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\$4 A YEAR.

RAISE THE DUTY ON PIG LEAD.

R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific, was in Nelson on Wednesday. He stated that his company had made a \$6-a-ton rate on ore from Nelson to the smelter at Revelstoke. There is no excuse now for that smelter to remain idle, provided its owners are prepared to purchase ore and make reasonable charges for smelting. They claim, however, that until separating works are erected in Canada, the product of the smelter must be shipped to either the United States or to Great Britain. The duty of \$30 a ton on lead prevents its shipment to the United States at a profit, and the low price at which lead sells in Great Britain prevents its shipment to that country. Canada consumes thousands of tons of lead annually, the product of the mines of the United States and of Spain. If the United States discriminates against our product by placing a \$30-a-ton duty on it, Canada cannot afford to handicap our lead mines by allowing the product of the United States to be admitted at an \$8-a-ton rate. Our trade with Spain is not important enough to warrant the Dominion government in allowing the product of the lead mines of that country to come in competition with the product of the lead mines of Canada. Now that Canada is on the eve of producing enough lead to supply the demands of home consumption, there is no good reason why foreign lead should be practically admitted free of duty. The duty on pig lead should be raised to \$30 a ton; the duty on lead in bars, blocks, and sheets to \$50; and a uniform duty of 30 per cent placed on all lead products. If the change is made, the mines of British Columbia will alone support a hundred thousand people and produce every dollar's worth of crude and manufactured lead used in the Dominion.

Within a Mile and a Half of Nelson.

That there is mineral in the bare mountain $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the south of Nelson has long been known, but, owing to the depth of alluvium, no well-defined ledge has yet been discovered. William Hunter, on April 25th, made a location which he believes is a ledge in place. The gangue is quartz, and carries ore assaying \$20 in silver and \$3 in gold to the ton. The claim will be prospected during the summer.

Another Gold Mill to Be Running in June.

The new trail to the Whitewater mine on Rover creek will be finished on Tuesday. The mill on the Gold King has been taken down, and will be packed to the Whitewater ground next week. A Triumph vanner was received at Sproat on Monday. Work will commence on the mill building on Tuesday, and manager Davys expects to have the mill running the first week in June.

Resuming Operations on the Fourth.

R. A. Trewarthen has arrived at Ainsworth from Duluth, Minnesota, to recommence work on the Fourth, a Copper Creek claim owned by G. C. Howe. Last fall considerable work was done on the property in running a tunnel to tap the ledge.

Will Sink One Hundred Feet.

A. D. Wheeler has let a contract to sink a shaft 100 feet on the Kootenay Chief, a property adjoining the Blue Bell on the east side of Kootenay lake. Tom McGovern and Alec McLeod were awarded the work.

Tooting Their Own Horns.

The instruments for the Nelson band arrived by the Galena on Tuesday. That night the boys met for practice. Mike Mahoney and Bert Crane disputed as to their respective abilities to

toot on the 1st and 2nd alto. Tom Collins and Jim Gilker handled the B-flat cornets with so much skill that they now imagine themselves musicians. Between keeping his eye on the music book and watching the leader beat time, Tom is in danger of becoming cross-eyed. Billy Hansen took as much enjoyment out of the baritone horn as a 5-year-old boy does out of a first pair of red-top boots. Bruce Craddock and Blake Wilson, being bashful, kept in the background with their tenor horns. It was a toss-up between Angus McIntyre and George Bigelow as to which could get the more noise out of their instruments—Angus with the bass drum and George with a tuba. By the way Bert Helm played the snare drum, he does not intend to be displaced by Ed Corning, who claims to be the best drummer who ever lived in Alaska. Charles Van Ness and Ed Tenarey played the E-flat cornets, and as both know something of music, they hope in time to teach the other members of the band the difference between an F-sharp and a B-flat. Mr. Tenarey will be the band's leader.

REGULATIONS THAT ARE UNFAIRLY ENFORCED.

In asking for the remission of duty on mining machinery, the members in the Dominion house of commons from British Columbia merely voiced the wishes of their constituents. The mining industry of the province was at a standstill, as compared with the condition of the same industry in the neighboring states and territories of the United States. It was believed by many that the industry would make a start if mining machinery was once introduced into the country. No mining machinery was manufactured in Canada, and the duties levied were considered as tending to retard mine development. Mine owners asked that the duties be remitted on all machinery used in the mining business for a period of 3 years. They expected when the regulations went into effect that their request had been granted. Now they see their mistake. Instead of admitting such machinery free, the duty is imposed, on the ground that like machinery is manufactured in Canada. In ordering a plant for a hoist or a mill or a smelter, operators should not be compelled to purchase part of it in Canada and part of it in the United States, as they are under the present regulations, the machinery turned out from no two shops working well together. If the Dominion government wishes to aid in developing the business of mining, let it admit free for 3 years all machinery for hoists, mills, and reduction works; then there would be no uncertainty regarding the investment of capital in the business.

Real Estate and Building Operations.

But few actual sales were made during the week, most of the inquiries being made by men apparently anxious and willing to make investments on "jawbone." Vernon and Baker 50-feet are held firm at \$1000 to \$2500 and Baker street 30-feet at \$400 to \$1500. Building condition 25-feet range all the way from \$150 to \$500, with several sales reported at \$250 to \$300. A few lots are being sold in the "Hoover" addition, and M. S. Davys says he has had so many inquiries for lots in the "Hume" addition that he will place a number of 66x120 lots on the market as soon as the sub-divisions can be made. A number of new buildings were commenced during the week, among them Tom Collins's 7-room residence and Jack Matheson's barber shop.

About a Foot of Snow on Hall Creek.

John Lodge and his partner came in on Friday from Hall Creek. They report a foot of snow on the ground. The boys are whipsawing lumber and getting ready to sluice. Considerable ground sluicing has been done, but operations will not be in full swing much before June 1st.

NEW BLOOD IN THE CAMP.

On Tuesday there arrived at Nelson, on their way to Ainsworth, a party of Montana men who are largely interested in Hot Springs district. The members of the party were A. W. McCune, F. E. Sargent, William Thornton, and Scott McDonald. They were met at Nelson by Henry Giegerich and A. D. Wheeler. Mr. McCune, as a partner with messrs. Giegerich and Wheeler, has been interested in the district since its discovery. Mr. Sargent is secretary of the Anaconda company, and comes in along with Mr. Thornton, who is cashier of the First National Bank of Anaconda, to take over the interests recently sold by A. D. Wheeler to W. L. Hoge. Mr. McDonald is a mine manager in the Coeur d'Alene country. Mr. Hoge, who purchased Mr. Wheeler's interests in the Skyline, Krao, Crow Fledgling, Blackbird, Maestro, Banker, Pataha, Attended, Bugaboo, Libby, and two or three side locations, is president of the First National Bank of Anaconda, and is associated in business with Marcus Daly, manager of the great Anaconda mines and smelting works. The mere fact that he has secured interests in Hot Springs district, should give claim owners confidence, for he is not a man likely to purchase worthless mining properties. As soon as a boiler of larger capacity can be got to the ground, the work of sinking will be resumed on the Skyline. Work will also be commenced on the Krao.

