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To Miners and Prospectors.

It is our desire to have the MAIL known far and wide as a reliable A 1 mining paper. To this end we ask the help of all prospectors and mining men who have the interest of the North Riding of West Kootenay at heart. It is in your power to give us very material help by sending in scraps of mining news which would otherwise remain unpublished. Every item, no matter how trivial it may appear to you, will be acceptable. If you have no pen, write with a pencil; if no paper, just tick it down on a piece of birch bark. If you are out of stamps send it all the same, we'll attend to that. Never mind grammatical compositions, flowing language, or elegant handwriting, just send us the facts; we'll do the rest. We ask only one thing: Do not exaggerate.

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Revelstoke, B.C., April 7th, 1894.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A detachment of 20 men of the Royal Engineers from Halifax, under the command of Lieut. H. W. Gordon, passed through here for Esquimalt this week.

During the month of March Great Britain imported from Canada 3,151 tons of hay, and the opinion is expressed that the demand will rapidly increase.

In the Ottawa House of Commons the other day it was stated that the cost of revising the voters' list for 1886, 1889 and 1891 amounted to $899,453 and the cost of printing the voters' list in 1886 was $416,000.

A Chinaman walked into Northport last week from the north and was gathered in by custom officers, who discovered that he had made a mistake in coming into the United States. It appeared from what he said and letters carried that he had been living at Kaslo, and becoming involved in a quarrel left, intending to go to Revelstoke, but, becoming bewildered, crossed the boundary into Uncle Sam's domain. He was escorted back to the boundary and allowed to depart in peace.

The Slocan Star Mine Co. have about 900 tons, valued at $100,000, stored in their warehouse at Three Forks. It is being held until the rails are laid to that point on the Nakusp & Slocan railway.

The Oppositionists have a fine opportunity of making capital at the forthcoming election out of the compulsory retirement of Mr. J. C. Brown, the member for New Westminster. Mr. Brown is the postmaster in that city, and lately received orders from Ottawa that he would have to quit politics or the post-office. Of course Mr. Brown hung on to his office and bread and butter, and let politics slide. Rightly or wrongly, the Opposition are accusing the Daveites of "putting up" this job on the smartest man in the ranks of their opponents.

H. Hurteau, repatriation agent of the Dominion Government, states that within the last two weeks sixty families, averaging about five persons each, have returned from the districts of Holyoke and Woonsocket to re-settle in Canada. There are thousands more, Hurteau says, who would gladly do likewise if they could pay their fares to Canada.

Moore & Macdowall's extensive mills 70 miles north of Edmonton were burned on the night of Tuesday, the 24th. The men about the mill worked hard and saved the lumber piles. The loss will be $9,000, on which there is no insurance. The same firm have large mills at Prince Albert, Sask.

The Canadian team for Bisley this year includes Gunner Turnbull of British Columbia. The team is now complete.

Judge Burbridge leaves Ottawa next week for British Columbia on Exchequer Court business. He will take up the Nakusp & Slocan Ry. investigation.

The lumber yards of the Ontario & Western Lumber Co., covering many acres at Rat Portage, were totally destroyed by fire last Saturday. The loss is $125,000 with $80,000 insurance.

The Secretary of the U. S. Navy does not intend that the vessels of the Behring sea patrol fleet on their summer cruise shall make such a mistake as to give poachers warning of their approach. The coal he has sent to Unalaska is a smokeless variety from the Comax mines of British Columbia.

Last Saturday the engine and three coaches of the Atlantic express were derailed three miles east of Canmore, and engineer Walker was injured. The engine was smashed and the tender with two cars, one containing salmon, are in the river. [The proper place for salmon. Guess they were homesick.—Office Boy.]

The land department continues to receive numerous letters of enquiry from farmers in Kansas and other Western States, who are thinking of coming to the Canadian Northwest to locate.

Wm. Boyd, of the 70-mile house, Cariboo road, who was accidently shot on the 29th March, has entirely recovered under the skilful treatment of Dr. Sanson.

Edward Holmes, the journalist who walked through here from Montreal to the coast last fall, is now about to start on a tramp from Vancouver to San Francisco.

The Government candidates in Vancouver are Mr. J. W. Horne, Mayor Anderson and Capt. Tatlow. In Victoria city the Government ticket is Hon. J. H. Turner, R. P. Rithet, H. D. Helmcken and John Braden. These will be opposed by Robt. Beaven (leader of the Opposition), Dr. G. L. Milne, W. G. Cameron (single tax candidate), and Alfred Dutton (labor union).

The Canadian Pacific earnings for March, 1894, were $1,382,119; working expenses, $968,748; net profits, $413,371. For March, 1893, the profits were $507,805. For the three months ending March 31, 1894, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, $3,927,126; working expenses, $2,956,196; net profits, $970,930.

A tramp had both his legs taken off while trying to steal a ride on a C.P.R. freight train at Wolseley last Saturday night.

Rev. W. L. Clay, B.A., of Moose Jaw, N.W.T., has received a unanimous call to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Victoria, B.C., the stipend offered being $2,500. It is believed he will accept and be inducted early in June.

"Well, well!" exclaimed the editor, "If that wasn't a queer experience!"

"What was that?" said the foreman.

"There was a man in here just now who didn't seem to know any more about how a newspaper should be run than I do."

Never condemn your neighbor unheard, however many the accusations which may be preferred against him. Every story has two ways of being told, and justice requires that you should hear the defense as well as the accusation, and remember that the malignity of enemies may place you in a similar predicament.

The Arrow Lake Natural Bridge.

The natural bridge in West Kootenay, 20 miles north of Robson, recently investigated by Mr. James Hays, described as a much respected miner of Nelson, is, if Mr. Hays' measurements are correct, a marvellous freak of nature. The piers on each side are said to be 20 feet high, where the arch begins to spring and it rises in the centre to a height of 90 feet above the ground. The span is no less than 204 feet, and the width of the bridge is 30 feet, with a varying depth of from 12 feet in the centre to 10 feet at the sides. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hays took a kodak with him and that we may shortly have an opportunity of seeing a photograph of this marvellous monolith.—*Province.*

B. C. Nearly Heads the List.

The debts of the Province are as follows:—Quebec, $15,564,000, or 10.43 per head; Nova Scotia, $1,359,000, or $3 per head; New Brunswick, $1,804,000, or $5.89 per head; Manitoba, $698,000, or $4.43 per head; British Columbia, $620,000, or $6.58 per head; and Prince Edward Island, $185,000, or $1.70 per head. Ontario has no debt. As an offset to the debt of Quebec, there is due to the province on account of the sale of the North Shore railway an amount of nearly $6,000,000 which bears interest. —*Nor'-Wester.*

B. C. CATTLE TRADE.

Last season over $100,000 worth of cattle died from cold and starvation on the ranches of British Columbia. This year the same result was anticipated, and the butchers placed their orders in the fall with Calgary ranchers for May and June delivery. The same results did not obtain, however; the weather was mild and during the whole winter not $100 worth of cattle were lost on the ranches of British Columbia. At the present time the province has more cattle on hand, in good condition, than will supply the provincial markets without assistance from over the mountains.

ALASKA NEWS.

