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IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

Nelson's Citizens Adopt a Plan of Campaign. The Needs of Kootenay to be Brought Before the Powers that Be.

A largely attended and representative meeting was held in the Phair Hotel on Saturday night to discuss any matters of public interest that might be brought forward.

After discussion the following resolutions were carried.

1. That the Provincial Government be petitioned to erect a courthouse at Nelson; not one merely large enough to accomodate the present needs of the district, but one of brick, and sufficiently large to accomodate not only the County and Assize Courts, but all the District's officials.

2. That the member for the district be asked to use his influence in securing a Custom house and Bonded warehouse at Nelson.

3. That an appropriation be asked for needed additions to the Government wharf at Nelson, for a trail to Hall Creek, and special appropriation for improving the streets of Nelson.

4. That the Provincial Government be petitioned to recommend the appointment by the Dominion Government of a county court judge for Kootenay District.

5. That the Provincial Government be petitioned to appoint a resident supreme court registrar for Kootenay District, to reside at Nelson.

6. That the needs of Nelson require the town's incorporation.

7. That the Provincial Government be petitioned to create a land registry office for Kootenay District, with the registry office at Nelson.

8. That immediate steps be taken to secure a site for a hospital at Nelson, and the erection of the building be commenced at once.

9, That the business interests of Nelson require a more direct route into the Slocan District, and that a memorial be presented to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's management urging upon them the necessity for the immediate construction of a line of railway to tap the Slocan country, via the Slocan River and Lake, as this route possesses the best natural and trade advantages.

The following committees were appointed: Messrs. Hume, Fletcher, Bigelow, McLeod and Marks to carry out the sense of the meeting and draft petitions, etc; Messrs. Bowes, Perry and Houston to take the necessary steps towards procuring incorporation; and Messrs. Lemon, Teetzel, Hamilton, Hume, Yuill, Arthur, La Bau and Hamber to look after the interests of the hospital.

A meeting was agreed upon for Saturday the 28th January to report progress.

The contents of these resolutions will be brought before the various authorities to which they are directed, in due time, by means of petitions and memorial, but many who are in positions of influence will see them in the columns of THE MINER, and we can only recommend them as the outcome of the deliberations of men who know the wants of the Kootenay country and wish to see those wants supplied in a manner adequate to their urgency and importance.

THE MINER AND THE LAW.

The Local Legislature will meet in a few weeks, and among many important questions to be brought under their notice, none will cause as much interest and anxiety in the mining centres of the Province as the changes that must of necessity take place in the mining act of 1892. At the outset it may be stated that beyond giving their concurrence to the act and passing it, the Government of the country has little to do with the general provisions. A committee of mining men draft the bill and any objectionable or inoperative clauses are due to their inexperience, or the influence exercised by the clamor of outsiders and the very general misunderstanding as to the ideas of practical qualified mine workers and owners.

To begin, the Mineral Act of 1892, chap. 25, part 2, sec. 14, describes the area of ground to be taken as 1500 by 1500 feet, an area of 51 13-20 acres. In the season of 1892 to December 1st, 608 claims were recorded in the Slocan district alone, representing an acreage of 31,402 1-5 acres. Supposing that in the other offices contained in West Kootenay a similar amount of claims were registered, we have the enormous sum total of 68,000 acres covered in one season's operations. Under the mineral act of 1891, with claims 1500 x 600, equalling 20 68-100 acres, if applied over the same ground would give a little over 25,000 acres, a significant difference. There can be no doubt as to the intention of the framers of the act of 1892. It is set forth in subsection (a) of sec. 15, where it is ordered that the side lines or boundaries of a claim continued vertically downwards are the limit. It was thought that this provision would tend to prevent the litigation that has occurred under the former rule of following the dips, spurs and angles of the lode. This contention is open to lawful criticism. Take an instance: A has a valuable lode and proceeds to develope; he purchases costly machinery and, after an expenditure of say $150,000 to $350,000, finds that at a depth of 1,500 feet he has reached the extreme edge of his side line, he must perforce stop or buy out B, who has simply staked out an extension of A's claim. Supposing B declines to sell, is it at all likely that A will abandon all his work and vacate his claim to B. It is not human nature to suppose such a thing. A will keep B in the dark and work away on his property, and then in comes the law, whenever B finds out A's trespass. It is utter absurdity to reason otherwise. Mineral veins cannot be moulded into shape by any legal enactments. It is to be deplored that the great problems of mining laws had not been more carefully studied and that experience gained from the vast fields of information and research, statutes at present working and working well across the line, should not have been properly utilized.

