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PUBLIC READING ROOM.

THE CITY ASKED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE LIBRARY.

All the Bills for 1897 were Cleared Up at the Last Council Meeting—The Overdraft.

At the meeting of the city council last Monday night a communication was received from the secretary of the Nelson Library and Reading room, asking that the city take over the library as it had ceased to be self supporting. The matter was referred to the finance comittee.

Bills to the amount of $1326.14 were audited and ordered paid. A resolution passed authorizing the mayor and finance committee to make a note of $2000 to be deposited in the Bank of Montreal against any overdraft. At present according to the various bills that have been audited and ordered paid, there is a deficit in the neighborhood of $3300 less the collections for December, which amount is not at present known. The council believes that after all taxes for 1897 are collected including the water rates for December, the shortage will not exceed $2000.

The finance committee recommended that John Blaney be paid $17.50. This was lost by a tie vote, Alderman Gilker, Hillyer and Malone voting in the affirmative and Houston, Fletcher and Teetzel in the negative.

Alderman Fletcher stated, that owing to the snow, the committee appointed to select a cemetary site was not ready to report.

The mayor stated that he had seen Mr. Beasley of the C. P. R. and the latter had objected to putting in a tank at present as they could not tell where they would want it permanently located. He asked permission to take the water from a stand pipe. A motion was carried directing that a six inch water main be laid on Baker street between Falls and Railroad streets, providing the C. P. R. agree to connect at Baker street and pay $20 per month for the supply from the stand pipe.

P. Burns & Co. asked permission to erect a corrugated iron stable and ice house on lots 12 and 13 in block 6. It was granted with the proviso that the city engineer approve the plans.

James McPhee was appointed inspector without salary to see that the provisions of the electric lighting and wiring bylaw were enforced.

A bill for extras on water construction from W. C. McLean & Co. was received. The total was $410.85 but after the council had checked it up, item by item, the total was $188.25 which amount was passed. The final estimate for the contractors was submitted and approved. It amounted to $3,185.50. The statement was made that the contractors were overdrawn $304 but that the city holds a certified check of $1100 against this.

Adjourned until Monday, January 3.

WAS SHORT OF FUNDS.

A Hespeler is Committed to Jail for Two Months.

"Two months at hard labor," said Magistrate Crease last Tuesday to A. Hespeler.

It appears that Hespeler ran short of funds and drew a check for $10 on the Bank of Montreal and got August Thomas of the Lake View hotel to cash it. When the check was presented at the Bank of Montreal, Mr. Thomas was informed that there were no funds to the credit of Hespeler.

On Tuesday afternoon Chief of Police McKinnon received a telegram from the chief of Rossland, asking him to arrest Hespeler and hold him until the Rossland official arrived. On the day following McKinnon received a letter from Chief Ingram stating that Hespeler was wanted for drawing and cashing a $30 check that had been dishonored at the bank. It will be remembered that Hespeler recently got into considerable trouble in Kaslo over a similar matter. He is said to belong to a very respectable family.

SANDON WAS VICTORIOUS.

Result of the Hockey Match in Nelson Last Saturday.

The hockey match between the Sandon and Nelson teams last Saturday resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 6 against 5. A large number of people witnessed the game and all agreed that it was one of the best contests ever seen in Nelson. Many of the spectators saw their first hockey game on that day and their enthusiasm knew no bounds. Both teams were in good condition and were very evenly matched. It was a fierce struggle from start to finish and every player on the ice distinguished himself.

At the close of the first half the score stood 4 to 4. The time in which the goals were scored were as follows: 1st, Sandon 30 seconds; 2nd, Sandon 3 minutes; 3rd, Nelson, 30 seconds; 4th, Nelson 5 minutes; 5th, Sandon, 10 minutes; 6th, Nelson, 6 minutes; 7th, Nelson, 4 minutes; 8th, Sandon, 7 minutes; 9th Sandon, 21 minutes; 10th, Nelson, 6 minutes; 11th, Sandon, 1 minute. Sandon played the best combination game at the startoff, but the forwards on the Nelson team prevented Sandon from getting away with the puck. For Sandon, Blackwood at cover point played the best game, while the Nelson team played generally well and with more practice they should make a very formidable combination.

The teams were made up as follows: Sandon—S. Burceill, goal; B. Blackwood, point; A. Greirson, (capt.) cover point: J. McVichie, J. Cameron, T. Henderson and Bob McKinnon, forwards. Nelson—A. Jeffs, goal; W. Duncan, point; Geo. Nunn, (capt.) cover point; W. Banning, F. E. W. Smith, Joe Thompson and W. M, Livingstone, forwards. Referee: J. Brandon of Brandon. Umpires: R. Dean of Sandon and W. A. Galliher of Nelson. M. Martin, manager and spare man for Sandon. Little Fred Kelley of Sandon, mascot. Time keepers: M. Martin, for Sandon, and R. Carley for Nelson.

BOATS FOR THE YUKON.

The Canadian Pacific Has Contracted for a Number.

Capt. J. W. Troup, Commodore for the C. P. R. Kootenay fleet has gone to Vancouver for three or four months to superintend the building of three boats for his company, to ply on the Yukon river.

A Montreal dispatch to the Evening Post says: The Canadian Pacific railhas completed arrangements for the construction of six light draught stern-wheel steamers to ply an Alaskan waters in conjunction with the two ocean steamers which they have purchased in Scotland. The vessels will be constructed in Toronto, the contracts having been let to the Bertram & Polson works. Work wil begin at once, as it is intended to have them ready for the opening of navigation. The boats are to be of wood plated with steel and will have a length of 150 feet with a beam of 30 feet. They will be put together in the Toronto yards and will then be taken apart and the parts shipped to Vancouver where the boats will be rebuilt.

Mining News.

The Crusader group on Springer Creek has a carload of ore ready for shipment.

The Golden wedge on Lemon Creek will soon rawhide ore down the trail to seven mile landing on Kootenay lake for shipment to the Nelson smelter.

The Bononza King on Forty Nine creek continues to improve with development and it is the intention of the owner to erect a mill next spring.

The Pilot Bay concentrator last Monday commenced the shipment of its concentrates to the Omaha smelter and will continue steadily until a date has been fixed for blowing in the smelter.

The London Hill Mining & Development Co. has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, T. G. Proctor; vice-president, Hamilton Byers; secretary-treasurer, C. W. McAnn; manager, C. Van Moerkerke; directors, C. T. Stone and H. Selous.

A Public Reading Room.

Editor MINER:

Do you not think that something might be done to give Nelson a public reading room and library. It does not speak well for the enterprise or consideration of the officials and citizens of the place that there should not be a comfortable and commodious public reading room. I feel sure that if the matter was taken hold of there would be no difficulty in accomplishing this. Let the city take hold of the matter and then let all those who are interested in the welfare of the place, come forward and help the thing along. Considerable money could be collected by a house to house visitation, especially if the ladies would take charge of the subscription lists, for they are par excellence, the best of collectors. There is much transient traffic here and people who have a day or so to stay find a reading room a great comfort and for the residents it would be a great boon. I am aware that there is a sort of reading room about 12x20 in size, poorly supplied by papers and not looked after. We want something better than this. Will not you Mr. Editor try and help this thing along. I always consider that it is the duty of newspapers to condemn all abuses but also to advocate anything that is for the improvement, the benefit and well being of the city. This is a matter that the clergy of all denominations might take hold of for it concerns the welfare and good of the people.

WANDERER.

[In another column it will be seen that the matter is now under consideration by the council.—ED.]

A MATTER OF RECORD

PAPERS ON FILE RELATING TO THE SUNSET CASE.

The Public may Readily See Whether or not The Miner Published any False Statements.

THE MINER in its issue of December 18 published a piece of news—good news too, from a news standpoint—to the effect that R. E. Lemon had been made defendant in a damage suit of a somewhat sensational nature. The news was handled in a conservative manner and aimed to be nothing more or less than a cold statement of facts. There was no comment made whatever and no desire on the part of the paper to injure Mr. Lemon. After the article was published a friend of Mr. Lemon stated to a representative of the paper that an injustice had been done that person and that the publication was misleading and incorrect. Taking this gentleman's word, without any investigation whatever, THE MINER, in a spirit of pure courtesy to a fellow townsman, published a retraction in the following issue.

The matter would probably have been left there had not Mr Lemon, in the smallness of his being, caused the following letter to be published in the last issue of the Tribune:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE: In the Nelson Miner of the 18th, there is an article headed "Sensational Suit" in which my name appears frequently. I wish to state through your columns that every statement made by The Miner in reference to me in the article referred to is an infamous lie. Yours,

R. E. LEMON.

THE MINER feels the disgrace keenly. Not on account of the coarse and brutal accusation but because it is forced into any kind of a controversy with a person who would indite the above letter and yet it cannot allow the statement to go unchallenged. Let us see who is the "liar."

The writs for two suits by J. H. Matheson and Sunset stock holders are on file with the registrar. And yet Mr. Lemon says all statements in the article referred to are infamous lies.

One of the writs inter alia asks for $5,000 damages for "fraudulent misrepresentation in the sale of stock" and yet Mr. Lemon says the statements in THE MINER are infamous lies.

The other writ asks that Mr. Lemon be declared to have been a trustee for the company and yet Mr. Lemon says they all infamous lies.

These matters are records in the courts of the country and were not created in THE MINER office.

While Lemon does not appear on record as an interested owner in the Sunset claim, the fact remains that he owns a one-quarter interest in the claim. And yet he says the statements are infamous lies.

In the spring of 1897 the Tribune published a big advertisment about a big snap; 10,000 shares of Sunset Mining Company's stock for sale; R. E. Lemon, general manager, etc. THE MINER said Mr. Lemon disposed of some of the stock and yet he says the statement is an infamous lie.

