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THE WORK NOW UNDER WAY

CLEARING BEGUN ON THE NELSON DIVISION OF THE N. & F. S. RIGHT OF WAY.

The Long Delayed Supplies are Beginning to Arrive —Contractor Larson Gives an Outline of the Present Condition of the Work and the Number of Men to be Employed.

Contractor Larson, of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, has just returned from Spokane. He was asked by a MINER reporter as to the present condition of his railroad work.

"Well, I think," said he, "that I can safely say that everything is rapidly getting into good shape, Several carloads of our long delayed supplies have arrived, for which we are duly thankful, or we can now proceed at once with construction work as fast as the right of way is cleared.

"The clearing will begin the latter end of this week, as the first of next and from that time on there will be no let up until the last spike is driven. In order to finish the work within the required length of time it will be necessary to employ some 1,500 to 1,800 men. Of these 600 to 800 will be at work all summer between here and the summit.

"As to the pay, the men will get $2.00 per day, and a charge of $5.25 per week will be made for board. There will be no difficulty in getting all the men we want. In fact, from the number of applications at the other end of the work I think they are already in the country. You see many of the men who have subcontracts and station work have been with me elsewhere, and they have more or less of an immediate following, so that everyone will have men enough on hand to begin work as soon as they get their camps in shape.

"Personally, I have none of the work reserved for myself, but will of course exercise a general supervision over the entire line."

Out at the camp is a scene of bustle and activity on every hand. The tools and mechanical supplies have been arriving for some days and are being distributed along the line as rapidly as possible. Work shops and bunk houses are being built, and the ring of the axe sounds like a dropping fire from a skirmish line. Actual construction has been delayed during the past few days owing to the rain making it necessary to get everything under cover as soon as possible. This part of the work is about completed, ann from now on Contractor McLean's first ten miles will be made to hum.

The much sought after beef contract was finally awarded to Hull Bros., the Calgary and Kamloops cattle men. They expect to do quite a local trade in connection with the filling of their contract, as it will be very easy to add a few more head to each shipment required for the use of the railroad gang.

With from 600 to 800 men working steadily all summer right at the doors of Nelson, and the usual extra number that will be shifting about, in coming and going during all that time, the result will undoubtedly be a very satisfactory increase in business generally.

Latest News from Duncan.

Mr. C. Hamber who is just down from Duncan city reports that the trail is now through from Argenta to the east side of Hauser lake opposite Duncan city. The time over to the lake from Argenta is now only about three hours. The water in the river is now so high as to render any any attempt at navigation very unsafe. Several outfits have been swamped during the past few days though fortunately so far none of the accidents have resulted in the loss of life. On the day before Mr. Hamber left 13 outfits were counted passing up the lake by Duncan.

Two strikes of rich free milling gold ore were reported from a point about 25 miles above Duncan. The samples brought down were quite full of specks and flakes of gold.

Almost all those who come into the country now are taking the trail. Mr. Perry is building a bridge over Grizzly creek as the water in it is getting too high to ford and has swept the temporary bridge away. Piper and Co.'s pack trains are making regular trips over the trail and carry freight at 2½cents a pound.

A contract has just been let for the clearing and grading of the two principal streets of the town. Buildings are going up rapidly and the indications generally are promising.

THE SITUATION AT SAYWARD.

News from the Other End of the Line—Preparing to Push Railroad Work.

Work at this end of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railroad is now well under way. Several miles of station work have been sublet; the wagon road has been pushed up Beaver Creek for five miles from Sayward, and many parties of laborers have turned out. The contractors are now receiving the bulk of their supplies, and in addition to their capacious buildings, have erected an immense canvas warehouse for stores. Bids for culverts and round crib work on the first eight miles are now under consideration.

Messrs. Hull & Leeson, of Calgary, have secured the contract for the supply of meat, and they will at once put in a large corral at the south end of Sayward, so as not to pollute the water supply of the town. The oxen will come from their ranches in Alberta.

Sayward will be the terminal landing of the C. & K. S. N. Company's boats on the Columbia river, as soon as the railroad line is completed into the town; the water below this point is only navigated with great difficulty at all times and the boats will shorten their run by 12 or 14 miles, all freight to and from the States being transhipped at Sayward.

Just south of the International boundary there is a choice and motley collection of American roughs, toughs, and gamblers; there is no plotted townsite, but they are located promiscuously on old placer claims, and expect to transact a rushing business with their fellow countrymen laboring on the railroad, and who, they imagine, must resort thither after pay day for rest and recreation. Their wholesome and well-grounded fear of the promptness and severity of British law keeps them where they are, and every effort will be made to keep this camp orderly and law-abiding. The issue of licenses will be carefully looked into, and no saloon, gin mill, or gambling dive will be tolerated for a moment. Properly equipped hotels, however, will no doubt be duly licensed in sufficient numbers.

As the contractors are not selling stores to outside parties storekeepers will have a good show to make money.

Messrs. Kirk & Ritchie's contract for the survey of the townsite will shortly be completed. Mr. Ritchie is expected here daily to finish the work already commenced under his instructions.

W. R. Poulton is doing a heavy business at the Sayward Hotel, and Messrs. Allen & Madden's hotel, 30x40 feet, containing 14 bedrooms, is approaching complation.

Mr. Perrott, the building contractor, has his hanps full, having contracts for three other buildings.

IN COUNTY COURT CIRCLES

JUDGE SPINKS DISPOSES OF MATTERS SPEEDILY—DALY GETS TWO YEARS.

The Dispute over the Ownership of the Best Claim opens with an Extensive Argument on Jurisdiction. A case which involves some nice Points in Partnership Location of Claims.