Taking a Look at the Silver King.

The question, "What are the owners of the Silver King going to do with that property this summer?" is one often asked by strangers visiting Nelson. THE MINER is not in the confidence of the owners of the property, therefore it knows nothing of their intentions. At present 17 men are employed in running crosscuts and a tunnel and in sinking a shaft. The faces of the crosscuts and tunnel are in ore, as is also the bottom of the shaft. That there is a deal on is evidenced by the fact that John Miller, a mining expert of Glasgow, Scotland, was ordered here on two days' notice, and is now making an examination of the property. Mr. Miller is reputed to have had quite an extended range of experience as an expert, having just arrived from examining properties at Broken Hill, Australia, when ordered from Glasgow to this part of British Columbia.

Steamboats.

The Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company's boat now building at Little Dalles is to make a trial trip on the 28th. Its new boat at Nelson is decked and is having the cabins put on; she will be in commission by the middle of June. The Kootenay, belonging to the same line, is to begin running between Revelstoke and Sproat on the 12th. The Lytton is making two trips a week between Revelstoke and Little Dalles. On the lake, the Galena will be kept busy in making a round trip between Nelson and the Ferry and three round trips between Nelson and Ainsworth. The Idaho and the Surprise will both be busy towing logs, lumber, and ore-barges. The Midge and Alpha (the latter now at Little Dalles) will be employed transporting pleasure parties to points of interest on the outlet and lake.

Fell In.

Advices from Revelstoke are that the foundation of the roaster at the smelter, owing to defective construction, gave way, causing the roaster to collapse. The owners of that enterprise are deserving of better luck.

A Trial Run of Thirty Tons.

Thirty tons of ore are being packed from the Wild Cat to the Poorman mill for a trial run. The placing of machinery on the Wild Cat will depend on the returns obtained.

THE SUPPRESSION OF DRUNKENNESS.

If drunkenness is a misdemeanor, and habitual drunkards criminals, laws should be enacted to prevent the commission of the misdemeanor and to punish the criminal. If the vendor of intoxicants will sell liquor to persons who are drunk and to habitual drunkards they should be treated as accessories, and punished accordingly. The following law, enacted at the last session of the legislative assembly, if strictly enforced, will go far towards suppressing drunkenness:

1. When it shall be made to appear in open court sitting in the county in which he resides that any person summoned before such court by excessive drinking of liquor misspends, wastes or lessens his estate, or greatly injures his health, or endangers or interrupts the peace and happiness of his family, such person shall be deemed to be a "drunkard" within the meaning of this act, and any stipendiary magistrate holding court shall, by writing, under the hand of such magistrate, prohibit any licensed person from selling to such drunkard any liquor for the space of one year, and such magistrate may then, or at any other time, in like manner, prohibit the selling of liquor to such drunkard by any licensed person of any other city, town, or district to which he resorts or may be likely to resort for the same:

(a) Any licensed person so prohibited, or any servant or agent of such person, who with knowledge of the prohibition shall violate the foregoing section shall for a first offense be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$50, and for a second and any subsequent offence to a penalty of not less than \$20 and not exceeding \$100:

(b) Saving the case where liquor may be supplied under the direction or sanction of a medical man or a minister of religion, if a person with a knowledge of such prohibition, as aforesaid, gives or sells to, or purchases or procures for such drunkard, or for his use any liquor, such person shall, upon summary conviction, incur for every such offence a penalty of not less than \$20 and not exceeding \$100:

(c) The drunkard may at any time while the same is in force, apply to any county court judge, sitting in the county where the prohibition was issued, to set aside such prohibition, after having given 7 days notice of intention to do so to the magistrate who signed the said prohibition. The judge may upon hearing the said party and any witnesses, either viva voce or upon affidavit, set aside the said prohibition, or dismiss the said application as in his discretion may seem best: Provided, nevertheless, that before any such prohibition shall be set aside by the judge, it shall be made to appear that the wife or husband (if married and residing with such wife or husband, as the case may be) of the person applying, has knowledge of such application and consents thereto.

2. The provisions of the preceding section and its sub-sections shall apply to any person who in writing in the presence or such magistrate personally requests such magistrate to put the same in operation against himself.

3. It shall be unlawful for any licensed or other person to furnish any liquor to any intoxicated person, and any one who violates this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not less than \$20 nor more than \$50.

4. In all places where liquor is or may be sold by wholesale or retail, no sale or other disposal of the said liquor shall take place therein, or on the premises thereof, or out of or from the same, to any person or persons whomsoever, from or after the hour of eleven of the clock on Saturday night till one of the clock on Monday morning thereafter, nor during any further time on the said days, nor any hours or other days during which, by any statute in force in this province, or by any by-law in force in the municipality wherein such place or places may be situated, the same, or the bar-room or bar-rooms thereof, ought to be kept closed, save and except in cases where a requisition for medicinal purposes, signed by a licensed medical practitioner or by a justice of the peace, is produced by the vendee or his agent; nor shall any liquor, whether sold or not, be permitted to be drunk in any such places during the time prohibited by this act for the sale of the same, except by the occupant or some member of his family:

(a) Any infraction of this section shall be punishable for a first offence by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$50, and for a second offence by a fine of not less than \$30 nor more than \$100 to be recoverable in either case with costs upon summary conviction.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the furnishing of liquor to bona fide travelers, nor to the case of hotel and restaurant keepers supplying liquor to their guests with meals.

5. The term "liquor" shall include all spirituous and malt liquors, and all combination of liquors and drinks and drinkable liquids which are intoxicating. The term "licensed person" shall mean any person who possesses a license to sell intoxicating liquor of any kind whatsoever.

6. Section 4 of this act shall not come into force until the 1st day of January, 1892.

Human Audacity Attains a Great Height.

A sneak thief is usually regarded as a creature of low and depraved tastes. But there is or was one a few weeks since in Providence, Rhode Island, who seems to have an ambition to reach a high elevation in some way. He climbed by night to the top of the Electric Light company's chimney, 250 feet high, presumably by the lightning rod, and stole the platinum tips from the top of the rod. The theft has entailed considerable expense upon the company, as the rod will have to be retipped, and can only be done by building a platform about the top of the chimney. Human audacity could scarcely attain to a greater height, especially by such slender means. The company ought to forgive the theft, and appoint him trimmer to their lofty light towers.

