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CARIBOO CREEK CAMP

SITUATED ABOUT TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF NAKUSP.

A Pithy Account of this Coming Camp by Our Correspondent—Its History and Properties—Ore Shipments Will Soon be Made.

The present place of entry for the growing Cariboo Creek camp is Burton City, named after R. S. Burton, locator of the townsite; it is situated in the Narrows, about 20 miles south of Nakusp. A trail to the mineral discoveries leads out of Burton and hits Mineral City about 7 miles up on Cariboo Creek.

The pioneer location is the Golden Eagle, located by Hardy in '94, after the placer excitement. The most developed property is the Promestora, on Mineral Creek, from which shipments have been made and returns got showing $59.65 in gold. The claim returning the highest assays is the War Eagle, on the other side from the Promestora. The claims are principally located on Cariboo, Mineral, Snow and Goat Canyon Creeks, all of which empty into Trout Creek.

The formation is principally slate and granite and the mineral is chiefly galena and gold-bearing quartz. There are about 520 claims located and assessments have been done on a very large number of them. Many of the claims are operated by stock companies, of which there are eight or nine besides local companies.

The Winnipeg-Eureka Mining Co. has had several men employed on their claims on Cariboo Creek all winter and spent about $3,000. Surface showings on these claims are excellent and a tunnel is being driven to crosscut the ore chute. The ore contains gold, silver and lead and goes from $20 to $120 per ton.

The Columbia & Cariboo Mining Co. has also been working all winter on their group on Goat Canyon Creek. All their claims present a good appearance; average assay per ton being $18.

The Millie Mack group, on Cariboo Creek, owned by the Kamloops Mining and Development Co. at Rossland, is very rich and the average assay is said to be about $79 in gold and 100 oz. in silver. This property is to be extensively worked this summer.

The Slocan-Western Co., owning the Triumph, Invincible and Inflexible, have some splendid properties which will be opened this summer also. Mr. Woodhouse, the Rossland assayer, speaks very highly of this group.

The Silver Queen, on Snow Creek, owned by a Rossland company, is a good property with good average assay.

Ed. C. Finch, manager for Silver Queen Co., arrived Sunday from Rossland to commence work on the Maxwell group on Snow Creek. Three shifts will be put on and everything pushed. There is a splendid showing on this group right from the grass roots, and it is a self-fluxing proposition. Shares will shortly be placed on the market.

Reilly & Butts made a rich find of gold-bearing quartz this week on Macdonald Creek. More will be heard of this find.

The owners of the Iron Duke have just finished their assessment work and are well pleased with the result.

The district is fairly well supplied with trails but a waggon road is badly needed. This it is learned is now supplied and an appropriation has been made by the government supplemented by a local one for that purpose. When this road is finished ore will be ready for shipment and a start will be made by this camp which will class it with the best in the district.

Aground on a Bar.

As the steamer Marion was on her way up to Revelstoke on Wednesday she struck on Scow bar, about three miles from here. He skipper was mistaken as to the depth of water on the bar, and as she grounded the current sent her around and finally fixed her there. The water, too, kept falling after she struck and left her pretty solid and high. Tom Horne with his boat and eight men went down to get the steamer off on Thursday evening and had to try and skid her at last. They got her pretty well afloat and if the water holds as it is now the Marion will be free this afternoon. The wheel has to be raised to save its being bent or broken, and then the trip will be resumed if all goes right.

Poser & Archibald's ice cream and fruit store is opened up.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have left for Ferguson, where they will reside.

J. McCarty of Regina is in town and may decide to locate here.

Some of the townfolk took a diphtheria scare and got out last week.

Mining Machinery and the Tariff.

Mr. Fielding introduced his Tariff changes in the House on Tuesday.

The changes in which British Columbia is interested, are those in regard to mining machinery. Some is made dutiable, and some free, as shown by two lists. The Free List is as follows: Pressure ore exhaust fans; rotary pressure blowers; coal cutting machines, except percussion coal cutters; coal-heading machines; coal augers and rotary coal drills; core drills; miners' safety lamps; coal washing machinery; coke making machinery; ore drying machinery; electric or magnetic machines for separating ore or concentrating iron ores; blast furnaces' water jackets; converters for metallurgical processes in iron or copper; briquette making machines; ball grinding machines; copper plates, plated or not; machinery for the extraction of precious metals by chlorination or cyanide processes; monitors, giants and elevators for hydraulic mining; amalgam safes; automatic ore samplers; automatic feeders; jigs, classifiers, separators, retorts, buddles, vanners, mercury pumps, pyrometers, bullion furnaces, amalgam cleaners, gold mining slime tables; blast furnace blowing engines; wrought iron tubing, butt or lap welded, threaded or not, not less than 2½ inches diameter, when imported for use exclusive in mining, smelting, reducing, or ore refining.