Justice Spinks opened the county court here yesterday. The case of R. Forrester Daly held on several charges of embezzlement from the Bank of British Columbia was speedily disposed of as the prisoner was only arraigned on one charge that of embezzling $350 from one Neeley. In this case the money was deposited by Neeley who received a deposit receipt from Daly, but the money did not find its way into the bank coffers. John Elliott who appeared for the prisoner, Daly, entered a plea of guilty and elected trial under speedy trials act. The prisoner had practically been sentenced to three years, but on the pleading of council the sentence was cut down to two years in the penitentiary. J. H. Bowes appeared for the prosecution.

The case involving the ownership of the Best mine and others of that group came up in the court today. The defendants Mr. Agnew et al claim that an agreement between them and the defendants Mr. Hughes et al, was made to the effect that the latter were to prospect for and locate claims in which there should be an equal interest. That such claims have been located and the further conditions not complied with. On the other hand Mr. Hughes claims that the other party failed to put up the requisite amount of money at the right time to entitle them to any share in the property. The time of the court was largely occupied in hearing argument on behalf of both sides as to jurisdiction of the court in such cases. The court was of the opinion that the case should go up to the supreme court. It was finally decided to proceed with the case until evidence was reached showing that an amount greater than $2500 was involved in which event the case is to be ordered up to the higher court. The remainder of the afternoon was consumed in hearing the evidence of Mr. Agnew. The plaintiffs are represented by Messrs. Elliott and Glass and the defense by Messrs. Bowes and McLeod.

Are Making Better Time.

The Columbia and Kootenay steam navigation company are perfectiug as rapidly as possible a series of arrangements which will tend to greatly improve the traffic on the Columbia river and the Kootenay lake. Tables of running time are being systematized and better connections are being made all round. In a short time things will be in a condition to warrant the bringing out of a new and vastly improved time table.

Heavy Development Work.

Trail creek will be one of the busy camps this summer. N. P. Anderson is now on his way in to that place from Spokane with men, teams and supplies to carry out his contract for development work on the Le Roi, Josie and War Eagle claims. The work must be completed by September 1st and about 50 men will be worked all summer to finish in time. If the results of the developments are favorable the pyritic smelter is a sure thing.

The grading on the railroad is near finished up to the Pend d'Oreille river, and track laying is being pushed in order to land steel for the bridge as soon as possible.

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A VERY SHORT SIGHTED POLICY.

CERTAINLY the ways of Government are mysterious at times and past finding out except by actual and generally costly experiment with those unknown forces.

Some citizens of Nelson have recently passed through an experience of how the government string which is tied to the pre-emption of land can be drawn back, and the land with it.

It is known that it is possible as the law now stands for the government to step in and put a reserve on any portion of the public lands no matter how far the law has been complied with in the process of acquiring individual ownership. A beautiful example of this is noted elsewhere in this issue. Dr. E. C. Arthur, Wilson Hall and Alfred Hall made a pre-emption of 160 acres of land at the head of Slocan lake in October 1891. These gentlemen proceeded as rapidly as possible to conditions of purchase required by the land act. They spent some 45 days in clearing and putting things into shape.

In March 1892 the government happened to glance its speculatiee eye over that section and a reserve was the result. One the pre-emption were some 30 acres of good flat land and it was to secure this that the 160 acaes were located. The remainder is rough and so broken and hilly as to be of almost no value.

Now notice carefully that the reserve has been lifted off every portion of the land except the level part, and if those who made their investments of time and money on the place originally wish to recover part of their outlay they can seek it in the barren hills around the fat little slice which the government has taken possession of. How long will this continue until citizens are afraid or unwilling to touch public land at all.

NOT A FAIR INDEX.

THE Victoria Times and the Colonist are just now engaged in a war of words over the comparative population of the Island and the Mainland. The Colonist has asserted that "The number of children enrolled in the schools is in this, as well as in every other country where a public school system is in operation, as good an index of the population outside of the census as can be found. The Times takes the matter up and very justly says:

If this doctrine be applied to the statistics in British Columbia some rather strange results will be obtained. For instance, Cowichan has 230 school children, while Cariboo, Lillooet, East Kootenay have only 241 among them, all told. Will the Colonist venture to assert that Cowichan has nearly as large a white population as these four districts. Its effrontery is great, but it is surely not equal to a contention so absurd. Again, Victoria District has 397 school children and Esquimalt 148, while Yale has 543. Are we to believe that the two former together have as large a white population as Yale? Yet that is the unavoidable conclusion if the Colonist's peculiar dictum is to be accepted. We need go no further in the way of showing the ab3urdity of offering this school children argument. Premier Davie and the Colonist must suppose all the people of the province to be as simple as school children if they expect it to have any weight. The Colonist's readers are intelligent enough to know that mining districts like parts of Yale, Cariboo and the Kootenays invariably have a much smaller proportion of children in their population than is to be found in an agricultural region. Miners and prospectors are seldom acompanied by large families. If the conditions under which the people live were the same or nearly the same, all over the province, then there would be some basis for the Colonist's contention, but there is, in fact, a very wide divergence. If proper allowance is made for the difference in pursuits it will be seen that the equality in the numbers of school children enrolled on the Island and the Mainland really indicates a greater number of adults on the Mainland. Therefore, when the Colonist asks, "Do these figures indicate that there is a large preponderence of white people on the Mainland?" the answer, truthfully given, must be in the affirmative. The Times would most assured like to believe that the Island's population is equal to that of the Mainland, but the facts are plainly against such a belief.