Two Different Systems of Reckoning.

Under a Dakota statute, which provides that for attempting a crime a man shall be sentenced to one-half the penalty that would be inflicted for commission of the crime, a man having been convicted of an attempted stage robbery, and the commission of the offence being punishable by life imprisonment, the judge figured on the prisoner's age and expectation of life and sentenced him to the penitentiary for 15 years. But, on appeal, the supreme court adopted a different system of reckoning, concluded the fellow was entitled to "nineteen years, seven months and four days of life," and so upset the sentence.

Better Let Him Go.

Bookkeeper—Man out here wants a job as assistant, and we've advertised for one. Proprietor—What's his name? "Smyth." How much salary shall we offer him? "About \$60 a month I suppose. How does he spell his name—with a 'i' or a 'y'?" "With a 'y.'" "Better let him go. He'll want a hundred."

CHOICE PROPERTY**HOUSTON, INK & ALLAN
WILL SELL**

2 50-foot lots on West Baker street for \$1750 each; half cash, balance in 6 and 12 months at 8 per cent.

1 50-foot lot on West Vernon street for \$1250; half cash, balance in 6 and 12 months at 8 per cent.

1 30-foot lot on West Baker street for \$1050; half cash, balance in 6 and 12 months at 8 per cent.

7 25-foot building condition lots in block 13 for \$400 each; \$320 cash, balance on October 15th.

1 25-foot building condition lot in block 15 for \$175; \$95 cash, balance on October 15th.

1 50-foot lot on East Vernon street for \$2000.

2 25-foot building condition lots in block 14 (a corner) for \$1000; \$800 cash, balance on October 15th.

2 25-foot building condition lots in block 16 (a corner) for \$800; \$550 cash, balance on October 15th.

1 50-foot lot on West Vernon street for \$1800; \$1175 cash, balance in 6 and 12 months at 8 per cent.

2 25-foot building condition lots in block 5 at \$700; \$450 cash, balance on October 12th.

The most eligible corner lot in Ainsworth for \$1200; \$800 cash, balance in 4 months.

CHEAP FOR CASH.**N. HOOVER**

still has a few more cases of CONDENSED MILK for sale.

HUNT & DOVERGEORGE C. HUNT
J. DOVERJosephine Street,
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for the Trade.**

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CLOCKS
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WATCHES****CHRONOGRAPHS****AND ALL FINE WATCHES****Carefully Repaired and Satisfaction Guaranteed.**Nelson Store, for the Present, in "Miner" Building.
Branch Store at Donald, B. C.**Prospectus of the Kootenay Lake
Telephone Company, Limited.**

The Kootenay Lake Telephone Company, Limited, a chartered corporation, will erect a main telephone line from Nelson to Ainsworth, via Buchanan's sawmill and Balfour, and branch lines from Nelson to the mines on Toad mountain and from Ainsworth to the mines in Hot Springs district, with central exchanges at Nelson and Ainsworth. The capital stock of the company is divided into 5000 shares of a par value of \$10 each. Of these, 250 paid up shares have been apportioned to the promoters of the company for defraying the expenses incident to the procurement of the charter, which leaves 4750 shares to erect the company's line. The estimated cost of the proposed lines is \$7000. To raise that amount 2500 shares are now offered subscribers, subscription books to be opened at Nelson and at Victoria, and payment to be made as follows: \$1 per share on subscription; \$1 per share on June 15th, 1891, and 50 cents per share on July 15th, 1891. If more shares are subscribed for than placed on the market, then the shares shall be allotted pro rata. The subscription books of the company are now open at the office of Houston, Ink & Allan, Nelson, and at the office of Bodwell & Irving, Victoria.

JOHN HOUSTON (president),
R. E. LEMON (vice-president),
J. E. WALSH (secretary),
CHARLES H. INK,

Nelson, B. C., April 29th. Provisional directors.

Tenders for Telephone Poles.

Tenders for the erection of poles for the lines of the Kootenay Lake Telephone Company will be received at the office of the company in Nelson up till noon of Monday, May 18th, 1891. Information as to number, size, and quality of poles, etc., can be had on application to the undersigned.

JOHN HOUSTON,
President Kootenay Lake Telephone
Company, Limited.

Nelson, B. C., May 2nd, 1891.

WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that assessed and provincial revenue taxes for 1891 are now due and payable at my office, Nelson, at the following rates:

If paid on or before the 30th June.

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate;

One-third of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

Seven and one-half cents per acre on wild land.

If paid on or after the 1st July.

Two-thirds of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate;

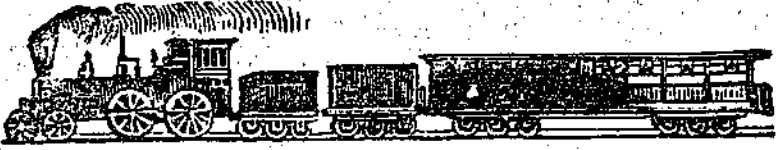
One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

Eight and one-half cents per acre on wild land.

T. H. GIFFIN, assessor and collector.
Nelson, February 10th, 1891.

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Through Passenger Service from Ocean to Ocean.
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STEAMER "LYTTON"

leaves Sproat's Landing for REVELSTOKE every Tues-
day and Friday, making connection with trains for

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NEW WESTMINSTER,
VICTORIA,
AND ALL POINTS EAST.

For rates, maps, time-tables, etc., etc., apply to any
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will leave REVELSTOKE every Monday and Thursday
at 4 A. M. for Robson and Little Dalles, connecting
at the latter point with the Spokane Falls
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and Friday at 9 A. M., arriving at Robson between
3 and 5 P. M., and remaining from 15 to 30
minutes, then proceeding to Rev-
elstoke.

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Undertaking attended to.

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and calcimining. Leave orders at J. Fred Hume & Co's,
9 and 11 East Vernon street, Nelson, B. C.

