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# THE MINER

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### A DIG IN THE RIBS FOR ENGLAND.

Following are extracts from an article which appears in the London Mining Journal of January 21st, and for which Mr. Cannan, of the firm of Owen & Cannan, of Golden, is responsible. Though we cannot agree with Mr. Cannan in his contention that the feeling throughout West Kootenay is exclusively American, yet it is impossible to gainsay the truth of his remarks about the lack of enterprise shown by British capitalists:

"Though minerals were known to exist in the Slocan country for years they have, like the fabled princess, lain dormant till the prince in the shape of American enterprise came, a little over a year ago, and at its touch the sleeping country has sprung into life, its pulses being now filled with energetic, restless and pushing American life, which has swamped the owners of the soil, and here we have the strange anomaly of a country nominally part of the British Empire, whose people are American, whose capital is American, whose mines are American, whose wealth is flowing into American pockets, whose very politics are American, and whose only regret is that it does not form part of the American Republic.

"The Slocan country which, roughly speaking, may be said to lie between the Arrow Lakes and Kootenay Lake, being bounded southward by the western arm of the latter; first began to be visited by American prospectors in the latter part of the summer of 1891; though too late to achieve much that summer, they carried back such a tale of the country's mineral wealth to the Western States, where they wintered, that the country found itself the following spring invaded by an army of something like 2,000 American prospectors, and fast upon their heels came American enterprise and capital.

"Properties were staked and sold, roads and trails were built, towns were started, and the railway charters applied for with American money, and to-day the visitor to that country hears everywhere expressions of regret that nature has placed West Kootenay north instead of south of the 49th parallel, and from none so loud as the English and Canadians, who for years have waited in the country hoping that perhaps the British public might after one of the periodical lessons which it receives on the value of some of its pet foreign securities, turn its attention to developing the wealth of its colonies. But they have waited in vain, for wisdom is only justified by the children, and we doubt whether the investing public of Great Britain have any family relation with Minerva.

"We do not wish your readers to run away with the idea that Slocan contains all the mineral wealth and activity of West Kootenay. Far from it (as subsequent letters on Toad Mountain, Ainsworth, Hendryx, Trout Lake, Lardo and the Duncan will show) but it is the district which, thanks to American enterprise, is making the most rapid advance. Situated between the lakes, as already stated, it represents roughly a rectangular parallelogram 60 miles long by 40 miles wide, and in this small space is contained more mineral wealth than exists in the same area, or twice the area for that matter, in any other country in the world, excepting none, and Slocan is destined to be the largest silver-lead camp the world has ever seen. The ore deposited in three-fourths of its properties is in solid veins free from gangue matter, and ready for direct shipment to the smelter, while the average silver returns for the whole country will stand at 125 to 150 ounces of silver per ton of 2,000 lbs.; some of the ores, which are fabulously rich, running 2, 4, 6 and up to 10,000 ounces in silver, are not taken into account in making this statement, but no low grade ore has yet been found, and the working average of the country will, we are satisfied, not prove less than 125 ounces.

"In the fall of 1891, as we have already stated, the American prospector first entered the Slocan; winter put a stop to operations, but enough had been seen to establish the wealth of the country, and in the spring they returned in increased numbers, followed by the shrewd Yankee seeking a new field for investment.

"In a country where hardly a trail existed in the spring of this year, contracts have been let for the hauling out of over 4,000 tons of ore during the winter as follows: Freddie Lee, 2,000; Idaho, 1,000; Blue Bird, 400; Montezuma, 200; sundry claims, 500 tons. Had it been possible in the short time to construct the necessary roads, etc., 30,000 tons of ore could have been shipped to American smelters during the winter There are between 700 and 800 claims recorded in the district, three-fourths of which are in American hands.

"Some of the Canadian papers are commencing to cry out against Americans obtaining such a hold upon British territory, but, so far from agreeing with them, your correspondents consider the Americans richly entitled to what their enterprise is winning them, and may they continue to come in in increased numbers, for, humiliating though it may be for a British subject to confess it, the fact remains that Americans have the energy and understand the developing of a new country in a way which we do not, and were not only Slocan, but the whole Province of British Columbia an American State, it would advance more in three years than it is likely to do under the present rule in ten.