It is a dangerous business this continued changing of laws. To this stupid and nonsensical habit the Dominion Government have largely to credit the slow increase of population in the country; unrest and unquiet land laws, vexation and useless restrictions, have done much to deter immigration. A story is told of a man leaving Ottawa to take up certain mining properties at Edmonton, but just after staking his claims, he met the post on his return and found his work useless, the act having been changed in the short interim of his absence from the capital. To muddle, not improve, is almost always the result of hasty legislation. The mineral act of 1891 was fairly good, and if a few ordinary precautions had been added, that act could have remained forever on our statute books.

Leaving this subject for a moment we will revert to the next important clause of the act of 1892. Part 2, sec. 15, prescribes that a mineral claim shall be marked by two posts. Now 1500 feet square in a mountainous and wooded country is a very large territory. It is plain that two posts cannot mark this ground adequately, or indeed at all well enough to show the extent of this farm, the consequence is that claims are now located three deep, overlying and interlacing each other, a gordian knot requiring a legal sword to sever. And then the wole tenor of this section, with its half column of reading matter to be inscribed on the initial post, or as the average prospector has it, "icil," "enicil,' "entitial," etc. To illiterate men this obstacle is almost insuperable. The instructions to the land surveyor are not definite enough; and here it may be stated that no two ordinary men will agree as to the explicit sense of these surveyor's directions.

To section 19 special attention is directed. As, after reading this clause, one is led to believe that 15 clear days are allowed for an honest miner to record after finding his ground, presumably the intention is to allow an examination, rectification of stakes, etc. Now, compare this clause with section 25, where disputes as to a mineral claim are settled by priority of record. Plainly one clause is at variance with the other, or is it intended that a man can stake another's claim, say in the night, rush to the recorder's office and, having prior record, oust the honest proprietor; in other words, "jump his claim." Nor is section 26 any more clear. Can a miner locate two additional claims on separate lodes. This, with his own on another, would make three conundrums.

Let us now turn to what is called "Certificate of Improvements." What is the use of this additional expense, useless parade of documents, and general waste of time? When a man has his certificate of improvements it is practically a recognition of title: he has, to use a homely expression, "sworn plenty." He has had his mine properly surveyed and platted, yet he must again go to the recorder's office at the expiration of 60 days and (see "Form T") deposit again certificate of improvements, his own and surveyor's affidavit, copy of plat and copy of field notes. This may well be called the "Third time of asking." The hardships entailed and the uselessness of this certificate of improvement business is something beyond the ken of man. We may well say the Lord alone knows of what earthly use this accumulation of tiresome triplicate oaths and documents can be either to the Government or mine owner.

A further review is unnecessary. Any sane person, gifted with ordinary horse sense, can see the inutility of these enactments.

What is required is a clear, common sense act, defining boundaries by blazed lines, and pegs from post to post. If no further change will be granted, let the Government effect this: Abolish altogether the certificate of improvements, make plain the surveyor's duties, define clearly priority of record, insist that ore must be found in place before permanent record is given, give interim record good for 60 days, until prospector can swear to lode on his ground, simplify as much as possible the post notices, and, lastly, let the act as amended severely alone. Let it be with this mining law: "Now and forever."

The duty of the Government is plain—a firm, honest, and just conception of the actual facts of the case, and a thorough and intimate knowledge of the sense and spirit of their future enactments. Miners and land surveyors are not lawyers, yet now they are required to interpret clauses upon which no two lawyers can agree.

Let our laws be so clear that any ordinary man can mark, learn, and understanding act up to them.

FIREMEN'S BALL.

The Firemen's Annual Ball brought out a great crowd on Tuesday night. It was held in Lemon's Hall, of which Mr. Lemon kindly gave the use for the occasion. Eighteen couples took the floor and dancing was kept up till a late hour. Among the visitors to the town were Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney and Mr. and Mrs. A. Fletcher, of Kaslo; Mr. and the Misses Gallop, of Balfour; and Mr. Byers, of Pilot Bay. Of Nelson's citizens who were present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Traves, Mrs. Hodson, Miss Walker, Miss Kelly, Miss Kellet, Miss Duhamel and Miss Johnson. Of bachelors there were too many for enumeration, but from indications present we imagine there will not be so many next time.

CONCERT AT KASLO.

A concert will be held at Kaslo on Monday evening in aid of the reading room fund. Return tickets at single fare have been aranged for purchasers of tickets for the concert.

KASLO NOTES.

There has been quite a flutter in real estate during the last few days, especially on Front street, where there are now no lots to be got between Third and Fourth streets for less than one thousand dollars on the terms of one-third cash, one-third in three months and one-third in six months.

