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MORE RUMORS ABOUT THE SILVER KING.

An Eastern paper reports that the Silver King has been sold for $1,800,000. The delay which has occurred has, according to this report, been due to one of the parties to the agreement holding back, and has resulted in the mine having been sold for $200,000 less than the first price asked. The parties to the deal will, says the same authority, sail for British Columbia within a very short time. We give this report for what it is worth. We believe the truth to be that on the terms the owners first proposed, they failed to get any old country capitalists to look at the mine. The capitalist in England has a way of looking at the revenue producing capacities of any investment he is attracted towards. The Silver King is not likely to pay any dividends for 18 months or two years after it opens out. And capitalists do not care to stand out of two million dollars for that length of time even on the chance of netting a very large return then. The point they stick at is that as it stands at present the mine is not worth that money as a dividend producer. The employment of a comparatively small sum in making it a producer may, and probably will, make it worth a great deal more. But until that money has been spent and the time elapsed necessary for setting the mine in shape, capitalists do not propose to plank down one or two millions of dollars on short terms or practically a cash basis The owners of the Silver King went to Europe with, as results have shown, an impracticable proposition. They have had their eyes opened there, and will return sadder and wiser men. If there is anything in what the Eastern paper quoted above says, and we believe there is, it means that the Silver King company have interested sufficient capital to work the mine and make it a producer, and when this has been done they will have no difficulty in getting the full value of their property. There is very little doubt that the mine will be in full blast this summer, and to our mind there is absolutely none that very little money will pass into the hands of the present owners as purchase money for some time to come yet. There have been times in the history of mining speculation in the old country when such a proposition as that which the Kootenay Bonanza company had to make might have been accepted. But at the present time speculation is at a standstill, and although there is plenty of capital looking for investment, its wily owners take the most elaborate precautions for getting a sure return from the mine itself, seeing that they cannot rely on taking their profit from the pocket of the confiding small investor. The Silver King is a great property, and, in the opinion of the best judges, can pay dividends on two or three millions of dollars, but not for some time yet, And until that time has elapsed the two or three million dollars will not be forthcoming.

THE HISTORY OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

From our Kaslo Correspondent.]

Originally staked last fall by Hazleton, samples at haphazzard from this claim were brought down to Kaslo and there assayed. The results were startling, the assays running up from $800 to $1000 per ton. Till these assays were made no one was aware of the value of the claim.

The original party which went up there in the fall numbered seven, but only Hazleton and another actually saw the claim then, but as they were all in partnership the claim belonged to them equally.

Unfortunately, by a mistake when the claim was recorded, it was recorded wrong, the side of the posts on which the ledge lay being the left side, while it was recorded as lying to the right. Later on this mistake was discovered and this accounts for the frantic efforts made in the depth of winter by various parties to reach it.

Caldwell, Reno, Pearson and another; young Coy and another; Bucke and another; Forbes alone; Hazelton alone; and Forbes and Hazelton together. The last expedition was successful, and staked out the original claim and five or six extensions to it, no one else having succeeded in reaching it. It is said that all the original partners come in on this and some others.

To get to the Golden Eagle it is necessary to go up the East Fork of the Duncan River and to go over a high ridge on the way. This ridge must be some thousands of feet above the Howser or Upper Kootenay Lake, and the story of Forbes and Hazelton gives some idea of what they went through.

Starting up the Duncan River they reached the East Fork and tried to follow it. This however was impossible as a narrow canyon filled with water, from bluff to bluff, barred their progress. They then took to the mountain and found it almost impassable—snow-slides, slippery ice, narrow waterways with perpendicular walls. Again they tried the bottom, again were forced up the mountain and went to the summit. Here they stayed that night, and next day after arduous work reached the summit of the next ridge.

Next day the long coveted Golden Eagle was reached and the ground staked. As may be imagined, at that altitude the cold was intense, but there was no means of determining it.

Immense fields of ice, snowslides, cold of the most intense character, were the chief obstacles.

Once a snowslide caught them. Forbes broke three ribs, and Hazelton got a severe shaking.

The first shelter they got to was the cabin of James Dunn, a trapper, which they reached with fingers and feet badly frozen. Here word was sent to the log jam, and the boss came to help them down, and got them down in safety. As no one could be found to go down to record the claim, even by the offer of half the new extensions, Forbes determined to go on himself, and more dead than alive reached Messrs. Simpson & Keeley's place, and was breught by them down to Kaslo. Hazelton is still at the log jam, his feet being too badly frozen to come down. At the great elevation to which they went the cold must have been terrible.