"In considering the amount of money invested in the country your readers will remember that as it is all in mine prospecting, and no large sums are paid for properties, it represents a much greater mining activity than may appear at first sight.

"There has been invested in the Slocan district by Americans in mining since spring, in development work, $100,000; paid on bonds, $125,000; amount of bonds still running, $570,000. In the same period there has been invested by British and Canadian capitalists—in development work, paid on bonds and in bonds still running, $45,000. We leave these facts with your readers, as we stated at the commencement of this letter, for their careful and thoughtful consideration. Our fathers "built themselves an everlasting name" for a spirit of energy and enterprise. Have we inherited nothing but the name?"

### NELSON WATERWORKS.

We understand that the Nelson waterworks, whose cost price was under $4,000 and whose present value is very nearly nothing, have been floated as a company with a capital of $15,000. How much of this stock the original owners retain by way of payment for the works we don't know, nor how much money the company have in the treasury to develop the system. But if they are not prepared to spend a considerable sum in securing a proper water supply to the town, all that we have to say is that there is considerably more water in the stock than is ever likely to be on the premises of Nelson's citizens through the agency of the company.

This has been a severe winter, and numerous accidents to the water supply have necessarily occurred. The cellar of one man of business in the town was flooded and filled with water up to the level of the street before the supply could be cut off. Another had a quantity of goods destroyed or at least injured by a local flood on his premises. A third woke up one fine morning to find his bar-room floor coated with two inches of ice and a steady stream of water still making its way over his hotel wherever the law of gravity would permit. To crown all, the main connection across the Baker street bridge, over Ward creek, is now lying a heap of ruins in the bottom of the creek. We do not suppose that all these accidents should be laid at the door of the water company. In Vancouver the number of burst pipes and broken stoves has been appaling, and there is no reason why Nelson should claim immunity from what may reasonably be put down to the exceptional severity of the weather. But what we have just cause to complain of is that the company has made no provision to have the system of waterworks put in order, now that the merry spring is arriving. Some public-spirited individuals have patched up a connection with West Baker street by means of fire-hose, but as the mains are frozen on the other side it does not amount to much. If the water supply system is not overhauled at once it will become valueless. And not only in the interest of the citizens of Nelson, but also in the interests of the shareholders of the water company, something should be done without delay. The supply from the present source is inadequate and the mains are too small and badly laid. There is nothing to prevent another company from going to work, laying down a proper system, and reaping all the profit. The charter of the present company gives them no monopoly of Nelson's water supply. And if in their own interest they do not see fit to look after their property, they may and will be brought to face competition in the interests of the people of the town.

### THE REVELSTOKE SMELTER.

An article appears in a recent issue of the Northwest Mining Review of Spokane, which we should say, judging from internal evidence, comes from the pen of Mr. Holdich, of Revelstoke. The article booms Revelstoke and Kemp's mineral springs, and winds up with a pertinent sentence to the effect that "the output from the Slocan mines is very light at present as most of them were only discovered last fall, but when the long-promised railroad is in operation we shall see such a Kootenay as has not been seen yet; and it rests with the present owners of the Revelstoke smelter to either let their property fall into decay (and into the river also) or by the exercise of a little common sense to start in now and to reap the harvest that assuredly will reward the first company that successfully runs smelting and refining works in north Kootenay."

### THE HIGHLANDER.

The Highlander mine, located at Ainsworth, is a property which is sure to pay the owners handsome returns on their investment, says the Northwest Mining Review. The mine was purchased by Henry McMurrow, a young attorney, who at that time resided in Philadelphia. The purchase was made for himself and a friend, also of Philadelphia, and work was immediately begun to develop the property by a crosscut tunnel which was to tap the ore body at a considerable depth. The work went rapidly forward until three veins were crosscut, all carrying ore.

The most considerable of these veins, where crosscut shows over two feet of ore, which assays 40 ounces in silver and over 60 per cent. in lead.