POLITICS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The general political outlook in Great Britain is growing extremely interesting. The last 3 elections have disclosed so uniform and considerable an increase in the Tory strength that the opinion is becoming general that a Tory reaction is impending. This is what the Tories have been hoping for for the last 3 years. Immense pressure has been put by Lord Salisbury on holders of doubtful seats, so as to snatch them in case of a dissolution of parliament. The split in the Irish party has had the effect of damping the enthusiasm of the Liberals, and has aroused the activity of Gladstone. Three elections are still pending, which the Liberals should win. If they do they will reach high-water mark and make the Liberal strength 85. The Liberals expect to win only one of these seats. Salisbury will probably be forced by his followers to dissolve parliament in June. The feeling is finding emphatic expression among the Liberals that unless the Irish dissensions are healed quickly, Home Rule must be erased from the Liberal programme, as the Liberals are possessed with the conviction that the Irish question is losing its hold. A strong effort will be made at the next caucus to definitely assign to Home Rule a position in the Liberal programme secondary to the land question.

The Liberals have been forestalled by the Tory proposal to grant free education, and as a first move towards superseding Irish questions. Mr. Morley intends to press the government to produce its education bill immediately, and to give it precedence over the Irish land bill. The Liberals assent to the principle of free education, but they oppose a special provision for Catholic schools. This is to be the point over which the struggle will arise. The McCarthyites find a difficulty in supporting the Liberals, while if they do not, the abandonment of Home Rule by the Liberals is almost a certainty. Such an event may possibly be more effectual in reuniting the Irish members than any amount of conciliatory suggestions from outside.

The McCarthyites, in view of a possible dissolution, have had a report prepared, showing the probable result in Ireland. They allow Parnell only 10 seats, and 5 to be lost by the Tories, the balance being McCarthyite. Parnell claims 30 seats at the lowest estimate. Both sides are placed in a grievous difficulty by the lack of funds, and would be obliged to accept dubious candidates on consideration of their paying their own expenses. The Irish prospect is altogether one of unmixing gloom. Parnell intends making a proposal to the government to provide the reinstatement of evicted tenants under a purchase bill. Though Balfour could thus achieve a splendid coup, it is unlikely he will assist in relieving the tension of the Irish situation which is altogether to the benefit of the Tories.

"Working" Victoria Capitalists.

The Thomas Godfrey referred to below is no doubt a prospector of great experience; but his prospecting is confined principally to "working" saloons and newspaper offices. The following is from the Victoria Colonist of the 1st:

"Thomas Godfrey, a bronzed and weather-beaten veteran of the Crimea, now engaged in business as a mining and prospecting expert at Ainsworth, is in town for the purpose of waking up Victoria capitalists to the importance of the great Kootenay country as a field for investment. Three-fourths of the capital invested in British Columbia's mines in his district, Mr. Godfrey says, is American, and being a 'Britisher through and through,' he wants to see this order of things changed. He feels assured that there is plenty of money to be made in Kootenay, and he would prefer to have it kept at home. The mines owned by Mr. Godfrey are the Margaret Ann, the Aurora, the Ceres, and the Minerva, all on the east side of the mountain from Ainsworth. Capital is required to work them, but the owner is confident that each is a good piece of property. The shaft is down 25 feet on the Margaret Ann, to tap a vein of ore 3½ to 4 feet wide, which assays \$250 to the ton in silver, and 29 per cent lead. The Ceres, an extension of the well-known No. 1, has shown an assay of \$1100 to the ton. The prospects in all the mines of the camp are bright, particular at-

tention being just now directed to the Fourth, from which the same veins run up the mountain to the now celebrated Skyline. The Minerva has a ledge about 15 feet wide, the ore assaying \$45 to the ton. All the claims are working, and the majority are shipping ore to Butte, Montana. To illustrate how rich the whole country from which he comes is, Mr. Godfrey says that the wagons going over the new road through the forest, from Bonner's Ferry to Kootenay, on the Northern Pacific, travel over an almost solid body of mineral wealth. The wheels of the wagons are making ruts which glitter temptingly, and rich ore is turned up by the feet of the teams."

W. J. WILSON.

W. PERDUE.

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SADDLE AND PACK ANIMALS

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and baggage to and from hotels; also, freight to and from steamboat wharves and railway depots.

CONTRACT TO GRADE LOTS IN NELSON.

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TRANSIENT ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE INSERTED FOR 15 cents a line for the first insertion, and 7 cents a line for each additional insertion. Twelve lines of 9 words each make an inch. All advertisements printed for a less period than 3 months considered transient and must be paid for in advance. Advertisements of less than 12 lines will be counted as 12 lines.

BIRTH NOTICES FREE IF WEIGHT OF CHILD IS GIVEN; IF weight is not given \$1 will be charged. Marriage announcements will be charged from \$1 to \$10—according to the social standing of the bridegroom.

JOB PRINTING IN GOOD STYLE AT FAIR RATES. CARDS envelopes, and letter, note, and account papers kept in stock.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WILL ONLY APPEAR OVER THE writer's name. Communications with such signatures as "Old Subscriber," "Veritas," "Citizen," etc., etc., will not be printed on any consideration.

ADDRESS ALL LETTERS: THE MINER, NELSON, B. C.

EDITORIAL REMARKS.

There is no lack of red tape or end to delay in beginning work on the wagon road between Nelson and the mines on Toad mountain. On April 6th the government was requested to begin work on the road as soon thereafter as possible, so that the road could be completed by the time the snow was off the mountain. The government promised to begin the work without delay, and to that end instructed the government agent in West Kootenay to proceed to Nelson, stake out the road, call for tenders, and forward them to Victoria for approval. At the same time he was directed to consult with the owners of the Silver King mine and ascertain their views and wishes in the matter, as they were contributing one-third of the money to be expended in the building of the road. The government agent arrived at Nelson on April 20th, and the next day, according to his instructions, held a consultation with the owners of the Silver King. These gentlemen, with a thorough knowledge of the lay of the ground, gave it as their opinion that the work should be commenced at once and be done by day's labor, as the route of the road was already staked, giving as one of the reasons for so doing, that on part of the route there were fully 3 feet of snow, which would make it impossible for contractors to make an intelligent estimate of the cost of the work. This was also the opinion of the miners of the camp. The government agent, seeing the force of the arguments, telegraphed to Victoria for permission to begin the work at once by day's labor. In a week (on April 30th) he received an answer to his telegram. The answer was a peremptory order to obey the first letter of instructions. Accordingly, tenders were called for, to be in by noon of May 11th. By the time the tenders reach Victoria and are considered by the red-tape officials in the government office there, half the early summer will have passed away. The questions now arise: Why was the government agent told to consult with the owners of the Silver King, if the opinions of these people were not wanted? If their opinions were wanted, why were they, after given, brushed aside as worthless? Probably surveyor-general Gore, who is also assistant commissioner of lands and works, can explain the matter. Space will be accorded him in THE MINER to do so.