It is too bad that there are not more men like Mr. Lemon—in some other country.

THE MINER, in this matter, has not exceeded its privileges as a newspaper, in this or previous issues. It has only sought to put the news before the people and do this without comment. It has not commented upon the merits of the suits in question and will refrain from doing so while they are before the courts The respective rights of the parties to the contests will be determined by the judges and THE MINER in no wise will seek to prejudices the cases. We can say to Mr. Lemon, however, that whether the cases are settled in or out of court, the full facts in due time will appear in THE MINER.

BURNING OF THE NAKUSP.

A Total Loss to the Canadian Pacific Railway.—Loss over $45,000.

Details of the burning of the C. P. R. steamer Nakusp at the Arrowhead dock, shortly after midnight on the morning of December 24, have been received.

The exact cause of the fire is unknown but it is thought that it originated in some waste and obtained such a start that it was impossible to stop it when discovered. The flames spread so rapidly that it was difficult to save anything, and the officers and men on board barely escaped with their lives. The steamer is a total loss. In addition to the loss of the vessel there were four cars of merchandise on board that were also destroyed. These consisted of a car of bran, one of oats, one of hay and one of general merchandise. Some of the merchandise was consigned to Rossland. There were no mails on board.

The steamer Nakusp has been an unlucky one. The machinery that was in her formerly belonged to the steamer Columbia owned by the Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation company. The Columbia was burned on the Columbia river, opposite Sayward, on August 2, 1895. The machinery, which was not seriously injured, owing to the fact that it was located in the hold, was raised. When the Nakusp was built in May 1895, by the Kootenay Steam Navigation company at a cost of $45,000, the machinery from the Columbia was placed in her.

The Nakusp was 171 feet long, 33 feet beam, and had a carrying capacity of 300 tons. She was a three decker. The saloon deck had 17 staterooms, a parlor 18x45 feet, a dining room 17x38 feet and a smoking room 17x34 feet. The main deck had room for 15 carloads of freight. She was supplied with two marine engines, 20-inch bore and six-foot stroke, which indicates under full pressure 800 horse power. She had three steam pumps a double steam capstan and a fine electric light plant, running 130 incandescent lights, two search lights and one boom light.

The steamers Lytton and Trail will take the place of the Nakusp temporarily, and it is certain that another steamer will have to be built to take her place.

WILL BLOW IN TOMORROW.

Five Furnaces Will be Fired—Slocan Shipments to Nelson.

It is expected that the big 200 ton blast furnace and also the four roasters and reverberatory furnaces of the Hall Mines smelter will blow in tomorrow, Sunday or Monday. It will be the first firing of the two new roaster and reverberatory furnaces.

There are about 1500 tons of Silver King ore on hand besides a large quantity of wet ores from the Slocan. The rawhiding season will be fully on within a week or two and when it is, the lead furnace will be blown in. The Slocan mines that have been shipping to the smelter are the Two Friends, Howard Fraction, Alberta, Evening Star, Idaho, Kilo and Bullion. The Toad Mountain mines that have been shipping dry ores are the Athabasca, Morning & Evening and the California. The latter, however, has been closed down for the winter.

MASONIC BANQUET

Held at the Queen's Hotel Last Monday Evening.

The installation of officers of Nelson Lodge No. 23 A. F. & A. M. for the year 1898 took place on Monday December 27 and was accompanied by a magnificent banquet at the Queen's hotel. The lodge has been in existence five years and its progress has been most satisfactory.

The attendance Monday night was large and the affair proved to be a most enjoyable one. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Bro. W. J. Quinlan, the new officers being: Bros. Geo. Johnstone, W.M.; W. A. Jowett, I.P.M.; A. E. Hodgins, S.W.; S. P. Shaw, J.W.; W. B. Pollard, Treasurer; G. L. Lennox, Secretary; F. Irvine, S.D.; E. A. Crease, J.D.; J. Dover, S.S.; W. B. Shaw, J. S.; F. E. Emerson, I.G.; G. Spencer, Tyler.

From the lodge room the Masons wended their way to the Queen hotel where plates had been laid for fifty. The menu was excellent and full justice was done to it. Immediate Past Master W. A. Jowett presided in the absence of the worshipful master. The toast list was as follows and the responses were ably given and heartily received:

The Queen and the Craft.

"God bless her:
"She wrought her people wondrous good"
—Tennyson

Song—"St. George's Banner."
W. Bro. Lennox.

2. The M[illegible], the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of B. C.

"So are they all, all honorable men."
—Julius Cæsar.

Song—Bro. R. W. Day.

Song—W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan.

3. Canada, Our Country.

"The sun shines on no fairer land than ours; and, as the British Empire encircles the world, it is always at its meridian."—Burke.

Song—"Canada," W. Bro. Lennox.
Bro. E. A. Crease.

Visiting Brethren.

"You are welcome, Masters, welcome all."—Hamlet.

Song—"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."—Bro. R. W. Day.

Bro. Rev. R. Frew and W. Bro. Burns.

Past Masters of the Lodge.

"All the best men were ours."—Macbeth.

Song—Bro. Lawrence.

W. Bros. Hamilton, Fletcher, Turner and Jowett.

6. Junior Warden's Toast.

"Happy to meet; sorry to part; happy to meet again."

Auld Lang Syne.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NELSON.

Brief Mention of Happenings in the District During the Past Seven Days.

December 31—Silver, 57⅜ Cents

The city election will take place on Thursday, January 13.

Gee Chong was fined $2.50 and costs for violating the health by-law.

E. J. Field, a prominent mining man of the Slocan is registered at the Phair.

Several Chinamen this week were arrested for failing to pay their road taxes.

There was a shooting match for turkeys at the smelter range on Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will give a concert in Carney hall, next Friday, January 7.

The public schools will open next Monday. There are about 150 pupils on an average attending the schools.

Machinery for the Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing company's store has arrived and is being placed in position.

Services will be held at the Presbyterian church and at the Church of England at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

An amatuer dramatic company has been organized in Nelson and will give a minstrel performance about February 1.

A shooting match for turkeys will be held New Year's day on Victoria street east of the Fire Hall, commencing at 10 a. m.

Mr. J. A. Mara is going back into the boat business again and is now building a boat to ply on the Yukon river between Dawson City and the coast.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid will be held in the Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Monday, January 3. Ladies of Nelson are invited to attend.

J. R. Green, principal of the Nelson public school, was presented with a very handsome arm chair by his pupils on Christmas eve. This was given as a token of the regard of the pupils for their teacher.

On Wednesday Magistrate Crease fined Jack Stewart $2.50 and cost for assaulting and beating a Chinaman by name of King Lee. Stewart seems to be considerable of a slugger and during the row had it all his own way.

A LIVELY FIGHT.

Two Citizens Settle a Controversy with Their Fists.

There was a lively fracas on Baker street last Tuesday in which Mr. A. J. Marks and Mr. J. T. Richardson were the principals.

According to the story of bystanders, Mr. Richradson was standing on the sidewalk in front of Russell's cigar store when Mr. Marks approached him and began calling him names. Richardson protested but Marks presisted and in a moment there was a mix up during which the latter got worsted. Friends intervened and Richardson walked into the cigar store.

Round two—Shortly afterwards Marks again appfoached Richardson and called him names and the wind up of the round was similar to the first and Marks concluded to quit. The row is said to have originated from family troubles and to avoid a repitition, Richardson swore out an information with the intention of having Marks placed under bonds to keep the peace. The case was set for Thursday but was continued until next week.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

Brief Review of the Finances of the Hall Mines.

The report of the meeting of the stockholders of the Hall Mines Ltd., in London, December 15 was received so late last week that only a portion of it could be published. In brief the balance sheet showed the following:

An income over all expenditures of £30,357 8s. For prospecting the expenditure was £1329, 15s, 5d making the total cost of the mines, less £137, 3s, 6d written off for past payment on water rights, £214,327, 15s, 10d. The additions by buildings, plant and machinery were £6679, 15s, 5d, making the total, less depreciation £13,802, 2s, 4d. Cost of tramway, less depreciation £12,887, 17s, 8d. Expenditure at smelter £12,838, 16s 11d. Making a total, less depreciation, of £28,592, 9s, 10d. Lands purchased £1076, 2s, 8d, making a total of £1713, 19s, 9d. London office, furniture added, £103, 7s, 9d, making a total, less depreciation, £199, 15s, 4d. Stores and tools on hand, £12,762, 11s, 1d. Ore and matte on hand £14,855, 10s, 2d. Open shipments of matte and copper bullion, £54,803, 0s, 1d Sundry debtors £124, 10s. 8d. Cash at bankers, £463, 4s, 8d.

Supt. M. S. Davys, submitted an exhaustive report which deals at length with the development work in the tunnels, drifts, winzes, cross cuts, etc. It gave the gross tonnage mined during the year at 48,540 tons, of which 45,823 tons were graded as first-class ore, 950 tons as second-class ore, and 2,767 tonr as waste sorted out at the ore bins. These figures, when compared with the company's statement of income show that the run of the mine in the Hall Mines property does not exceed $13.60 per ton after the waste rock has been sorted out at the ore bins. In speaking of the plans for the future development of the property M. S. Davys says:

"From the ore reserves at present opened out and available for stoping, I estimate there are 60,000 tons which can be mined from the present workings. In order to keep up a reserve ahead for a daily output of 200 tons, it is imperative that the other reserves proved by diamond drill are opened out ready for stoping at as early a date as possible, to more fully determine the extent and values of the same, so that the richer and poorer portions can be worked in such proportion as will yield a uniformity of values consistent with the daily output.