A private letter recently received from Juneau says that up to the time of writing no solution of the Treadwell works robbery had been arrived at, and the big company is still mourning the loss of $30,000 worth of gold chlorinations. Druggist Feuhr, who was recently arrested in San Francisco and taken back in charge of a Deputy Marshal, is still under surveillance, although he claims to be able to prove an *alibi* if only given a chance. Whatever efforts are being made to get at the bottom of the matter are done so quietly that no one knows about them.

Very little movement toward the Yukon gold fields has yet been made by miners, owing to the heavy snowfalls and cold weather. This is unfortunate, as it will keep the season back and be an expensive matter to the miners.

Habits of the Cariboo.

In summer the cariboo feeds chiefly on common plants. It is especially fond of a broad-leafed grass growing in wet places and around the barrens which are so numerous in various places in the interior of British Columbia. In September you will find them on these barrens feeding on the reindeer moss (Cladonia rangiferina), of which they are very fond. They will dig for it when the snow is nearly or quite four feet deep. They have been seen at this work when only their backs were visible above the surface of the snow. When there is a crust on the snow, their operations at once cease, as they are no longer able to work. Then they betake themselves to the moss which hangs from the trees. This they will, however, never eat so long as they can get the genuine reindeer moss. Toward spring they ascend to the highlands and hard wood ridges, where they remain until the snow has left. The dark and light cariboo are often seen together in droves.

C. P. R. INSPECTION.

President Van Horne, Mr. Shaughnessy, Alexander Skinner, director, London; Farrer Govett Erskine, London; Sir Casimir Gzowski, and Robert Jaffrey, Toronto, left Montreal on Saturday morning for the Pacific coast on their annual tour of inspection of the Canadian Pacific, which will probably take three weeks. The cars Saskatchewan, Champlain and Earnscliffe are being used.

A Rush to the Rainy Lake Gold Fields.

Gold has recently been discovered in the Rainy Lake district, on the boundary line between Western Ontario and Minnesota. Although nothing yet discovered has approached anything like the percentage of gold per ton shown by Big Bend quartz, yet the rush to the new gold field is enormous, and the price of land in the immediate neighborhood has gone up by leaps and bounds. Did the outside mining world but know that the Big Bend was so rich in the precious metal, there would be a similar rush into West Kootenay. A late edition of the Winnipeg *Nor'-Wester* says:—

Geo. D. Stinson, of Fort Francis, is in the city on his way home from a short visit to Duluth and other southern cities. Mr. Stinson owns much valuable property in the Rainy Lake region. A few days ago he sold a patch for $20,000, three miles from Rainy Lake city, and he still owns forty acres in the same vicinity. On this land he is laying out a townsite and erecting buildings, amongst them a large and commodious hotel. While in Duluth he purchased a large steamer, which will ply on Rainy Lake between Fort Francis, Rainy Lake city, Kettle Falls and Island city, the last named being Mr. Stinson's town. He has the transferring of all passengers which come over the C.P.R., which alone will give him much work for his new steamer.

In conversation with a *Nor'-Wester* reporter this morning, Mr. Stinson gave much interesting information about this country, which is attracting much attention in the States. Mr. Stinson left his home about two weeks ago, and crossed the country to Tower, Minn., by horse and sleigh, from where he took train to Duluth. Speaking of the interest Americans are manifesting in the Rainy Lake region, he said that Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Tower were full of people who were going to rush in as soon as navigation opens. "There will be 10,000 people in there within a month, with unlimited capital at their demand. Capitalists, prospectors and miners are already tumbling over one another in their eagerness to get the best country. The Duluth & Iron Range railroad, and also the C.P.R., are making great efforts to handle the large crowds that are expected."

"You have great faith in that country?"

"Faith! Well I should say so. The American speculators never make mistakes, and the eagerness with which they grab up every available piece of land speaks volumes for the country. Every lot in Fort Francis is bought up now. The principal holders are Dr. Rider, Indiana; Messrs. Fowler and Darrer, Sioux Falls; and Messrs. Farrel and Dowswell, Winnipeg; besides what I hold myself. The townsite is very small and the Ontario Government should have increased it and may do so yet. One hundred acres should be added. Forty thousand acres along the Seine river, twenty-five miles from the fort on the Canadian side, have been divided into forties and every one is held by American speculators. The Canadian owners are few and far between. The most valuable claims in the country are on the Canadian side, and the development of these mines means much for the Dominion. It is easier worked and the laws protecting it are much better than on the American side. We had a very busy winter there and this summer will beat everything. Some public improvements will be done. The efforts to have a railroad from Port Arthur have been encouraged by the great richness which the country has been found to possess, and I believe the Ontario Government will look very favorably upon it. Besides this a railroad will certainly run in from the south, and we all hope the Manitoba and Southeastern will also have access to the country; negotiations are being made with the Canadian and American Governments to construct a bridge over the river, so as to join both Minnesota and Ontario so as to have a road by land from Fort Francis to Rainy Lake city. I am offering $1,000 bonus to an electric light company to come in. There is the very best water power, easily handled, to be had right at the town."

Speaking of the dealings in land Mr. Stinson said that in the last few months over $50,000 had been taken in by the Ontario Government for claims. Rat Portage, he said, will be greatly benefitted by the opening of the country. Many of those going in would go by it and it would be the central distributing point for it. It would also tend to a better development of the town.

A MONTANA GOLD POCKET.

Commissioner Merrill, who is one of the owners of the Liverpool silver mine, ten miles from Helena, told a strange story of the finding of crystallized gold, which illustrates the queer luck of men engaged in mining, and how close a call he had in the finding of gold himself.

"I was mining in the St. Louis gulch," he said, "and had got down four feet of the seven required to reach the pocket, when I went away to another locality to work some claims I had there. The stage rumbled in the next night, and a fellow new from the States got off. He didn't know a thing about mining, and had never seen a mine, but he went out the next morning, bought a pick and pan and shovel and struck out for the hills.

"He stumbled that day on my prospect hole, and without a word went to work. Well, he only dug three feet till he struck a pocket, afterwards celebrated as the Uncle Sam's pocket, from which he took $60,000 worth of gold. Mark you, he didn't get more than a third or a quarter of what the crystallized gold was worth. He did not know that it was worth three or four times as much as ordinary gold. He took it to T. C. Kleinschmidt. The latter, with his experience, saw at once what it was and snapped it up. The pocket was in the shape of a pumpkin seed, 5 feet long, 3 feet high, and about 6 inches wide in its widest part. It was pretty full of gold and made a bonanza for Brown."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Cheering Words From Outside.

Revelstoke's new paper is called the Kootenay MAIL. It is well printed, well edited and in every respect first-class.—The Printer and Publisher.

The Revelstoke MAIL is the latest addition to British Columbia journalism, and is in every respect a first-class publication. We wish our young brother every success.—Vancouver World.

The first number of the "Kootenay MAIL," published at Revelstoke—was issued on Saturday. It is a 6-column 4-page paper, well printed and carefully edited and a credit to the District. —News Advertiser.

The first number of the Kootenay MAIL has made its appearance at Revelstoke. It is carefully edited and neatly printed. R. W. Northey is manager and editor.—B. C. Commercial Journal.