The Dutiable List is as follows: Steam engines; boilers; ore crushers and rock crushers; stamp mills, Cornish and belted rolls; rock drills, air compressors; cranes, derricks, percussion coal cutters, pumps; N. E. S. windmills, horse power and portable engines; threshers, separators, fodder or feed-cutters; potato diggers, grain crushers, fanning mills, hay tenders, farm wagons, slot machines and typewriters, and all machinery composed wholly or in part of iron or steel, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

The Season's Road Work.

J. D. Graham, Gold Commissioner, returned Tuesday from a trip to Trout Lake where he went to start the road and trail work for the season. He says the whole country is very busy, mineral discoveries are being made daily, and men are camped out everywhere. Clink's mill is spread out over the road from Thomson's to the forks of the Lardeau. Lumber is badly wanted in Ferguson and Trout Lake and he was sure eight buildings would go up in Ferguson if there was lumber to be had. The following is a brief account of the road work.

TROUT LAKE AND LARDEAU.

August Olsen and crew cut out trail at Canyon Creek to the group discovered last fall.

J. Mosley and men cut out South Fork of Lardeau trail and extend the Gainer Creek trail.

E. L. Kinman will commence next week on the North Fork trail.

Dan Keene's gang are repairing the Trout Lake waggon road from Langrill's to Trout Lake. Geo. Adams has a crew on the same road from the Canyon to Langrill's.

W. Armstrong will clean out Fish Creek trail.

Pool Creek trail will be shortly started and Boyd Creek trail extended as soon as snow is sufficiently gone.

Hugh Ross has the option of the post of general superviser of all road work in these sections.

BIG BEND.

Bob Green and a crew are clearing trail from Revelstoke to Carnes Creek.

Joe Bourgeois and his outfit are making a trail up Carnes Creek possible for pack horses.

R. Blackmore started yesterday with a force of men to clean out and repair the trail from Carnes Creek to Gold Stream.

OUTSIDE POINTS.

At Cariboo Creek work will be started next week on the new waggon road and the amount of the Government appropriation is $4,500.

At Fire Valley work will be put in also and a special vote of $300 is included for the road work there in the estimates.

Cariboo Creek and Fire Valley work will be in Commissioner Graham's charge this year.

May Ore Shipments via Revelstoke.

Idaho	110,000	pounds,	$ 6,551
Enterprise	80,000	"	4,944
B. N. White	280,000	"	10,600
Slocan Star	360,000	"	13,338
Totals	830,000	pounds,	$35,433

Placer Leases Issued.

French Creek—A. Hitchcock, S. Deschamps, each ½-mile creek diggings.

Camp Creek—Swords & Hedstrom, ½-mile creek diggings.

Lardeau Creek—Peter Aikeen and D. Brown, ½-mile creek diggings; Duncan H. McPherson, ½-mile creek diggings.

THE SILVER SLUMP.

Bullion Prices Lower Than at Any Time Since '94.

Silver prices reached bedrock last Saturday in New York when bullion sold down to 60 cents per ounce. This is the lowest point it has ever touched except for a short period in 1894 when it sold at 58 cents.

The steady decline in silver is attributed by the New York *Journal* to many different causes: Paris has been flooded with South American dollars which have been sold there as low as 2 francs 22 centimes for the dollar. The price of silver in the Indian bazaars has fallen to 76 rupees, the lowest price on record. The exchange between London and Shanghai has also fallen to almost the lowest, and even at the low rate China does not absorb a large quantity of silver. Dating from Japan's declaration to abandon the white metal standard and go upon a gold basis, the price of silver has steadily declined.

New Court House Plans.

The plans for the new court house are on view at the Government offices and provide for a building very much similar to the one at Nelson but not as costly. Speaking to a local contractor who was figuring on the building he stated that in his opinion the specifications were entirely insufficient for a properly lasting building. He said the entire frame work is as light as in a small cottage. The posts and sills are but 6x6 and in an ordinary cottage they would be 8x8. The ceiling joists are but 2x6 on 30 inch centres and they should be 2x12 on 12 inch centres to carry the strain of a plastered ceiling. A high tower is shewn in the plans resting on space you might say there being but one partition to support it.

The Government Agent interviewed said the plans and specifications were not up to his idea of what they should be. He pointed out several of what he thought defects in the construction and said he intended to return them to the Department of Lands and Works with suggestions.

Signed for Early Closing.

The following firms have assisted the project of early closing by agreeing to close their business premises at 8 o'clock every evening except Saturday's: Bourne Bros., W. M. Lawrence, R. Howson & Co., W. J. Law, F. B. Wells, W. B. Pease & Co., A. N. Smith, H. N. Coursier.

These houses deserve well of the public for their humanitarian action and they should see that purchases are made before that hour. There is piggardliness and, to an extent, cruelty, in the muzzling of the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the simile holds good in the case of the modern employee. He needs recreation, pure air and all the blessings and enjoyment that his employer requires and it is but just that he should get them. Let us live and let live.

The New Steamer.

