Upper Arrow Lake, West Kootenay, commencing at post marked Initial Post, E. Adair A. Clark, south-west post, running 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west to place of commencement.

ED. ADAIR.
A. C. CLARK.

April 24, 1897. 1-6t

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an auction sale of lots in the townsite of Flat Creek, being part of Sections 14 and 15 in Township 26, Range 27 West of the 5th Meridian, will be held on Thursday, the 20th of May, 1897, at Laurie, B.C., a new station on the Canadian Pacific Railway, two and one-half miles East of Hosmer and about two miles from the property to be sold.

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By order,
JOHN R. HALL,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 15th April, 1897. 2-3t

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

NOTICE.

To PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYORS.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following rules and regulations with reference to the survey of Provincial lands and mineral claims:—

1. All surveys shall be personally made by duly qualified Provincial Land Surveyors.

2. All Surveyors shall use the departmental field book and paper, and at the bottom of each page of the field-notes shall be entered the date and signature of Surveyor.

3. The original field-notes shall be accompanied by an affidavit in the subjoined form.

4. All Surveyors must promptly carry out the instructions of the Department in respect to the character and amount of information to be furnished in the field-notes, and at all times be ready to make such corrections and supply such additional data as seems expedient for the complete checking of their work in the field.

5. The Department will invariably exercise the right of refusing to accept surveys not made in accordance with the above regulations, and also will refuse to accept as satisfactory any and all surveys made by a Surveyor who has been guilty of repeated infractions of the preceding rules.

G. B. MARTIN,
Chief Com'r of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dep't.
Victoria, B.C., 15th April, 1897.

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E. ADAIR, W.M. T. J. GRAHAM, Rec. Secy.

BORN.

McMAHON—At Revelstoke, on Tuesday, April 27th, the wife of Jas. McMahon of a daughter.

MARRIED.

CLUTTERBUCK-McDONALD—At Vancouver, Saturday, April 24th, by Rev. Mr. Meible, Fred. Clutterbuck to Miss Maggie McDonald, of Vancouver.

DIED.

McCARTY—At Revelstoke, on Thursday, April 29, Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. McCarty, aged 8 years and 2 months.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

J. O. Piper is up from Trout Lake City.

Prof. Nason returned to town this week.

Capt. Sanderson came up from the Hot Springs, Monday.

The Revelstoke Waterworks Co. bill has passed the legislature.

Miss Edith Lewis left for Trail, Monday, on a visit to her brother.

J. T. Brewster and Tom Bain left for Carnes Creek, Monday.

Durham's canyon crew are at present engaged about 12 miles up the river.

Wm. McBean landed his supplies at Carnes Creek and returned Thursday.

Miss L. Gibbon left yesterday for Sandon where she will take charge of a school.

W. B. Poole, "the well known smelting man," returned to town Saturday.

Lost.—A gold scarf pin with topaz stone. Finder will please leave at this office.

The sympathy of the whole town goes out to Mr. and Mrs. F. McCarty in their sad bereavement.

J. J. Young, of the Calgary *Herald*, went into the Lardeau, Wednesday, on a write-up mission.

R. Howson & Co. have enlarged their show rooms in order to accommodate their rapidly increasing business.

The spare room at the school-house is being put in readiness for the Kindergarten class which will commence on Monday.

Mrs. Gibbon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Smythe, returned to Port Moody yesterday. Mrs. Smythe accompanied her.

M. A. Wilson, who has charge of R. S. Wilson's tailoring establishment at New Denver, came up Sunday and returned Wednesday.

Dan Gillespie returned from Vernon, this week, where he has been for the winter months. He intends prospecting in the Bend this summer.

The annual meeting of the fire brigade will be held in the fire hall Monday evening next when officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Hugh Ross, who has been wintering at Kamloops, returned to town Monday. He says the people in that neighborhood have the mining fever bad.

J. J. Foley and Mrs. Foley, of the Lakeview Hotel, Arrowhead, were in town this week. Mr. Foley is building a three storey addition, 30x40, to his hotel.

The Revelstoke Brass Band had its first march-out last Sunday evening when it played the Oddfellows to the English church. The boys made a good showing.

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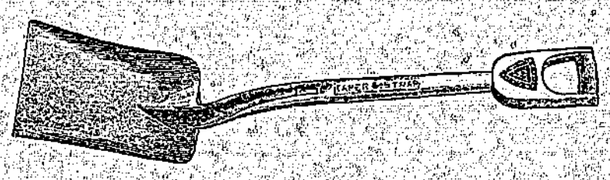

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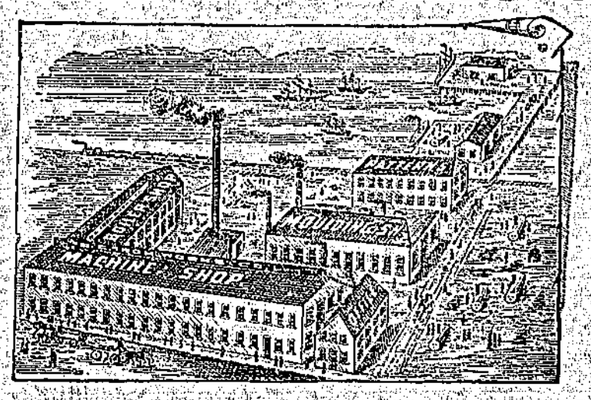

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