One gentleman made a sporting offer to take any lot in this locality, on those terms, but did not succeed in finding one. Perhaps it is hardly fair to mention his name as he shrinks from publicity and shuns the glare of public opinion, but I may say he is one of the owners of the Dardanelles and his initials are E. E. C. His full name expresses his nature.

Mr. E. E. Coy has just left us for his native land. I beg his pardon—I should say his late native land.

Like the late Mr. Biggar, "I see strangers in the gallery." We have had quite an influx of visitors amongst us, and with many shekels. Mr. Jackson, the agent for the Kaslo Townsite Company in Spokane; Mr. Bradwell, a wealthy Spokaneite; Messrs. Shelton and Colwell, two mining men of considerable experience who have been buying real estate as though it were so much sugar, and Mr. A. F. Burton, a gentleman from the East, who has invested quietly and judiciously; D. Bremner and Jack Watson arrived in our midst last Tuesday; John Elliot and G. W. Richardson, and others too numerous to mention, have also visited us.

There was a large and representative meeting in O. T. Stone's office last week for the purpose of petitioning Mr. Fletcher to allow us to have our mail sent direct via Bonner's Ferry, whereby it is claimed that a considerable saving of time would result. These little hints to the powers that be are of service, showing that we still linger on and have some kick in us, but Victoria is so far off, and it really matters so little to our lords and masters whether we are pleased with their arrangements or not, that I do not anticipate much result.

The wagon road is now in splendid condition, and a recent visit to G. W. Hughes' wharf showed 39 metrically arranged piles of ore in sacks awaiting transshipment.

The route to Bonner's Ferry is now in good working order, and Cheney & Smith are to be congratulated on their pluck and enterprise. They do the 65 or 70 miles, between Bonner's Ferry and the head of Kootenay Lake, in very good time. They claim that if there was snow all along they could do it in ten hours.

B. H. Lee and H. W. Bucke have, I believe, arranged to construct a large hotel on the corner of Third and Front streets, which will greatly enhance the value of lots in that vicinity and will no doubt be lucrative to themselves.

Your esteemed confrere, Mr. Musgrove, the editor of the Kaslo-Slocan Examiner, has gone to the States on a visit. To use his own language, he is a "genial and companionable gentleman."

I must apologize to your readers for not sending any notes for your last number, but i have not yet fully realized the fact that Wednesday is the last day in the week for sending mail matter down, and consequently I omitted to do so, and then found that I was unable to charter a special vessel for the emergency, as they did not seem to think that a very trifling pecuniary addition to the honor of carrying these lucubrations (good word—wonder what it means) would be sufficient.

I hear rumors of a fast passenger boat—20 knots an hour—to ply from Nelson to Lardo, via Balfour, Pilot Bay, Ainsworth and Kaslo, and back. This will be a great boon to lake dwellers, as the time consumed, to say nothing of the whiskey, now is great, very great.

John Hirsch has been with us off and on for the last week, while I notice you still retain the lamented Commodore Davies in your midst. Is it true that the latter gentleman's yacht was seized by fresh water pirates in Nelson, but, fortunately, was recaptured, owing to the condition of her machinery, which prevented more than three pounds of steam to the square inch? A rumor to that effect has reached us here.

[For the information of our Kaslo correspondent we may say that, on Monday evening last, we met the commodore near Bob Yuill's ranch, and that he was then travelling at a great rate, with his steam gauge showing 35 pounds pressure. He was getting short of wood, though.—ED.]

The Kaslo is making frequent trips to Lardo townsite, and next summer we will, no doubt, see a regular route established.

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EDITORIAL REMARKS.

The time spent at the meeting on Saturday night last will not have been wasted if only one or two of the resolutions passed result in anything being done. A favorable opportunity was missed, at this meeting, of calling attention to the matter of railway charters, and if it be possible, we are of opinion that, at the meeting to be held on the 28th. inst, a resolution should be passed to the effect that Railway Charters are, as a rule, a delusion and a snare. They are applied for, and obtained, in most cases, by people who have not the most remote intention of building the railway themselves, but who are desirous of keeping other people from doing so, or of disposing of their privileges to the highest bidder. If a charter is to be granted at all, to anybody, there should be such stringent conditions attached, in the way of deposits and time limit for completion of work, as to preclude any but responsible people, and people who mean business, from applying to parliament for right of way. The whole system of charter-granting is rotten and old fashioned and ought to be abolished, but if, for some reason or other it is considered advisable to retain it, let us have it applied in such a way as to prevent anyone from using it as a means for filling their pockets by hanging off until they get their price, regardless of whether the country is being kept back, or not, by their selfish and short-seeing policy.