Gaily bedecked with colors the new steamer Kootenay made her first trip to Trail last Wednesday. She is a plain model, and is very comfortably fitted out. She is ten feet longer than the Nakusp and a foot narrower in the beam. Capt. W. E. Nesbitt is in command; R. W. Shiels, purser; Peter Wilson, pilot; D. Stephens chief engineer. She will begin the daily run next week.

Out of the Coop.

Those who know "Paddy" Miles and who knew of his getting a three months sentence from Judge Forin recently were somewhat surprised to see him going south Wednesday. He has got out under a habeas corpus writ on the ground that Judge Forin had imposed a heavier penalty than allowed by law, the code limiting the term of imprisonment for common assault to two months. Miles was released on the order of Mr. Justice Walkem.

Those Mail Problems.

The mail service between Trout Lake and Revelstoke has to be looked into. This mail is due here Friday afternoons, but it does not arrive when due for two weeks consecutively, thereby causing much annoyance and trouble. Where is the delay in transmission or who is responsible? With but a weekly mail to the points in Trout Lake it is very important that they should be punctual and regular. The Big Bend mail service is still unlet and the outfits going in there are nonplussed at the laxity of the department in not preparing some way of providing for this service. The mail is a most important aid to the business of any section, but especially is it so in new camps being opened to capital. The board of trade would do well to take up these mail matters and see what the trouble is and why they are not attended to.

SOUTHERN KOOTENAY.

Happenings of Interest Amongst its Various Camps.

TRAIL CREEK.

A crosscut in the Centre Star mine shows an ore body 75 feet, with neither hanging or foot wall in sight.

A strike has been made on the Sudbury on Murphy Creek.

A concentrating test of Dundee ore gave three-into-one ratio and the product valued at $54.

D. B. Bogle has secured control of the Victory-Triumph for nearly $20,000. It has a fine ledge shewing.

A contract has been let on the Belmont for a 50 ft. shaft.

A half interest in the No. 1 has been sold for a good figure.

The shaft on the Early Bird is now down 50 feet and will be extended 60 more.

SLOCAN.

Thos. Mitchell is getting out plans for a concentrator and tramway for the Montezuma.

The Silver Bell, Hub and Little Bell, known as the "Swedes claims," on south fork of Kaslo Creek, have been sold.

The Lost Paradise, Hidden Treasure and Easter claims, near the Blue Bell, have been bonded.

A quarter in the Sunset in Whitewater basin is reported sold.

The second crosscut is in 75 ft. on the Lily B.

Two hundred and fifty men are said to be prospecting on Lemon Creek.

The Ruth is working 70 men and shipping two carloads of ore a day.

No. 0 tunnel, soon to be commenced at the Slocan star, will be run 2,000 ft. and test the mine at a depth of 1,000 feet.

There is nearly a carload of ore on the dump at the Two Friends.

GENERAL.

Kaslo had a tremendous crowd of visitors on Monday. The sports were well contested so were the yacht races, but the main interest centered on the baseball match the first of the Washington-Kootenay series; Spokane won by 17 to 15.

The C. P. R. steamer Slocan is making the trip to Slocan City and return in three hours with a half hour stop over. Her first freight will be the supplies for the Slocan railway which it is expected will be begun in a few weeks with over 1000 men employed.

The action of Mayor Scott and council in giving the city printing without tenders being called for is exciting wrath from the *Miner*.

Rossland's new exchange will probably be affiliated to the Board of Trade.

Spokane beat Rossland at baseball Wednesday.

The new town of Quartz Creek is booming. Over two hundred lots have recently changed hands.

Edison's vitascope will show the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight at Rossland next week.

C. P. R. authorities want Nelson to pay for lots on which the fire-hall is built.

D. M. Linnard has begun work on his hotel at Kaslo.

The Liberals of Kaslo have organized and appointed officers.

A new townsite is to be started on the opposite side of the river at Robison. This is the terminus of the C. & W. road to Trail and is known as McLeary's ranch.

Severe forest fires are raging around the Slocan.

At the Queen's birthday celebration at Slocan City the most interesting sight was old Eli Carpenter, a man of 60, the discoverer of the Slocan, walking a tight rope.

An excursion for Deer Park was run from Trail Monday.

Total ore shipments for April were $427,403.

Frank Fletcher has a new map out and ready for sale.

At the Athabasca, near Nelson, there are 150 tons of ore ready for shipment.

Jim Yuill, of Kaslo, is missing and is thought to be drowned in Kaslo River.

Nakusp In It.

On Tuesday next Nakusp will be made an out port of entry under the Nelson office. All customs will be recorded there and forwarded to Nelson so that the total figures of the district can be collected weekly. An inland revenue office is also to be established and the new local officer for both branches of the service will be it is understood the popular Jack Dawson who ought to make a most capable and obliging official.

Local and Personal Briefs.

J. D. Sibbald arrived yesterday.

Right in the neck, says the diphtheria, where the bottle gets the cork.

Hon. J. H. Turner, provincial premier, passed through on his way east Monday.

F. Vandall and Jack Sweeney went south on Tuesday and returned yesterday afternoon.

John Skogstrom was whooping it up on the 24th and having a gay old time.