The whole matter hinges upon the fact that government scarcely ever in any country takes the trouble to sufficiently inform itself as to the conditions and needs of remote districts so long as they fail to carry sufficient population to make them valuable for political purposes. In sections of the country where everything is in process of being carved from the rough as nature left it, the number of adult male inhabitants must necessarily be largely in excess as compared with older communities. Yet notwithstanding this most ideas of legislating for these new places seems to be based only on observations of the conditions which exist entirely away from the districts affected, and where there is but little in common.

The projected visit of Premier Davie, which is noticed elsewhere, will be hailed by all as a a new step in the right direction.

Come up and let us have a chance to talk to you, Mr. Premier. It will do us all good.

CHICAGO'S HIGHWAYMEN.

Prices for Lunches High Enough to Put to Shame a Mining Camp.

Those who are given to occasionally objecting to prices charged in new mining communities far away from the base of supplies should be interested in the following from an exchange:

At the Fair grounds in Chicago monopoly covers everything. The right to sell food and drink has been farmed out to those who charge the most extortionate prices, and no waiter will move without his "tip." Notice is served that the States having displays of fruit must not give the fruit away, since this would infringe the rights of vendors. All the benches that were placed in the grounds some time ago have been removed, and the only chance for tired persons to sit down is to hire a stool at 10 cents for a limited period, or pay 75 cents an hour for a rolling chair.

To the credit of the newspapers of Chicago, it must be said that one and all they are waging war on this greed and extortion. The Tribune has printed pages of matter, giving the names of persons and places notorious for extortionate methods. The Mail denounces the removal of the benches from the park. The Post advises every self-respecting man and woman to take their luncheon basket with them and not be ashamed to flaunt economy, good sense and independence in the face of extortion. The Journal publishes bills showing that luncheon accounts that should only be 25 cents are $1.50, and those that should be no more than 50 cents often run up to $3.50.

All the newspapers plead with the restauranteurs and others to suppress or moderate their greed, and not bring permanent disgrace on the name of Chicago.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Executive Will be Elected at a Meeting Holden This Evening.

The meeting of the Hospital subscribers was convened in the Board of Trade room this afternoon, Dr. E. C. Arthur presiding, with George A. Bigelow secretary. The following directors were elected to serve till January, 1895:—

J. A. Turner, Geo. A. Bigelow, T. M. Ward, A. J. Marks, Harold Selous, J. H. Mathewson.

E. E. Phair, W. J. Wilson, John L. Retallack, Robert Yuill, G. O. Buchanan, Frank Fletcher were elected directors for the short term ending January, 1894.

The Board then adjourned till eight o'clock this evening, when an executive, consisting of a president, vice-president secretary and treasurer are to be elected.

LITTLE LOCAL CHAPTERS.

In Which Everyone is Made Acquainted with the Movements of Everybody Else.

Geo. W. Richardson has returned from Lardo.

J. E. Miller, of Vancouver, is in this city in connection with inland revenue matters.

J. R. Bealey, of Kaslo has tendered his resignation as a member of the South Kootenay Board of Trade.

The meeting of those interested in the institution of a local lodge of the Knights of Pythias will be held in the Oddfellows' hall on Tuesday evening.

Secretary George A. Bigelow has rented a room in the Houston block as a Board of Trade room. He is also making arrangements to have the room handsomely furnished.

Dr. Titus of Spokane has secured the position of medical director of the Larson construction company. He has made overtures to Dr. Rogers of Kaslo to assist him in his work. He will station himself in Nelson.

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Premier Davie About to Visit this Section for the Purpose of Discussing Mining Matters.

From information received from the Coast it seems quite probable that within the near future the inter-mountain mining regions of this country will be honored by a visit from Premier Davie.

The object of the visit so far as can be learned is for the purpose of gathering general information regarding matters in this part of the country, and to make something of a personal study as to the immediate needs of the people in the way of assistance in opening up the country.

Part of the programme will insure a series of public meetings, during which full discussion regarding the recent changes in the mining laws will be invited, and an endeavor made to get at the opinions of those most nearly interested as to the utility of those changes.

Now this would appear like the "long felt want." A great many people, chiefly, it is painful to state, practical mining men, have expressed opinions regarding these amendments in terms of playful irony. Some have even gone so far as to say that these amendments shows plain croppings which would indicate that they were framed by a set of men who would not know a cross cut from a dump.

Here then is an opportunity for these scoffers to receive answers to the many questions which they have been asking each other ever since the amendments became law.

LITTLE LOCAL CHAPTERS.

In Which Everyone is Made Acquainted with the Movements of Everybody Else.

Frank Heap is down from the Big Jam on the Duncan river. He reports lively times in that place, which now boasts of a hotel and store, the latter belonging to Mr. Heap.

Contractor Larson is in town again, having returned from Spokane.

Chester Glass, of Spokane, is in Nelson yet. He is probably about the only member of the legal profession here who is murmuring at the "law's delay." He has casually mentioned several times that he would like that County Court to sit some time during the present century.

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The wave of excitement is fast settling on the Duncan River district, and the prospector, capitalist, tenderfoot, tinhorn gambler and general roustabout are working their way up to the Eternal snows in every craft known to man since the days when the Ark staked a location on Mount Ararat.

Dug outs, square-ended punts, Peterboro' boats and canoes, home-made craft of various design and unlike anything else on top of the earth or anywhere else, are being towed, poled, pushed, carried and dragged up the turbulent, boiling, log-jammed Duncan, with all the vim of stout arms and promiscuous profanity.