If the commissioner of lands and works has no confidence in his assistants in the interior districts, why does he not replace them with men in whom he has confidence? So far as our knowledge goes, none of his assistants have ordered moneys expended on worthless Albert Canyon roads and Bluewater and Wild Horse Creek trails. If the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for roads and trails in the interior

districts were left entirely to the officials on the ground, few useless roads and trails would be built. As it is, being afraid of their jobs, officials in the interior do as they are ordered, even when they know that public moneys are being wasted.

Under the provisions of the new mining law, owners of mineral claims are not required to re-record them annually. To hold a mineral claim hereafter all that is required is: First, take out a miner's certificate; second, expend \$100 in labor or money on the claim before the expiration of the year of holding; third, record the work so done. In no case, except as a stockholder in an incorporated company, can ownership be retained in a mineral claim unless the owner is in possession of a miner's certificate. This is a point that should not be overlooked by claim owners. There is also doubt expressed as to the amount that mining recorders can collect for recording the annual assessment work. One recorder in the lake country claiming that, under the new law, he is empowered to collect \$6 for such records, that is, \$2.50 for recording the certificate of work, \$2.50 for recording the affidavit that the work was done as described in the certificate of work, and \$1 for filing the affidavit. If that is the intent of the law, it is wrong. If it is not the intent, the minister of mines should instruct the mining recorders as to the sums they should collect.

The other day tracklaying was completed on the Mission branch of the Canadian Pacific. Westbound passengers on that road can now reach Seattle and other points on Puget Sound, via the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway, without going through Vancouver. It is in order for the board of trade of that town to have a special meeting at once, and protest against the diversion of traffic from that "whistling station" to the towns of the hated Yankee to the south of the boundary line.

The Chinese government has refused to receive Mr. Blair as the accredited minister of the United States, because that gentleman, while in the United States senate, advocated the passage of Chinese exclusion legislation. If, from his own people, president Harrison cannot find a minister acceptable to China, we will gladly loan him a man, who, no doubt, would be in every way acceptable. John Robson, for instance. Yet, even he might be rejected because of his allowing one of his henchmen to introduce a bill in the legislative assembly which, if passed, would have prohibited the employment of Chinese in salmon canneries.

A telegram from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, dated May 3rd, reads: "The expected sensation of the week is the promised importation of 7000 workmen, mostly negroes and Italians, into the coke regions. The operators have little to say except that they must run their plants somehow, while the citizens are generally indignant that skilled labor seems about to be driven from the field by this threatened invasion of by no means desirable laborers." Rather than meet their employees in a spirit of fairness, the coal operators of Pennsylvania in the last 20 years have driven from that state thousands of English speaking miners whose interests were identified with the communities in which they worked. Central Europe was scoured for men to take the places of the miners who were compelled to emigrate. Ignorant Hungarians and Poles took the places of intelligent Americans, English, Irish, Scotch, and

Welsh. These, in turn, are now compelled to vacate to make room for Italians and negroes. Here in British Columbia the same line of action is being followed by the Dunsmuirs, the richest coal operators on the Pacific coast. Rather than yield a point to their English-speaking miners, Belgians were imported to replace the Scotch and Irish. The Belgians, in turn, were "fired" to make room for negroes, but the negroes did not materialize. Then a subservient local government repealed laws so that Chinese could be utilized, and within a year the mines operated by these cold-blooded, selfish coal barons will employ few other than Chinese miners, a race of people not considered desirable neighbors or citizens. Between the rapacity of selfish capitalists and subservient lawmakers, the rights of the common people are being ground exceedingly fine.

The attention of Mr. Mara, who represents this district in the house of commons at Ottawa, is called to the urgent need of a custom-house at Nelson. It is unfair to compel the business men of Nelson and Ainsworth to send a special messenger to an out-of-the-way place like Trail Creek to receive consignments of dutiable goods. Heretofore, all goods imported into the lake country were passed at Rykert's custom-house without delay, the customs officer at that place either accompanying the goods or authorizing the captain of the boat to collect the duties on delivery of the goods. This plan worked to the satisfaction of all parties. Now, however, goods are coming in by way of the Spokane & Northern railway and its steamboat connections on the Columbia. There is a custom-house at Trail Creek, a place distant 60 miles from Nelson and 88 from Ainsworth. There all goods will be held until the duties are paid. This will put our business men to great inconvenience. It is as unfair to compel our merchants to go to Trail Creek to receive dutiable goods as it would be for the merchants of Victoria to be compelled to go Ladner's Landing. If a custom-house is not established at Nelson, our merchants will be compelled to ship all imported goods by the old route, and they will act wisely in doing so.

Merchants, do not ship a pound of goods by way of Little Dalles until the steamboat company sees its way clear to be as accommodating as the company that operates steamboats on Kootenay river and lake. Let the Columbia River company know that you are independent, and it will soon get down to its knitting and treat you fairly.

The action of the customs department in regard to the duty on mining machinery is universally condemned by mine owners. They say they would rather pay the duties at once and be done with, it now that they do not expect fair treatment from the department. When on a tour of inspection through the Kootenay Lake country last summer, minister of customs Bowell expressed himself rather freely to a mining man. He said he would see to it that the "Yankees" brought no mining machinery into Canada, under the regulations, without the payment of duty, and the instructions recently sent customs collectors indicate he has not forgotten his threat. Evidently Mr. Bowell does not wish the mining industry of British Columbia developed, for if he did he would not allow his narrow-minded, bigoted race prejudices to crop out in conversations with strangers.

Notwithstanding the mistakes of bull-headed officials, the lake country will yet get to the front.

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CREAM OF THE WORLD'S NEWS.

Bar silver was quoted at 98½ cents an ounce on the 2nd in New York; lead \$4.15 @ \$4.20; copper \$13.75.

The sculling match for \$2000 and the championship of Australia, rowed on the Paramatta river, between John McLean and James Stansbury on the 28th of April was won by Stansbury. William O'Connor of Toronto has cabled Stansbury offering to row him on any course in America for \$2500 a side, and allow him \$500 for expenses.

The first official act of mayor Washburn of Chicago, on entering upon his duties, was to issue an order to the police department to close up every gambling-house and pool-room in the city.

Colonel Baker, member of the legislative assembly for East Kootenay, is in Ottawa trying to get a cash subsidy for the British Columbia Southern railway. When he gets it, he will probably turn it over to the Canadian Pacific.

A syndicate of English capitalists has purchased 7 salmon canneries on the Fraser and 2 on the Skeena. The purchase price was \$375,000. Bell-Irving & Patterson of Vancouver engineered the deal.

The laborers employed at the East Helena smelter in Montana have struck for a raise in wages from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day. The manager of the company says the demands of the men cannot be complied with, on the ground that the company has been figuring so close on its contracts that the difference of 25 cents per day would result in loss. The competition is with the Tacoma smelter and smelters in the east.