The other veins do not show so much ore, but are good clean veins, carrying silver and lead. At this time the work is suspended, but a large force of men will develop the property farther in the spring, and as soon as the smelter at Pilot Bay is "blown in" the ore will be laid down there at a cost of about $5, including mining.

This makes the Highlander a most desirable property, and Mr. McMurrow, who is now residing in Spokane to be near the scene of operations, and the co-owners are well pleased with the outlook.

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A new mining district is to be created in British Columbia, to include Kettle River, Rock Creek, Boundary Creek and Camp McKinney, which includes the water shed between Kettle and Okanagan rivers. Mr. Wm. G. McMynn has been recommended for the office of recorder in the new district.

### KASLO NOTES.

I have no story to tell. Matters have been pretty quiet here lately, as the absence of communication, save by the precarious sleigh road, has stopped the usual number of people from coming in.

T. J. Davies has returned from his trip up the Lardo and Duncan rivers, but as he has gone to Nelson, where you will see him, I will not give you a narrative of his exploits. Suffice it to say that he and his companions, Stevenson and McKenzie, have had a very trying trip, but have returned none the worse for it.

An institution modeled on the lines of "The Shack" at Nelson has been started here. It is not so ambitious as its elder sister, as it is content with two modest rooms over the Balfour Trading Company and a Chinese cook. However, it seems likely to be a success, and the members are enthusiastic in its praises.

The telephone being now in working order between Kaslo and Nelson, communication is possible but difficult. The vag. es of the animal are numerous and exciting. Nothing of a private nature can be discussed, as every instrument is connected with every other instrument, and what is whispered into the sympathetic telephone ear, becomes public property at once.

It being a slack time, the usual rumors are going round that every mine in the Slocan is pinching out. I am not a mining expert, but I should imagine it would be a very wonderful thing if these high grade mines could be worked continuously with the same amount of ore all through. People tell me that in a limestone country a great deal of dead work has to be done in order to get ore, and there is no reason why this should be an exception. So far the rumors want confirmation, even as regards any one mine.

Our energetic fire brigade has let the contract to construct tanks in our streets, and we have now got two large holes dug in the centre of Front street, which are eventually to blossom into tanks. In the interval a money-or-your-life subscription committee holds a conversational pistol to the head of the community and compels them to deliver shekels.

The Nelson has just arrived with a large consignment of passengers, bound for Kaslo, so that, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, the influx is beginning.


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## EDITORIAL REMARKS.

"Now is the season of our discontent"—it is certain, however, that the season cannot last very much longer, and as soon as we can get communication once more with the outside world, such a busy time will be seen in Nelson as has never before been experienced by the district.

The means of transit have not been really so very much worse than in past winters, but the expectations entertained were so much greater than in former years, and the shock of being deserted by the C. & K. S. N. Co., after their loud protestations that, come what might, the Arm should be kept open, the partial failure of the Bonner's Ferry wagon road, the severe frost, and the undecided, half-and-half kind of a thaw have, combined, rendered traveling from Nelson to outside points a dangerous business, and an unpleasant necessity.

By this time next year it is certain, judging from present indications, that no one will have to travel into or out of the country by means of sleigh roads and pack trains unless he prefers to do so. It is stated on the very best authority—that of the President of the company—that it has been definitely settled that the terminus of the N. & F. S. Railroad will be at Nelson. It is also moderately certain that the C. & K. Railway will build up the Slocan River, and that the C. & K. will have running powers over the N. & F. S., and vice versa.. From what Mr. H. Abbott is reported to have said in an interview, after his return to the Coast, from his trip to the East, one would be justified in considering the line from Revelstoke to the head of the Upper Arrow Lake, to be as good as built. Whether this branch will go much farther than this, for some time to come, may well be doubted.