The Kootenay MAIL is the latest addition to the newspaper world in the West. It is a four-page production, full of interesting news and bright editorials. It is independent in politics.—The Nor-Wester.

The Kootenay MAIL has made its appearance. The poetical twinkle of its predecessor, the Kootenay Star, when it expired appears to have lightened its pathway considerably. Judging by the improvement in its appearance.—Calgary Herald.

We are in receipt of No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Kootenay MAIL, published at Revelstoke. The publication is a neat four-page six-column paper, well printed and edited, void of patent inside boiler plate, and is a credit to the locality and its manager.—The Chilliwack Progress.

The Kootenay MAIL is the latest addition to provincial journalism, published weekly at Revelstoke. R. W. Northey is the manager and editor. The MAIL claims to be the only independent paper in the province.—Nanaimo Free Press.

The first number of the Kootenay MAIL, a newspaper started at Revelstoke, came to hand this week. It is a six-column, four-page paper and starts out with a good supply of bright news items. Mr. R. W. Northey is manager and editor.—Pacific Canadian.

The Kootenay MAIL, Revelstoke's new paper, made its appearance Saturday last. It is a bright four-page weekly, home print, and contains a great deal of news. Mr. R. W. Northey is editor and manager, and he may be excused for being proud of the journal he has now in his charge. The MAIL promises to be a live, independent, newsy publication.—Inland Sentinel.

We notice with pleasure the issue of the first number of the Kootenay MAIL, published at Revelstoke, "in the interests of that town and the North Riding of West Kootenay. We are further glad to see that the MAIL has "no pull with any individual, corporation or political party," and we wish it all possible success in its independent course.—The Province.

We have this week received Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Kootenay MAIL. It is a four page, six column paper. It is well filled with local and district matter. Its editorials are clear and pointed, and we would judge by the reading of it that when the MAIL says anything it means what it says. The MAIL we believe takes the place of the Star.—Fort William Echo.

The Kootenay Star is no more, its place being now satisfactorily filled by the MAIL, the initial number of which appeared last week. It is owned jointly by Revelstoke people and is a capital sheet being in appearance much like the Nelson Tribune. R. W. Northey, late editor of the Star, is manager of the new venture.—Nakusp Ledge.

The Kootenay Star, which chanted its death song, in really creditable verse, last week, has given up the ghost, and the Kootenay MAIL reigns in its stead. The first issue of the MAIL which is to hand, shows it to be a considerably larger and better looking paper than its predecessor. In its salutatory, the MAIL declares that it "occupies the unique position of being, as far as we can gather from the columns of our contemporaries, the only independent paper in the Province," and adds significantly: "Whether the course of events will drive it into either of the political parties must remain a question for the future to decide." We wish the MAIL every success and trust that its profession of independence is not assumed to excuse a course of weak neutrality, or disguised support of the Government, during the elections.—Columbian.

In Spring, when young men's minds
Lightly turn to thoughts of love
When the time of the singing of birds is come,
When the bluefly buzzeth about,
When the festive mosquito sharpeneth his bill,
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What is Retarding the Country's Progress.

The charge of high freight rates is being brought against the Northern Pacific in the State of Washington. From the following paragraph it would appear that the people of the Palouse country are no better off than ourselves in the matter of freight charges:—"If a man should buy a pound of sugar in Portland, he could get it for 6 cents. If he expressed it to some one in the Palouse country over the N. P., it would cost him 7 cents for carriage. As with sugar, so it is with everything else—an extortionate rate."

For Mineral Object Lessons.

A work which will be much appreciated by the educationalists throughout the Dominion is now being done by Dr. Selwyn, of the Geological Survey, and his staff of mineralists. Samples of Canadian minerals are being assorted, labelled, packed in cases and sent to educational institutions of all classes in Canada. Each case contains about 130 different specimens of minerals carefully selected. During the past month thirty cases have been sent to schools and colleges. All institutions making application will be supplied as long as the supply of minerals holds out.

CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT SILVER.

Expected Re-Opening of the Indian Mint.

The London *Times* in its financial article recently said that evidently some speculation had been commenced in connection with the rumored re-opening of the Indian mint. In well informed quarters it was expected the mint would be opened in June; in other quarters the probabilities of the change was denied. "Yet," the *Times* adds, "it is hard to believe that further accumulations of currency can be permitted in Indian treasuries, while money is so much needed for Indian payments here."

STILL IN LUCK.

"Gentleman Jim" in London.

The London press notices of the first performance of James J. Corbett, the American actor-pugilist, are notably favorable. In the *Telegraph* Clement Scott highly praises the modesty and good taste displayed by Corbett, and says that those of the audience who came to scoff remained to cheer. His success, the *Telegraph* says, is assured beyond a doubt. The *St. James Gazette* says that Corbett's easy and unaffected bearing won the hearts of his audience. The other papers comment in a similar strain.

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It has been decided to go ahead with the Big Bend road at once, and Messrs. Sutherland, Holton and Roach have been engaged to go up the trail and mark out the best route to follow. From reports lately brought in they will find the trail impassable in some places, where the spring freshets have entirely washed away the path for long distances and one or two bridges are literally standing on nothing, the foundations having been undermined and the structure left hanging across the creek or ravine. This should be done at once, so that the packtrains may be able to get over it.

Will the *Tribune* be able to fill that blank space "reserved for a Government ad.?" We trow not. The *Miner* already displays the coveted ad., but the space occupied is about twice as much as the *Tribune* allows for, thus showing that the *Tribune* is exceedingly modest in its demands, or rather its hints. The *Mail* also hangs out its sign of "Ads. Wanted," but will state its wants and wishes a little more explicitly than the *Tribune* has dared to do. The *Mail* wishes to know why the *Miner* is singled out as the medium for advertising Government notices intended for the whole of West Kootenay? But the explanation may be that the *Miner* is running a "dead" ad. (*i.e.* an advertisement whose period of publication has elapsed) for the sake of "filling up," lacking better news.

In the late session of the Provincial Parliament $29,500 was voted for public works in West Kootenay. There is still $2,000 unexpended of last year's appropriation, which brings the total amount for expenditure this year up to $31,500. Of this amount $17,500 is placed to the credit of the North Riding. Hall's Landing gets $300 to extend and improve wagon roads through the settlement—a much-needed work. Illecillewaet division gets $750, Lardeau wagon roads and trails $8,000, and Revelstoke and Big Bend $8,000. Mr. Hugh Ross has been appointed by the Government to superintend the work, and the roads will be started and rushed to completion at the earliest possible date. In each instance the work will be done by day labor at current wages. Mr. Thompson, last year's road superintendent, has nothing to do with road construction, any statements made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Around the Big Bend in a Boat.