C. R. Burns has returned to Spokane from Kootenay river, Idaho, where he had been on a trip of inspection of the work being done on the road-bed extension of the Great Northern railway. While there he let contracts for 29 miles of road to sub-contractors. The total of the 4 contracts will amount to \$250,000. Work is progressing satisfactorily, there being already about 35 miles of the right-of-way cleared, with several miles of road-bed under way. About 500 men are employed altogether, but there are enough idle men on the ground to at once fill the demand for as many more.

Pat Purcell, ex-member of the Dominion house of commons, died in Nova Scotia, on April 30th. He was born in Glengarry, Ontario, in 1833, which county he was elected to represent in 1887. He was a well-known railway and canal contractor, and in politics was a Reformer.

The Canadian Pacific special train, carrying the Empress of India's passengers and mails, arrived at Montreal from Vancouver on the evening of the 2nd, having made the run in 90 hours.

The supplementary ballot held in Geismunde district, Germany, gave Bismarck 6788 and Schmalfeldt, Socialist, 4718.

Mineral Claims Recorded at Nelson.

Wednesday, April 29th.—The Imperial, situate between 49 and Eagle creeks, and being the north extension of the Majestic; W. H. Schwedfeger, locator. The Homestake, situate on the north side of the Kootenay river, about 200 feet above the railway bridge at the north end of the Marble Edge; Joseph Pownder and Dougald Carmichael, locators. The Comstock, situate on the north side of the Kootenay river, about a quarter of a mile above the railway bridge and about 300 yards from the said river; Joseph Pownder and Dougald Carmichael, locators. The Annie, situate one mile southeast from the town of Nelson; William Ryan and Patrick Noonan, locators.

Friday, May 1st.—The Peacock, situate on the east side of Morning mountain, about half a mile north of the Morning claim, and running up to the top of the hill; Thomas E. Hennessy, locator. Rerecord in favor of George Ellis, A. R. Case, A. G. Becker, and Peter E. Williams of the mineral claim California.

Saturday, May 2nd.—Rerecord in favor of G. H. Colwell, A. G. Becker, and A. D. Case, of the mineral claim Sundown.

Monday, May 4th.—Permission is hereby granted by G. C. Tunstall to the Eagle Nest Company, situate on the north side of the Kootenay river, and being the north extension of the Alaska claim, to remove their stakes in a southerly direction to the distance of about 250 feet. The Pearl, situate on Toad mountain and being the southwest extension of the Cariboo claim; John R. Cook and Michael Kealey, locators. The Ottawa, situate on Toad mountain, about 800 feet southeast from the Kootenay Bonanza mineral claim and running thence in a southeasterly direction; John R. Cook and Michael Kealey, locators. The Queensberry, situate on Toad Mountain, and being the west ex-

tension of the Goldendale; John R. Cook and Nathan E. Lay, locators. The London, situate on Toad mountain, at the west end of the Democrat claim, and running thence in a westerly direction, and lying parallel with the Hidden Treasure; Michael Kealey, locator.

Thursday, May 7th.—The Phoenix, situate near Eagle creek, and being the southerly extension of the Wild Cat claim; H. F. Keefer (½), R. G. Tatlow (½), R. C. Ferguson (½), and Hugh McRae (½), locators.

Mining a Profitable Business.

The Ontario silver mine near Park City, Utah, is an exceptionally prosperous mine not only for that territory, but for the whole coast. From the 1st February, 1877, to the close of 1890, a period of not quite 14 years, 341,497 net (dry tons) of ore were raised, equal to 392,721 gross or wet tons. This ore yielded 24,398,390 ounces of silver, which was sold for \$25,607,298, or a small fraction over \$1 per ounce. From this money, 175 monthly dividends were paid up to January 1, 1891. These were 50 cents per share, of which 64 were paid on 100,000 shares and 111 on 150,000 making a total of \$11,625,000. The stock was increased in 1880 or 1881, the additional 50,000 shares going to pay for new ground. The dry ore has yielded an average of \$72.06 per ton, or \$61.26 per ton for wet ore. The Salt Lake Tribune puts a hypothetical case to show the wonderful profits of this mine as follows: "Suppose a man had bought 1000 shares of Ontario stock 14 years ago, when he might have done so for \$20,000. There have been paid on the stock 177 dividends of 50 cents per share in the 14 years, equivalent to \$88.50 per share, or \$88,500 on the 1000 shares. Suppose he now sells the stock, as he can do, for \$42,500, put the principal of the investment in his pocket, and add the remaining proceeds of the sale, \$22,000, to the dividends. He would have the profits of the transaction \$109,000. If he had put out his gains annually at the rate of 7 per cent interest, he would have received in interest \$13,225; total profits 122,255, or \$8732 a year; about 45 per cent a year. But if he had not put the money at interest, he would have realized nearly 40 per cent per annum on his investment.

Order Goods by the Old Route.

The decision of the general agent of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company to not allow the pursers of the company's steamers to pay duties on goods brought in by way of Little Dalles will not tend to increase the traffic by that route. Until a customs officer is stationed at Nelson, importers should order all their consignments shipped by way of Kootenay station. Somehow goods come in by that route without delay, the duties being paid on delivery of the goods at Nelson. The business men of the Kootenay Lake country had better stick to the old route, and not ship a pound of freight by way of Little Dalles. If a purser should then die from overwork, no blame will attach to them.

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THE MAN AND HIS HARVEST.

Henry M. Stanley sailed for England 3 weeks ago, taking with him \$100,000 as his division of the profits for the hundred lectures delivered in this country in a little less than 5 months. The actual receipts during that period were \$305,800, which, according to Stanley's agent, averaged \$2780 for each lecture. It is probable that major Pond's gains were nearly as large as those of Stanley. There would then be \$105,000 to pay the expenses of the trip. This is probably the most profitable lecturing tour ever made in the United States.

Barnum made a greater sum as agent of Jenny Lind. In that instance people went to hear the music, and they heard the best that, up to that time, had ever been furnished by any singer who made a tour in this country. But people did not go to hear Stanley because he had anything new to say. As a matter of fact, he said nothing of importance that could not be found in his latest published work, which had afforded him another profit in this country of probably not less than \$100,000. They went to see one of the most renowned explorers of modern times. No other lecturer in the world could have drawn such audiences at \$2 a head. Curiosity to see the man was gratified, even when this large price was demanded.