Speaking of railways, it is interesting to note that the Spokane Review of Saturday last publishes an interview with Mr. W. D. Barclay, general manager of the Lethbridge and Alberta railway, a line under the control of the C. P. R., in which he is credited with saying: "The Canadian Pacific will most certainly build a branch line into the Slocan district during the coming summer, and of that fact you can rest assured. The company look upon that section as being their exclusive territory and it is not their policy to sit back and allow another line to come in and capture the business plum. Their survey party has found an easy grade into the Slocan district, and this will undoubtedly be the one followed when they commence to build in the spring. They fully realize the rich character of the Slocan ores, and will make every effort to obtain the carrying trade to the smelting points along their lines. The Slocan ores are particularly rich in mineral, and I am confident that the day is not distant when that region will rival in population and ore production, the best developed districts in America. While it is true that American citizens and American money have done much toward bringing the Slocan country to the front, yet we do not concede to the Americans the right to monopolize everything, and you will find that the Canadian Pacific will be operating a line in there long before they have commenced to build from this side of the line."

If Mr Barclay knows what he is talking about and if he may be considered in this instance as the mouthpiece of the company, this is a rather important utterance. While he is right enough in his opinions as to the richness of the country and of the bright future which is inevitable, we fail to see what sufficient reason he can give for regarding the Slocan country as a sort of "Tom Tiddler's ground," and the exclusive territory of the C. P. R., unless, indeed, it forms part of the land grant of the C. & K. railroad. It is somewhat difficult, too, to understand the meaning of Mr. Barclay's concluding sentence. If he intends it to be understood that the C. P. R. will have a line running into the Slocan country before they, that is the C. P. R., have commenced to build from the American side of the line, his statement may be true enough; but if he means to say that the C. P. R.'s Slocan branch will be in operation before any foreign company, building a line to tap this district, shall have begun work, he is 'way off his base—either that or the men now working on the bank of the Columbia are clearing land for gardening purposes, which, considering the nature of the work done, and the manner of doing it, is far from probable.

It seems that mining men in Spokane have only just come to the conclusion that they have been swindled to a very large extent in some of the purchases that they have made in the Slocan country. The Review prints a long article in which it pats itself on the back for the large amount of good it has done by showing up the sellers of wildcats. It urges, and rightly, that this selling of wildcats nets but a very transient profit to the vendor, and does a vast amount of harm to the country. But at the same time it cannot be denied that any man who is fool enough to buy a claim without first investigating the matter thoroughly, and if possible, personally inspecting the property, is as much to blame as the man who sells the claim, knowing it to be worthless. The purchaser, if he is not a fool, is a gambler, and knows, in nine cases out of ten, that for the price he is giving, he cannot be buying a mine: or else thinks he is making a good buy simply because of the inability of the vendor to hold on to his property; in either case he has no right to kick when he finds that he has been bilked. He went into the thing as a gamble, and on his losing ought to cash up with as cheerful a countenance as may be.

Some of the cases specified by the Review have already been commented on in THE MINER. One person is credited with having sold eleven-eighths of a claim, whereas the fact of the matter seems to be, that he originally owned a half interest in the property in question; that he sold thirteen eighths of the whole mine and still retains his half interest. The buyers deserve a longer term of imprisonment in a lunatic asylum than does the seller in jail.

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A most successful meeting of the club took place on Thursday night. A programme for the months of January, February and March was adopted, including as features a mock trial, concert and social meeting, the other evenings being filled in with readings, music, and discussion.

The first item on Thursday's programme was a song from Mr. Valleau. He gave the old popular favo.ite, "True, True Till Death," which was received with great applause. Mr. J. E. Turner followed with a song "The Skipper," which was alsoheartily applauded.

The audience listened with interest to a paper from the president, entitled "The Crown and the People, or Constitutional Monarchy the Best Form of Government," which was followed by a discussion in which Messrs. Bowes and McLeod and the Rev. Messrs. Reid, Turner and Rogers took part.

Mrs. Davys then sang "Darby and Joan" and was received with great applause. Mr. Robson wound up the programme with "The Anchor's weighed," to which he did full justice.

After the transaction of necessary business the club adjourned.

The meeting on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock will discuss "Female Suffrage," some of Nelson's greatest guns in the way of debate leading the attack and defence. There will also, as usual, be a short programme of music and recitations.

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133-4 A. G. KIRLID.