Mr. F. C. Gamble, Dominion Government Engineer, resident at Victoria, arrived here on Sunday last, having made the trip from Golden around the Big Bend of the Columbia River in an open boat. He was accompanied by Capt. F. P. Armstrong, Lieutenant Thomas Cochrane, R. N., and four hired men. They were ten days on the trip, having left Golden Friday, the 20th April. The object of the expedition was to ascertain for the Dominion Government whether the Columbia was safely navigable around the Big Bend; if there were obstructions, whether they were insurmountable, and the probable expense that would be incurred in their removal. They found the journey no small undertaking, vast quantities of snow and ice being met with, three miles of ice having to be portaged over at Kinbasket Lake. They also portaged the Surprise Rapids and several other places; but after reaching the Bend proper they found the task of proceeding less difficult. They dropped the boat down Death Rapids, after which they had no trouble and came through Steamboat Canyon safely and comfortably. Mr. Gamble would give no hint as to the text of his report to the Government, but simply said that to render the river navigable would cost more than the Government was worth. But we presume this applied to the portion east of Canoe River, which goes to show that an entrance to the Big Bend gold fields can never be way of Golden, Donald or any point east of Canoe River. Where money is needed for clearing away obstructions is, we understand, somewhere near the head of Steamboat Canyon, and we fail to see why the Government refuses (if it should refuse) to do this absolutely necessary work because an engineer reports that it is impracticable to render the river navigable where it is not necessary to be navigable. The portion that is wanted for use, and by the outlay of a comparatively small sum could be made safe, is that portion of the Columbia River between Revelstoke and Death Rapids, a distance of 45 miles.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NORTH RIDING OF WEST KOOTENAY.

NOTICE.

MR. J. M. KELLIE, M.P.P., will Address his Constituents on SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, May 12th, on his work during the past four years in the Legislative Assembly and render an account of his votes and actions in regard thereto.

Any and every citizen will have the right to put questions, but it is requested that the subject of the forthcoming election be not brought forward.

Hour and place of meeting will be announced in posters during the coming week.

Revelstoke, May 5th, 1894.

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THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

Meeting in Support of Mr. Robert Howson.

The opening gun of the political campaign was fired on Tuesday night, when there was a meeting in Bourne's Hall to "consider the candidature of Mr. Robt. Howson for the North Riding of West Kootenay." There were nearly a hundred present, and, after considerable delay Mr. A. Craig dropped into the comfortable armchair, which constituted authority over the meeting, and it fitted him well. Having announced the purpose for which the meeting was called, the chairman retired into the capacious depths of the big chair so thoughtfully provided, and then for some minutes silence reigned. Mr. Robert Tapping was called on to speak, but he said it was not his meeting, and he would wait until the close before he made any remarks.

Mr. Morgan David then advanced to the table and said he hoped all present were supporters of Mr. Robt. Howson, who would be heard that evening. It was desirable, he said, to have the best man run, and he thought Mr. Howson was about the best man they could get. If anyone had anything to say either for or against him he would have an opportunity to do so.

In response to calls, Mr. J. W. Haskins said he would decline to say anything, as it was not his meeting, and he did not care to trample on other people's ground. Mr. Howson was going to try for Parliamentary honors. Therefore let him state his opinions.

Mr Robt. Howson said he was pleased to meet them there; he did not expect to see so many present, but he was glad it was a large meeting. He then mentioned some planks in his platform and said the time had passed when men should sell themselves to party before principle. A man should not go to Parliament to represent his own views, and he (the speaker) would always endeavor to represent the views of the people and consult them on every opportunity. He meant to take an independent stand, and would always consider the necessities of the district before party. He would, on principle, give his support to everything that would be for the interests of the district. Later on he would explain what he thought of the Government and the Opposition. As residents from different parts of the district were present he would like to hear from them what sort of a man they wished to have represent them. Mr. Howson's speech was short, and he resumed his seat amid applause.

Mr. H. A. Brown said that as a new election was approaching there was likely to be fun. At least there were lots of candidates in the field. He thought the meeting rather previous, as the representative who was elected four years ago should be present to give an account of his stewardship. He was of the opinion that Mr. Kellie had done yeoman service in the interests of the district, and he should be heard from. There were a few questions which he (Mr. Brown) would like to ask Mr. Kellie, and no doubt a number of others would like to do the same; but he felt sure that Mr. Kellie could answer them. Until Mr. Kellie's return he would decline to speak at any length.

Mr. Robt. Tapping, in response to repeated calls, said: Gentlemen, I am thankful for the privilege of addressing you, although this is not my meeting. I have been very busy lately, therefore I have not been able to prepare a speech, but I have a few notes which I would like to put before you. I had an idea to come out as an independent candidate, the same as Mr. Howson. I am in favor of (1) free schools, (2) free land grants, (3) labor protection. I have recently met men who have worked on the R. & A. L. Railway construction, and they complain that they have not yet received their wages. I am a jobber on the C. P. R., but I have always managed to pay my men, whether I have had the money or not. I consider the interest of the working man has the first claim on a representative (applause). I propose (4) to make the employment of white labor an essential matter in this district. (5) The erection of a hospital in Revelstoke is rendered a necessity by the contiguity of so large a mining population. Sick men who come down from Big Bend or from mining camps down river must go long distances to other towns before they can get hospital treatment, no matter how urgent the case may be. Mr. Tapping then recapitulated (6) the case of Revelstoke smelter and went on to say that he advocated (7) that the Dominion lands in the vicinity be put on the market; (8) that a duty should be placed on B.C. lumber to prevent it being floated down our big rivers and manufactured in the States; (9) that a commercial guide be printed for East and West Kootenay, as it would be of great benefit to business men. (10) That water works be inaugurated in the lower town; (11) that sidewalks be laid between the station and lower town; (12) that the herd and game laws be enforced; he had heard the report of guns recently in the mountains and illegal killing of game was going on; (13) that the poll-tax be repealed or reduced. Among other planks in his platform Mr. Tapping mentioned that the revenue on miner's certificates have reached over $70,000, and then he stated why he was a Conservative in Dominion politics. He then said he had been informed that Mr. Kellie was going to seek re-election, and if this was so he would at once retire from the field in favor of Mr. Kellie. He did not approve of the manner in which the meeting was called and thought it would injure Mr. Howson. He desired to thank those who had supported him.

Mr. F. Fraser said Mr. Kellie was not present because he had been devoting his time to inducing the Government to start work on the roads before the 1st of June. The meeting was premature, as Mr. Kellie should be present. He was in the field and would stand either for the Local House or Dominion. A requisition was now being circulated in the district. There were 60 names on it from town and 14 from Illecillewaet, and if a sufficient number signed it Mr. Kellie would stand. At any rate he would be in town next day and would speak for himself.

Mr. David protested against Mr. Fraser speaking. This was Mr. Howson's meeting and he (Mr. Fraser) had no right to introduce Mr. Kellie's name.

Mr. Haskins said Mr. Kellie had no scruples at last election in springing meetings on himself and Mr. W. M. Brown. He did not respect Mr. Kellie, and the last act passed in the House was simply ridiculous and would throw the country back ten years. If he (Mr. Kellie) were not present it made no matter. He (Mr. Haskins) was in the field and he did not care who else came out. This was Mr. Howson's meeting. Why did they not nominate Mr. Howson?

Mr. F. Fraser asked if it were a public meeting.

The Chairman said it was a public meeting.

Mr. David again protested against Mr. Fraser speaking, but to no avail.

Mr. Fraser said he was not going to take any lecture from Mr. David. That gentleman had told him he had no business to speak. It was an unusual proceeding to have a gentleman interrupted as Mr. David had done to him. If he were out of order he was willing to apologize to the meeting and he thought Mr David should do so to him.