It was given out by Stanley's agent that the lecture course having been so successful, arrangements would be made for another tour through the United States. But when the curiosity of the people is satisfied, they will drop a show performance of that kind. Now, in this instance, curiosity about Stanley is nearly extinct. Before the lecturing tour was undertaken, people to a large extent had ceased to read his latest books. The lectures revived some interest in the former and probably extended the sale somewhat. But another lecturing tour would fail to revive any special interest in the books or in the lecturer. The show season in that respect is over, and it cannot be revived.

The gross contribution which this country made to the books and lectures of Stanley cannot have fallen much short of \$500,000. That is probably a much greater contribution than was made in Great Britain, although the facts within reach do not warrant any close comparison. The most renowned scientific lecturer in Europe or the United States would have failed to draw full audiences at a price greater than \$1 a head. There would have been little curiosity to see the man. The interest would have centered wholly in what he had to say, and it would have been confined chiefly to that class of people who, by reading or taste, were in sympathy with his subject. It was not, therefore, any new and extraordinary taste for lectures that had suddenly developed in Stanley's case, but simply a desire to see and hear a famous man, who had really set down the uttermost facts of his experience in his published books, so that he had nothing new to say. But his way of repeating an oft-told tale, and the presence of a man who had done more to draw the attention of the world to Africa—these were Stanley's drawing cards on the platform.

Will not Strike for Eight Hours.

The great projected strike of miners May 1st for eight hours was declared off on April 28th by the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America. The board, in session at Columbus, Ohio, heard statements from the presidents of the state organizations for several days, which were almost unanimously against a strike at this time, has issued a lengthy address to the members, in which reference is made to the great strike of the Pennsylvania coke regions: "The battle waged by organized capital against organized labor," says the address, "can only be termed the gory precursor of a seemingly inevitable strife in a general and more comprehensive manner. The United Mine Workers had to render these people all the financial assistance possible, and in addition we learn that there has been, within a competitive district, a defection on the part of disorganized miners of various sections, and as custodians of the people who placed us in the positions we occupy, we positively, though reluctantly, refuse, with our eyes open and with full and complete knowledge of the situation, to jeopardize these interests, and will not be responsible for the ac-

companying sufferings and sacrifices of the strike constituents and their families, seeing, as we do, the situation, and knowing that thousands of vampires and vultures are awaiting for the 1st of May to feed, as it were, on the sacrifices of the organized miners of the country." The board adds that it realizes the disappointment to many, but says honorable retreat is better than the maledictions of the people after they have suffered because the truth was kept back. It is, therefore, resolved that the 8-hour movement be deferred for the time being, and that the time for action be left in the hands of the executive board and the presidents of the various districts. Local unions are appealed to for aid for the coke strikers, whose battles, says the address, must be fought to victory.

Promoted.

Frederick Hussey, for some time past government agent at Kamloops, has been appointed superintendent of provincial police, an office vacant since the flight of Roycroft two years ago. His successor at Kamloops is to be George C. Tunstall, so it is reported. Mr. Tunstall's successor in West Kootenay being John Bowron, now gold commissioner in Cariboo.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CROWN GRANTS

Notice is hereby given that Richard A. Fry and A. C. Fry have filed the necessary papers, and made application for a crown grant in favor of the Grizzly Bear mineral claim, situated at Toad Mountain, West Kootenay district.

Adverse claimants, if any, are requested to forward their objections to me within 60 days from the date of this publication. G. C. TUNSTALL, Revelstoke, January 29th, 1891. Gold commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that Richard A. Fry and A. C. Fry have filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of a mineral claim known as the Silver Queen, situated in the Toad Mountain subdivision, West Kootenay district.

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The BALFOUR commands a fine view of the Outlet and Lake, and will be kept second to no hotel in Hot Springs district.

Balfour is easily accessible to the mines in Hot Springs district, and is in the center of a large area of mineral country not yet prospected. It is also within easy distance of the Kootenay Lake and Pilot Bay sawmills.

GLADSTONE HOUSE

TRAIL CREEK, B. C.

W. R. POULTON, PROPRIETOR

The Gladstone is the best kept hotel in the Trail Creek mining district, its proprietor being a caterer of experience. The table will always be supplied with the best of everything obtainable. The bar is stocked with choice liquors and cigars, including Hiram Walker & Sons' pure rye whiskies. Good stabling for animals.

Main Street,
REVELSTOKE**R. E. LEMON**Railroad Avenue,
SPROAT.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Groceries, Clothing, Hardware**WHOLESALE LIQUORS AND CIGARS.**

Agent for the Hamilton Powder Company and Hiram Walker & Sons' Whiskies.

Cor. Vernon and Josephine Streets, **NELSON, B. C.****SMALL NUGGETS OF NEWS.**

The railway company will grade a wagon road from the west end of Baker street direct to the depot site, in the flat near Cottonwood Smith creek. H. F. Keefer will do the work.

It is reported that the bulk of the supplies for the Burns & Chapman contract on the Great Northern railway will be forwarded from Spokane by way of the Spokane & Northern and connecting steamboat and railway lines in British Columbia.

R. E. Lemon, J. Fred Hume & Co., Gilker & Wells, G. A. Bigelow, and W. F. Teetzel were in receipt of several carloads of goods this week, the Galena and barge bringing them up from the railway terminus, 2 miles below Nelson. From this on the lake merchants will carry stocks in keeping with the size of the country in which they are doing business.

W. A. Ballie-Grohan writes that he will be at Nelson in about 10 days. He is now said to be connected with the Alberta & British Columbia Exploration Company, a company organized in England with a capital of \$100,000. The company will undertake various and sundry business, all tending towards the development of the material resources of Alberta and British Columbia.

R. A. Kimpton, a well-known Donald merchant, visited the Silver King mine last Sunday. He was astonished at what he saw, and said the reports of that great property were not exaggerated. He left the next day, vowing that if he hadn't the finest house in Donald he would move to Nelson and grow up with a real, live mining town.

The E. S. Wilson & Co. stock of goods and store at Ainsworth have been sold to Green Brothers of Illecillewaet and Sproat, and were turned over this week to R. F. Green by John Macdonald of Winnipeg. "Bob" and "Sam" Green are well known to hundreds of prospectors and miners in West Kootenay, and they will get a share of the trade of Hot Springs district.

Mail matter from Spokane and United States points now remains at Sproat from Tuesday afternoon until Friday morning, and from Friday afternoon until Tuesday morning, instead of being forwarded to Nelson promptly. This, too, when a train for Nelson leaves Sproat every morning in the week, except Sunday.