[L. S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

THEODORE DAVIE, *Attorney-General.* } WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, you meet Us in our said Legislature or Parliament of our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honorable EDGAR DEWDNEY. Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Nineteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and in the fifty-sixth year of Our reign. By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Mail to New Denver will leave Nelson weekly on Mondays. W. S. MURRAY, Contractor.

FOR SALE.

Prospectors'location notices for sale at THE MINER office

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days from the date hereof, I intend to apply for a crown grant to the "Try Me" mineral claim,situated on Toad Mountain. This application will be made under clause 35, "Mineral Act, 1891." Copies of the field notes and plat can be seen at the office of the Government Agent, Nelson.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1892. HAROLD SELOUS.

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.

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 branches 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.

CROWN GRANT APPLICATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that M. S. Davys, as manager for the Cottonwood Gold Mining Company, limited, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Golden King," situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of publication. N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B.C., August 22nd, 1892. Gold commissioner.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Take Notice that I, Joseph Edward Boss, of the City of Spokane, United States of America, (free miner's certificate No. 41642) being the lawful holder of the mineral claim Young Dominion, recorded by H. Howson, on the 10th day of June, 1892, in the recorder's office, New Denver, intend applying at the end of sixty days for a certificate of improvements on the said claim for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant therefor. And further take notice that adverse claims, if any, must be sent to the Gold Commissioner at Nelson, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

J. E. BOSS.

Dated this 28th day of October, 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, Registration 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, Pnovince 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 Columbia.} C. J. LEGGATT. Registrar Joint Stock Co'ys.

NOTICE.

SLOCAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM, SLOCAN DISTRICT, WEST KOOTENAY, B. C.

Take notice that we, E. J. M. Hale, free miner No. 40257; Jno. W. Goss, free miner, No. 42784; S. K. Green, free miner No. 40277; S. J. Silverman, free miner No. 42490; 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.

N. E. LINSLEY, Agent for the Above.

Dated this 30th day of October, A. D. 1892.

NOTICE.

The Columbia & Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act authorizing it to construct and operate a railway between a point on its present line and Revelstoke, together with such branch or branches, not exceeding in any case thirty miles in length, as may be hereafter authorized by His Excellency the Governor in Council, and for other purposes. J. D. TOWNLEY,

Vancouver, November 24th, 1892. Secretary.

Notice is hereby given that Harold Selous, as agent for G. H. Colwell, B. Thomas, J. A. Turner and F. M. McLeod, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Hidden Treasure," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this notice. N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 3, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that James Fox, as agent for A. H. Kelly, E. S. Topping and A. M. Esler, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Ollie," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of this notice.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 3rd, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that Henry Anderson, as agent for John N. Squire, has filed the necessary papers, and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the Tiger, situate in the Ainsworth mining division of West Kootenay. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of publication. N. FITZSTUBBS,
Gold Commissioner.

Nelson, B. C., 7th October, 1892.

Notice is hereby given that Harold Selous, as agent for W. R. Will and R. G. Tatlow, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Ivanhoe," situated on Toad Mountain. West Kootenay District.

Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that Harold Selous has filed the necessary papers and made application for crown grants in favor of the mineral claims known as "Yankee Girl" and "Annie," situated on Toad Mountain on the divide between the east and west forks of Give Out Creek, West Kootenay District.

Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from date of this publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that E. D. Ainsworth, for himself and as agent for E. E. Brockhausen and D. C. Joslyn, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Copper King," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District. Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this notice.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 5th, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that M. S. Davys, as manager for the Cottonwood Gold Mining Company, limited, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Golden Wreath," situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of publication. N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B.C., August 22nd, 1892. Gold commissioner.

CROWN GRANT APPLICATION.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, James Richey, (free miner's certificate 41,883) Matthew Guthrie, (free miner's certificate 42,677) Jno. Fitzgerald, (free miner's certificate 41,738) and John King, (free miner's certificate 40,954) being the lawful holders of the mineral claim Okanagan, recorded by Matthew Guthrie aforesaid, on the 2nd day of June, 1892, in the office of A. Sproat, mining recorder, Slocan, intend appplying for a crown grant of the same by purchase, as provided in section 35 of the Mineral act, 1891, as amended in 1892.

JAS. RICHEY,
M. GUTHRIE,
JNO. FITZGERALD,
JNO. KING.

September 5th, 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, 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.

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THE NELSON WATER CO.