The Str. Lytton, it is again reported, will soon come up under charter by the French Creek Co.

W. F. Thompson, of the Trail *News* and Nelson *Miner*, returned from his eastern trip Wednesday.

H. N. and Mrs. Coursier had a little picnic this week celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Miss Martin was married on Tuesday to Percy Walton of the dining car. Good luck to you both.

Prof. Frank Nason, the manager of the Columbia Hydraulic company, went up the Bend trail Thursday.

Thomas, Mrs. and Nellie Marshall have been visiting town this week, but left this morning for Illecillewaet.

J. D. Graham walked the ties on the south branch Tuesday. He looked so tough when he got home that Billy was about to run him in.

The customs receipts for May, at Revelstoke, were: 1st week, $209.84; 2nd week, $118.64; 3rd week, $24.30; 4th week, $425. Total, $837.87.

Mr. DeCrew, a mill man from Essex, Ontario, went into Trout Lake yesterday to size up the situation for a sawmill.

The supports are in for W. Cowans' new building on the hill. He will put up a large building and have his telephone offices there.

A Mr. Bland from Victoria is opening up a boot and shoe store next to the MAIL office. The office staff will soon be shod now.

Hon. Dr. Montague, ex-minister of agriculture, was here going south Monday. Like other ex-cabinet ministers he prefers mining to politics now.

R. H. Trueman, the well-known photographer, will visit Revelstoke about the 20th of June. Keep your business and be sure of good pictures.*

A. G. M. Spragge, the man who so narrowly escaped being made a Q. C. and County court judge, was here this week and will locate an office in Smith's building.

Chas. E. Shaw came up from Ferguson this week, says its a hummer. He will reside here and W. B. Pool will go into Ferguson as resident agent.

Second Street is graded out in a kind of way up to the street where the Union is, and the men are now at work extending Douglas Street to the skating rink where it turns and runs to the brewery meeting Second Street there.

If the present main road is still to be used something in the shape of a fence or safeguard should be put up where the river is most dangerous to travelers.

T. J. Lendrum was here most of the week looking up the affairs of the Smelter Co.'s townsite. There has been some change of ownership or something but what it was Lendrum wouldn't say. He went south yesterday.

The Sergeant cases came up before Stependiary Magistrate Graham on Wednesday, but were adjourned to the next sitting of County Court, which will be next week. Lawyers have been engaged and the matter is to be carried through evidently.

Thomas Richardson came in this week from Illecillewaet and removed his wife's remains for conveyance to their old home in Dorchester. The body was encased in a handsomely sealed metal casket, and Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Nelles will accompany it to Dorchester.

The local Orangemen propose to hold a monster demonstration on July 12th at Revelstoke. They have issued invitations to surrounding lodges and they have been accepted by Vernon, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Donald, Slocan City and Sandon lodges. Excursion rates have been obtained and a gala time including bands, fife and drums, oratory, fireworks, etc., is to be had.

Attention is called to W. M. Lawrence's new ad. this week. Mr. Lawrence says, as we intend to confine our business to the hardware trade alone and give special attention to its various branches we solicit a share of your patronage trusting to give satisfaction in every way. Our tinsmithing department is under a skilled workman aided by modern machinery and we can make up to order anything in tin, galvanized iron, sheet iron or copper. Estimates cheerfully given on tin roofing, eave troughing, or furnace work. *

FROM FAR AND NEAR

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Quebec's New Cabinet—The Thunderer on the Canadian Liberal Tariff—Turks Want a Big Sum—Winnipeg's Henly Entry Accepted.

The new Quebec cabinet was sworn in Wednesday, it is made up as follows: F. G. Marchand, premier and president of the council; Horace Archambault, attorney-general; H. Thos. Duffy, treasurer; J. E. Robidoux, secretary; S. N. Parent, public works commissioner; F. G. M. Dechene, agriculture commissioner; Adelard Turgeon, colonization and mines commissioner; Joseph Sheyn and Dr. Guerin, without portfolios.

Winnipeg's entry for Henly has been accepted and the crew leave shortly.

A huge new cotton mill is to be erected at Drummondville, Quebec.

There is no truth in the report that Hon. Dr. Borden would resign the militia office.

The London *Times* says of Fielding's tariff proposals in its Friday issue: "Whatever their fate they constitute by far the most important and effective contribution ever made to commercial unification of the empire."

The Turkish grand vizier is urging the sultan not to give up Thessaly.

The United States senate is making great progress with the new tariff bill.

The metric system of weights and measurements has by bill been introduced to the English Commons.

A severe shock of earthquake occurred in Montreal on Thursday. It was felt generally in Quebec.

The Greeks have entered a protest against the large war indemnity asked by Turkey.

Another session of the Canadian Commons will probably be called next December or January.

Festivities of the Holiday.