Mr. Abbott, in the course of this interview said: "I am authorized to spend $750,000 on the Pacific Division this year in renewals and permanent improvements. I may say that it is the intention of the C. P. R. to build up and develop a trade between the coast cities—the wholesale centres—and the mining camps of this section. As regards the Kootenay lake mining camps, the company is keeping these in view. A few days ago the C. P. R. secured control of the Galt road running from Dunmore, on our main line, in a southwesterly direction to the Crow's Nest Pass, to within 100 miles of which place the line is now constructed, and upon which active operations are to commence in the spring. The intention is to carry that line in a westerly direction through the southeastern section of the Province to Nelson. This will enable the C. P. R. to accommodate the miners in all parts of Southern Kootenay, in which a prosperous mining era is anticipated, the effect of which upon the trade of this Province will be a beneficial one. Mr. Van Horne is fully alive to the importance of the surface indications and other resources of the immense territory lying south of the present main line, and is yearly spending large sums of money in making exploratory surveys with a view to carrying out the line through to the Coast."

The railway companies, by their promises of activity in the spring, have awakened all the smelting works in the country from their long sleep. Mr. George Alexander and others seem to be making efforts to get the Golden smelter to work: the Winnipeg shareholders of the Revelstoke smelter are said to be trying to buy out the English holders of stock, with a view to starting the works going again on a paying basis and in an efficient manner; and notice is given in the Gazette of the 9th inst., that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of erecting, maintaining and operating, at the City of Vancouver, a smelter, with all the necessary blast and other furnaces, works, plant and machinery for extracting metal from ores, and manufacturing steel and iron manufactured articles of every description, with power to own, hold and acquire land, mines, mining privileges, timber limits and timber leases, bonuses or other aids from the Dominion or Provincial Governments or otherwise, and to build, own, maintain and operate ships, steamers and vessels of all descriptions, wharves and railways in connection with tne said works and properties or otherwise, and generally to have and exercise all such other powers and privileges as are necessary or incidental to the said works and properties, or any of them, and to provide a guarantee by the Province of five per centum per annum, for a period of 20 years, on $1,000,000 of the capital stock of the company, together with freedom from Government and municipal taxation for a like period.

Some of these smelters have local work to do, of course, but the greater part are making a bid for the Nelson-Slocan-Ainsworth-Kaslo district. It will be a case of first come, first serve; though, in time, all will, no doubt, have plenty to do.

There can be no doubt but that every one who is interested in West Kootenay means to "whoop it up" during the coming summer.

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### THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

The committee appointed to enquire into the claims of certain applicants to purchase land at the mouth of Carpenter Creek and at the head of Slocan Lake, of which J M. Kellie is chairman, seem to be making satisfactory progress.

The following petitions have been presented:

From John Hendry, D. J. Munnand Alexander Ewen for a private bill re railway along Kootenay River to Kootenay Lake.

From J. R. Robertson, J. B. McKillican and H. G. Ashby, for a private bill to incorporate The Bedlington and West Kootenay Railway Company.

From P. C. Dunlevy, W. H. Ellis and others, for a private bill to incorporate The Lardeau and Kootenay Railway Company.

From Charles G. Major, John Wulffsohn and Arthur W. Jones, for a private bill to incorporate The Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company.

From Charles Thomas Dupont and Frederick B. Pemberton, for a private bill to incorporate a railway company (Trail Creek and Sheep Creek).

From C. T. Dupont, H. S. Mason and others, for a private bill to incorporate The Kootenay Central Railway Company.

From the Nelson Electric Light Company, Limited, for a private bill to amend their corporate act.

### FACTS ABOUT SILVER.

Silver has achieved two notable victories, one in the Senate and one in Congress. Neither body will interfere with the operation of the Sherman law at present. The silver men among the legislators say the Sherman bill is a hostage and, ugly as the child may be, thep will hold on to it until they get something better. The American commissioners to the Brussels conference have sent in their report to the President. They say that towards the close of the congress a more favorable view towards silver was noticeable as a result of its deliberations. The price of silver remains steady between 83 and 84, and financial papers take a more favorable view of the situation. A further fall is not looked for at present. Time has been gained and as the consequences of abandoning silver to its fate become more obvious, it is less likely that any action to further depreciate silver will be taken.