"The mine generally has opened out well and now shows indications of, in place of separate ore bodies, being a continuous and defined vein, found to be faulted and also cut by a dyke, which has also thrown the vein a little to the north. Parts of the vein consist of almost barren rock, in places hard to determine from the country rock, but where followed have in most instances proved up payable ore, so that to properly explore the vein, mining proper must be resorted to, and all such work carefully watched, as the ore is distributed irregularly through the vein."

DROWNED IN THE LAKE.

The Body of "Charles Kelly" Found near the City Wharf.

On Tuesday the body of a man was seen floating in the water near the city wharf. The remains were removed to the morgue where a number of people identified the dead man as Napoleon Boulanger, better known as "Charles Kelly," who was recently working for a Mr. Blanchard at Pilot Bay.

It was stated that deceased had been drinking hard during Christmas week and was seen last Sunday under the influence of liquor. As there were no marks or bruises on him, it is supposed that he fell into the lake. He appears to have been a strong, hearty man of about 35 years of age. The inquest was to have been held Thursday but was deferred until next Tuesday so that further evidence can be collected.

Chief Calkin Resigns.

At a meeting of the volunteer fire department last Monday evening, Chief Calkin tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1, giving as his reason that he intended to go to the Klondike. The members named W. Thompson to succeed him and the name will be submitted to the council for confirmation.

A Very Rich Strike.

Probably what is one of the richest strikes yet in the history of Ymir has been made on the Big Patch group, the property of Messrs. Duncan Darrow and Charles French, situate about 10 miles up Porcupine creek. Specimens brought down on Tuesday showed large chunks of free gold, and will undoubtedly assay up in the thousands. There is about four feet of this rich pay streak in a ledge no less than 26 feet wide. Assays taken from the surface but not from the rich streak, ran as high as $108 in gold.

The Summit Mine.

Five men have been sent out to work on the Summit mine on Wild Horse creek, on which such a marvelously rich strike was recently made. The owners will run a 200 foot tunnell to tap and drain the bottom of the shafts which at present is in water. They hope to have the mine ready for shipping next spring. John A. Turner of this city has purchased a one-quarter interest in the property and the owners now are John Lindblade, John Bergman, C. W. Anderson John A. Turner.

The Referendum Mill.

J. A. Harrington of the Referendum group on Forty Nine creek states that the ten stamp mill for that property is now nearly all on the ground and is being erected as rapidly as possible. A force of men will be put to work next week taking out ore. The mine is looking very fine and improves with every foot gained.

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NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Sojourning brethern invited.
W. B. SHAW, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
WM. HODSON, Secretary.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P., meets in Castle hall, McDonald block every Tuesday evening at 3 o'clock. All visiting knights cordially invited,
J. W. THOMPSON, C.C.
(820) GEO. PARTRIDGE, K. of R. and S.

NELSON LODGE, I. O. G. T. Meets in Castle Hall, McDonald Block, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Templars cordially invited.
JOHN R. GREEN, Chief Templar.
JOHN TELFORD, Sec'y.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1898.

THE FUTURE.

It is customary at this season to print a history of the events that have occurred during the past year. In fact something of the kind will be found in this very issue. But how much more interesting than the past, is the future. Anticipation is said to be the only real happiness, so let us for once rollick in it, with our appreciation whetted by the uncertainty. Perhaps the result may not come up to promise; perhaps the rosy future may outshine even the wildest dreams. For all things are possible in a mining country. Cities may spring up in a few months with wealth pouring in torrents into the citizens' pockets, or they may fade away even more suddenly leaving those melancholy ruins which Bret Harte has so graphically described. Now for the future.

As soon as the snow and ice clear away in the spring and the water pipes have done bursting the Corporation will attend to the streets in the main part of the town and the thoroughfares will be lit with electricity so that the days of the old hand lantern will be past. The city will acquire the wharf from the government and removing the obstruction to navigation which has been placed on the east side will keep it in good order fit for the service of a busy town. The two railways will connect and a handsome station will be built at the foot of Stanley street. The C. & K. line will of course run on to Balfour where it will receive the trains that have come on barges from the temporary terminus of the Crow's Nest line at the head of the lake. This position of the station will have a material effect on Vernon street which will be filled with merchants offices and wholesale warehouses. A good road will be formed from the end of Vernon street to run eastward through the Hume Addition on to Bogus Town where there will be a number of pretty residences and there will be great opposition to the construction of an electric tramway along this road. But the tram will win, and it will run in from Bogus Town and along Baker street. Then it will turn up Stanley street into the denseley populated suburb that has already begun to spring up on Addition A. A branch line from this will eventually cross the Cottonwood somewhere near the old sawmill company's yard and lead on to the rapidly filling suburb round the race course and golf links. These latter of course will be on the level plateau that stretches from the foot of the hill to the rocks at the back of the smelter. No time should be lost by the way in securing say 100 acres of this property now. An Act of Parliament will be required to include all these new suburbs in the city and it will not be obtained without a good deal of trouble. The great increase in the business of the Hall Mines smelter arising from its treatment of Rossland and Slocan ores will lead to the establishment of other smelters close to the city and there will be some little difficulty in compelling them to consume their own smoke. The whole of the range of hills from the summit at Cottonwood lake round to the Poorman and away down the river beyond it, will be covered with gold mines. Some will produce a free milling ore, but the cyanide process will be largely used and there will be also smelting ore enough to keep all the numerous furnaces hard at work. There will of course be a government at Victoria who will cheerfully levy enormous taxes on Kootenay which she will as cheerfully pay. People can put up with any sort of government when things are going well with them. There will be a good deal more provision for public amusements than there is now. A capacious theatre will be built and a concert hall in which good music may be enjoyed by both sexes. The rocky bluff behind the hospital will be turned into a park and will form a pleasant lounging place to listen to the band on summer evenings.

These are not wild dreams engendered by Christmas fare but are genuinely within the probabilities and very largely within the power of the people themselves to bring about.

THE FIRST YEAR BOOK.

We have to express our thanks to the Author for a copy of the first Year Book of British Columbia. Similar works have for some years been published by various parts of the Empire with a view of setting forth their advantages for development, settlement and investment. Being published by the Governments and bearing their seal, the information has been accepted as authentic and the volumes have served a very useful purpose. As our own province is now attracting so much attention it is high time that the public both at home and abroad should have some means of obtaining reliable information as to the condition of affairs in B. C.

The author of this volume is Mr. R. E. Gosnell, the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly and Secretary of the Bureau of Statistics. It is probably an oversight, but there is nothing about the book to indicate whether Mr. Gosnell has produced it in his official capacity, in which it would be practically under government authority, or whether it is merely a private undertaking. There is no doubt that in either case the greatest care would be exercised in compiling but it would perhaps have been better had it appeared by the authority of the Premier and bearing the Provincial Coat of Arms.

The book is divided into suitable sections, commencing with a Historical Review, followed by the section on Parliamentary and Judical matters. The following headings are Municipal, Educational, Provincial Health Laws, Our Indians, Physical Characteristics, Forest Wealth, Fisheries, Agriculture, Mines; Sociological, Trade and Finance, Railway Enterprises and concludes with chapters on the Canadian Yukon.

The portion with which we are mostly concerned is that of Mines and Mining, which occupies about 90 pages out of 500. After a short historical sketch which includes the Fraser River, Cariboo and Cassiar excitements the subject is divided into local heads, commencing with Mining in Vancouver Island. Passing to West Kootenay we find the chapters are mainly extracts from Mr. Carlyle's reports, with some on the more abstract geological aspect from Dr. Dawson's and Mr. McConnell's reports. The valuable tables of returns from the annual report of the Minister of Mines, which are the kernel of the whole matter are also included, and these tables are brought down to so recent a date as October of this year. There is also a list of dividend paying mines which will surprise many people. Apart from the "Estimated Profits" of fifteen Slocan mines, it shows that no less a sum than $1,-352,000 has been paid in dividends and this has been done during the past two years and the mines paying them are all in West Kootenay with the exception of the Cariboo at Camp McKinney which has contributed $173,000 to the above sum. The estimated profits of the privately owned mines in the Slocan, which have also accrued in the same time are $837,000. There is one little error in this section, crediting the Idaho Mine to Nelson, whereas it is really near Three Forks in the Slocan.

The book is exceedingly well got up and contains many illustrations, but there is no indication of what printing house or firm we are to congratulate on its production.

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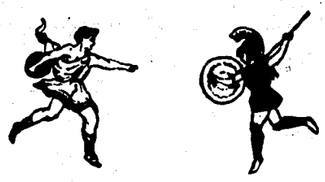

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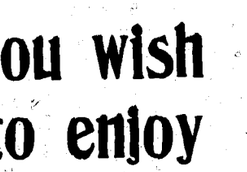

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A LODGING FOR A NIGHT

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It was late in November, 1456. The snow fell over Paris with rigorous, relentless persistence; sometimes the wind made a sally and scattered it in flying vortices; sometimes there was a lull, and flake after flake descended out of the black night air, silent, circuitous, interminable. To poor people, looking up under moist eyebrows, it seemed a wonder where it all came from. Master Francis Villon had propounded an alternative that afternoon, at a tavern window: was it only Pagan Jupiter plucking geese upon Olympus? or were the holy angels moulting? He was only a poor Master of Arts, he went on; and as the question somewhat touched upon divinity, he durst not venture to conclude. A silly old priest from Montargis, who was among the company, treated the young rascal to a bottle of wine in honor of the jest and grimaces with which it was accompanied, and swore on his own white beard that he had been just such another irreverent dog when he was Villon's age.