It was with much pleasure the people of Revelstoke heard that Kamloops would after all come up to play ball on the Queen's birthday, and when they took the field on Monday they created a very favorable impression as a fine stalwart lot of fellows. They went first to the bat but were out for a cipher. Revelstoke's first innings produced four runs and they retained a lead till the fifth innings when Kamloops got four. At the sixth innings both were even but then Kamloops boys took the lead and by a few errors in the field got a score of seven in two innings which gave them the victory by 14 to 9. For the visitors, Borthwick, Franklin, McIntyre and Herchmer played a good game and were most noticeable. The Revelstoke boys will go to Kamloops on the 9th or 10th prox and get satisfaction from the wearers of the gray and red. They can do it if they get a little more batting talent and a strong pitcher.

In the evening the ladies interested in the Kindergarten gave an entertainment in Peterson's Hall. They served tea from 6 to 8 and the number of people who patronized the tables was an indication of its merit and popularity of the hostesses. The concert followed containing some very good numbers. The tableaux were much enjoyed and the audience roared at the pantomime. J. M. Kellie acted as chairman.

During the progress of the tea some of the sports had bicycle and horse races. H. Scott won the first bicycle race, F. Lewis the second. The horse race was won by Pettipiece's chestnut.

Diphtheria is Abating.

The diphtheria scare of last week has not been much in evidence the last few days, though three new cases have developed—two children and one adult. The medical health officer has isolated the children in a house on the outskirts of the town, and the adult is being carefully attended at home. Anti-toxine is being used with the most gratifying results, an immediate improvement being noticeable in the patients.

Regarding the anti-toxine, it is reported on good authority that it laid here at the railway station from Saturday morning until Wednesday, and patients needing it meanwhile. If there had been any fatalities, preventable by the application of this cure, but occurring through its absence, there would have been negligence of a serious kind attributable to somebody.

All the patients are doing well.

Local members of I.O.G.T. will entertain their friends at a social next Tuesday in their hall. The programme will consist of light refreshments, vocal and instrumental music, etc.

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REVELSTOKE, MAY 29, 1897.

THE journalistic parasites of the Turner government have been goaded into taking up the river bank matter. Their arguments (which will be found in another column) are in the main identical, that the provincial government have no right to protect the river bank at Revelstoke.

The *World*, as it generally does, tries to cover up the matter at issue in an irrelevant dust and, having never touched the argument, patronizingly advises us to dismiss the idea of provincial responsibility at once. The *World's* mission is to mislead, to bunco.

The *Colonist* faces the facts as best it can; it repudiates provincial responsibility in toto, calls us the Revelstoke Reviler, and says it does not expect its explanation to be satisfactory to us. The *Colonist* tries to bully but we prefer that to the squid-like style of the *World*.

The denials of these pap-fed organs will have no weight with the people. They know that the provincial government introduced the co-operative method themselves and upon their initiative the federal authorities assisted here in '94-'95; they recollect what ex-premier Davie said here last election; they know all about the $20,000 vote in '94 for the Fraser lands. They see the argument in its true light, that it is not a question of management of navigable rivers but of protecting realty, and they know that the provincial estimates are full of figures for similar purposes on the Kicking Horse, Cowichan and other rivers. They know full well that Col. Baker went east to represent a body of Fraser valley farmers, who looked to the provincial as well as federal authorities for protection, and they know that there he pledged his government to co-operation with the Dominion in evolving a scheme to save those farmers' property. Now, if there, why not here? Why, when the people of Revelstoke ask for bread do they get a stone, are they not of as much account as the Fraser farmers? A little time hence will tell.

DESPITE our refusal last week to discuss the introduction of toll roads as too antiquated, the *Colonist* comes up to the scratch again in a recent issue with a long list of questions on the subject. Its position is positively painful; it is simply spoiling for a fight, actually aching for an argument.

We would have no objection in obliging the *Colonist* on general principles, and the temptation to do so is strong; but do what we will we can not come to a sense of seriousness in the matter, the proposition is so very absurd and mouldy. "Brief life is here our portion," *Colonist*, and there is no time to waste in arguing all the senseless schemes advanced by fatuous faddists nowadays. The only thing to do is to follow Solomon's advice and *to answer a fool according to his folly.*

An Inconsistent Government.

Another inconsistency has been allowed to creep into British Columbia legislation. By an amendment to the Land Act it is made compulsory upon anyone pre-empting land, should the same land be subsequently surveyed and platted as a townsite and the lots put upon the market, that before any sales take place, every fourth lot is to be deeded back to the government. Just as to whether the government has the power vested in it to compel such a proceeding we will leave others to determine, but one thing is certain, and that is, the inconsistency is glaring enough when the provisions of the Land Act and those of the Mineral Act are taken into consideration. For instance, by a recent amendment to the Mineral Act, it is proposed to allow the holder of a mineral claim the privilege of acquiring the surface rights at a certain given price, and this too without any stipulation or reservation. This being the case we would like to ask what is there to prevent any number of townsites springing into existence under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and why should the pre-emptor who is obliged to be a British subject be legislated against, when the purchaser of a mineral claim, who may be an alien, is given a free hand. This is the rankest of class legislation, and reflects little to the credit of the present provincial government.—Midway *Advance.*

Silverton News Notes.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have begun the construction of their wharf at Silverton, which is about 90 feet in length, on which they will build a large freight warehouse, also express and telegraph offices.