### THE C. P. R. HUNTING A PASS.

Mr. Stewart's mission in West Kootenay at the present juncture is, we are informed on good authority, to investigate the existence of a supposed pass by way of St. Mary's River into West Kootenay—objective point, Pilot Bay. The C. P. R. is evidently determined to investigate very thoroughly before beginning to build. Whether such a pass exists or, if it does, is feasible, we beg leave to doubt. Men who know the country thoroughly say the Crow's Nest Pass road must come by the Moyie Pass and Goat River or else not come at all. But as Mr. O'Shaugnessy said in his letter to Nelson citizens: "A mistake in location would be a serious one." Verb. sap. experientia docet, echoes the shade of Rogers.

A petition was circulated in Nelson this week, and was signed by every business man, protesting against the proposal, on the part of the postoffice inspector, to send in the Nelson mail by way of Bonner's Ferry. The lake towns may get their mail sooner when it comes in by this route—but then, again, they may not—it is certain, however, that as matters at present stand, Nelson would not be benefited in any way by the proposed change, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Fletcher will realize this and act accordingly.

Most of the weather prophets of West Kootenay were induced, by the thaw that set in the early part of this week, to prophesy the breaking up of the winter and an early spring. Are they right?


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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of British Columbia at its next Session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a railway from a point near the international boundary line, at or near Bedlington, in the Province of British Columbia, thence following up the Kootenay River to Kootenay Lake, thence along the west shore of Kootenay Lake to its northerly extremity, with power to construct branchos to the headwaters of the Lardeaux and Duncan rivers, in said Province, and to construct telegraph and telephone lines and to equip and operate the same in connection with the said line of railway, together with the usual powers to acquire lands, privileges, bonuses, or other aids from the Dominion or Provincial Governments, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers rights and privileges.

JOSEPH HETHERINGTON BOWES,
Solicitor for Applicants.

Dated at Nelson, the 16th day of December 1892.

## SHAFER GOLD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY.

(Foreign.)

Registered the 16th Day of December, 1892.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

This is to certify that I have this day registered the "Shafer Gold and Silver Mining Company," (foreign) under the Companies Act, Part IV, Regisfration of Foreign Companies, and the Companies Act Amendment Act, 1889.

The objects for which the company is established are: To carry on the business of mining for gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc and other minerals, in the State of Washington, in the Province of Britisn Columbia, and at other places in the United States and in British North America, and of operating quartz mills and smelters for the purpose of working the quartz and ores from mines owned or worked by said company, and ores and quartz brought to such mills and smelters by other persons or corporations.

The amount of the capital stock of the said company is Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into four hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The term of existence of the said company is Fifty years.

The place of business of the said company is located at Ainsworth, Province of British Columbia.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 16th day of December, 1892, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia.

(Seal of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies British Celumbia.)

C. J. LEGGATT.
Registrar Joint Stock Co'ys.

## NOTICE

WONDERFUL MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATED ON MILLER CREEK SLOCAN DISTRICT.

Take Notice that we, Nathan E. Lay, free miner's certificate No. 42556, William T. Jones, free miner's certificate No. 42631, and E. Smith Miller, free miner's certificate No. 42632, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

JOHN ELLIOT, Agent for Applicants, Nelson.

Dated this 18th day of January, 1893. 134-8

Notice is hereby given that one month from date we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in council for the incorporation into a city municipality, under the name of the City of Nelson, of that certain locality in the Province of British Columbia described as follows: Being a subdivision of lot 95, group 1, West Kootenay District, as shown on the official plan of the Town of Nelson, comprising three hundred and seventy-two acres, more or less.

Dated at Nelson the 7th day of February, 1893.

F. M. McLEOD.
E. APPLEWHAITE.
A. J. MARKS.

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Take Notice that we, Nathan E. Lay, free miner's certificate No. 42556; William T. Jones, free miner's certificate No. 42631; and E. Smith Miller, free miner's certificate No. 42632, intend, sixty days after date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

JOHN ELLIOT, Agent for Applicants, Nelson.

Daten this 18th day of January, 1893. 134-8.

## CERTIFICATE OF IMRNOVEMENTS.

MOUNTAIN CHIEF MINERAL CIAIM, SLOCAN MINING DIVISION.