Such in brief is the history of the Golden Eagle up to date, and it shows what hardships men will undergo in the mad race for wealth, and how much of secrecy and attempting to get ahead of each other there was, I leave to the imagination of your readers.

As a matter of fact I should imagine that none of these expeditions were necessary, as a mistake in recording could most likely be set right by the recorder.

KASLO NOTES.

A ball, a public meeting, a big real estate deal, an informal meeting and the return of the Golden Eagle prospectors, constitute the chief events that have happened in Kaslo.

To take these seriatim: The firemen's ball was a great success, and was held in A. L. Adams' new hotel on A avenue. The firemen came in red jackets and large numbers. The function came off on the 22nd of February, the anniversary of the birth of, or some other important event in the life of George Washington, who, I am told, was one of the pioneers of America. The public meeting was held to obtain subscriptions to the wagon road, which will require to be kept in order. It was not very well attended, and as it was simply a question of money to be raised I did not feel called upon to attend. The big real estate deal was the sale of lots 3, 4 and 5, block 8, on Front street, to Mr. Van Patten, an Eastern gentleman, who has come to locate here. The nominal price was $10,000, but I have heard on good authority that in these cases it is not unusual to state a higher price than was really paid, and that this is considered a perfectly right thing to do. The informal meeting was to consider how to raise money for the wagon road, and was held at the bank. The Golden Eagle romance is very interesting, and I have got from a well-informed gentleman a true account of the whole business which I forward you.

About 30 passengers came in by the boat today, and every mail brings news of a rush in spring.

We now get our mail by Bonner's Ferry, and letters from the Coast arrive within seven or eight days, which seems dangerously rapid communicatin after the customary four or five weeks to which we have been accustomed.

On Wednesday, 22nd February, the Ainsworth went up to Lardo. The clearing of the townsite is now well advanced; the lumber for a hotel there is now in Kaslo; and a sawmill is to be erected as soon as possible. The passengers were much pleased with the place, and some who have bought lots blind were most agreeably surprised.

E. C. Carpenter of Three Forks is in town en route for his place. He has sold out of the Gray Eagle, and will now spend the rest of the winter at Three Forks.

Now that the mail goes by Bonner's Ferry, let us hope so many letters will not be lost (?) There have been numerous complaints of letters which have been absorbed en route this winter.

Two doctors have come here from the other side, both of them, I understand, skilful in their profession. As we have so far been without medical aid this will be a great comfort to us, and people will be able to enjoy the luxury of falling ill comfortably.

A great number of outfits have gone up lately to take up land or locate claims in the Lardo-Duncan country, and if people will do this in winter, it can be imagined what a rush there will be in summer.

The snow is melting fast, and an occasional patch of mother earth can, in favorable localities, be discovered. One had almost forgotten that the snow was not the proper thing to walk on, and the appearance of the native heath is almost a shock to one's nervous system.

The Lucky Jim has struck it richer than ever in its new tunnel, and favorable reports are coming in from the other mines, so the country has not gone to (I beg your pardon) yet.

Simpson and Keeley, from Howser Lake, came down a few days ago with Forbes, one of the owners of the Golden Eagle, and returned yesterday, but as the gentleman who has given me an account of the business has made it full, I will not encroach on his preserves.

IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Petitions presented: From C. G. Major, A. B. McKenzie and others, for a private bill to incorporate a company, re railway from Nelson via Slocan, New Denver and Nakusp Pass.

From J. M. Burke, Henry Anderson and others, for a private bill to incorporate a company, re tramway from Kaslo to Bear Lake.

From A. H. Green, E. E. Coy and others, for for a private bill to incorporate The Kaslo Electric Light, Power and Waterworks Company, Limited.

Mr. Beaven to move the following resolution: That an order of the House be granted for the following:

(a) The names of each mining recorder and mining district in the Province, the date of appointment and establishing of the same.

(b) The date upon which each mining recorder was notified by the Minister of Mines that the the Mineral Act, 1891, Amendment Act, 1892, had been passed by the Legislative Assembly.

Motion to be made.