The engineer of the Wakefield mine, Mr. Geo. D. B. Turner, who has just returned from England with his bride, is building a handsome residence overlooking the lake.

The new Bowes Hotel, three stories, is nearing completion and in time for tourist travel, as already it is almost impossible to provide accommodation for incoming people. The Hotel Thorburn is always full.

Fully fifteen to twenty stores and offices are in course of erection and contract.

It is estimated that over a quarter-million dollars will be expended this season in development of the mines adjacent to Silverton.

The C. P. R. Co.'s new steamer made its first trip here on the 24th May, the Queen's Birthday.

To Cover it in Five Months.

W. A. Carlyle, Provincial Mineralogist, starts out in a few days to report upon districts which he was unable to visit last season. He will put in five months this year in Yale, Vernon, Kettle River, Boundary Creek, Lardeau, Trout Lake, Illecillewaet, Kamloops and Cariboo camps. This will be a big field to cover in the time allotted and will not allow for more than a very superficial examination. It is probable, however, that the time may be lengthened and a full description given to the public this fall. Big Bend, too, might with advantage to Prof. Carlyle and the public be included in his professional peregrinations.

The Yukon Country.

Gold was first discovered in paying quantities in the Yukon basin in 1881. In the last three or four years mining was done on the Pelly and Hootalinqua rivers, and in 1886 gold in considerable quantity was found at Cassair bar on the Stewart and has extended and increased since then. The Yukon section may be divided into three division namely: The Upper, lying entirely within British territory and embracing White, Pelly, Lewis and Hootalinqua rivers, which together form the head of the main Yukon. The Middle division includes Fort Reliance and the country down to the mouth of the Tanana river. The Lower division stretches from the mouth of the Tanana to Norton Sound and Behring sea.

The largest nugget yet found on the Yukon was in Franklyn gulch in March 1894. It weighed exactly thirty ounces before, and twenty-nine and forty-five one-hundredths ounces after being melted at the mint at San Francisco.

It is in the Upper and Middle divisions that recent discoveries have been made on Forty Mile, Sixty Mile, Miller, Glacier and Birch creeks and the Koyukuk river. The streams flowing into the Tanana, on the west side of the Ratzel carry gold in large quantities. If the indications of the placer fields mean anything, they suggest that the interior of Alaska is destined to become a great centre of quartz mining in a very few years. It is fair to suppose, when upon nearly every stream and creek gold is found in greater or less quantities, somewhere in the mountains, whatever may be the climate or conditions that dissolve the ledges and turns the gold loose upon the broad level of the lowlands, there must be rich gold quartz.—Ex.

At Orillia, Ont., on Monday, Gaudaur easily defeated Rogers in the two-mile race for the world's sculling championship and $5,000.

The Thames tunnel was opened by the Prince of Wales on Saturday. It is a splendid engineering structure.

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Government Organs Repudiate Responsibility of the Province.

"If you want to get any thing from a Government abuse it," is evidently the feeling of the Revelstoke MAIL. From three-quarters of a column of abuse of the Provincial Government we pick out a few words which show that the MAIL is a little concerned about the erosion of the Columbia River at Revelstoke, although it is far more concerned, it seems, with swearing at the Turner administration. After a rampage over political spite, culpable negligence, and the usual vituperation, it suggests that perhaps the Dominion Government might be memorialized for assistance. There is, it seems, a little sense in the MAIL after all and if instead of wasting time running down the Government at Victoria it had started the memorial it would have done much better. The MAIL seems to be under the delusive impression that Revelstoke is the only place in the Province which—to use its own picturesque words—"is subject to a rapacious and devouring river." The facts are that on the Fraser there are many places where huge areas of land have been washed away. The task of looking after our great navigable rivers is a Dominion matter and for many years the Conservatives pursued a policy of drift and while they did that land drifted away as well. At Miller's Landing, in Sumas, a tract of land, estimated to exceed 100 acres, has been washed away within the last 20 years—that is to say during the term of office of successive Conservative administrations. A similar remark applies to what is known as the Landing, at Chilliwack. Where there was more than one farm a score of years since, the Fraser holds sway. This washing away has as well taken place along the river banks from Mission City to Ruby Creek. If the Provincial Government established such a precedent as the Kootenay MAIL wishes it to do where, we would ask, would the matter end? Our contemporary naturally wishes that the Dominion and Provincial Governments should spend large sums of money at Revelstoke, but we have to remember that Revelstoke is not British Columbia. The Federal Government, as we have frequently pointed out, is doing nothing more than its whole duty in improving the Fraser for navigable purposes, and the grant of $10,000 is nothing more than we are entitled to receive. We would have preferred also, to have seen a substantial sum placed in the estimates for making the Columbia River as far as possible, navigable for a considerable distance from Revelstoke northward. While the Conservatives held the reins of office there was little chance of that, but now there is a more hopeful outlook. Let the MAIL, however, dismiss from its mind any thought that this is a Provincial matter.—Vancouver *World*.