Take Notice that I. William H. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 40200, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim, said claim being recorded by me at the Town of Nelson, District of West Kootenay.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

Dated this 24th day of January, A. D. 1893. 134-8

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of British Columbia application will be made for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway, commencing at a point on the international boundary, on the right fork of Sheep Creek, thence running north along said creek to the Trail Creek Mines or, more particularly, to Red Mountain, with power to build, maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points on the main lines or branch lines to any adjacent mine or mines, and with power to build wharves and docks, and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines and all necessary works.

BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1892.

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of British Columbia, application will be made for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway from a point at or near the town of Nelson, in Kootenay District; thence westerly along the Kootenay River to the Slocan River, thence northerly along the Slocan River and Slocan Lake to a point at or near the town of New Denver and on through the Nakusp Pass to a point on the Upper Arrow Lake; with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines from any point on the main line to the headwaters of Carpenter Creek and Four Mile Creek and, with power to build wharves and docks and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines and all necessary works.

CORBOULD, McCOLL, WILSON & CAMPBELL,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Dated at Nelson this 7th day of January, 1893. 131-6

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of British Columbia, application will be made for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway, commencing at a point near the town of Nelson, in Kootenay District, thence following the West Arm of Kootenay Lake to Balfour, thence along the west shore of Kootenay Lake to Ainsworth, thence to a point at or near Kaslo, thence running up the main fork of Kaslo Creek to Bear Lake, thence to a point at or near the Forks of Carpenter Creek, with power to build branch lines to any mine or mines adjacent to the line of railway, and with power to build wharves and docks and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines, and all necessary work.

BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated the 14th day of December, 1892.

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JOHN L. RETALLACK, Agent.

### MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The manufacture of aluminum by an electrolytic process is to be gone into quite extensively at Forges, France. The falls of the Praz River, giving 2000 horse-power, are to be utilized and a plant erected soon.

Mr. Holdich has made two inspections of the Revelstoke smelter, and is drawing up a report to forward to the directors of the company in London. He finds that the arrastre was designed and built wrongly. The stockholders in Winnipeg are endeavoring to form a syndicate in that city to buy out the English stockholders.

W. C. Hadley, of Santa Fe, N. M., who for several years supplied the Director of the United States Mint with statistics on New Mexico, has just forwarded his reports for 1892. Of the total of the precious metals produced by New Mexico in 1892, 41 per cent. was gold. The ruling low price in silver and lead is of course responsible for the reported falling-off in those metals, but at the same time there is much to encourage in relation to the gold output.

W. S. Hart, a Colorado geologist who has been employed to assist in collecting the Wyoming mineral display for the World's Fair, has unearthed a bed of petrified palm trees at Rawlings and shipped 4,000 pounds of the find to Cheyenne. The specimens are rare and beautiful. The display found will include flat rocks carrying prehistoric tracks of birds and animals.

The Dakota tin mining business seems to have fizzled out like that of California. The Harney Peak Tin Company's mines have been closed down indefinitely, throwing 300 or 400 men out of employment.

The new mining camp, christened Vanderbilt, lies in the east corner of San Bernardino county, Cal., 36 miles north of Goff station, on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. The mines in this district are gold-bearing, with but little silver. The Gold Bronze is shipping ore which runs by the carload at $150 per ton gold. The Gold Bar is very high grade gold, and the ledge is from three to eight feet in width. There are a number of other excellent-looking properties being opened. The altitude of the camp is about 4,500 feet.