By Mr. Beaven: That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the revenue collected at Ainsworth, Kootenay, under the different heads of receipt during the fiscal year 1891-92, and from 1st July to 31st December, 1892.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

O. G. Dennis tore himself away from Nelson on Wednesday and has returned to Kaslo.

C. E. Perry left on Wednesday for Ainsworth where he will do some surveying for G. B. Wright.

Captain De La Haye registered at the Nelson House to-day. He is on his way to join the Lytton at Northport.

N. Townsend, who has been looking after C. E. Perry & Co.'s Kaslo office, has returned to Nelson.

J. C. Blandy has been so tickled by the prospects in West Kootenay that he has imported a brother, who arrived in Nelson on Thursday last.

The bill of fare for Tuesday night at the Social and Literary Club will be a paper on Canada and Annexation by F. W. Valleau, followed by discussion.

A large sleighing party took in the scenery on the outlet by moonlight on Thursday night. The town was roused after midnight by the merry peals of the sleigh bells.

The Columbia has not succeeded in making her trip up the river. Inhabitants of Nelson may sit around and use pious language about this bright, cold weather for a week or so.

R. E. Lemon and G. A. Bigelow both got supplies of much needed refreshment through to Kaslo on the ice this week. This beleagured metropolis is suffering from a whiskey famine.

John Elliot left on Wednesday by the C. & K. Railway. and reached the Slocan Crossing safely, where a gravel slide prevented the engine from proceeding further. Mr. Elliot had to wait at this point for two days before finding any means of traveling on to Robson.

W. A. Jowett was in Victoria on the 20th February and started for England on Wednesday last. He will do his best during his absence to convince every capitalist whom he may chance to meet, that he is wasting golden opportunities by not investing in West Kootenay.

G. W. Hughes was in town this week. The last two weeks have made a great change in the Slocan country. The little wave of discouragement that swept over the country has passed away and everything is again smooth sailing. A large body of ore has been struck on the Washington.

George T. Caldwell is in town collecting information for publication in the World's Fair Guide to British Columbia. It is intended to make this guide a first class thing, all illustrations being printed by the photo-gravure process. The Provincial Government has approved of the plan of the thing, and has undertaken to distribute 100,000 copies of it free at the exposition.

S. P. Shaw is laid up, but contrives to crawl around to the telegraph and telephone. Who wouldn't be a sick man within hearing of the depot telephone bell? THE MINER suggests that all inquiries about trains, boats, mails, the time of day, telegrams that have not arrived and would have been delivered if they had, and other items of not strictly necessary information, be suspended for a day or two.

R. A. Renwick has returned to Nelson after a three-weeks' flying visit to the Coast.

John Hirsch and G. W. Richardson started this morning for Kaslo.

Messrs. G. Laird, B. H. Lee, and F. W. Jarvis started for Kaslo on Tuesday morning.

E. Callum and partner, who have been working on the Snow-water all winter, are in Nelson for supplies. They report the claim to be looking good.

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EDITORIAL REMARKS.

The members of the Dominion Parliament are engaged in considering the question whether mining machinery shall be admitted into Canada free of duty. According to the latest reports to hand, the Government has practically consented to extend the clauses in the present law which relates to this matter. The law, as it stands, is to the effect that "mining machinery imported within three years after the passing of this act, which is at the time of importation of a class or kind not manufactured in Canada," shall be admitted free. Whether duty has or has not to be paid on machinery imported from the States is a matter in which West Kootenay is deeply interested, and the decision at which the Dominion Government may arrive will have a considerable influence either to retard or advance our district.

A recent issue of the Inland Sentinel has an editorial on this subject which we unreservedly endorse. The Sentinel says: "The benefits of the law for the last three years have been of small value to the miners of the Province, for the reason that the mining industry is not sufficiently developed to require the machinery which under it could have been admitted free. It was hoped, however that when the privilege of free importation should be renewed, its scope would have been made broader, and that it would have included all mining machinery of whatever class or kind. The demand in Canada for such machinery has heretofore been so light that there was no inducement to engage in its manufacture. And whenever a smelting, concentrating or other mining plant is wanted it can be obtained in its entirety, and on very reasonable terms, in the United States, where manufacturing establishments of this kind have assumed large proportions, and much could be saved to the miner by purchasing there. Moreover, there are several kinds of machinery designed to accomplish the same purpose, one of which is more desirable than another, a later and improved method, perhaps; but under the construction of the law, the better kind of imported machinery would be compelled to pay duty, because the inferior kind of 'the same class' is made in Canada."