Mr. H. A. Brown said he did not see why both sides could not be represented. He thought Mr. Howson was a gentlemen, but that was no reason why those present should not express their views that the meeting was premature. He did not know who was going to nominate Mr. Haskins, but at any rate he was going to come out somehow.

The Chairman then asked those present who were in favor of Mr. Howson's candidature to stand up. Among those who responded to the invitation were Messrs. D. Robinson, C. B. Hume, P. M. Walker, M. David &c.

The meeting then broke up.

Thinks the New Government Buildings Useless.

The following letter seems to show that outside capitalists are watching the acts of our Government with keen eyes. It may be that outsiders can see clearer than we do at home; but however much we condemn the expenditure of a million dollars in beautifying Victoria, we must be just enough to say that the present administration has not neglected West Kootenay:—

To the Editor Kootenay Mail:

Dear Sir,—I was up in Kootenay country last fall, and do not think I ever saw finer prospects anywhere; but the Government have given the country a black eye by going so far into debt for government buildings, which are altogether for the purpose of increasing the private property of Davie and his clique at Victoria. How much more sensible would it have been had this money been spent on roads and other needed improvements in the country and mining districts, instead of squandering it on those useless buildings. And, if you will allow me to say it, until there is a change in Government I do not think you can expect much prosperity, as outside capitalists have but little confidence in the present administration.

Yours faithfully, PETER JOHNSON.
St. Paul, Minn., April 16, 1894.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor cannot be responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

That Mysterious Telegram.

Sir,—That insignificant correspondent of yours, "A Private Citizen," throws up the sponge in your last issue. It was well for him, too, as it would have given me the greatest fun in the world to have had my fling at him for a week or two. He is one of the many in this world that don't know and don't know that they don't know.—Yours faithfully, MORGAN DAVID.
Revelstoke, April 30, 1894.

The Riverside Mine Controversy.

Sir,—Mr. Ranken in your last week's issue admits what I have been claiming—that he has not seen the Riverside mine.

If my opinion is not worth "serious consideration," his is not worth any, as he knows nothing of the claim, the work done on it, or how it is coming out.

Let Mr. Ranken confine his reports to what he can vouch for, and his "devoted head" will not be in danger from the wrath of any one.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am, your truly, H. A. BROWN.
Revelstoke, May 1st, 1894.

Inquiries About Big Bend.

Sir,—I would like to know the price paid for packing from Revelstoke to French Creek and if there is a pack train running, or if there are horses there that can be hired. Also let me know about the time that we can get into that camp. Would also like to know if there is any feed for horses in that country. Hoping to hear from you soon.—Respectfully yours,
M. H. McKELVEY.
Marcus, Wash., April 28, 1894.

[The charge for packing from Revelstoke to Gold Stream is 2½ per lb. The packtrain expects to be running by the middle of this month. There are horses here for hire and sale. There is excellent pasture for horses at several points on the road to Big Bend and feed can be bought at Revelstoke.—Ed.]

The Kootenay Mail, a new paper published at Revelstoke, gives promise of being one of the bright and influential papers of the district. R. W. Northey, a racy writer, is editor.—Slocan Prospector.

The Revelstoke Mail is a creditable newspaper, as compared with the defunct Star; but it is too large for the town in which it is printed.—Nelson Tribune.

The Kootenay Mail, the third number of this excellent weekly, published at Revelstoke, has come to hand, and is as good a number as its predecessors were, and that is saying a good deal. The Mail is published from new type, judiciously selected and well arranged as to mechanical design. The paper is good, so far as the ink used. The matter is interesting and instructive, the local news being especially well looked after. The World grasps the hand of its young contemporary and wishes it every success.—Vancouver World.

BIG BEND.

THE INFLUX COMMENCED.

The Wagon Road to be Commenced at Once.—Return of Old-Timers.—The Rip van Winkle Mine.—The Vandall Claim a Profitable One.

The town is beginning to put on a busy appearance and the stores are having a lively sale of mining tools and outfits. Several boats are leaving for the Big Bend gold fields, and all of them are loaded to their utmost capacity with food supplies and the many etceteras needed in mining camps. Three boats left on Thursday and two or three more are fitting out for the same voyage. Four large boats left last week and from latest reports were proceeding safely. The present activity is only the prelude to the large business expected later on when the trail is open, and still later when the wagon road is completed to the head of Steamboat Canyon.

H. S. Howard and Frank Hart left for Big Bend on Thursday by boat. This is their first trip up river, and they will prospect for gold.

Geo. C. Marsh and Dave Cowan left for Downie Creek, Big Bend, in a rowboat on Thursday. They have on board a big load of supplies and tools and will work on Mr. Marsh's pre-emption at Downie Creek.

E. L. Kinman and Sam Deschamps left here on Thursday in a rowboat for La Porte, Big Bend. They are going to build a house and lay out a garden on C. E. Shaw's property. Mr. Shaw will go up in a week or two.

Both the above boats returned here yesterday on account of leaking.

Wm. Hennessy, one of the owners of the Noble Five Group, Slocan, in company with Mr. Hubbard, a Kaslo assayer, and Andy Whelan, who prospected in Big Bend last summer in partnership with W. Kirkup, arrived here last week from the lower country and outfitted for the gold district in Big Bend. Messrs. Whelan and Kirkup recorded a claim on McCulloch Creek and brought down samples of a free-milling ore which assayed $60 to the ton. Messrs. Hennessy, Whelan and Hubbard, accompanied by Arthur Dick, a prominent mining man of Lower Kootenay, left here this week for McCulloch Creek, and it is expected they will open up Whelan's claim while they are up there.

Work on the Big Bend wagon road will be commenced at once. Hugh Ross will superintend and about 40 men will be employed. There is about $8000 set aside for this road and some other work in the Bend. Some money is to be spent at Hall's Landing and the balance of the $17,500 for the North Riding will be for the Lardeau, most of it for the wagon road from the N. E. Arm to Trout Lake. As the Big Bend trail is in a very bad condition a dozen men should be sent on to clear it for the use of the pack trains. Some portions of the trail have been entirely washed out, trees have fallen across it, and one or two bridges are in a rickety condition.

George Terryberry came down from Carne's Creek, Big Bend, on Tuesday. He came by the river and rode on a home-made raft. It took him about four hours to do the thirty miles. At the Rip Van Winkle mine they have built a wing dam with the intention of turning the stream into a new channel so as to utilise the bed of the creek for the mouth of their tunnel. The new channel will be 350 feet long and they will then have to drive a tunnel 250 feet to reach the bottom of the shaft, which is said to be 40 feet deep and on bedrock. George came down for grub and is expected to return Monday morning.

John Boyd, a well known Kootenay prospector, arrived in town on Tuesday from Dewdney, where he has put in the winter. Mr. Boyd, in company with Tom Bain, made one or two locations in Big Bend last season, and will this season develop the Hardpan and Tenderfoot gold claims on Carne's creek, the latter having been bonded from J. E. Losee. Mr. Boyd left for Downie Creek, Big Bend, yesterday to take up a pre-emption which he transferred to his brother some time ago and which the latter allowed to lapse. Mr. Boyd predicts stiring times in the Bend this summer. He expects to be back here in about two weeks and will then begin preparations for a summer's hard work on the Carne's Creek claims with his partner, Tom Bain, who will arrive here next week.