Under the caption of "A Baseless Complaint" the Victoria *Colonist* says:

"A blast comes from Revelstoke against the local government for not taking steps to prevent the carrying away of the bank of the Columbia at that point. The British Columbia government has quite enough to attend to in looking after matters that are within its jurisdiction, and is not culpable for refusing to do that which it is under no obligation and, in point of fact, has no legal right to do. The management of navigable rivers is within the purview of the powers *vested in the federal government*, and if the provincial authorities should go out of their way to assume any responsibility in the premises it would follow that they would be liable to any persons who might be in any way damaged by what they did. The constitution gives the control of navigable rivers to the Dominion government, and there is just as much reason to complain that the municipality of Victoria does not protect the banks of the Columbia as there is for berating the local government for not doing so.

"The statement is made that an agreement existed between the provincial and federal governments for co-operation in protecting the banks of the Columbia at Revelstoke. There is absolutely no truth in that. It is true that in June last the Dominion government appropriated $10,000 for the purpose, on condition that the province should pay a similar amount. The provincial government received no notice of this until after the late session opened, and so were in no wise to blame for not expending any money last year. There was, in fact, none to spend, even if it had been desirable to enter into any such agreement with the federal authorities. The provincial government, however, decided not to do so, believing that there is no more reason why the local revenues of British Columbia should be charged with expenditures that should rightfully be met by the general government.

"We do not expect this exlanation to be satisfactory to the Revelstoke Reviler, but it will be to all reasonable people. There is no doubt that there is need of a large outlay at the point in question; but if there has been any neglect in the matter, it is not the provincial government but that at Ottawa that is responsible. Possibly the responsibility may lie even nearer Revelstoke than either Victoria or Ottawa."

Why the Tobacco Factories Closed.

It is believed in trade circles, says the *Canadian Trade Review*, that the true reason why the tobacco factories of W. C. Macdonald, of Montreal, and Geo. E. Tuckett & Son, of Hamilton, closed down was not so much on account of the increase in the excise on tobacco as the necessity of making new moulds for the reduced sizes of plugs to be sold at retail for 5 and 10 cents which that increase involves. As most of the retailers stocked up for several months in advance in anticipation of such an increase in the dues on tobacco, the factories can well afford to close down for a while until they are able to adjust their new sizes without interfering with their customers' convenience.

Development Companies.

The success in mining operations in British Columbia has, as in other places, brought to the front a lot of new "exploration and development companies," which in time will greatly harm the mining industry. Some of these companies are formed on a proper basis with legitimate objects in view, but many are organized with more of an idea of selling stock than of really doing work in mines. They are somewhat different from ordinary mining companies in that they propose to acquire different properties in various parts of the country and develop them into mines. The plan is a reasonable and good one under proper management, but there is danger in "scattering" too much and trusting to luck in having one good mine make up for a dozen poor ones. Most of these exploration and development concerns are organized with a view to acquiring a number of mines, usually named, but selected by the managers, and these managers or organizers get certain shares of the stock for themselves. Out of 500,000 shares, for instance, they retain 250,000, and try to sell the rest. The fact has developed lately in British Columbia that each of certain men get 8,000 or 10,000 shares for the use of their name alone, and know little or nothing of the company itself or the mines it was to acquire and open. There is risk enough in opening an ordinary mine by investing capital in it, but these companies which have nothing but their stock to sell, the money from which is to buy mines to be selected by the managers, will bear careful watching and inquiry. Of course if the organizers are men of standing in the community it is all very well, but there is ever some risk in this as appears from the fact of men being given stock for the use of their names. The people who organize and maintain these fake concerns should be reached by the strong arm of the law, if possible, and the companies suppressed. The difficulty is that these companies are organized with the same form of prospectus as those of a legitimate character, and unless one is posted in mining matters it is hard to distinguish good from bad. It is foolish, however, to invest in stock in any of these new companies without proper inquiry into the character of the men in charge, and some investigation as to the mines. Some of the prospectuses we have lately seen show companies with $1,000,000 capital stock and as many shares, half of which are for sale and the balance in the hands of the promoters, while not one of the mines it was proposed to acquire had a 100-foot shaft or had ever made a cent of production. Some had only 25-foot or 30-foot shafts, mere prospects in fact, yet the immense number of shares was considered necessary to be sold in order to develop them. Of course such companies must be failures, as they could never pay dividends on such a basis. It is better to investigate voluntarily before purchasing stock *than to be compelled to do so to see* where your money has gone.—CHARLES G. YALE in *Mining & Electrical Review.*

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The C.P.R. will add an express boat to its Columbia river fleet, for carrying passengers, mail and express. The keel of the new boat has been laid at Nakusp. She will be named the Flyer and is expected to make the round trip from Trail to Arrowhead in 24 hours.