The air was raw and pointed, but not far below freezing; and the flakes were large, damp, and adhesive. The whole city was sheeted up. An army might have marched from end to end and not a footfall given the alarm. If there were any belated birds in heaven, they saw the island like a large white patch, and the bridges like slim white spars, on the black ground of the river. High up overhead the snow settled among the tracery of the cathedral towers. Many a niche was drifted full; many a statue wore a long white bonnet on its grotesque or sainted head. The gargoyles had been transformed into great false noses, drooping toward the point. The crockets were like upright pillows swollen on one side. In the intervals of the wind there was a dull sound of dripping about the precincts of the church.

The cemetery of St. John had taken its own share of the snow. All the graves were decently covered; tall white housetops stood around in grave array; worthy burghers were long ago in bed, be-nightcapped like their domiciles; there was no light in all the neighborhood but a little peep from a lamp that hung swinging in the church choir, and tossed the shadows to and fro in time to its oscillations. The clock was hard on ten when the patrol went by with halberds and a lantern, beating their hands; and they saw nothng suspicious about the cemetery of St. John.

Yet there was a small house, backed up against the cemetery wall, which was still awake, and awake to evil purpose, in that snoring district. There was not much to betray it from without; only a stream of warm vapor from the chimney-top, a patch where the snow melted on the roof, and a few half-obliterated footprints at the door. But within, behind the shuttered windows, Master Francis Villon, the poet, and some of the thievish crew with whom he consorted were keeing the night alive and passing round the bottle.

A great pile of living embers diffused a strong and ruddy glow from the arched chimney. Before this straddled Dom Nicolas, the Picardy monk, with his skirts picked up and his fat legs bared to the comfortable warmth. His dilate shadow cut the room in half; and the firelight only escaped on either side of his broad person, and in a little pool between his outspread feet. His face had the beery bruised appearance of the continual drinker's; it was covered with a network of congested veins, purple in ordinary circumstances, but now pale violet, for even with his back to the fire the cold pinched him on the other side. His cowl had half fallen back, and made a strange excrescence on either side of his bull neck. So he straddled, grumbling, and cut the room in half with the shadow of his portly frame.

On the right, Villon and Guy Tabary were huddled together over a scrap of parchment; Villon making a ballade which he was to call the "Ballade of Roast Fish," and Tabary spluttering admiration at his shoulder. The poet was a rag of a man, dark, little, and lean, with hollow cheeks and thin black locks. He carried his four-and-twenty years with feverish animation. Greed had made folds about his eyes, evil smiles had puckered his mouth. The wolf and pig struggled together in his face. It was an eloquent, sharp, ugly, earthly countenance. His hands were small and prehensile, with fingers knotted like a cord; and they were continually flickering in front of him in violent and expressive pantomime. As for Tabary, a broad, complacent, admiring imbecility breathed from his squash nose and slobbering lips; he had become a thief, just as he might have become the most decent of burgesses, by the imperious chance that rules the lives of human geese and human donkeys.

At the monk's other hand, Montigny and Thevenin Pensete played a game of chance. About the first there clung some flavor of good birth and training, as about a fallen angel; something long, lithe and courtly in the person; something aquiline and darkling in the face. Thevenin, poor soul, was in great feather; he had done a good stroke of knavery that afternoon in the Faubourg St. Jacques, and all night he had been gaining from Montigny. A flat smile illuminated his face; his bald head shone rosily in a garland of red curls; his little protuberant stomach shook with silent chucklings as he swept in his gains.

"Doubles or quits?" said Thevenin.

Montigny nodded grimly.

"Some may prefer to dine in state," wrote Villon, "on bread and cheese on silver-plate. Or, or — help me out, Guido!"

Tabary giggled.

"Or parsley on a golden dish," scribbled the poet.

The wind was freshening without; it drove the snow before it, and sometimes raised its voice in a victorious whoop, and made sepulchral grumblings in the chimney. The cold was growing sharper as the night went on. Villon, protruding his lips, imitated the gust with something between a whistle and a groan. It was an eerie, uncomfortable talent of the poet's, much detested by the Picardy monk.

"Can't you hear it rattle in the gibbet?" said Villon. "They are all dancing the devil's jig on nothing, up there. You may dance, my gallants, you'll be none the warmer! Whew! what a gust! Down went somebody just now! A medlar the fewer on the three-legged medlar-tree!—I say, Dom Nicolas, it'll be cold to-night on the St. Denis Road?" he asked.

Dom Nicolas winked both his big eyes, and seemed to choke upon his Adam's apple. Montfaucon, the great grisly Paris gibbet, stood hard by the St. Denis Road, and the pleasantry touched him on the raw. As for Tabary, he laughed immoderately over the medlars; he had never heard anything more light-hearted; and he held his sides and crowed. Villon fetched him a fillip on the nose, which turned his mirth into an attack of coughing.

"Oh, stop that row," said Villon, "and think of rhymes to 'fish.'"

"Doubles or quits," said Montigny doggedly.

"With all my heart," quote Thevenin.

"Is there any more in that bottle?" asked the monk.

"Open another," said Villon. "How do you ever hope to fill that big hogshead, your body, with little things like bottles? And how do you expect to get to heaven? How many angels, do you fancy, can be spared to carry up a single monk from Picardy? Or do you think yourself another Elias—and they'll send the coach for you?"

"Hominibus impossible," replied the monk as he filled his glass.

Tabary was in ecstacies.

Villon filliped his nose again.

"Laugh at my jokes, if you like," he said.

"It was very good," objected Tabary.

Villon made a face at him. "Think of rhymes to 'fish.'" he said. "What have you to do with Latin? You'll wish you knew none of it at the great assizes, when the devil calls for Guido Tabary, clericus—the devil with the hump-back and red-hot finger-nails. Talking of the devil," he added in a whisper, "look at Montigny!"

"He looks as if he could knife him," whispered Tabary, with round eyes.

The monk shuddered, and turned his face and spread his open hands to the red embers. It was the cold that thus affected Dom Nicolas, and not any excess of moral sensibility.

"Come now," said Villon—"about this ballade. How does it run so far?" And beating time with his hand, he read it aloud to Tabary.

They were interrupted at the fourth rhyme by a brief and fatal movement among the gamesters. The round was completed, and Thevenin was just opening his mouth to claim another victory, when Montigny leaped up, swift as an adder, and stabbed him to the heart. The blow took effect before he had time to utter a cry, before he had time to move. A tremor or two convulsed his frame; his hands opened and shut, his heels rattled on the floor; then his head rolled backward over one shoulder with eyes wide open; and Thevenin Pensete's spirit had returned to Him who made it.

"My God!" said Tabary; and he began to pray in Latin.

Villon broke out into hysterical laughter. He came a step forward and ducked a ridiculous bow at Thevenin, and laughed still louder. Then he sat down suddenly, all of a heap, upon a stool, and continued laughing bitterly as though he would shake himself to pieces.

Montigny recovered his composure first.

"Let's see what he has about him," he remarked, and he picked the dead man's pockets with a practiced hand, and divided the money into four equal portions on the table. "There's for you," he said.

The monk received his share with a deep sigh, and a single stealthy glance at the dead Thevenin, who was beginning to sink into himself and topple sideways off the chair.

"We're all in for it," cried Villon, swallowing his mirth.

Tabary was the last to help himself; he made a dash at the money, and retired to the other end of the apartment.

Montigny stuck Thevenin upright in the chair, and drew out the dagger, which was followed by a jet of blood.

"You fellows had better be moving," he said, as he wiped the blade on his victim's doublet.

"I think we had," returned Villon, with a gulp. "Damn his fat head!" he broke out. "It sticks in my throat like phlegm. What right has a man to have red hair when he is dead?" And he fell all of a heap again upon the stool, and fairly covered his face with his hands.

Montigny and Dom Nicolas laughed aloud, even Tabary feebly chiming in.

"Cry baby," said the monk.

"I always said he was a woman," added Montigny, with a sneer "Sit up, can't you?" he went on, giving another shake to the murdered body. "Tread out that fire, Nick!"

But Nick was better employed; he was quietly taking Villon's purse, as the poet sat, limp and trembling, on the stool where he had been making a ballade not three minutes before. Montigny and Tabary dumbly demanded a share of the booty, which the monk silently promised as he passed the little bag into the bosom of his own. In many ways an artistic nature unfits a man for practical existence.

No sooner had the theft been accomplished than Villon shook himself, jumped to his feet, and began helping to scatter and extinguish the embers. Meanwhile Montigny opened the door and cautiously peered into the street. The coast was clear; there was no meddlesome patrol in sight. Still it was judged wiser to slip out severally; and as Villon was himself in a hurry to escape from the neighborhood of the dead Thevenin, and the rest were in a still greater hurry to get rid of him before he should discover the loss of his money, he was the first by general consent to issue forth into the street.

The wind had triumphed and swept all the clouds from heaven. Only a few vapors, as thin as moonlight, fleeted rapidly across the stars. It was bitter cold; and by a common optical effect, things seemed almost more definite than in the broadest daylight. The sleeping city was absolutely still; a company of white hoods, a field full of little alps, below the twinkling stars. Villon cursed his fortune. Would it were still snowing! Now, wherever he went, he left an indelible trail behind him on the glittering streets; wherever he went he was still tethered to the house by the cemetery of St. John; wherever he went he must weave, with his own plodding feet, the rope that bound him to the crime and would bind him to the gallows. The leer of the dead man came back to him with a new significance. He snapped his fingers as if to pluck up his own spirits, and choosing a street at random, stepped boldly forward in the snow.