The shore of Hauser or Upper Kootenay Lake around Duncan City is covered with tents, brush camps, boats, canoes, and the aforesaid nondescript conveyance, and the dash of pole and paddle and splash of oar goes on merrily from early dawn to dewy eve—each and all intent on making a strike and trying who can reach the Ultima Thule—the very highest point inland—albeit the snow is still two feet deep on the upper flats of the Duncan River, and of nearly unmeasurable depth on the mountains. Still up and on they go, the old man of seventy side by side with the lad of sixteen.

In the night time numerous camp fires shine out all along Hauser Lake, the white tents dotting its shores, giving the idea of an inland summer resort. A little steamer will shortly churn the waters into foam and awaken the mountain echoes with its whistle.

The Duncan River has an average width of 200 feet, and from the outlet at Kootenay Lake to its head at Beaver Lake, is some eighty or ninety miles in length. From Kootenay to Hauser Lake, some fourteen miles, the numerous log jams and rapid current render navigation difficult, tedious and dangerous. In flood time, about the middle of June, this portion of the Duncan becomes well-nigh impassable. The seething mass of water spreads over the low banks of the river and rushes and roars among the trees. Poling is almost an impossibility. A full week has been taken over this bad water at this season, and numerous shipwrecks attest the difficulties and danger.

All this is now happily avoided by a good horse trail from the head of Kootenay Lake, which, starting at the townsite of Argenta, reaches smooth water in eight miles, at Duncan City. Through Hauser Lake, ten miles to the north end of the lake, then ten miles more of river to the log jam, and first portage. This point is really the head of decent navigation on the Duncan, although canoes go up eight miles farther to East Fork, and some a few miles beyond to the canon. The waters of these upper reaches are very swift, and the frequent portages prevent useful or profitable means of transit for light loads and the lightest of the crafts.

Hauser, or as it is incorrectly called on the Government maps, Upper Kootenay Lake, is about as pretty a little sheet of water as one can find anywhere. It is some ten miles long by 1 to 1½ miles wide, with its bold shore outline, of timbered bluff and background of serrated snowy peaks reflected in the deep blue of its waters, it is very hard to beat in the way of sylvan beauty. At its southern end, on its east shore, a flat timbered bench juts into the lake, forming with its curved sandy foreshore a miniature Bay of Naples. The view from this flat, known as Duncan City is charmingly pretty. North and east lie the timbered slopes,

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MINING ENGINEER AND ASSAYER

NELSON, B. C.

OFFICE; VICTORIA STREET.

and the giant snowy peaks of the Duncan river gold range, the blue tinted lake reflecting the varied imagery of its shores. To the west the valley of the Lardo, and its hills with their perpetual snows, the river winding like a silver ribbon through canon and rocks; to the south the great Kootenay Lake and the delta of the Duncan, picturesque meadow land and wooded slopes.

The shores of Hauser Lake are generally abrupt, and with the exception of Duncan City flat there is no level land along its borders. The great divide between the Lardo silver ledges and the Duncan gold fields narrows almost to a point some four miles below Hauser Lake. It is only one mile from Duncan City to the Lardo river, a natural pass about one hundred feet above the lake affords an easy means of communication with Healey Creek and the Trout Lake country. This route has been explored and a trail will be commenced within a week to connect the Lardo and Duncan mining grounds. This, in connection with the trail now made from Argenta on Kootenay Lake, will ensure a ready means of access to either camp at any season of the year, between Healey Creek camp in the Lardo country and the Duncan River valley and Kootenay Lake.

It may be somewhat premature to make a prediction as to the future of the Lardo silver finds and the Duncan gold prospects. One thing is certain, it has been established that rich ledges exist. Already rock assaying $23 in free gold has been discovered on Duncan townsite, and other prospects, varying from $1100 of the Golden Eagle to $500 on the Hauser Creek, attest the unmistakable richness of the Duncan gold fields. Color can be found in every creek emptying into the river, and good placer ground has been located on the main stream and some of its tributaries. In the Lardo section rich discoveries were made last season in silver, and from the fact that many prominent officials of the Canadian Pacific railway and several M.P.'s are interested in that country it will undoubtedly be well prospected this year. Altogether, we can confidently predict a season of great success, and despite the late spring and very hard winter, West Kootenay will make, as it already has in the Slocan, another world's record of wonderful discovery in 1893—gold in the Duncan and silver in the Lardo.

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A Provincial Railway Charter and Subsidy and a Dominion Railway Charter have been obtained for the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, and the Canadian Pacific Railwny Company have entered into an agreement to lease and operate the railway for twenty-five years. There can be no doubt as to the importance of NAKUSP—the Gateway of the Slocan Country either from the North or South, and the prlncipal shipping and distributing point for all the district tributary to Slocan Lake.

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All the principal mines in Slocan District can be reached in from two to seven miles from this hotel, which is located at Three Forks on Carpenter creek.

The Dining Room is under the immediate superienten dence of Mr. C. Bowen, formerly of Windsor hotel of Butte, Montana, and the Rogers' hotel, Missoula who will see to it that the cuisine of the Three Forks is not excelled by that of any other hotel in West Kootenay.

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At Nelson and Pilot Bay or delivered at any point on the lake in any quantity. Address P.O. box 47, Nelson.

A COMPARATIVE ARGUMENT

UPON WHICH PREDICTIONS AS TO BRITISH COLUMBIA'S GROWTH IS BASED.

A Glance at the Record of the Past—Dr. Dawson's able Outline of his Reasons for Believing in the Superiority of this Region as Compared with those further South.