Messrs. Vandall and Beaton, who came here last summer from Pend d' Oreille, went up to Big Bend to prospect for gold and re-located an old claim on the benches of French Creek which was worked by a man named John Glover, with varying success, up to 1891. Glover then abandoned the mine, having become disheartened at his failure to strike a bonanza, and we understand he is at present in the Slocan. Vandall and Beaton found a 100-foot tunnel, all timbered, and everything in working order. So they decided to try their fortunes right there. For some time their luck was not very great, but they soon began to get living wages, and with the sight of gold their hopes rose. They stuck at it and shortly afterwards they reached a stratum of gravel where the gold could be picked up in fair-sized nuggets. From this time on the precious deposits increased, and in one week they picked up $400 worth of nuggets, one day reaching $100. They arrived down this week with about a thousand dollars worth of nuggets and coarse grains. The ground they are now working is averaging $25 a day. The gold from this claim is of a peculiar dull, smoky color, as if it was very, very old, but it is very heavy. Vandall and Beaton have a dispute on hand which may quash the partnership. This dispute, which it would take a great deal of time and space to detail, was placed in the hands of Mr. W. M. Brown, an old placer miner, who gave a decision in favor of Beaton, but Vandall now refuses to accept this decision. It appears Vandall claimed compensation for his time in finding and locating the claim. The amount claimed was originally $75, but has since been reduced to $5. It will be a pity if the young men should disolve such a paying partnership for the sake of five dollars. The fact of a private citizen being called in to arbitrate on a gold mining case would show the need of there being a gold commissioner appointed for this district. Disputes will arise among mining men, and it will never do to be compelled to take the case to Nelson for settlement.

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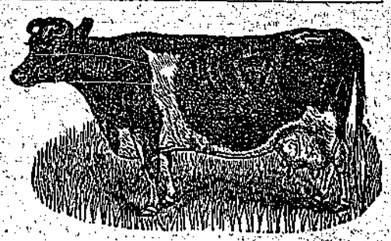

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. F. Fraser has some choice strawberry plants for sale.

The Nanaimo *Telegram* has suspended publication.

H. N Coursier is laying down new sidewalks in front of his premises.

Dr. McLean was married last Monday to Miss Maud Hamilton at Bellville, Ont.

The first C. P. R. lake steamer left Owen Sound yesterday for Fort William.

There will be a sale of work in the Presbyterian Church next Friday afternoon and evening.

Johnson & Lindburg have taken the contract for cutting shingles for Greeley Creek Shingle Mill.

Dr. Symonds may be consulted at the Victoria Hotel on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings.

There will be a raffle for two choice canaries and cages at the Columbia House next Tuesday evening.

Revs. J. H. Turner and D. D. Birks, of Nelson, passed through town last week on their way to Kamloops.

The mechanics in the C. P. R. round house are working on 8 hour time. The change took effect on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Alex. McKinnon has just completed a fine boat for Big Bend. It is to be used in taking up supplies to Carne's Creek.

The Bear Lake Consolidated Mining Co., Limited, has been formed with a capital of $500,000 and headquarters at Victoria.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting every Thursday night at eight o'clock in Oddfellow's Hall. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Services will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 7:30. Subject: "Divine battlements. Rev. C. T. Baylis pastor.

Rev. Mr. Hall, of Kaslo, preached on Sunday morning last in the Methodist church here and in the evening in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hugh Ross, who will superintend the work of constructing the new wagon roads, arrived in town from Hall's Landing this week.

The Spring Assizes will be held at Kamloops on 4th June, Vernon 11th June; special assizes at Donald 15th June, and at Nelson 19th June.

The wet weather last evening prevented several from attending the dance in Bourne's Hall. W. B. Pool and Frank Barr supplied the music.

Candidates for Provincial Parliamentary honors are cropping up every day. The latest name mentioned is that of Mr. T. J. Graham, C.P.R. bridge man.

Rev. C. A. Procunier was in attendance during the week at the Methodist district meeting in Kamloops. He will attend Conference at Vancouver next week.

One of the bridge gang fell off the Illecillewaet bridge on the Arrow Lake road Thursday afternoon, but received very little damage more than a swollen mouth.

Mr. John Owen Piper of Piperville, Trout Lake, arrived up on Saturday from Nakusp, where he has been managing Bourne Bros.' Nakusp branch business.

A. S. Farwell arrived here from the coast on Wednesday. The question is being asked whether Mr. Farwell will again take part a in West Kootenay election.

Arthur Cunningham, of Hall's Landing, was in town over Sunday. He reports that Wm. Glenn is progressing favorably and will be able to work in a week or two.

Mr. P. R. Peterson leaves Revelstoke to-night for New Westminster, where he has been summoned to appear as a witness in the larceny case of Regina *vs.* Carter.

Fred Ribbach left by the Lytton Monday morning for Nakusp, where he will fill the position of store keeper for Mr. D. McGillivray, contractor for the Nakusp & Slocan Ry.

Forty Chinamen passed through for the east on yesterday morning's train.

Mr. J. Hennessy has taken the contract for driving a tunnel on the Bonanza King, one of the Noble Five group, at $11.50 a foot.

It is stated on the best authority that there will be a large smelter, erected either at Three Forks or New Denver, by a smelting company of Omaha.

The third instalment of the payments on the Alpha Mine, in the Grady group, which changed hands last fall, was paid over a short time ago. The amount was $22,000.

The Nelson *Miner* has a new editor and a new foreman. But it is still run on the old lines and hoists the old party flag. How does Kellie stand in with the new man?

Rev. C. A. Procunier will conduct services in the Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 2:30 in the church. R. Howson, Superintendent.

J. A. Finch, who bought the Read and Robertson group of claims on Four Mile Creek, Slocan, last fall, writes from New York that he will begin work this month.

Mr. Hani Donnelly has removed all his buildings across the street, the job occupying the greater portion of two days. The buildings were too crowded before in case of fire.

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., arrived home on Thursday morning's train. He will give an account of his stewardship for the past four years on Saturday evening next.

Church of England Sunday School will be held in the school house to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. Haig will be very glad to see any children who may like to join.

Mr. John Thompson, of Nanaimo, who was Government superintendent of roads and trails in the Lardeau last summer, arrived here on the Atlantic Express Thursday morning.

Mr. C. E. Shaw writes to say that his land up river is situated at La Porte, *not* on Downie Creek, and that Mr. E. L. Kinman will build the house, *not* Kingman, as we reported last week.

If you are in want of a shirt and wish to have a large selection to choose from, go to C. B. Hume & Co's, who have the largest assortment of shirts in the city. You will save money by doing so.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has further postponed the commencement of "an act to secure uniform conditions in policies of fire insurance," from the 1st day of April, 1894, until the 1st day of April, 1895.

Mr. Thos. Lewis is keeping pace with the times, having imported a fine driving horse from Salmon Arm which is said to be somewhat of a pacer. There is a possibility that it will carry off the Queen's Plate at the next race meeting here.