Suddenly he saw, a long way before him, a black clump and a couple of lanterns. The clump was in motion, and the lanterns swung as though carried by men walking. It was a patrol. And though it was merely crossing his line of march he judged it wiser to get out of eyeshot as speedily as he could. He was not in the humor to be challenged, and he was conscious of making a very conspicuous mark upon the snow. Just on his left hand there stood a great hotel, with some turrets and a large porch before the door; it was half ruinous, he remembered, and had long stood empty; and so he made three steps of it, and jumped into the shelter of the porch. It was pretty dark inside, after the glimmer of the snowy streets, and he was groping forward with outspread hands, when he stumbled over some substance which offered an indescribable mixture of resistance, hard and soft, firm and loose. His heart gave a leap, and he sprung two steps back and stared dreadfully at the obstacle. Then he gave a laugh of relief. It was only a woman, and she dead. He knelt beside her to make sure upon this latter point. She was freezing cold, and rigid like a stick. A little ragged finery fluttered in the wind about her hair, and her cheeks had been heavily roughed that same afternoon. Her pockets were quite empty; but in her stocking, underneath the garter, Villon found two of the small coins that went by the name of whites. It was little enough, but it was always something; and the poet was moved with a deep sense of pathos that she should have died before she had spent her money. That seemed to him a dark and pitiable mystery; and he looked from the coins in his hand to the dead woman, and back again to the coins, shaking his head over the riddle of man's life. Henry V. of England, dying at Vincennes just after he had conquered France.

While these thoughts were passing through his mind he was feeling, half mechanically, for his purse. Suddenly his heart stopped beating; a feeling of cold scales passed up the back of his legs, and a cold blow seemed to fall upon his scalp. He stood petrified for a moment; then he felt again with one feverish movement; then his loss burst upon him, and he was covered at once with perspiration. To spendthrifts money is so living and actual—it is such a thin veil between them and their pleasures! There is only one limit to their fortune—that of time; and a spendthrift with only a few crowns is the Emperor of Rome until they are spent. For such a person to lose his money is to suffer the most shocking reverse, and fall from heaven to hell, from all to nothing, in a breath. And all the more if he has put his head in the halter for it; if he may be hanged to-morrow for that same purse, so dearly earned, so foolishly departed! Villon stood and cursed; he threw the two whites into the street; he shook his fist at heaven; he stamped, and was not horrified to find himself trampling the poor corpse. Then he began rapidly to retrace his steps toward the house beside the cemetery. He had forgotten all fear of the patrol, which was long gone by at any rate, and had no idea but that of his lost purse. It was in vain that he looked right and left upon the snow; nothing was to be seen. He had not dropped it in the streets. Had it fallen in the house? He would have liked dearly to go in and see; but the idea of the grisly occupant unmanned him. And he saw besides, as he drew near, that their efforts to put out the fire had been unsuccessful; on the contrary, it had broken into a blaze, and a changeful light played in the chinks of door and window, and revived the terror for the authorities and Paris gibbet.

He returned to the hotel with the porch, and groped about upon the snow for the money he had thrown away in his childish passion. But he could only find one white: the other had probably struck sideways and sunk deeply in. With a single white in his pocket all his projects for a rousing night in some wild tavern.—vanished utterly away. And it was not only pleasure that fled laughing from his grasp; positive discomfort, positive pain, attacked him as he stood ruefully before the porch. His perspiration had dried upon him; and although the wind had now fallen, a binding frost was setting in stronger with every hour, and he felt benumbed and sick at heart. What was to be done? Late as was the hour, improbable as was success, he would try the house of his adopted father, the chaplain of St. Benoit.

He ran there all the way and knocked timidly. There was no answer. He knocked again, taking heart with every stroke; and at last steps were heard approaching from within. A barred wicket fell open in the iron-studded door, and emitted a gush of yellow light.

"Hold up your face to the wicket," said the chaplain from within.

"It's only me," whimpered Villon.

"Oh, it's only you, is it?" returned the chaplain; and he cursed him with foul, unpriestly oaths for disturbing him at such an hour, and bade him be off to hell, where he came from.

"My hands are blue to the wrist," pleaded Villon; "my feet are dead and full of twinges; my nose aches with the sharp air; the cold lies at my heart. I may be dead before morning. Only this once, father, and before God, I will never ask again!"

"You should have come earlier," said the ecclesiastic coolly. "Young men require a lesson now and then." He shut the wicket and retired deliberately into the interior of the house.

"Wormy old fox!" he cried. "If I had my hand under your twist I would send you flying headlong into the bottomless pit."

A door shut in the interior, faintly audible to the poet down long passages. He passed his hand over his mouth with an oath. And then the humor of the situation struck him, and he laughed and looked lightly up to heaven, where the stars seemed to be winking over his d scomfiture.

He passed all his chances under review, turning the white between his thumb and forefinger. Unfortunately he was on bad terms with some old friends who would once have taken pity on him in such a plight. He had lampooned them in verses; he had beaten and cheated them; and yet now, when he was in so close a pinch, he thought there was at least one who might perhaps relent. It was chance. It was worth trying at least, and he would go and see.

On the way two little accidents happened to him which colored his musings in a very different manner. For, first, he fell in with the track of a patrol, and walked in it for some hundred yards, although it lay out of his direction. And this spirited him up; at least he had confused his trail; for he was still possessed with the idea of people tracking him all about Paris over the snow, and collaring him next morning before he was awake. The other matter affected him quite differently. He passed a street corner, where, not so long before, a woman and her child had been by wolves.

This was just the kind of weather, he reflected, when the wolves might take it into their heads to enter Paris again; and a lone man in these deserted streets would run the chance of something worse than a mere scare. He stopped and looked upon the place with an unpleasant interest—it was a center where several lanes intersected each other; and he looked down them all, one after another, and held his breath to listen, lest he should detect some galloping black things on the snow or hear the sound of howling between him and the river. He remembered his mother telling the story and pointing out the spot, while he was yet a child. His mother! If he only knew where she lived, he might make sure at least of shelter. He determined he would inquire upon the morrow; nay, he would go and see her, too, poor old girl! So thinking, he arrived at his destination—his last hope for the night.

The house was quite dark, like its neighbors; and yet after a few taps he heard a movement overhead, a door opening and a cautious voice asking who was there. The poet named himself in a loud whisper and waited, not without some trepidation, the result. Nor had he to wait long. A window was suddenly opened, and a pailful of slops splashed down upon the doorstep. Villon had not been unprepared for somthing of the sort, and had put himself as much in shelter as the nature of the porch admitted; but for all that, he was deplorably drenched below the waist. His hose began to freeze almost at once. Death from cold and exposure stared him in the face; he remembered he was of phthisical tendency, and began coughing tentatively. But the gravity of the danger steadied his nerves. He stopped a few hundred yards from the door where he had been so rudely used, and reflected with his finger to his nose. He could only see one way of getting a lodging, and that was to take it. He had noticed a house not far away, which looked as if it might be easily broken into, and thither he betook himself promptly, entertaining himself on the way with the idea of a room still hot, with a table still loaded with the remains of supper, where he might pass the rest of the black hours and whence he should issue, on the morrow, with an armful of valuable plate. He even considered on what viands and what wines he should prefer; and as he was calling the roll of his favorite dainties, roast fish presented itself to his mind with an odd mixture of amusement and horror.

The house in question looked dark at first sight; but as Villon made a preliminary inspection in search of the handiest point of attack, a little twinkle of light caught his eye from behind a curtain.

"The devil!" he thought. "People awake! Some student or some saint, confound the crew! Can't they get drunk and lie in bed snoring like their neighbors! What's the good of curfew, and poor devils of bellringers jumping at a rope's end in bell-towers? What's the use of day if people sit up all night? The gripes to them!" He grinned as he saw where his logic was leading him.

"Every man to his business, after all," added he, "and if they're awake, by the Lord, I may come by a supper honestly for once, and cheat the devil."

He went boldly to the door and knocked with an assured hand. On both previous occasions he had knocked timidly and with some dread of attracting notice; but now when he had just discarded the thought of a burglarious entry, knocking at a door seemed a mighty simple and innocent proceeding. The sound of his blows echoed through the house with thin, phantasmal reverberations, as though it were quite empty; but these had scarcely died away before a measured tread drew near, a couple of bolts were withdrawn, and one wing was opened broadly, as though no guile or fear of guile were known to those within. A tall figure of a man, muscular and spare, but a little bent, confronted Villon. The head was massive in bulk, but finely sculptured; the nose blunt at the bottom, but refining upward to where it joined a pair of strong and honest eyebrows; the mouth and eyes surrounded with delicate markings, and the whole face based upon a thick white beard, boldly and squarely trimmed. Seen as it was by the light of a flickering hand-lamp, it looked perhaps nobler than it had a right to do; but it was a fine face, honorable rather than intelligent, strong, simple, and righteous.

"You knock late, sir," said the old man in resonant, courteous tones.

Villon cringed, and brought up many servile words of apology; at a crisis of this sort, the beggar was uppermost in him, and the man of genius hid his head with confusion.

"You are cold," repeated the old man, "and hungry? Well, step in." And he ordered him into the house with a noble enough gesture.

"Some great seigneur," thought Villon, as his host, setting down the lamp on the flagged pavement of the entry, shot the bolts once more into their places.

"You will pardon me if I go in front," he said, when this was done; and he preceded the poet upstairs into a large apartment, warmed with a pan of charcoal and lighted by a great lamp hanging from the roof. It was very bare of furniture; only some gold plate on a sideboard, some folios, and a stand of armor between the windows. Some smart tapestry hung upon the walls, representing the crucifixion of our Lord in one piece, and in another a scene of shepherds and shepherdesses by a running stream. Over the chimney was a shield of arms.

"Will you seat yourself," said the old man, "and forgive me if I leave you? I am alone in my house to-night, and if you are to eat I must forage for you myself."