IT is quite probable that at no time in the history of British North America has the attention of the civilized world been so closely directed to any particular portion of that vast area as it now is to the mining regions of British Columbia. The history of mining industries in North America contains many wondrous chapters, the opening ones of which are lost in the mists that cling along the rugged ranges of Old Mexico, but it is safe to say that no brighter one has been written than that which British Columbia is just beginning to spread over the records.

Starting with the discovery of placer gold along the tributaries of the Fraser river in 1857 a glance down the record shows successively Cariboo, Omenica, and Cassiar, from which for years poured forth a steady stream of "yellow dust," running higher and higher into the millions. This stream was only checked when the bed rock receded to such depths below the surface as to make it impossible to dispose of the water which filtered down through the loose overlying material.

Fortunately at a time when, having enriched the world by the addition of some $50,000,000 in gold, these regions began to decline, the extending of rail connection with the far east, through another part of the province opened a new section, which along different lines bids fair to eclipse even the old brilliant record.

Beginning in 1886 with the chance discovery of the Silver King, the fame of which brought hundreds eager prospectors, rich in the experience gained in many a "lead camp," from Mexico to Montana, the discoveries have leaped from point to point like a forest fire, and still continue to spread widely and rapidly.

The old lead camps had in many instances yielded only enough by hard toil to pay for running when silver by some vagaries of the market was "up," and were often closed down or worked at a loss when a fall of a few points in silver cut them off. What wonder then that they have eagerly turned to follow the fortunes of a section where silver might go down to 50 without shutting down anything.

The chief difficulty in the way of the rapid development of the country has been the lack of adequate means of transportation. Many of the claims could only be reached by difficult trails supplemented by wagon roads not of the best. Supplies have been difficult to obtain, and still more has it been to ship anything like a quantity of ore.

These difficulties are being overcome with an energy and rapidity at once startling to the casual observer and serving to convince the world of the confidence felt in the ultimate success of this region by those who have given all the circumstances their careful consideration and are backing their judgment by the investment of their capital.

The coming twelve months will witness an amount of railroad building throughout the mining regions of British Columbia which in itself will form a weighty argument as to the richness of the country which they are providing with transportation and outlets.

Of the ore bodies of this region Dr. George M. Dawson, assistant director of the Geological Survey of Canada, says in a paper read before the Royal Colonial Institute, the proceedings of which appear in the Western World for May:

Within about five years a very great number of metalliferous deposits, chiefly silver ores, have been discovered and claims taken out upon them. Several growing mining centres and little towns have been established; roads, trails and bridges have been made, steamers have been placed on the Kootenay Lake and the Upper Columbia river, and a short line of railway has been built to between the lake and the river to connect their navigable waters. The immediate centre of interest in regard to mining development in British Columbia has, in fact, for the time being, almost entirely changed from the principal old placer mining districts to the new discoveries of silver-bearing veins. So far as they have yet been examined or opened up, the metalliferous deposits of the Kootenay country give every evidence of exceptional value. They consist chiefly of argentiferous galena, holding silver to the value of forty or fifty dollars to several hundred dollars to the ton.

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Circumstances, which have unfortunately for the last few years retarded the development of the Kootenay country, are now happily passing away; and there can be no reasonable doubt that in the next year or two this country will establish its place as one of the most important

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

CITY OF KOOTENAY LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY (Limited Liability)

Intend to apply at the expiration of three months from the first publication of this notice for an order-in-Council changing the name of the said Company to "THE KOOTENAY LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, Limited Liability."

Dated this 11th day of April, A.D. 1893.

BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the City of Kootenay Land and Improvement Company, Limited Liability. 146-13

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY DAYS from date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a liquor license for my hotel, situate at Kaslo, on A avenue. W. J. STEVENSON, Kaslo.
Nelson, B.C., April 18, 1893. 146-4

TIMBER LICENSE APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber on the following described land: On the east side of Slocan Lake, West Kootenay District, B.C., viz.: Commencing at a stake placed 1½ miles south-east of New Denver, thence 250 chains in a south-west course, thence 80 chains in a westerly course, thence 250 chains in a northerly course, thence 40 chains to the place of commencement, containing 1000 acres more or less.

S. M. WHARTON.
New Denver, B.C., October 4, 1892. 146-4

NOTICE.

Thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor in a hotel situate on the Government land 10 miles above the town of Lardo.
April 1, 1893. A. C. PEARSON.

A YOUNG MAN WITH FIFTEEN YEAR'S EXPERIENCE in business, and now manager of a first-class general store in the N. W. T. wishes to communicate with some live man who is willing to furnish half the capital required to open up a store in some important town of Kootenay, B.C. Address J., care of THE MINER.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY DAYS from date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at my hotel situate at the townsite of Sayward. F. C. ALLAN.
Nelson, April 25, 1893. 144-4

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SIXTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner of West Kootenay District for permission to lease 1,000 inches of water for a period of 99 years, the water to be taken from Carpenter Creek at a point 2½ miles from its mouth. The water is to be used to supply the town of New Denver and any additions thereto.
New Denver, April 20, 1893. 149-8 ARTHUR C. DICK.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, 31st May, 1893, for the construction of a Courthouse at Nelson.

Plans and specifications can be seen at Record Office, Nelson.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
149-3 Assistant Commissioner Lands and Works.

EDUCATION OFFICE,
Victoria, May 3rd, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL examination for certificates of qualification to teach in the Public Schools of the Province will be held as follows, commencing on Tuesday, July 4th, at 9 a.m.:—

Victoria.....In High School Building.
Vancouver.....In Central School Building.
Kamloops.....In Public School Building.

Each applicant must forward a notice, thirty days before the examination, stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above-named places he will attend.

Every notice of intention to be examined must be accompanied with a testimonial certifying to the moral character of the candidate.

Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be satisfied before their applications can be filed.

S. D. POPE,
149-4 Superintendent of Education.

NOTICE.

A COURT OF ASSIZE, NISI PRIUS, OYER AND Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be held in the Town of Kaslo, in the County of Kootenay, on Friday, the 2nd day of June, 1893.

By Command,
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th April, 1893. 149-3

A COURT OF ASSIZE, NISI PRIUS, OYER AND Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery will be held at the Town of Nelson, in the County of Kootenay, on Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1893.

By Command,
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th April, 1893. 149-3

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to warn the public against negotiating for Lots 25 and 26, Block 13, and Lots 1 and 2, Block 7, in the townsite of Four Mile City, the agreement of sales being made in the name of Benjamin H. Lee, as the same was obtained without the consent of the original owners of the townsite. JOHN HOUSTON & CO.,
Agents Original Owners.
Nelson, May 12th, 1893. 149-4

A COMPARATIVE ARGUMENT

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not only in British Columbia, but in North America as a whole. So far as England is concerned the actual capital invested in this district has been small. The English investor would rather pay half a million for some property which, as demonstrated in a prospectus, will produce a good annual rate of interest, than embark a comparatively small sum in a promising venture. But to a man with some knowledge of mines and mining and the command of even a limited amount of capital, who will visit and live in the district himself for a time, the opportunities for profitable investment are, I believe to-day, excellent.

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In conclusion I wish to draw attention to one or two ruling features of the actual situation which are too important to be left without mention :—The Cofdilleran belt, or Rocky Mountain region of North America, forming the wide western rim of the continent, has, whenever it has been adequately examined, proved to be rich in the precious metals as well as in other ores. This has been the case in Mexico and in the Western States of the American union. Though some parts of this ore-bearing region are undoubtedly richer than others, generally speaking it is throughout a metalliferous country. The mining of placer or alluvial gold deposits has in most cases occurred in advance of railway construction ; but this industry has always proved to be more or less transitory in its character, and has almost always been an indication of future and more permanent developments of a different kind. Placer gold mining has, in fact, often been continued for years and then abandoned, long before the gold and silver-bearing veins in the same country have been discovered and opened up. This latter and more permanent phase of mining has followed the construction of roads and railways, and the series of conditions thus outlined are repeating themselves in British Columbia to-day.

There is no reason whatever to believe that the particular portions of British Columbia now for the first time opened to mining by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway, are richer in ores than other parts of the province. On the contrary, what has already been said of the Cariboo district affords prima facie evidence of an opposite character. The Province of British Columbia alone, from south-east to north-west, includes a length of over eight hundred miles of the Codilleran region ; and, adding to this the the further extension of the same region comprised within the boundaries of the Dominion of Canada as a whole, its entire length in Canada is between twelve or thirteen hundred miles. This is almost identical with the whole length of the same region contained within the United States, from the southern boundary with Mexico to the northern with Canada.

Circumstances have favored the development of the mines of the Western States, but it is, as nearly as may be, certain that the northern half of the similar region will eventually prove equal in richness to the southern, and that when the mines of these Western States may have passed their zenith of productiveness, those of the north will be still increasing in this respect.

In this connection it may be well to draw attention to the fact that Dr. Dawson's able article is in direct line with the verdict of all well posted mining men who have given this country an investigation. A mining expert who has for years followed the fortunes of western silver in almost every camp from old Mexico to British Columbia recently stated that he was much surprised to find such a similarity in the composition and formation of the ore bodies of this region and those of Mexico. These latter bodies have been worked to a profit for many generations by the most primitive methods, but still give evidence of being practically inexhaustible in extent. Why may not the local bodies, which seem to resemble them so closely in other respects, resemble them in this also ? There is rapidly growing up a well-grounded conviction that such is the case.

TROUT LAKE CITY

WEST KOOTENAY, B. C.

The above Townsite is now placed on the market. It is situated on the north end of Trout Lake, in the famous Lardeau country, which is going to be one of the richest mining regions in America. Numerous rich claims have been found close to this townsite, which will make it the distributing point for an immense tract of country. It is the only level land on the north end of the lake. The owners intend to expend money on streets and other improvements in the spring. The trail from Lardeau City, on Arrow Lake, to Kootenay Lake runs through this townsite. For 30 days from date One Hundred Lots will be Sold for

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Persons Desiring Locations for Immediate Building Can Have Choice of alternate Lots at $150 for Corners and $100 for Inside Lots, on and after Tuesday, April 24th.

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One of the chief drawbacks to the development of a mining country like this is the extreme difficulty of securing adequate power for mechanical purposes. The majority of the claims must necessarily for a time be reached by means of more or less difficult trails over which it is impossible to transport the ordinary makes of boiler and engines. This problem now seems to be very satisfactorily solved by the construction of a sectional boiler which can be reduced to shapes and weights which makes it quite easy to pack over trails.

Mr. James Kelly, of Ottawa, is the originator of the device, and the first order for placing the same was received from the Wellington mine.

The parts were packed in cases of some five hundred pounds each and transported to the end of the wagon road some three miles from the mine. Here began a trail through nine feet of snow, and inside of three days from the time the cases arrived at the end of the wagon road the outfit, consisting of a 10 h.p. boiler, diamond drill, a sinking pump, rods and tools, were upon the claim and at work. The cost of transporting the outfit up the trail to the mine, which is at an elevation of 3,500 feet, was not over $50.