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LARDEAU


### CHANGE IN THE MAIL ROUTE.

On and after the 15th of February Her Majesty's mail for Kaslo, Balfour, Pilot Bay has been sent by way of Bonner's Ferry. Like most official actions, the change has been made just when it is not likely to be of much use and when it may very likely cause serious inconvenience to citizens of the towns on the Lake. From this merciful dispensation Nelson has fortunately been excepted until it can be discovered whether, via Banner's Ferry will be the best way for our receiving the mail. A few weeks ago such an arrangement would have been decidedly beneficial to the lake points. The only thing likely to result from it now is the piling up of mail matter at Bonner's Ferry until the Kootenay River opens. There is bound to be an interval of two or three weeks between the time when the sleigh road will become impassable and before the river is open to navigation. Looking to past years it will be the 20th of March, at the earliest date, before the Bonner's Ferry route is available. For how many days longer is the sleigh road to be relied upon? We have the assurance of authority that the Lytton will be started on the Lower Columbia on the 1st of March if not earlier. The train, we understand, will go from Nelson to Robson on Monday. Whether the boat will be able to make the trip so early there is no means of knowing. But as, according to all experience, the Columbia River remains stationary in height or even falls during the first three weeks in March, and last year the traffic began on the 20th of March, there is no very valid reason why it should not. So far as the outlet to Kootenay Lake is concerned, it cannot be more than a matter of days until the Nelson arrives at Nelson. It is a very fortunate thing for the country that just when communication by way of Bonner's Ferry becomes impossible, a through route to all points will be opened through Nelson. Whether it is so fortunate for the citizens of Kaslo and other Lake points that this precise moment has been chosen for altering the mail route is open to question. The inhabitants of Nelson may congratulate themselves that their mail, which is much larger than that of all the Lake points put together, has been exempted from this arrangement.


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### NEWS NUGGETS.

While boring for water, petroleum was discovered at Hanover, Ontario.

San Francisco received in January 115,360 tons of coal. Of this 47,537 tons came from British Columbia.

S. M. Wharton, who has large interests in the Slocan country, has recently returned from Texas, where he has been for the last two months. Mr. Wharton says that a large number of his friends will visit this country in the early spring.

The Columbia River, from Revelstoke to the Upper Arrow Lake, is covered with ice nearly the entire distance. Communication is kept up with the Lardo by traveling over the ice, and stopping a night at Hall's Landing.

The British Columbia members of the Dominion Parliament and Mr. George Alexander, Calgary, interviewed Hon. Mr. Foster at Ottawa last week to urge an increased duty on lead. Mr. Alexander stated that if reasonable protection were afforded the Golden smelter would be immediately blown in.

A deputation, composed of employees of the military and civil services, recently waited on Lord Lansdowne, Viceroy of India, to complain of the losses they had sustained and are sustaining through the depreciation in silver and the fall in the value of the rupee. Lord Lansdowne said the Government was only waiting for the report of the Herschell Currency Commission to take action. He added he was convinced the Government could not ask those in military and civil services to tolerate indefinitely the distress arising from the condition of the currency.

### NOTICE.

QUEEN BESS MINERAL CLAIM.

To all whom it may concern: Take notice that I, J. H. Moran, free miner's certificate No. 42,748, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the gold commissioner for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim, and further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the gold commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

J. H. MORAN, New Denver.

Dated this 28th day of January, 1893. 137-8.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa a plan and description of the site of the wharf proposed to be constructed by them upon the front or foreshore at mean high water, of lots 20, 22, 23, 24, block B, Third, Fourth, and Fifth streets, block A and I, and along Kaslo Bay 800 feet west of the west side of Fifth street, Kaslo City, District of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia, being a distance of 2,400 feet, and that a duplicate of such plan and description has also been filed in the office of the Registrar General of Titles at Victoria, and that the same persons have applied to the Governor-in-Council for approval thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 92, Sections 5 and 6, Revised Statutes of Canada.

R. J. BEALEY.
JOHN HIRSCH.
HORACE W. BUCKE.

Dated at Kaslo, this 12th day of January, 1893.

### APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TIMBER LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that I have made application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, for a special license to cut timber on 640 acres of land, situate on the outlet of Kootenay Lake, directly opposite G. O. Buchanan's old millsite, commencing at a stake marked W. W. W., N. E. No. 1, thence west along the water front 1½ miles to stake marked W. W. W., No. 2, thence north ½ mile to a stake marked No. 3, thence east 1½ miles to stake marked No. 4, thence ½ mile south to place of commencement.

W. W. WEST.

Dated at Nelson, November 30th, 1892.


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Nelson B. C., November 15th, 1892.


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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. H. Bowes left Nelson on Thursday morning for a visit to the Coast.

J. Elliot will probably leave Nelson for the Coast on Monday for a six weeks' visit.

C. W. C. Taber, a rising young lawyer from the East, means to try his luck in Nelson when the flowers bloom in the spring.