Mr. Wm. Robinson, brother of D. Robinson of the Lumber Co., and a friend from Toronto arrived here on Thursday evening. Mr. Robinson is to have charge of the bush-work for the Lumber Co.

Revelstoke Lodge I.O.O.F. attended divine service in the Methodist church last Sunday night to the number of about a score. The members wore their regalia. Rev. C. A. Procunier preached an appropriate sermon on "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Gold Commissioner Fitzstubbs, who was taken ill last week while coming to Revelstoke from Nelson, and was confined to his bed at the Victoria Hotel for several days, was so far recovered as to be able to leave for Victoria last Saturday evening.

A great number of new names for the voters' list has lately been received from Nakusp. There will probably be over 100 voters in that town when all are on the list. If our Nakusp brethren vote solid they can carry the candidate of their choice. Who is their choice, by the way?

Mr. W. J. Goepel, Collector of Votes for the South Riding, came up on the Columbia Thursday night. His business was to confer with Mr. Haig, Collector for the North Riding, and they spent all day Friday going through the old lists for West Kootenay. Mr. Goepel will return on Monday morning.

One of our J. P's recently received a letter from a Mr. Klein, of Fairview, B.C., making inquiries as to whether Frank Beegan owned any property here. He (Beegan) had been issuing cheques to different parties in the Okanagan district. It has since been stated that these cheques were bogus.

Tracklaying will be commenced on the Nakusp & Slocan Railway at once and will proceed at the rate of half-a-mile a day. The floods have carried away a good deal of the grading done last year, and the work of repairing these portions will be considerable. About 300 men will be employed on the road.

Editor R. T. Lowery, of the Nakusp Ledge, came up on the Lytton Wednesday evening, and spent a couple of days in town looking up new business for his enterprising journal and renewing old friendships. He has been vegetating under the benign influence of our Uncle Samuel's protection for the past month or two.

Mr. Haig, the collector for the North Riding, has received sixty applications from residents in the riding to have their names placed on the voters' list during the past week, and he expects to receive forty or fifty more before the list is closed. This will bring the number of voters in the riding to nearly 600. But probably 100 will be struck off for various reasons.

Mr. J. Kirkup, Government Agent at Revelstoke, having been granted three months' leave of absence, left on Thursday morning, accompanied by his wife and child, for Kemptville, Ontario. His duties are being performed by Provincial Officer Graham, from Nelson.

Mr. E. H. Fletcher, P. O. Inspector, has just returned here from Lower Kootenay and the Slocan, where he has promised several much-needed reforms in the mail service. He states that tenders have been invited for a tri-weekly service between Kaslo and New Denver, and there is every probability that an office will be established at Fire Valley. The mail from Revelstoke will be sent down twice a week.

The str. Columbia is now on the Revelstoke-Robson route, and the Lytton is relegated to the menial work of towing scows. The Columbia is in charge of Capt. Gore, with J. Anderson, purser. She is fitted throughout with the incandescent electric light and carries a powerful search light. She is handsomely fitted up as a passenger boat, and offers a luxurious means of transit both for tourists and business men.

Messrs. Abrahamson Bros., of the Central Hotel, were surprised yesterday morning by the arrival of their brother Noah, whom they had not seen for over sixteen years. He has been in New Zealand and the United States, and coming to San Francisco to visit the Fair, he came up to Kootenay to see his brothers and have a look at a country that is already famous all over the world. There are now four brothers here, but Andrew left for Trout Lake last Saturday.

Mr. George Griffiths, who started from Liverpool March 12th, to beat the record by circling the globe in 61 days, passed through here last Wednesday on his way to New York to catch the steamer Trave, which leaves that port on Tuesday for Southampton. He is one day ahead of time. He had to wait 76 hours at Yokohama and 48 at Hong Kong. He will go by way of Moosejaw, St. Paul and Chicago. Barring accidents, he will arrive in London within 61 days from starting.

Mr. W. M. Brown has had men at work making rip-rap along the river bank just below the bridge, and at the point touched by high water, which is likely to be exceptionally high this year. Messrs. Brown and Cowan constructed 250 feet last year which stood the current well, and saved the bank from being undermined. About 280 feet has been added on to this, and the rip-rap work extends from 100 feet above the Victoria Hotel to the lower end of H. N. Coursier's store, with the exception of about 30 feet of stonework under Mr. Stone's lot. The Dominion Government ought to recompense those citizens who have been to the expense of having this done, as it has, and will, save the erosion of the bank considerably.

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BRANCH STORE AT TROUT LAKE CITY.

A very interesting and profitable evening was spent in the Presbyterian church on Monday night, it being the weekly meeting of the Union Christian Endeavor Society. The meeting was led by the president, F. W. Lang, the subject being "God's care of His own." A great many took part in the discussion, which added much to the spirit of the meeting. Next Monday night the regular consecration meeting will be held and a large attendance is hoped for, and a good time expected. Don't miss it.

C. P. R. Staff Reduced.

Acting under instructions from the head office in Montreal, about 200 men on the Pacific Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway were dismissed last Tuesday. To reduce expenses it was ordered that a general reduction of the staff in the various departments should be made. The number of men thus thrown out of employment in Vancouver alone is in the neighborhood of 150.

Mining Machinery for the Silver King.

A car containing an engine, boiler, air compressor, power drill, ore crusher and a diamond drill has arrived here from Chicago for the Hall Mines, Limited. All the machinery except the diamond drill will be placed on the Silver King; the diamond drill will first be used on the Kootenay Bonanza. The car made the remarkably fast time of six days from St. Paul to Revelstoke. The machinery was shipped on the steamer Columbia yesterday for its destination still in bond, and will be landed at Robson for Nelson, whence it will be hauled to the mines on Toad Mountain.

"Strike" on the Lytton.

The steamer Lytton arrived up from Nakusp last Wednesday evening with a scow in tow. She was to take the scow to Nakusp loaded with railroad iron, which has been laying here all winter, for the Nakusp & Slocan road. It appears the crew had been overworked on the up trip, having to load about 30 cords of wood. The steamer arrived here about dark and the men were ordered to load the railroad iron on the scow. This they refused to do without extra pay, their wages being $35 a month. They wanted 30 cents an hour. This was refused and six deck hands and the mate quit work. They were then paid off and dismissed the company's service. The men state that their contract was for loading fuel and freight and not railway iron. Nothing was done all day Thursday, until the Columbia arrived up about five o'clock in the afternoon. She was loaded with the Lytton's usual cargo and left yesterday morning. Meanwhile the Lytton and the scow remained tied up at the lower wharf until about seven o'clock yesterday morning, when some Swedes were found willing to work at 30 cents an hour and the loading of both steamer and scow began.

Wagon Road or Tote Road?

A meeting of business men was held in the Fire Hall on Thursday night (Mr. H. A. Brown presiding) to discuss the best manner of laying out the $8,000 appropriated for the Big Bend wagon road and other work further north. After considerable discussion as to whether the road should be a first-class one or an ordinary tote road it was decided that a committee of three—Messrs. T. Sutherland, George Roach and C. Holton—go over the seven miles between this place and Steamboat Canyon and ascertain the best route to be taken and the cheapest way of going to work.