The construction of the boiler is very simple. Instead of the usual rivets the shell plates are bolted together, the requisite tightness being secured by placing the head of the bolt inside and winding it with gasket before screwing up to place. The crown sheets are kept in place by three tubes run through three perforated tubes placed in the interior of the boiler. The tubes are flanged at one end and threaded at the other and the crown sheet at the fire end is countersunk to receive the flange. The links of the smoke stack go over like a stove pipe and are fastened like the shell plates of the boiler.

Round iron rods replace the cast grate bars at a saving of over eighty per cent. in weight. These are easily replaced, and as the fuel is generally wood, last quite well.

About 2,000 pounds covers the weight of a 10 h.p. boiler, and the heaviest pieces reduced for packing are 160 pounds each.

An Optical Delusion.

Passengers on board the steamer Nelson have been much disgusted of late by a large mass of apparently meteoric origin, which is in the habit of whizzing by them on almost every trip in from the Ferry. The object, which passed so swiftly that it seemed to only lightly touch at long intervals the tops of the highest waves, was ascertained to be a new, fast and commodious steamer just put on the run. Consumed with envy at such a rate of speed some of the patrons of the steamer Nelson took passage on the new steamer. Imagine their feelings when they discovered that they were going in the same direction as the Nelson, and that the cause of their speed as viewed from the Nelson had been the usual optical delusion which causes the bank of a river to run by while the boat is apparently standing still.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY DAYS from date I intend applying to the Gold Commissioner, for a license to sell liquor in my hotel, known as the Sayward Hotel, situate at Sayward, B.C.

Sayward, B C., May 8, 1893. W. R. POULTON.

W. P. ROBINSON

(Deputy Sheriff.)

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"Notice is hereby given that the reservation of a section of land at the north-west end of Slocan Lake, West Kootenay District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette, and dated 17th March, 1892, has been cancelled in so far as it relates to that portion of the section which has not been sub-divided into lots and blocks.

"Any persons who have taken all necessary legal steps to acquire by purchase any portion of such land so released from reserve will be permitted to complete their purchase upon compliance with the further requirements of the "Land Act."

The above, which appears in the B. C. Gazette will doubtless recall to the minds of many the stormy scenes witnessed in Nelson when the reserve was first announced.

The taking off of the reserve will enable Dr. E. C. Arthur, Wilson Hall, and Alfred Hall, to complete the purchase on a pre-emption made by them on Oct. 31, 1891, of 160 acres at the head of Slocan Lake.

Referring to the lifting of the reserve Dr. Arthur, in conversation with a MINER reporter said :—"We proceded, after the pre-emption, to complete the conditions of purchase under the Land Act. On Dec. 31, however, the Government clapped on a reserve on all land within ten miles of Slocan Lake. As there were three in the party we made three pre-emptions, the others being at the foot of the lake and at Carpenter Creek respectively. The pre-emption at the foot of the lake we decided to abandon.

On March 17 the Government cancelled the reserve on all the lands except two blocks, each one mile square, one at the mouth of Carpenter Creek, and the other at the head of the lake. This reserve still included the two claims which we were endeavoring to establish. The Carpenter Creek reserve was cancelled in September last. We have been trying since to get the Government to lift the reserve off the head of the lake. Now they have lifted it, but only off that portion which is comparatively valueless. The pre-emption was made chiefly to secure some thirty acres of good flat land, but this the Goverment has withheld from our pre-emption but has decided to allow us to pre-empt the mountain-side.

We will doubtless complete the conditions of sale on what has been left us, in the hope of getting out the money we put into the land already.

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LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY DAYS from date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at my hotel, known as the Denvnr Hotel, situated on lot 16, block 8, in the town of Kaslo. EDWARD CORNING.
Kaslo, May 18, 1893. 150-4

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE ERECTION of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Society building, up to 12 o'clock, Saturday, May 27th, 1893. Plans, specifications, and details for the same can be seen at the office of George N. Taylor, Architect, Josephine street, Nelson, B.C.

All tenders to be delivered to E. C. Arthur, M.D., on or before 12 o'clock of the above date.

Any or all tenders not necessarily accepted.

A bond will be required for the completion of the contract. E. C. ARTHUR,
Nelson, May 17, 1893. Acting Secretary.

Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO noon on Wednesday, the 7th June next, addressed to the undersigned, care of Wulffsohn & Bewicke, Ltd., Vancouver, B.C., for the construction of this Company's railway from Nakusp to Forks of Carpenter Creek.

Forms of tender can be obtained on application to the undersigned at the Company's office, Victoria, B.C., and at the office of Messrs. Wulffsohn & Bewicke, Ltd., Vancouver, and no tender will be considered unless made on such form.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A. J. WEAVER-BRIDGMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Victoria, B.C., May 8tq, 1893. 150-3

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ALEXANDER MUIR,

ACCOUNTANT, ETC.

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TENDERFOOT'S KASLO NOTES

RECITAL OF THE TOPICS WHICH MAKE LIFE WORTH THE LIVING

The Absence of the Wharf and the Presence of the Kaslo Brass Band Furnish Food for Reflection to the Progressive Minds of the People of the Noisy City by the Lake.

KASLO, B. C., May 19—The good people of Kaslo seem to be having any amount of fun over the question of providing some more satisfactory means of landing in the town.

Passengers whose early education in the art of walking a tight-rope, has been somewhat neglected, have been troubled sometimes to make their way across the narrow and unstable string of boards, which afford the only means of escape from the steamers. One inventive genius even went so far as to suggest the establishment of an apparatus like that of a life-saving station, by means of which a rocket carrying a life-line could be fired out to the boats, and a travelling basket rigged up which would put people ashore safely.