While on a pleasure trip to Japan in the early 80s, captain George J. Ainsworth ran across a steam launch that took his fancy. Being a millionaire at the time, he purchased it and brought it back with him to Portland, Oregon. The hull is about 30 feet long and is built of teak. In 1885, having contracted to place a steamer on the upper Columbia by a certain date, he forwarded the launch to Little Dalles and ran it until the steamer Kootenay was completed, when it was hauled up on the river bank and housed. It is now to be taken to Sproat, put aboard a flat-car and transported to Nelson, whence it will be taken to Ainsworth and put in thorough repair. A. D. Wheeler will use it on the lake as a private launch.

A second lot of fine fancy worsted suitings received by Odell & Squire, merchant tailors, over Lemon's store, Nelson.

Ainsworth is booming and is drawing on Nelson for mechanics, J. A. Melville, leaving on Tuesday to superintend the erection of R. McLeod's new hotel and Wilson & Perdue's meat market.

The Canadian Pacific will erect a 30-room hotel at Robson, the Columbia river terminus of the Columbia & Kootenay railway. It will also erect 4 camping-houses along the Kootenay for the convenience of tourists and fishing parties. The houses will be furnished with bunks and cooking utensils, and parties will be supplied with blankets, provisions, etc., from the company's store at Robson. The hotel at Robson will be in charge of N. Sicotte and L. Levesque.

The building recently occupied by T. V. Thurburn has been leased to W. T. Atherton for hotel purposes. Mr. Atherton is from Illecillewaet, and claims to be a hotel-keeper of experience.

For fear that some of the boys, on getting too much tangle-foot aboard, might get a trifle unruly, John Foulds has been sworn in as a special constable, to act until the regularly-appointed constable, a Mr. Scoley from the northern part of the district, arrives.

Persons: A. S. Farwell arrived from Victoria on Friday. Lou Doll and Jack Kerr of Calgary came in on Tuesday. The former is a jeweler and the latter a merchant tailor, and both report Calgary growing to be a solid town. Fred Baker, who runs the Canadian Pacific store at Donald, took a run down to Nelson this week to look up a few safe

real estate investments. John McLeod of Sproat sized up his two lots on Poverty avenue on Wednesday with a view of erecting two handsome cottages—one for himself, the other for Dunc McDonald. Ed Powers, engineer of the construction train, found time on Thursday to take a hasty glance at the smartest town in the province. William Gill, inland revenue inspector for British Columbia, is in Nelson on official business.

W. F. Teetzel arrived at Nelson on Wednesday and expects to have his drug store opened next week. He is undecided whether to live at Nelson or at Revelstoke. For the present the Nelson store will be in charge of dr. McFarlane.

An incipient blaze in Mrs. Foster's laundry on Wednesday gave the Deluge hooks a chance to show their agility. Foreman Bigelow looked like a real live fireman as he rushed down Baker street with a nest of buckets under one arm and a 50-foot ladder under the other. No damage.

The gambling houses of Chicago and Seattle having been closed by the authorities, the gamblers and "tin-horns" of these cities are flocking to Nelson, the liveliest town on the Pacific coast.

J. H. Matheson has purchased the outfit of pioneer barber Shirley, who will return to Fairhaven, Washington.

The old Lakeview has been torn down to make room for a modern hotel.

Until other arrangements are made, the steamer Galena will leave her landing at Bonner's Ferry on Monday, arriving at Nelson on Monday evening. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday she will make round trips between Nelson and Ainsworth. On Friday she will leave Nelson for her landing at Bonner's Ferry, going by way of Ainsworth.

W. F. Teetzel & Co.

DEALERS IN

DRUGS

CHEMICALS,

PATENT MEDICINES,**TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.****WHOLESALE DEALERS IN CIGARS. RAYMOND
SEWING MACHINES IN STOCK.**

Cor. East Baker and Ward Streets.

NELSON BOAT-HOUSE

FOOT OF WARD STREET,

ISAIAH STEVENSON, Proprietor.

Boats to hire by the hour or day at reasonable rates.
Boats built and repaired.**NOTICE.**

To consignees of goods to Little Dalles for points in British Columbia:

That goods will have to remain at Little Dalles unless invoices accompany same. That consignees must arrange with the customs office at Trail Creek or other parties to pass and pay duties. It being impossible for the purser of the steamer to do so, as his work requires him to devote all his time to it.

F. G. CHRISTIE,
Agent C. & K. S. N. Co., Ltd.**BREMNER & WATSON,**

AINSWORTH, B. C.

**PACK AND SADDLE HORSES
FOR HIRE.**Contracts taken for hauling supplies, machinery, ore, etc.,
to and from mines in Hot Springs district.**ALL TEAMING WORK UNDERTAKEN.****W. PELLEW HARVEY,****ASSAY AND MINING OFFICES,**

GOLDEN, B. C.

ASSAY PRICE LIST:	Silver, gold, or lead (each).....	\$1 50
	Silver, gold, and lead (combined)...	3 00
	Silver and lead.....	2 50
	Silver, gold, and copper.....	4 50
	Silver and gold.....	2 00
	Silver and copper.....	3 50
	Silver, gold, lead, and copper.....	5 50
	Copper by wet and electrolysis assay	2 50
	Copper by fire assay.....	3 00
	Other assay prices on application.	

TERMS.—Cash with samples. A discount of 10 per cent when two or more are sent. Agents wanted.

SALES OF ORE NEGOTIATED.

For several years assayer for Vivian & Sons, Swansea.

TIMBER LEASE.

Thirty days after date I intend to make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease for lumbering purposes the following tract of land:

Beginning at a stake on the west bank of the Lardau river, about 4 miles from its mouth, thence south 80 chains, thence east to the river, thence north along bank of river to the place of beginning; containing 640 acres more or less.

G. O. BUCHANAN.

Nelson, April 16th, 1891.

SEALED TENDERS,

Addressed to the undersigned, endorsed "Tender for Toad Mountain Wagon Road," will be received until Monday, the 11th day of May, at 12 noon, for the construction of the above road, extending from its present termination to the Silver King mine, Toad Mountain.

Persons tendering will be required to furnish bonds in the sum of \$4000 for the satisfactory completion of the work. Specifications can be seen at the government office, where forms of tender can be obtained. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. C. TUNSTALL, government agent.

Nelson, May 2nd, 1891.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Patrick McNamee, deceased, intestate.

Persons having claims against the above estate are requested to forward them to the undersigned for settlement; to whom also persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment of all moneys due.

G. C. TUNSTALL, gold commissioner.

Nelson, May 4th, 1891.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Higstrom, deceased, intestate.

Persons having claims against the above estate are requested to forward them to the undersigned for settlement; to whom also parties indebted to said estate are notified to make payment of all moneys due.

G. C. TUNSTALL, gold commissioner.

Nelson, May 4th, 1891.