THE 24th AT NAKUSP.

Our sister town, Nakusp, is making great preparations for celebrating Her Majesty's Birthday. Money is being subscribed to be given as prizes in a varied programme of pedestrian and equine sports. A large pavilion will be erected for dancing, which will be an attraction to many. The citizens of Revelstoke are cordially invited to attend, and it is more than likely that an excursion from here will be organized and our citizens given an opportunity to have a pleasant time for a small outlay. The people of Nakusp expect to reciprocate by attending our sports on Dominion Day.

THE BEEGANS AGAIN.

It is just about a year since the names of Frank Beegan and wife were prominently before the public in connection with the May Todhunter murder in New Westminster. At the assizes in that city both were liberated, the Crown entering a nolle prosequi. The following, evidently relating to them, is taken from the Fairview Advance, published in the Okanagan Valley:—On the 4th of this month a man named Frank Beegan arrived at Fairview by the Penticton stage from Revelstoke and went on to Oro the same day. He talked largely of investing in the district and stated that he might buy one of the hotels in the camp. On the next day he returned and his wife came in from Penticton and the couple went on to Oro together. Fairview must have had a singular charm for him, for he returned again to the camp, played poker for high stakes, and otherwise greatly distinguished himself. When, however, it came to settling up he gave checks to the tune of $150 on the bank of Montreal at Vernon, which were subsequently dishonored, as he had no banking account. Other checks cashed in the camp and not yet sent to the bank bring the sum up to $250. He is also reported to have got away with several parties across the line. On the 15th Mr. Klein, of the Golden Gate, followed him on horseback to Loomiston, where he found him in a hotel. Beegan on seeing him promised to pay up if Klein would go back with him to Oro, but on the Tuesday following he went on towards Concomully. Klein caught up with him four miles out of Loomiston and brought him back. The officers across the line refused a warrant for Beegan's arrest, as none had been issued on this side of the line. Mr. Klein returned last Tuesday to Fairview. Beegan, as we go to press, is hiding in the hills, supposed to be cached by some of his friends. Provincial Constable Webster was across the line armed with a warrant assisting the sheriff to capture him. In Loomiston on seeing Webster, Beegan mistook him for Chief Sheppard of Victoria and thought it wise to decamp. In Oro Beegan and the woman accompanying him disposed of some jewelry, and suspicion rests on them in connection with a more grave offence than issuing false cheques.—Vancouver World.

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THINGS SAID AND DONE ABOUT TOWN.

[BY DIOGENES.]

Sometimes men who have desired to locate here and work up a business of some kind have been driven away after a short experience by the unpatriotic action of some of our prominent townspeople. I allude to the fad of sending to Montreal and Toronto for this, that and the other thing, because they can obtain better bargains. This is one reason why money is so scarce in this town. We do not produce anything to sell to outside buyers, and all our money is sent away east or west for supplies, and as this depletion goes on year in and year out it behoves us to be very careful and not send away more money than is absolutely necessary, but patronise home industry, if it does cost more. If A, who is a dry goods merchant, sends east for cheaper picture frames, cheaper clothing or cheaper printing, B the joiner, C the tailor and D the printer cannot be blamed if they also send east for their shirts, gloves and haberdashery. But A is curtailing his own profits by sending away the money he could just as well spend at home, as if he bought the work produced by B, C and D they would buy at A's store, and thus by increasing his sales they would be helping him to pay the price they asked for their goods. Were A's prices as low as those of Toronto or Montreal he would be justified in kicking against the high prices of B, C and D and sending east for what he required. But A's prices are at the top notch, and B, C and D have just as good an excuse for sending away as he has. If this kind of thing becomes general where will the trade of the town be?

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A case in point: E. F., a joiner and turner, who left town for good a short time since, after trying to make a living here for some three years past, bitterly complained of the meanness of some of our business men in sending to Montreal for everything they required in his line. He was an excellent workman and had a good lathe, but he could not make it do here, as he found the general custom prevailed of getting everything possible from those large eastern firms which supply a packet of needles or a steam thresher with equal facility, and whose circulars and price lists are scattered throughout the land, like the myriad arms of a giant octopus gathering in the shekels for the ravenous maw in Montreal and Toronto, while sucking the vitality from small towns and villages all over the country. E. F. and his lathe have left the town. So much the worse for the town. 'Tis an excellent old motto to "buy cheap and sell dear," but there is an older one that might be used in this town with good effect: "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you."

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I see the owners of lots abutting on the river just below the bridge have been putting in rip-rap work to protect the bank from the high water which is expected this summer. The Dominion Government ought to have done this work long ago, but I'm afraid if things are left to that authority the lots between Front Street and the river will have disappeared before the Ottawa people will "get a move on." When Mr. Turner, Government engineer, was here last year to survey the bank it was thought some kind of protective work would have been taken in hand at once. But nothing has been done, and the evil grows worse every year. The Dominion Government claim to own this townsite and have received considerable money from the sale of lots here, I can't help thinking that if our member, Mr. Mara would be a little more energetic in looking after our interests we should not now be compelled to go out and fight the river individually for the safety of the business portion of the town.

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I have it on good authority that the C.P.R. will support one of the Government candidates—the one most likely to win—in this riding at the forthcoming election. If the C.P.R. vote puts in a Government supporter it will be on account of a *quid pro quo*. Whatever the consideration may be, the C.P.R. is certain to have hold of the biggest end of the stick. Let the question be put to each candidate in open meeting whether the C.P.R. vote is pledged to him. But there—what matters it? The C.P.R. nominee is bound to win, anyhow.

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I have, so far, been unable to ascertain the particular Government candidate the C.P.R. will support, but every straw I have yet held up blows towards Mr. ——! No, I won't mention names this week. What I have found out, however, is that it is *not* Mr. Haskins. I think, on the whole, that Mr. Haskins is to be congratulated on this, as I hear there is a growing determination among the free voters to "go again" the C.P.R.'s choice. Some of our most enlightened say that if they are compelled to swallow the C.P.R. freight rates that is no reason why they should swallow the C. P. R. political pill. Although the state of public feeling is antagonistic to the C.P.R. in this district, it will probably be safe to bet that the winner will ride to victory on a C.P.R. platform.

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I thought Mr. Howson's speech last Tuesday night, what little there was of it, was honest and straightforward. He had the nervousness of a young beginner, but that will soon wear off, and before the campaign is through he will be able to stand up and spout with the ease and assurance of the "old Parliamentary hand" who followed him. It was a surprise that no more than five stood up as Mr. Howson's supporters. I have heard so many express themselves in his favor that I expected to see at least fifty.

Mr. Tapping had 17 or 18 planks in his platform, which, by the by, it would be a little too much to expect the Government to adopt in its entirety. It would, indeed, be a paternal Government that would give us a nice sidewalk between the station and lower town or even assist us in putting in a system of water works. No, Mr. Tapping, do not lead our hopes to shipwreck; we shall have to lay our own sidewalks and our own water pipes without a cent's worth of aid from the Government. But as Mr. Tapping announces his retirement in favor of Mr. Kellie the Government may congratulate themselves that they will not be compelled to contribute to the happiness of our citizens thusly.

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