The first step toward the solution of the problem was made some days ago when the Nelson towed in a floating wharf from Bonner's Ferry. This was proudly anchored at the foot of Third street, with due nautical honor, and for a short time all went well. But alas for the result of human envy. This move was viewed with a jealous eye by the rival steamship people, and they demanded the use of the new wharf, and that too without the transfer of any legal tender to the party of the first part. The offer was declined with scorn, and a close watch is being kept on the raft.

In the meantime the railroad people have casually mentioned several times that they may build a wharf down near the foot of Fifth street. This has even gone so far as to set dark rumors of a contract to that effect being let, but so far they have not been confirmed. The citizens now have the matter in hand and a fund of some $1500 or $1600 has been raised which it is said will be invested in a floating wharf large enough to accommodate a warehouse. So that it is safe to say that Kaslo will have sometime in the near future a wharf of some kind.

On Saturday evening the Kaslo wagon road committee will hold a meeting for the purpose of considering what steps shall be taken to put the road into passible condition between here and Bear lake. Mr. S. S. Bailey has been appointed to get up a gang of 20 or 25 men which will begin to work out from the town at once. The $10,000 received from the Government will be spent in this way and in extending the road up as far as Cody creek.

The snow is rapidly disappearing from the foothills and prospecting parties are being made up and are leaving town almost every day bound for the upper country.

Doubtless by this time you are aware of an increase in the newspaper family in this place. The infant has been christened the "Claim" and at last accounts the author of its being was doing as well as could be expected and will no doubt fully recover in time. The new infant has not yet overcame the first surprise of finding itself in existence yet, and is rather wobbly, and prone to grab at things quite out of reach, but bless its little heart, its dad thinks its the finest infant on earth, though rumor hath it that this is not the first.

The good people of this town held a love feast recently, in which it was hinted that there must have been some recent difficulty between them and certain Nelson business men. Have you heard anything about it, and if so please tell me what the trouble is, as no one here seems to know exactly. The question is does Nelson's charter entitle the Nelson members to take in the Kaslo members.

It gives me pleasure to state that the strike in the Kaslo band is about over. Nearly all the members have consented to play the same selection at the same time. Though some obstinate members still hold to the theory of "Individual Selection" and Darwin's "Survival of the Loudest" it is hoped they may be won over in time.

Thanking you for your prompt answer to the questions in my last letter I am yours, etc.

A FLAT MINOR.

NEW DENVER NOTES.

Several gentlemen who have recently come in from New Denver and Four Mile City report a very favorable condition of affairs up in that section. The trail in is being put into good shape by a gang of men, and one or two of the bridges damaged by recent freshets are being replaced. There seems to be good reason to predict a very active season in that part of the country.

An experienced mining man who has spent about a year in that vicinity expressed unbounded faith in the future of its mineral claims. This verdict is that while scarcely enough work has been done to demonstrate beyond doubt the exact nature of the ore bodies yet the the surface showings are so great that the amount of ore practically in sight seems to be sufficient to keep the country going for some years to come.

The Reed and Robinson group is an example of this. Here the average of the top showings, which are very extensive, will run about 150 ounces.

The Vancouver and Mountain Boomer claims are reported to be in good condition, as is the Mountain Chief some 2½ miles from New Denver. The same may be said of a number of claims in this vicinity many of which are awaiting the opening of the season in order to resume work.

With regard to railroad construction those who have been over the country thoroughly seem to be of the opinion that the natural advantages of a route out by way of Nakusp are much greater than by the other way and that when the Nakusp road is built it will secure the bulk of the traffic.

DOLAN RESPONSIBLE FOR IT

HE RUNS AGAINST JOHNSTONE BUT FINDS TIME TO APOLOGIZE.

The true Inwardness of the Row Between the Canadian and American Customs Officials at Bonner's Ferry—There are some Officials too Jealous of Neglected Duties.

Like all other squabbles, there are two sides to the recent trouble between the customs officials at Bonner's Ferry. As is usually the case the man who gets his story into the papers first, lays the blame upon the other.

George Johnstone, that Customs official, who according to the first account of the scrap, was so officious as to have a desire to teach the U.S. customs officer his duties, was in Nelson Thursday, and in an interview with a MINER reporter gave the following version of the affair:

"About two weeks ago I notified the officers of both the Nelson and Spokane that all goods carried on the boats from Bonner's Ferry to British ports would have to be properly entered before they reached the customs house at the Boundary Line. On the day previous to the sailing of the State of Idaho, her first trip, I went on board the boat at Bonner's Ferry, to notify the captain, in the same terms, as I had the other steam-ship companies, and shortly afterwards Dolan came on board the Nelson where I was, and began abusing me, charging me with interfering with him in the discharge of his duties. When his rage had blown over I explained to him what I had said to the captain of the Idaho, and he apoligized, and admitted that I was quite right. As to the row between Rykert and myself, that story is made out of whole cloth.

"Owing to the great volume of business done during the month of April," continued Mr. Johnstone, "I have been obliged to stop off at Kaslo, but my stay there will altogether depend upon the time necessary to catch up with back work."

The Next Grand Jury.

Deputy Sheriff Robinson is busy just now serving notifications on grand jurors to sit at Nelson on the 30th inst. Among the numerous items of business with which they will be compelled, by virtue of their office to deal, will be that of several forms of the social evil. Some of the prominent citizens of this district have come to the conclusion that it is about time steps should be taken to at least regulate, and if possible suppress, the institutions of ill repute in the district. With this idea in mind they will call the attention of the grand jury to these places and ask to have them attended to. A petition to that effect is now in hand. It is understood that the Kaslo comique is on the black list which will include all the local houses of ill fame.