F. S. Barnard, M. P., has been writing to the press on this subject, and urges that "all machinery used in the working of mines should, without any exceptions, be placed on the free list. There is not an iron foundry in Canada that does not profess either to make all kinds of mining machinery or to be able to do so should demand warrant it. Consequently it is with a great deal of trouble that mine owners who wish to avail themselves of the so-called concession, succeed in getting a rebate of duty, and then the onus is thrown on the importer of proving to the custom house officers that the class of machinery he is clearing is not manufactured in the Dominion. The prospector and mine owner in this country are handicapped enough at the present from the important duty placed on lead and other ores by our neighboring Government, from the inaccessibility of our mining districts, from the lack of a home market, and from the depreciation in the price of silver, without having to pay a heavy tax on an article which, the assertions of all the manufacturers to the contrary notwithstanding, is not and will not be manufactured in Canada for years to come."

There can be no doubt but that it would be a great boon to mining men if they were able to import all the machinery that they want from the States without having to pay a tax for so doing, but at the same time it seems to be rather a one-sided sort of arrangement that machinery should be brought into Canada free, and that the product of this machinery should be compelled to pay for the privilege of entering that country from which the machinery came. It seems unfair that the States should first make a profit on the manufacture of the articles in question, and should also make money on the importation of lead, though it may well be doubted if this tax on lead will, in the long run, benefit the smelting companies, and through them the United States as a whole; indeed, it has been practically decided that this tax is not beneficial, and steps have been taken which will most probably, before long, result in its abolition.

The matter of incorporation is a most important one, and it behooves every inhabitant, certainly every land owner, of Nelson, to subscribe freely towards the fund for defraying the expenses of the preparatory steps. It is the duty of every man to pay a cash subscription, even if he has to deny himself a drink or two to do so.

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"We have prepared the ground and will work it on a large scale this season," said Mr. Sutor. "It is tapped by two creeks, each carrying about 600 miners' inches of water in the dryest season. The water has been damned and ditches excavated, and everything is in readiness for the spring work. We blasted and worked through the country rock, making good solid ditches. The water has a 300-foot head and we attained a fall all the way of 150 to 300 feet. We work the gravel through sluice boxes, over grizzly plates. The heavier dirt is carried through the flume and pumped, while the finer dirt, containing gold, passes through perforations in the grizzlies and thence onto tables, over which it is washed by the undercurrent, to be finally separated from the black sand by contact with amalgamated plates. This system has been tried before with very satisfactory results. In fact, Captain McCormick of our firm, who is in charge of the engineering department of the works, was the originator of this mode of saving fine gold, and we all have the fullest confidence in its efficiency."

The placer ground is situated about 22 miles from Wanita landing, on the Columbia River, at the confluence of the Pend d'Oreille with that stream, and, as Captain McCormick declares, over one of the roughest trails that a white man ever traveled.

"We have had a severe winter," the captain remarked, "and I had difficulty in getting out to consult with my partners with regard to appliances and details of the work of this season. Nevertheless, the copious snowfall will be beneficial in increasing the supply of water. Thus, while we lose on one side we gain on the other."

The Great Northern has had a corps of engineers in that field and it is understood that the company contemplates the construction of a branch from a point between Bonner's Ferry and Sand Point through the Metalline country, following the Pend d'Oreille to Wanita landing, crossing the Salmon River near its mouth, thence down the Pend d'Oreille to its mouth. This will bring the railroad within two miles of the placer mines. This is not important so far as outward transportation is concerned, but will be a great convenience in getting into the camp with men and supplies.

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.

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.
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A. C. PEARSON.

NOTICE.

SPRINGFIELD 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 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.

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

CERTIFICATE OF IMRNOVEMENTS.

MOUNTAIN CHIEF MINERAL CLAIM, 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

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.

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JOHN ELLIOT, Agent for Applicants, Nelson.

Dated this 18th day of January, 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 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.

MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD.