No sooner was his host gone than Villon leaped from the chair on which he had just seated himself, and began examining the room with the stealth and passion of a cat. He weighed the gold flagon in is hand, opened all the folios, and investigated the arms upon the shield, and the stuff with which the seats were lined. He raised the window curtains, and saw that the windows were set with rich stained glass in figures, so far as he could see, of martial import.

"Seven pieces of plate," he said. "If there had been ten, I would have risked it. A fine house, and a fine old master, so help me all the saints!"

And just then, hearing the old man's tread returning along the corridor, he stole back to his chair, and began humbly toasting his wet legs before the charcoal pan.

His entertainer had a plate of meat in one hand and a jug of wine in the other. He set down the plate upon the table, motioning Villon to draw in his chair, and going to the sideboard, brought back two goblets, which he filled.

"I drink your better fortune," he said, gravely touching Villon's cup with his own.

"To our better acquaintance," said the poet, growing bold. A mere man of the people would have been awed by the courtesy of the old seigneur, but Villon was hardened in that matter; he had made mirth for great lords before now, and found them as black rascals as himself. And so he devoted himself to the viands with a ravenous gusto, while the old man, leaning backward, watched him with steady, curious eyes.

"You have blood on your shoulder, my man," he said.

"It was none of my shedding," he stammered.

"I had not supposed so," returned the host quietly. "A brawl?"

"Well, something of that sort," Villon admitted with a quaver.

"Perhaps a fellow murdered?"

"Oh, no, not murdered," said the poet, more and more confused. "It was all fair play—murdered by accident. I had no hand in it. God strike me dead!" he added fervently.

"One rogue the fewer, I dare say," observed the master of the house.

"You may dare to say that," agreed Villon, infinitely relieved. "As big a rogue as there is between here and Jerusalem. He turned up his toes like a lamb. But it was a nasty thing to look at. I dare say you've seen dead men in your time, my lord?" he added, glancing at the armor.

"Many," said the old man. "I have followed the wars, as you imagine."

Villon laid down his knife and fork, which he had just taken up again.

"Were any of them bald?" he asked.

"Oh, yes; and with hair as white as mine."

"I don't think I should mind the white so much," said Villon. "His was red." And he had a return of his shuddering and tendency to laughter, which he drowned with a great draught of wine. "I'm a little put out when I think of it," he went on. "I knew him—damn him! And then the cold gives a man fancies—or the fancies give a man cold, I don't know which."

"Have you any money?" asked the old man.

"I have one white," returned the poet, laughing. "I got it out of a dead jade's stocking in a porch. She was as dead as Cæsar, poor wench, and as cold as a church, with bits of ribbon sticking in her hair. This is a hard world in winter for wolves and wenches and poor rogues like me."

"I," said the old man, "am Enguerrand de la Feuillee, seigneur de Brisetout, bailly du Patatrac. Who and what may you be?"

Villon rose and made a suitable reverence. "I am called Francis Villon," he said, "a poor Master of Arts of this university. I know some Latin and a deal of vice. I can make chansons, ballades, lais, virelais, and roundels, and I am very fond of wine. I was born in a garret, and I shall not improbably die upon the gallows. I may add, my lord, that from this night forward I am your lordship's very obsequious servant to command."

"No servant of mine," said the knight. "My guest for this evening, and no more."

"A very grateful guest," said Villon politely, and he drank in dumb show to his entertainer.

"You are shrewd," began the old man, tapping his forehead, "very shrewd; you have learning; you are a clerk; and yet you take a small piece of money off a dead woman in the street. Is it not a kind of theft?"

"*It is a kind of theft* much practiced in the wars, my lord."

"The wars are the field of honor," returned the old man proudly. "There a man plays his life upon the cast; he fights in the name of his lord the king, his Lord God, and all their lordships the holy saints and angels."

"Put it," said Villon, "that I were really a thief, should I not play my life also, and against heavier odds?"

"For gain, but not for honor."

"Gain?" repeated Villon with a shrug. "Gain! The poor fellow wants supper, and takes it. So does the soldier in a campaign. Why, what are all these requisitions we hear so much about? If they are not gain to those who take them, they are loss enough to the others. The men-at-arms drink by a good fire, while the burgher bites his nails to buy them wine and wood. I have seen a good many plowmen swinging on trees about the country; ay, I have seen thirty on one elm, and a very poor figure they made; and when I asked some one how all these came to be hanged, I was told it was because they could not scrape together enough crowns to satisfy the men-at-arms."

"These things are a necessity of war, which the low-born must endure with constancy. It is true that some captains drive overhard; there are spirits in every rank not easily moved by pity; and indeed many follow arms who are no better than brigands."

"You see," said the poet, "you can not separate the soldier from the brigand; and what is a thief but an isolated brigand with circumspect manners? I steal a couple of mutton chops, without so much as disturbing people's sleep; the farmer grumbles a bit, but sups none the less wholesomely on what remains. You come up blowing gloriously on a trumpet, take away the whole sheep, and beat the farmer pitifully into the bargain. I have no trumpet; I am only Tom, Dick, or Harry; I am a rogue and a dog, and hanging's too good for me—with all my heart; but just ask the farmer which of us he prefers, just find out which of us he lies awake to curse on cold nights."

"Look at us two," said his lordship. "I am old, strong, and honored. If I were turned from my house to-morrow, hundreds would be proud to shelter me. Poor people would go out and pass the night in the streets with their children, if I merely hinted that I wished to be alone. And I find you up, wandering, homeless, and picking farthings off dead women by the wayside! I fear no man and nothing; I have seen you tremble and lose countenance at a word. I wait God's summons contentedly in my own house, or, if it please the king to call me out again, upon the field of battle. You look for the gallows; a rough, swift death, without hope or honor. Is there no difference between these two?"

"As far as to the moon," Villon acquiesced. "But if I had been born lord of Brisetout, and you had been the poor scholar Francis, would the difference have been any the less? Should not I have been warming my knees at this charcoal pan, and would not you have been groping for farthings in the snow? Should not I have been the soldier, and you the thief?"

"A thief?" cried the old man. "I a thief! If you understood your words you would repent them."

Villon turned out his hands with a gesture of infinitable impudence. "If your lordship had done me the honor to follow my argument!" he said.

"I do you too much honor in submitting to your presence," said the knight. "Learn to curb your tongue when you speak with old and honorable men, or some one hastier than I may reprove you in a sharper fashion." And he rose and paced the lower end of the apartment, struggling with anger and antipathy. Villon surreptitiously refilled his cup.

"Tell me one thing," said the old man, pausing in his walk. "Are you really a thief?"

"I claim the sacred rights of hospitality," returned the poet. "My lord, I am."

"You are very young,"

"I should never have been so old," replied Villon, showing his fingers, "if I had not helped myself with these ten talents. They have been my nursing mothers and my nursing fathers."

"You may still repent and change."

"I repent daily," said the poet. "There are few people more given to repentance than poor Francis. As for change, let somebody change my circumstances. A man must continue to eat, if it were only that he may continue to repent."

"The change must begin in the heart," returned the old man solemnly.

"My dear lord," answered Villon, "do you really fancy that I steal for pleasure? I hate stealing, like any other piece of work or of danger. My teeth chatter when I see a gallows. But I must eat, I must drink, I must mix in society of some sort. What the devil! Man is not a solitary animal—Cui Deus faeminam tradit. Make me king's pantler—make me abbot of St. Denis; make me bailly of the Patatrac; and then I shall be changed indeed. But as long as you leave me the poor scholar Francis Villon, without a farthing, why, of course, I remain the same."

"The grace of God is all-powerful."

"I should be a heretic to question it," said Francis. "It has made you lord of Brisetout and bailly of the Patatrac; it has given me nothing but the quick wits under my hat and these ten toes upon my hands. May I help myself to wine? I thank you respectfully."

The lord of Brisetout walked to and fro with his hands behind his back. Perhaps he was not yet quite settled in his mind about the parallel between thieves and soldiers; perhaps Villon had interested him by some cross-thread of sympathy; perhaps his wits were simply muddled by so much unfamiliar reasoning; but whatever the cause, he somehow yearned to convert the young man to a better way of thinking, and could not make up his mind to drive him forth again into the street.

"There is something more than I can understand in this," he said at length. "Your mouth is full of subtleties, and the devil has led you very far astray; but the devil is only a very weak spirit before God's truth, and all his subleties vanish at a word of true honor, like darkness at morning. Listen to me once more. I learned long ago that a gentleman should live chivalrously and lovingly to God, and the king, and his lady; and though I have seen many strange things done, I have still striven to command my ways upon that rule. It is not only written in all noble histories, but in every man's heart, if he will take care to read. You speak of food and wine, and I know very well that hunger is a difficult trial to endure; but you do not speak of other wants; you say nothing of honor, of faith to God and other men, of courtesy, of love without reproach. It may be that I am not very wise—and yet I think I am—but you seem to me like one who has lost his way and made a great error in life. You are attending to the little wants, and you have totally forgotten the great and only real ones, like a man who should be doctoring toothache on the Judgment Day. For such things as honor and love and faith are not only nobler than food and drink, but indeed I think we desire them more, and suffer more sharply for their absence. I speak to you as I think you will most easily understand me. Are you not, while careful to fill your belly, disregarding another appetite in your heart, which spoils the pleasure of your life and keeps you continually wretched?"