It is about time something was done by Mr. F. S. Barnard or whoever owns the stock of the Nelson waterworks, to provide the town with a water supply which is not liable to be cut off at a moment's notice. On the last cold night we had, for some reason or other the water was turned off or the mains froze or something happened to stop the supply. As a consequence, half the service pipes in town froze up, and have had to be thawed with the usual accompaniments of bursts and floods. The mains across the bridges on Baker street and Victoria street froze, of course, and the inhabitants of West Nelson were left two days, when they need not have been left two hours, without any water. The water company seems to imagine that, having secured a valuable privilege, all they have to do is to sit down quietly and wait till they can sell to advantage, leaving the present system to rub along by itself till it falls in pieces. And they need a reminder that their position carries with it certain obligations which their charter pledges them to fulfil. The water company is an absentee corporation. It is showing the greatest amount of negligence in supplying the needs of the citizens and there are some men in Nelson who are beginning to get good and ready to sue the company for damages, and see whether a little salutary discipline will not make them toe the mark.

We have been looking over the charter of the company in view of the probable incorporation of the town, and we have come to the conclusion that the future corporation of Nelson has not got such a snap in the purchase clause as Mr. Kelly and some of our citizens would have us believe. The town is to pay the company 15 per cent. per annum on the capital to date of purchase, taking account of profit already made and a bonus of 50 per cent on the capital as well. This is all very well, but we see no very distinct limits as to what the capital may be run up to. The capital actually invested in the Nelson waterworks at the present moment is well under $4,000. But the act covers all sums reasonably and actually paid by the company to any person or persons or body of persons under the provisions of section 46 of the act. The body of persons was Hume, Ink & Co., now merged in the Co. at a price of about $3,000 for the whole works. But when the waterworks company comes to deal with this mysterious Co., the heir of Messrs. Hume & Ink's interests, how much is to be reasonably and actually paid? That is the ticklish point. It seems to us that Co. is in a most admirable position. Let us imagine that for his interest in the capital expended (under $4,000) he receives $8,000 worth of stock, the city will probably have to pay him as a shareholder in the company $12,000, of which $9,000 will be clear profit, and 15 per cent. per annum on $12,000, or an additional profit of 60 per cent. per annum on his original investment of $3,000. This waterworks business was one of the most public spirited enterprises ever started in Nelson. In conception and execution it has been almost philanthropic. It promises to net for Co., the heir of Hume, Ink & Co., as aforesaid, a profit of 60 per cent. per annum on his capital, and an appreciation of the selling price of his property amounting to 300 per cent. In good truth "virtue is its own reward."

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WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

All Placer Mining Claims in this District, legally held, may be laid over from the 15th day of October, 1892, until the 1st day of June, 1893.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
Gold Commissioner.

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

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Now on sale at the office of the undersigned. The terms are reasonable, and there is every reason for stating that a handsome profit will be realized on all lots purchased at present prices. Arrangements have been made for the clearing of a portion of the Townsite, for the erection of hotel and stores, and for various other improvements, so that Lardeau City will build up rapidly in the early spring. Lardeau City is the entrance point for the Lardeau Pass, which reaches through to the head of Kootenay lake, and application has already been made for a charter to build a railway from Lardeau City to lake Kootenay and Nelson. Lardeau City is not a town competing with several other points in the same district. It is naturally the best point for supplying the surrounding mining country, and there is a brighter prospect for it to-day than there was for Kaslo a year ago. Lots purchased in the latter, last year, have been sold this summer at an advance of from two hundred to a thousand per cent. For further particulars apply to

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PERRY'S MAP OF KOOTENAY.

The map of Kootenay now being prepared by C. E. Perry & Co., of Nelson, will be a credit to the country, and of incalculable benefit to miners and prospectors. It will be printed in four colors, three showing the geological features of the country and the fourth the water areas. The mines, if possible, will be printed in silver and gold. The hill etching on the map will be similar to that of the U. S. Boundary Commission maps. The local index of the map on a scale of six miles to the inch, will extend from the international boundary to Revelstoke, showing all railway and water routes and their length. In Toad Mountain mining district every mine will be shown on a scale of one mile to the inch. Similar maps of the Ainsworth and Slocan districts will be added, while a map showing all the prominent camps in the Lardo and Duncan district will complete the production.

C. E. Perry and Co. are rustlers from away back, and in this matter of a map they are conferring a great boon on West Kootenay. Expensive surveys have been undertaken for the express purpose of this map. The Government plans have been corrected by actual survey and an enormous amount of work undertaken to make the map a success. It is contemplated having the original plan exhibited at the World's Fair, in connection with B. C.'s mineral exhibit.

The work is in the hands of Mr. O'Farrel, a draughtsman who prepared the Dominion of Canada plans for the Exposition of 1886, and will be completed some time in March.

C. W. BUSK,

Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., M. Can. Soc. C. E.