One of the historic mining camps of pioneer days is Rich Bar, at the mouth of French ravine, Plumas county, California. Millions of gold were taken out of the Shenandoah mine in the early days, the property being opened in 1850. Work has been resumed only at intervals on the mine until 1888, when a syndicate was formed. In the fall of 1891 a 10-stamp mill was erected and a test of the ore made which resulted in only partial success. A short time since the foreman began prospecting on the foot-wall of the lode, and soon opened up an immensely rich body of ore. The vein is four feet wide and is considered one of the best propositions ever developed in the county. Gold in large quantities exists all through the vein now exposed. It is estimated that such ore would pay $5000 per ton. Of course, not all of the vein is as rich as this, but it is high grade. Already probably 150 tons of rich milling ore is on the dump, and there is every indication of a permanent ledge. It is considered probable that the lode furnished to Rich Bar the wealth of gold secured by the pioneers in the early "fifties." The Shenandoah is liable to become one of the liveliest mining camps in this part of the State.

There is no doubt of the existence of a coal vein of more or less importance from Hyampon all the way up from Cox's Bar, and there are exhalations that would indicate the presence of natural gas or oil, or both, as well as coal.

A large syndicate has been formed at Boston for the acquisition of the Eastern Canadian coal mines of Nova Scotia, the only province with coal-producing areas between the Atlantic seaboard and the Great Lakes. It is stated on authority that an arrangement has been effected between the new syndicate and the Reading coal interests in Pennsylvania for making a gigantic monopoly of coal in the whole of Eastern North America.

Vanderbilt, the new camp of the Mojave Desert, gives promise of becoming the greatest mining town ever known in the county. Two of its mines have been bonded by San Francisco parties for $45,000 each, and as the sinking progresses the chances are that both will be sold. At present the ore must be shipped to The Needles at a cost for freight of $40 per ton. When capital takes hold and builds a mill, this item of expense will be saved. The town at present consists of 200 people, 40 tents and one small frame house. Lumber costs $90 per 1,000 feet, water 3¼ cents per gallon, and potatoes 5 cents a pound. The railroad from Goff's station toward Vanderbilt is graded 14 miles, and there are five miles of track laid.

An influential deputation, headed by Robert Jaffray, waited on the Ontario Government recently regarding a proposal to establish smelting works in Toronto. The Government promised a full consideration of the matter.

The B. C. mineral exhibit for the World's Fair is daily being got in readiness at Golden for shipment. There will be a pretty big carload of the products of B. C., if not more, besides the many samples which will go direct from some camps.

Two well known prospectors, Fred Wells and John Henderson, have started on a trip of exploration from Golden to the Arrow Lakes by way of Spallumcheen and the McMurdo basin. The distance is estimated at 30 miles, but whether the trip can be made or not remains to be seen.

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HOCKEY ON THE ICE.

This is a simple and amusing pastime, which has been largely patronized by the active citizens of Nelson during the past week, at least it was so up to Thursday, but we believe that a majority of the players having by that time been placed hors du combat, the game has been discontinued pending recoveries.

The following is a list of casualties so far as discoverable:

Postmaster Gilker—Nose barked from bridge to tip, also considerable local swelling.

Yorky—Face split open; loss of blood considerable.

John Tolson—Contusion on the left knee; also internally injured, chiefly in his feelings. This was the concomitant of sharp and involuntary contact with the headpiece of last mentioned subject; results to both parties as aforesaid.

H. Valleau—Cut over the eye, effusion of blood.

F. Fletcher—Sprained knee and twisted ankle; patient confined to bed.

T. Ward—A vague sensation throughout his frame that it is not the breadth of it, but the weary length of it, that matters.

THE MINER—A tired and world-weary sensation in one of the sinews of his right leg. Also local contusions.

J. Hirsch—Both knees badly contused.

W. Mackay—Sprained back; patient confined to bed.

When the fray was over the rays of the setting sun were shed on a gore-besprinkled field, while the maimed survivors limped into the gray shadow of the wood.

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The concert held in the Odd Fellows' Hall was an unqualified success, both financially and in every other respect. Though the price of admission was only 25 cents, a total of $32 was taken at the door. Mrs. Davys sang "For Ever" and for an encore "Last Night." Mr. Chadbourne, Mr. Robson and Mr. Hamber all sang and sang well. Miss Stella Kane's recitation was listened to with much pleasure. The duett sung by Messrs. Chadbourne and Hamber, and the part songs, in which Messrs. Chadbourne, Hamber, Robson, Valleau, Shaw, Turner and Whalley took part, were exceedingly well received. Messrs. Rolfe and Turner, who played the accompaniments, performed their difficult task with a very great deal of skill. The verdict of the audience was "Short, but Sweet.