Villon was sensibly nettled under all this sermonizing. "You think I have no sense of honor!" he cried. "I'm poor enough, God knows! It's hard to see rich people with their gloves, and you blowing in your hands. An empty belly is a bitter thing, although you speak so lightly of it. If you had had as many as I, perhaps you would change your tune. Any way I'm a thief—make the most of that—but I'm not a devil from hell, God strike me dead. I would have you to know I've an honor of my own, as good as yours, though I don't prate about it all day long, as if it was a God's miracle to have any. It seems quite natural to me; I keep it in its box till it's wanted. Why, now, look you here, how long have I been in this room with you? Did you not tell me you were alone in the house? Look at your gold plate! You're strong, if you like, but you're old and unarmed, and I have my knife. What did I want but a jerk of the elbow and here would have been you with the cold steel in your bowels, and there would have been me, linking in the streets, with an armful of golden cups! Did you suppose I hadn't wit enough to see that? And I scorned the action. There are your damned goblets, as safe as in a church; there are you, with your heart ticking as good as new; and here am I, ready to go out again as poor as I came in, with my one white that you threw in my teeth! And you think I have no sense of honor—God strike me dead!"

The old man stretched out his right arm. "I will tell you what you are," he said. "You are a rogue, my man, an impudent and black-hearted rogue and vagabond. I have passed an hour with you. Oh! believe me, I feel myself disgraced! And you have eaten and drunk at my table. But now I am sick at your presence; the day has come, and the night-bird should be off to his roost. Will you go before, or after?"

"Which you please," returned the poet, rising. "I believe you to be strictly honorable." He thoughtfully emptied his cup. "I wish I could add you were intelligent," he went on, knocking on his head with his knuckles. "Age! age! the brains stiff and rheumatic."

"God pity you," said the lord of Brisetout at the door.

"Good-bye, papa," returned Villon with a yawn. "Many thanks for the cold mutton."

The door closed behind him. The dawn was breaking over the white roofs. A chill, uncomfortable morning ushered in the day. Villon stood and heartily stretched himself in the middle of the road.

"A very dull old gentleman," he thought. "I wonder what his goblets may be worth?"

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MANY NEW BUILDINGS.

NEARLY $300,000 SPENT BY NELSON CITIZENS DURING 1897.

A Miner Representative Makes a Complete Canvass of the City—The Outlook for 1898.

The year 1897 has been a progressive one for Nelson in building as well as in all other lines and during the twelve months just completed there has been the enormous sum of $296,485 spent in Nelson in new buildings and improvements. Calculating that the population is 3500 this would make a per capita expenditure of about $90, probably a larger proportion than any city on the coast can show.

The expenditure for buildings and improvements during the year of 1896 was $138,750 which makes a total of $434,235 for the past two years. While building has been brisk there has been nothing in the nature of a boom and no one ever remarks that it has been "over done." Nelson is a city of homes and the building outlook for the year 1898 is even better than for the year last past. There are good business lots still unoccupied on Vernon, Baker, Victoria and cross streets and in view of the past growth, it is fair to presume that the close of the year 1898 will see many new brick blocks within the area mentioned.

THE MINER, following out the plan established by it last year, sent out a representative last week to gather the building data. Every new house that could be found was visited and the owners or occupants were interviewed as to the cost. In cases where houses were unoccupied, careful, conservative estimates were made and the list is as near correct as it could be made. If there are any omissions or errors THE MINER will be pleased to know them. The detail is as follows:

Block 1	
Klondyke Hotel	$ 4,500
A. McDonald & Co.	12,000
H. R. Cameron stores and offices	900
C. G. Davies, improvements	175
Turner & Boeckh block	6,500
Nelson Hotel improvements	600
Block 2	
Queen's Hotel	6,000
Block 3	
M. Falsetto store	125
H. Cooley, galv. iron works	200
S. Brockman bowling alley	350
J. T. Moriarty laundry	250
A. Mastouka store	250
Block 4	
Thorpe & Co. Soda water factory	1,800
Block 5	
T. Madden hotel addition	1,000
Merchants Hotel impmts	500
Clarke Hotel impovements	200
J. A. Gilker postoffice	1,700
J. H. Keefer store	250
Miner Ptg. & Pub. Co. imps.	150
E. C. Traves imps,	150
Block 6	
J. Hastie store	1,200
C. Harrington & Co. store	600
Hip Chong laundry	350
Tremont Hotel imps.	300
Tremont Hotel annex	800
West & Emerson foundation	500
Block 8	
Unknown cabin	50
P. DeMarche cabin	50
J. Winchester cabin	25
Block 9	
Hume Hotel	25,000
Broken Hill block	7,500
Thomson Stat. Co	1,000
Neelands block	2,500
Mara block	14,000
Elliott block	10,000
Block 10	
Est. J. Johnson 2 dwellings	1,500
H. Selous 4 offices	1,500
Silver King Hotel imps.	600
A. R. Sherwood dwelling	500
Block 11	
Bowes block	6,500
Block 12	
A. L. McKillop block	7,500
Block 13	
Phair Hotel annex	5,000
Block 15	
Salvation Army barracks	1,200
Victoria Hotel addition	400
A. Dolan 2 stables	250
Block 16	
Fire Hall imps.	350
City Lockup	1,700
J. A. Turner dwelling	2,000
Methodist Parsonage	1,100
Block 17	
F. G. Graham dwelling	600
Block 18	
McKay dwelling (un c)	1,500
T. H. Newitt dwelling	1,200
J. M. Patterson dwelling	800
Block 22	
Judge Forin dwelling	3,000
Dr. LaBau hospital imps.	100
W. Grant dwelling	1,200
B. Wilson dwelling	1,200
Njannel & Quesnelle dwellg	800
Liss cabin	125
Block 27	
Methodist Church addition	1,100
Unknown dwelling	300
C. E. Miller dwelling	1,500
Dr. Geo. Hall dwelling	1,800
Block 28	
C. Hoskins dwelling	200
H. H. Avery dwelling	1,200
A. Pfeiffer dwelling (un c)	2,000
Block 30	
F. Fletcher dwelling	4,500
R. W. Day dwelling	3,000
Patterson & Steeper imps.	200
P. J. Russell dwelling	500
Block 31	
W. P. Robinson 2 dwelling	1,800
G. Neelands dwelling	1,500
J. Watson dwelling	1,500
Mrs. Brown dwelling	1,000
Block 32	
School House addition	1,400
Block 33	
P. Lamont dwelling	750
S. S. Taylor dwelling	1,500
Mrs. Brown dwelling	1,000
Block 34	
L. Scott dwelling	200
J. H. Bowes 3 dwellings	2,000
Block 35	
Mr. Timmins dwelling	1,000
Mr. Cochead dwelling	1,250
Block 36	
J. Gordon cabin	100
Unknown cabin	75
Block 40	
J. McPhee addition	300
A Manson ,,	100
Mr. Madson dwelling	300
T. McCarthy addition	200
Block 42	
J. A. Turner dwelling	500
Mr. McCulloch dwelling	1,000
Block 43	
Mr. Harrop 2 dwellings	1,000
T. J. Scanlan store	1,300
A. Clunas dwelling	700
Block 44	
G. C. Hodge dwelling	1,200
A. Bunker 3 dwellings	2,000
do cabin	100
Block 44a	
Misses Crickney dwelling	500
Block 44b	
Attorney Brougham dwellg	2,000
Block 44d	
J. R. F. Rowley dwelling	1,800
Block 46	
R. Reisterer brewery addn	500
N. W. Cumming soda water factory addition	350
N. W. Cummings dwlg addn	200
Block 47	
G. Holbrook dwelling	350
Block 58	
Dr. Symons 3 dwellings	500
E. Kilbey dwelling (un c)	800
Mr. Morris dwelling	150
Block 65	
Provincial Jail	14,000
,, buildings imps	150
Block 66	
Grand Central Hotel	6,000
Geo. Doyle, shop	200
Wilson & Harshaw imps	150
Block 67	
Lake View Hotel	3,000
Warling & Berstrom shop	250
C. Harrington cold storage	1,000
Block 68	
S. J. Roberts boarding house	1,400
J. D. Clemmer & Co, shop	1,000
J. Hastie office	70
Block 79	
Capt. Hayward dwelling	2,500
W. Greer ,,	100
W. Evans ,,	250
Mr. O'Shea ,,	200
G. Tamblyn ,,	150
M. P. McKinzie ,,	150
W. Traves ,,	3,000
Block 72	
T. W. Gray imps	3,500
Block 75	
J. Normandy dwelling	200
W. J. Hatch ,,	250
O. G. Davies ,,	500
Block 77	
Agent N. & F. S. Ry. cabin	75
S. M. Kan cabin	50
Block 79	
G. N. Wolfe dwelling	400
Block 80	
H. McKinzie dwelling	300
Mr. Levesque dwelling	125
Mr. Ranger dwelling	60
Block 81	
Mrs. Turnbull dwelling	600
Mrs. Gusteveson cabin	75
Block 86	
A. E. Hodging dwelling	1,000
C. P. R. Land Office imps	250
Block 91	
Sherbrooke Hotel imps	1,200
Unknown store	100
Block 92	
F. Fletcher C.P.R. offices	900
G. Stanley dwelling	250
Block 93	
H. E. McDonald dwelling	2,500
J. Lawrence dwelling	2,500
Block 99	
F. W. Peters dwelling	2,000
F. Fletcher ,,	800
Block 101	
Nelson Electric Co. imps	500
Hall Mines Smelter	
Superintendents house, new office, new 200 ton blast furnace, two roasters and two reverberatory furnaces	25,000
ADDITION A.	
Block 2	
A. O. Shannon addition	500
Mrs. Jones 2 dwellings	400
Block 8	
E. Applewhaite dwelling	1,500
Block 23	
H. P. Paxton dwelling	700
Block 14	
A. McDonald dwelling	800
J. McAllman ,,	800
J. Langton ,,	1,000
J. Christian ,,	700
R. Shields ,,	1,100
W. Cookson ,,	750
W. Astley ,,	4
Block 22	
C. F. Etter dwelling	1,000
R. Day 2 dwellings	1,000
Block 23	
J. Birch dwelling	400
J. P. Swedberg dwelling	400
Block 24	
A. Allen dwelling	1,000
Block 25	
R. Hurdie 2 dwellings	200
A. Barrow dwelling	1,500
Block 29	
E. Larson 2 dwellings	700
Block 30	
A. Allen dwelling	600
Block 39	
M. Hanson dwelling	300
Block 40	
R. J. Hamson dwelling	250
Block 48	
D. Taylor dwelling	700
Block 39	
J. Stewart 2 dwellings	600
Block 54	
F. Deacon cabin	50
Block 55	
C. French cabin	50
Blocks unknown	
A. Monroe dwelling	200
M. McQuade ,,	500
A. McKinnon ,,	250
Mr. McCanley ,,	300
,, ,,	700
Mr. Galloway cabin	200
Mr. Chase ,,	100
W. J. Murphy ,,	50
J. A. Bluson ,,	125
A. Jeffries ,,	125
A. Nagurson ,,	250
G. DeMaine ,,	100
HUME ADDITION.	
A. Maurin store	700
Gosnell & Stadler brewery	400
S. M. Kan cabin	100
Unknown cabin	100
F. Hurry addn to barn	100
C. J. Clayton dwelling	800
Mr. McClarty shed	50
F. Hurry dwelling	1,500
Mr. Dowsing dwelling	200
Mrs. Blaney cabin	150
Lardlow ,,	100
H. R. Harrison 2 dwellings	1,000
P. A. Paulson 2 dwellings	1,200
J. Bullock dwelling	200
J. Williams cabin	75
J. Ringrose ,,	175
Mrs. Jerome ,,	150
Goskell ,,	60
Lemon ,,	50
Fleming ,,	75
J. C. Cleveland ,,	100
Bachelor ,,	150
Kootenay Lake General Hospital addition	300
Honeyman's foundry	1,800