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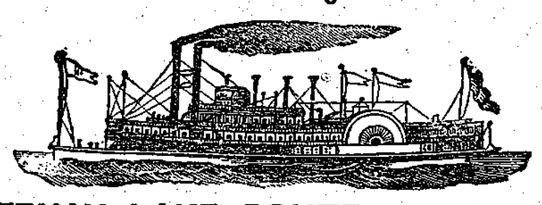

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Agent.

Nelson, December 19th, 1892.

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MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The Anaconda and St. Lawrence mines at Butte, Montana, are now closed down so far as the extraction of ore therefrom is concerned. With the closing of these properties the suspension of the ore production by the Anaconda Company is complete. The lower smelter at Anaconda is still in operation, and it is supposed will continue so long as the ore now on hand holds out.

There is a gold excitement in the Wichita Mountains, about 75 miles southwest of El Reno, Oklahama. The new El Dorado lies within the forbidden territory belonging to the Kiowa and Comanche Indian reservation.

Colorado, in looking out for something to mine in addition to silver, thinks its mines of asbestos are richer than those of Wyoming, and wants someone to start in and work its deposits.

The Calumet and Hecla, the great copper mine, has declared $2,000,000 in dividends for the present year, this making a total dividend paid to date of $38,850,000. Assessments have been levied to the amount of $1,200,000, and the capital stock is $2,500,000. To those who have held the stock from the time the mine first began to yield a profit, the gain has been enormous, but there are comparatively few shares so held. Upon its present selling price the stock pays only about 7 per cent.

A reduction in the wages of miners is announced to take place in some of the large mines of Utah. The mine-owners say that on account of the low price of silver, not only must the miner's wages be reduced, but railroad and smelting rates must be reduced; otherwise they will be compelled to shut down.

The gold mines on the Swauk river, Wash., are attracting a good deal of attention at Ellensburg. A bedrock flume that has been surveyed on the Swauk will, it is expected, develop some important gold deposits below Selma Point. There is nothing above that that was considered worth staying with, It is thought that the flume will make it known where the coarse gold has come from.

A. W. Holly, secretary of the Kootenai Hydraulic Mining Company, at the mouth of the Pend d'Oreille River, reports that work will be continued to a more or less extent until March, when 150 or 200 men will be put at work, and mining operations commenced in earnest. It is estimated that the clean-up in May will amount to $10,000, and then another boom will be created in placer mining in this section.

As soon as a man strikes ore in a mine a Creede, Colorado, bodies of armed men, with out the slightest shadow of right, surround th mine and try to take possession. This is bad for Creede and will restrain capital from investing there until titles can be quieted. A convenient tree and a few feet of rope in conjunction with a jumper attached to the end of the rope will do as much, if not more, than the courts in doing away with the jumpers.

The first stage to and from the new San Juan gold fields returned to Dolores on January 4, having made the trip to Bluff City and returned in four days with one coach, six horses and 21 passengers. The stage passengers report 7,000 men there, and the rush continues at the rate of 600 daily. They are scattered over a territory 150 miles in extent. Gold is all over that region, and great results are anticipated. The diggings begin near Bluff City and extend 250 miles along the San Juan and Colorado rivers, and over the adjacent country. A Mr. Webner has visited this gold field and states that he has prospected the entire region where the placers are said to be located. "There is plenty of gold in the sand of the Colorado and San Juan," says he, "but the trouble is the placer beds lie so high above the river that they cannot be worked without the aid of machinery, costing from $60,000 to $100,000 for each plant. The hydraulic system will have to be applied before placers will yield up their treasure." Speaking in detail, Mr. Webner said that it is possible there are placers along the river where it will pay for the miner to haul water in wagons for washing out gravel.

W. A. JOWETT,

(Notary Public.)

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Jack Watson paid a flying visit to Nelson this week.

J. B. Wilson, of Kaslo, was in Nelson this week and reports business steady and good there.

Charlie Olsen was down from Ainsworth on Sunday, looking stouter than ever. He plays a nice game of pool when he tries.

Geese and swans are numerous ten miles up the arm. It's a good deal easier to see them than to shoot them, however.

F. C. Cotton, M. P. P., proprietor of the Vancouver News-Advertiser, is said to be sueing the owners of the World for $10,000 damages for libel.

E. E. Coy has gone out to Spokane. By the way, we had a letter from Kaslo, evidently from some ardent admirer of Mr. Coy. The writer was anonymous and to spare Mr. Coy's blushes we refrain from publishing the letter.

Mr. Wohlgemuth, owner of the Spokane and Trinket claims at Ainsworth, passed through Nelson on his way out on Sunday. He has been engaged in patenting his claims. He gave no indication as to whether much work would be done on them or not this year.