Sunday street cars ran last Sunday for the first time in Toronto. The proceeds of the day were about $3,000 which was given to charities.

To be Placed on the Market.

It is understood that the difficulties which have hitherto stood in the way of placing the townsite of Rosebery upon the market have been satisfactorily arranged and the property, which was subdivided some time ago, will at once be offered for sale. The townsite was originally purchased from the government by A. M. Wilson and subsequently R. F. Green, of Kaslo, and G. B. Nagle, of Revelstoke, became interested to the extent of one-third each. Dan McGillvray also obtained an interest. It is one of the best situated points on Slocan lake having a protected harbor where steamers may lie with safety at all times.—Rossland *Miner*

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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.

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April 21, 1897. 1-96

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All moneys due the late firm to be paid to John Hector who will also pay all accounts due by the same.

JOHN HECTOR,
LOUIS SHERRIN.

Witness: JOHN MILNE.
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MARRIED.

TURNCOTTE-MORGAN.—At Revelstoke, Monday, May 24th, by Rev. F. A. Ford, Fred Turncotte of Sandon to Miss C. Morgan of Revelstoke.

WALTON-MARTIN.—At Revelstoke, on Tuesday, May 25th, by Rev. F. Yolland, Percival Walton to Miss E. Martin.

DIED.

ROBERTSON.—At Revelstoke, on Saturday May 22nd, John Robertson, aged 45 years.

HILTON.—At Illecillewaet, on Monday 24th inst., Frank Hilton, aged 51 years.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

P. Leake arrived Thursday.

W. M. Brown came up yesterday from Leon Springs.

H. A. Perley will run the C. P. R. Hotel here.

J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., left Thursday for Carnes Creek.

E. A. Haggen has control of the Golden *Era* now.

J. C. Montgomery's daughter is very much on the mend again.

John Hopgood was out in his yard yesterday for a little while.

Jack Shaw reeks of camphire and is thinking of taking anti-toxy.

H. N. Coursier got back from his trip to Trail on Sunday.

Horne-Payne's manager at Laurie, G. Brooks, came in Wednesday.

Someone made a big fire on First street Tuesday night.

Swan Anderson came in Thursday from Illecillewaet.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS, properly endorsed, will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Wednesday, June 9th, for the erection and completion of a

COURT HOUSE AT REVELSTOKE, B.C.

Plans and specifications can be seen and forms for tender obtained at the office of the Government Agent, Revelstoke. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., May 27, 1897. 6-2t

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Thursday, the 3rd day of June, A.D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.
Revelstoke, May 17th, 1897. 5-2t

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.

THAT the ½ interest in the Little Falls placer claim situated on French Creek, Big Bend, and owned by Arthur Bowen of Tacoma, will be sold by public auction at the Court House in Revelstoke, the 22nd day of June, at 12 o'clock noon, to pay assessment due amounting to $40, cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order,
GUS LUND, Manager.
Dated at Revelstoke this 15th Day of May, 1897. 5-3t

Notice to Joint Stock Companies.

THE following section, numbered 161, of the "Companies Act, 1897," relative to the issue of a free miner's certificate is published for the information of JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

JAMES BAKER,
Minister of Mines.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
14th May, 1897.

161. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 4 of the "Mineral Act, 1896," or section 4 of the "Placer Mining Act, 1891," or elsewhere in the said Acts or other the mining laws of the Province, no free miner's certificate shall be issued to a Joint Stock Company for a longer period than one year, and such certificate shall date from the 30th day of June in each year; and every free miner's certificate held by a Joint Stock Company at the passing of this Act shall be valid and existing until and shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1897. Upon applying to renew any such certificate on or before said 30th day of June, the Joint Stock Company shall be entitled to a rebate of a proportionate amount of a fee paid for a certificate heretofore issued according to the further time for which it would but for this section have been valid. 5-3t

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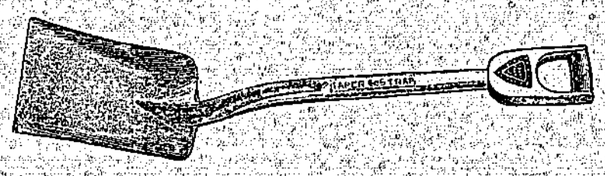

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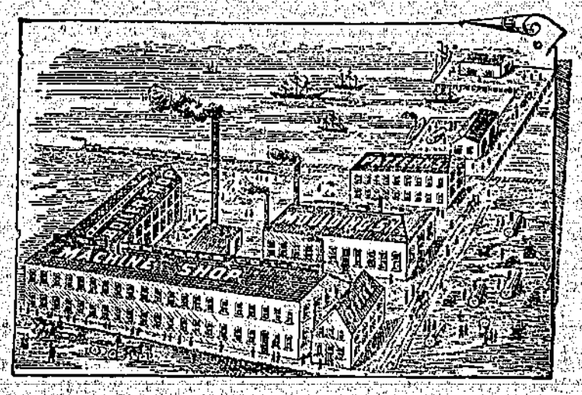

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