E. C. Carpenter has gone up to Three Forks, presumably to get his townsite in proper repairs for being put on the market.

T. J. Davies returned to Kaslo on Tuesday. It was his intention to cross the outlet by the "Hoover Canal," and travel on snowshoes along the shore.

T. Madden received the following telegram from Quebec this morning: "You are happy father; beautiful daughter; wife and child well." Hearty congratulations Tom from all hands.

According to the Kaslo-Slocan Examiner of the 11th inst., which came to hand last mail only, there are 30 men at work on the steamer which is being built at Bonner's Ferry, and which is to so far surpass in comfort and beauty anything that has been seen on the lake up to date.

The concert to be given by the Nelson Social and Literary Club on Tuesday will take place in the Odd Fellows' Hall, over Hume's dry goods store. Judging from the rehearsals the audience will get good value for their two bits. A negro song in costume will, it is expected, be one of the great successes.

According to the mail contractor who, by the bye, had a narrow escape of being drowned in the outlet on Thursday, between here and Balfour, falling through the ice into water which reached his shoulders, Jim Buchanan succeeded in smashing the ice to within nine miles of Nelson, and then gave it up as a bad, cold, thankless job.

O. G. Dennis came down from Kaslo this week, and is not desperately anxious to return, at any rate until he can travel all the way by boat. Mr. Dennis has, for the past 10 or 12 years, lived in a stock-raising country, where if they have to go to the woodshed to chop kindling, they saddle a cayuse and do the journey on horseback, and is not accustomed to walking 15 miles or so over snow, the crust of which breaks at every step and drops one down a foot or two into the slush below. In the present case Mr. Giffin had to saddle Charlie and an ambulance horse and sally forth to the rescue. As a novelist would put it: "When O. G. was once again mounted on his trusty steed, he felt the wild, hot blood of his ancestnrs surge through his veins, and he knew that he was saved."

Born—At Kaslo, the wife of A. J. McMillan, of a son.

Rice Morgan, of the Tacoma Smelter Company, arrived in Kaslo this week.

Dave Bremner and Jack Watson started for Kaslo on Wednesday.

J. K. Buchanan, commander of the Kaslo, is in town.

Frank Fletcher has been appointed a notary public for and in the West Kootenay electoral district.

Dr. E. C. Kilburn of Seattle has decided to put in two tunnels on the Northern Belle. R. H. Kemp of Kaslo is looking after the business and will see to the letting of the contract.

Ed. Atherton has been appointed postmaster at Watson. We wish him joy of his job, but so far as we can ascertain, after careful inquiry, a postmaster's life is not a happy one.

It was decided on Tuesday evening, at the meeting of the Nelson Social and Literary Club, that lynching is justifiable under certain circumstances.

"The Loan of a Lover" is the title of a vaudville that the Nelson Roman Catholics mean to perform. Rehearsals commence on Monday, and in the course of a month or so it is expected that the company will be in working order.

Alexander Stewart, the C. P. R. surveyor, arrived in Nelson on Thursday. His being in the country at this time of the year and so soon after Mr. Abbott's utterances on the subject of C. P. R. extension, is, to say the least, significant.

J. C. Hooker has returned from a prospecting trip in the St. Mary's River district. As is to be expected, he didn't see much, but what he did see was sufficient to cause him to make up his mind to make a visit to the country in the spring, when the snow has gone.

The last issue of the Western World published a picture purporting to be an illustration of a Slocan mining camp, but which we happen to know was used some years ago by an Eastern publisher to enrich the pages of a dime novel which he was issuing, entitled "Boy Bill the 'Bacca Biter, or Give us a chew or I'll scalp you."

The latest news with regard to the Nelson is to the effect that she has Jim Buchanan's scow at Kasslo, and has it made ready to run in front of her on Sunday next, when she means to start in and make a determined attempt to reach Nelson. There should be no great difficulty in her doing so, and the betting is decidedly in favor of her success, 5 to 2 on her reaching the Government wharf by midnight Sunday being offered and taken.


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