MR. F. C. LAW ON MINING IN THE PROVINCE.

The Canadian Mining and Mechanical Review has a long article from the pen of Mr. F. C. Law, Commissioner to the World's Fair for the Province, on the progress of mining during the year. The article is, in itself, a mine of information and encouragement, and we only wish space would permit of our quoting the whole of it. We give a few extracts dealing with the Slocan:

"The history of the discovery and subsequent opening of Slocan district is most absorbing to those who watch the march of events in this Province. To give an extended report of the wonderful transformation which has taken place since we wrote on this subject a year ago, is to repeat an oft-told tale, but one which cannot fail to be of interest to the general public.

"Although less than a year has elapsed since the first transfer of mining property in Slocan was placed on record, $220,934 in cold cash has been paid for mineral claims situate in the district.

"There are now 750 locations on record in the office at New Denver. Assessment work has been performed on 120 locations, only 25 claims being abandoned. The records show that 300 bills of sale, agreements and contracts have been recorded, and that $554,500 is still due on sales and bonns.

"In most cases large prices have been paid and the following are some of the largest transactions: Two-third interest in the Rico group, $50,000; Twin Lake group, $40,000; Stormont group, $6,000; Jardine group, $75,000; Ruby Silver, $25,000; Idaho, $20,000; half interest in the California, $8,000; one third interest in the Best, $10,000; Last Chance, $10,000; Slocan Star group, $25,000; Freddie Lee, $20,000; Blue Bird, $25,000; Lucky Jim, $20,000; Great Western, $15,000; Washington, five-twelfth interest, $8,000; Washington, one-fourth interest, $8,500; Washington, one-fourth interest, $22,000; Dardanelles, nine-sixteenth interest, $56,000, Mountain Chief, $15,000; Montezuma, $25,000. The lowest of these is $8,000, and there are also a number of other sales recorded under $5,000 and downwards. The total amount of the transactions reaches the immense sum of $700,000, and an idea of the increased confidence in the mines can be seen from the different sales of portions of the Washington, a quarter interest having been sold for $8,500, while shortly after another quarter interest was sold for no less that $22,000.

"Assays show a range from 100 oz. to 2000 oz. per ton, averaging nearly 200. A 10-ton shipment from the Dardanelles averaged 500 oz. per ton; Freddie Lee shipments from 100 to 200 oz. The producing mines being worked this winter are the Young Dominion, Freddie Lee, Washington, Best, Idaho, Blue Bird, Cumberland, Mountain Chief, Mountain Boomer, Montezuma, Dardanelles, Solo, Alpha, Bonanza King and Wellington. In addition to these are the Rico, Yosemite, Monte Christo, Sunset, Scottish Chief, Stranger, The Noble Five, Lucky Jim, Payne, World's Fair, Beaver, Lincoln, White Water, Echo, Ajax, Tam O'Shanter, Revelstoke, Lucky Boy, Porcupine, Greenhorn, Robert E. Lee, Ruby Silver, Great Western, Grizzly Bear, Slocan Star, Honeycomb, and many others included in the Bremner and Jardine camps.

"At least 1,500 tons of ore will be delivered at Kaslo this winter, by George Hughes, from the Freddie Lee, Blue Bird and Idaho, besides the ore which is being shipped by Mahon from Four-Mile Creek.

"The town of Kaslo has sprung into existence with the opening of Slocan and is, perhaps, the most important representative mining town in the Province. The citizens are public-spirited and not afraid to venture a few dollars when funds are required to promote the interests of the town and the country around it. The construction of a wagon road to Bear Lake and sleigh roads to the various mines from that point, is an evidence of the sort of men who have established themselves as Kaslo.

"Next year will see this town advance to the rank of a city, with banks, warehouses, board of trade and other metropolitan improvements, such as electric light and waterworks system. This place may have a rival later on in New Denver, but any rivalry between Kaslo and Nelson is absurd, as the latter place occupies a position which does not enter into conflict with the other points.

"Transportation facilities will, no doubt, have a markod effect upon the future of all the towns in West Kootenay, but, so far, both Nelson and Kaslo have secured a vantage ground in their relative situations from which it will be hard to dislodge them. The future of New Denver is most hopeful, but it is at the mercy of those companies who build railroads and their connections, though its situation is more favorable for securing all the trade tributary to Slocan Lake.