T. J. Davies left on Monday on an expedition into the Lardo country. His object in going and his exact destination are alike dark and horrid mysteries. On his return, however, the commodore has promised that we shall know all about it. G. B. Nagle accompanies him.

John Keith, of Wanita, was in Nelson on Saturday last. He has been ranching on the banks of the Columbia, and says that he has no kick coming with regard to the year's business. What with the force of men to be at work on placer ground in the spring and the men on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard, he anticipates a busy season.

One of the mules that helped to bring in the last mail was suddenly seized with a desire to perform dangerous gymnastic feats. Without waiting to take off his pack, he turned a summersault into a ravine, and succeeded in crushing one of the mail sacks to a considerable extent. The contents were not, however, much damaged.

THE MINER is receiving letters all the time, from all sorts and conditions of men, who think of coming into this country in the spring. The country needs lots of men and if they are of the right stamp they need have no fear in turning themselves loose on West Kootenay. But men who have steady employment will be ill-advised if they come in here at present and throw up their work to do so.

H. Anderson was in town on Thursday.

J. H. Bowes left for Pilot Bay on Monday, returning again on Tuesday.

W. N. Rolfe's log house on Baker street has been turned into a temporary hospital.

It's a case of C. O. D. now with the meat markets. Jaw-bone doesn't go.

"Continue patient in well doing," smiles J. Tolson, as he ambles his toboggan down the hill.

The great tunnel at Ainsworth is now in 30 feet. The boys have all they can drive to fill their contract.

Tom Ward has a bob-sleigh which can do wonders, even to depositing a confused heap of humanity at the door of the Bank of Montreal.

C. Van Ness has gone up to Charlie Brown's hotel on Slocan River for a little sport. He will return in four or five days.

There are 30 passengers to-day on the Bonner's Ferry sleigh road, including Messrs. Taylor, Burke and Jefferson.

Things are beginning to look healthy for the spring in Nelson. Several parties are talking of building brick blocks on Baker street.

Rumors reach Nelson of a fight which took place in Kaslo this week in which knives were freely used. Particulars not yet to hand.

The toboggan slide has been cut out throgh the brush below the International hotel. If the outlet freezes there is no reason why a toboggan should let up before it reaches the rising ground on the other side.

A. E. Hodgins, despairing of getting the waterworks into proper working order again this winter, has gone home to Toronto. After a seven-years' absence he ought to enjoy his visit. Certainly he will not be worried by nightmares of water-hydrants sitting on his chest.

The committee appointed to carry out the sense of the meeting of last Saturday have begun work, and have already made considerable progress. It is the intention of the committee, in addition to circulating the petition, to draw up and publish in pamphlet form the reasons that make it advisable that the counts of the petition should have some attention paid to them. Every member of the Provincial government will receive a copy of this pamphlet, and will thus be enabled to speak with some authority on matters of which, amongst other things, they are at present, no doubt, profoundly ignorant, such as the amount of freight imported and sent out during the past year, the rise in value of real estate, the amount of mining development done, the amount of whisky consumed per head in the district, and various other instructive and interesting matters.

The C. & K. S. N. Co. will run the Nelson every alternate day to connect with the Bonner's Ferry sleigh road.

J. Fred Hume, R. Stuckey, G. Keefer and J. E. Turner returned last saturday night from a hunting trip in the neighborhood of the Queen Victoria mine. They were most successful.

W. P. Robinson, the deputy sheriff, has taken out an auctioneer's license and has gone to Kaslo to see, presumably, if there is anything to sell there.

If Commodore Jim Buchanan can't steer the Kaslo better than he can a toboggan, a higher power have pity on his passengers. We think he can, however; he certainly could not steer it worse. Toboggans, Jim, will not climb telephone poles, and you should not have required experience to teach you that.

F. W. Jarvis came down from Bear Lake City for the express purpose of contradicting reports which have gone around about snow slides there. "There have been two small slides," says Mr. Jarvis, "in the neighborhood, but none within a quarter of a mile of where the company has sold or ever will sell any lots."

D. McCallum is going to start a sash and door factory in connection with G. O. Buchanan's sawmill at Kaslo. The enlightened proprietors of Addition A to Nelson wanted to charge Mr. McCallum $26 a month for the ground on which he proposed to erect his factory, which was considered to be rather too steep a price.

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CROWN GRANT APPLICATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that M. S. Davys, as manager for the Cottonwood Gold Mining Company, limited, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Golden King," situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
Gold commissioner.

Nelson, B.C., August 22nd, 1892.