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH. Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Epworth League C.E. Tuesday at 8 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. Mass at Nelson every Sunday at 8 and 10.30 a. m. Benediction at 7.30 to 8.00 p. m.

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A Thing of the Past
Is Christmas of 1897
And the New Year of 1898 begins
AND with it we must begin to clear out some lines of goods to make room for the large stock of spring goods we are importing. These will arrive in February. January will be a clearing month of many lines of goods, and if you are looking for bargains in first class merchandise, come to see us. A shipment of Corduroy Pants and Vests just to hand.
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Methodist Christmas Tree.

The Christmas entertainment at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening was a most enjoyable affair and the church was packed to the doors. The program was well rendered and those taking part in it were heartily applauded. Four choruses were sung by the school and two by the infant class. Songs were sung by Zilla Emerson, Bert Wallace and Harold Cameron; duets by Bert and Ed Wallace and Beryl and Zilla Emerson. Recitations were given by Ernest Bell, Celia Prosser, Bertha Morden, Edie Hall, Miss Mabee, Pearl Duncan, Eva Mackie, Miss Hatch, Sydney Hall, Hattie Mallette, Gladys Roberts, Guy Roberts, Ada Morden, Esther Mallette and Amy Swannell.

MINING TRANSFERS.

Where no consideration is named in transfers the nominal sum of $1 is to be understood.

New Denver.

Dec 15—
Grant—George Fairburn to James Bowes ¼.
W H R—A. R. Fingland to Bowes, ¼.
Dec 17—
Red Fox—A. W. Wright to J. K. Clark, ½.
Dec 20—
Chas Newhouse and J. D. Newhouse to A. D. Williams and D. C. McDonald, agreement to transfer all interest in Keystone and Evening Star for $15,000.
Emily Edith, W H R—Jas Bowes to Mary E. Rammelmeyer, agreement to purchase ½, $2500, Mary E. Rammelmeyer to Chas. E. Hope, all interest in said agreement.
Emily Edith—Patrick Daily to Mary E Rammelmeyer, agreement to purchase ½, $2,500, Mary E Rammelmeyer to Chas E Hope, all interest in said agreement.

Rossland.

Dec 20—
Wolfe, Drake, Albert, Nelson 9-10, Michigamie ⅓—G S Waterlow and J G Dickson to British Columbia (Rossland & Slocan) syndicate.
Dec 21—
Hecla—Thos. Peacock to E D Parr, ½, $50.
Royal George—H W Raymer to J H Raymer, 1-7.
H P I, Solway Bank, Annandale, Nithsdale, Eskdale, Solway, Paymaster, Union, Standard, D B B—Alexander Chisholm to J B Dunn.
Dec 22—
Solway Bank—Geo. Day to H P Jackson, ½.
Dec 23—
Helena No 2—R Lund to Chas J Johnston.
Gold Bar—J S C Fraser to Gold Bar Mining & Development company.

Mining Stock Market.

The stock market continues to revive, and there is a good demand for standard stocks. During the past week sales were made in Josie, Poorman, Iron Colt, Dundee and Fern. The large block of Fern treasury, recently placed on sale has all been taken, and we consider this one of the best stocks on the market. Hall Mines remains practically unchanged, notwithstanding the announcement of the 10 per cent dividend. Among the Slocan stocks Rambler-Cariboo, Slocan Star and Dardanelles may be safely recommended. At the price quoted we consider Poorman, Great Western and Iron Colt good buys.

NELSON DIVISION

Hall Mines	7.50	Athabasca	.27
Dundee	.65	Nelson-Poorman	.25
Fern	.55	Elise	.03

TRAIL CREEK DIVISION

Le Roi	8.00	Colona	.19
War Eagle	1.00	Iron Colt	.15
Iron Mask	.31	Poorman	.12
Josie	.30	Deer Park	.11
Monte Cristo	.21	Great Western	.08
Lily May	.20	Evening Star	.07

SLOCAN DIVISION

Slocan Star	2.50	Dardanelles	.13
Reco	1.75	Noble Five	.10
Rambler-Cariboo	.38	Goodenough	.25

We invite particular attention to the following snaps:

100 Hall Mines	7.25	2500 Iron Colt	.11½
1000 Reco	1.55	500 Fern	.55
500 Poorman	.10	250 Le Roi	7.75
500 Grt Western	.07	1000 Evening Star	.07

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Dec 17—
Jenny Long—Mary McKay to A T R Blackwood, ½.
Scotia—Wm Wilcox to Wm, Clough.
Dec 21—
Empress Fraction—Alma Kirkwood to R J Kirkwood.
Dec 22—
Sundown Fraction—Herbert Bunting and William Stitt to William White 1-6.

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PRODUCE OF THE MINES.

RETURNS FOR 1897 UP TO DATE.

ORE EXPORTED.

From Slocan via Kaslo	35,066
Slocan via Nakusp	5,124½
Rossland via Northport	9,348½
Rossland via Nelson	52
Ainsworth via Nelson	119½
Tons	49,710½
Total Value: Through Nelson Custom House	$ 3,149,325.97
" Revelstoke (Nakusp)	543,484.62
	3,692,810.59
Average value per ton, $74.286	

PRODUCE OF SMELTERS.

(Shipped)

	TONS
Nelson (Hall Mines) Matte	2968½
Trail Smelter Matte	5364½
	8333

Total value, $4,406,692.67
" " of ore and matte exported, $8,109,503.26

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Returns since Last Week.

VIA NELSON.	TONS
Black Diamond to Pueblo	80

VIA NAKUSP.	
Queen Bess to Aurora	40
Slocan Star to Omaha	120
Queen Bess to Everett	20
	180

Total value, $15,391.
Average value per ton, $85.505.

VIA KASLO.	
Payne Mine to Pueblo, Col.	550
Whitewater to Everett	250
Last Chance to Pueblo, Col.	100
Reco to Denver, Col.	100
Ruth to Everett	150
Ruth to Pueblo	40
Best to Everett	76½
	1266½

Total value, $110,344.
Average value per ton, $87.125

MATTE AND BULLION.
(Shipped.)

Trail Smelter [Matte]	120½

Total value of ore and matte exported for the week, $212,051.

WEEKLY STOCK REPORT.

Companies.	No. of Shares	Par Value	Price.
NELSON.			
Athabasca	1,000,000	$ 1 00	$ 30
Hall Mines	300,000	$ 1	9 00
Exchequer	1,000,000	$ 1 00	0 10
Elise	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Fern Gold	200,000	25	0 57
Nelson-Poorman	250,000	25	0 25
Northern Light	250,000	1 00	0 10
Dundee			0 65
ROSSLAND.			
Big Three	3,500,000	1 00	0 10
Bruce	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Butte	1,000,000	1 00	0 02
Caledonia Con	500,000	1 00	0 05
California	2,500,000	1 00	0 15
Camp Bird	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Celtic Queen	750,000	1 00	0 06
Centre Star	500,000	1 00	0
Colonna	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Commander	500,000	1 00	0 18
Deer Park	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Delaware	1,000,000	1 00	0 12
Eastern Star	500,000	1 00	0 09
Enterprise	1 000,000	1 00	0 20
Evening Star	1 000,000	1 00	0 07
Georgia	1,000,000	1 00	0 5
Gertrude	500,000	1 00	0 10
Golden Drip	500,000	1 00	0 15
Great Western	1,000,000	1 00	0 08½
Hattie Brown	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
High Ore	500,000	1 00	0 04½
Imperial	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Iron Horse	1,000,000	1 00	20
Iron Mask	500,000	1 00	0 35
Iron Colt			0 16
I X L	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Josie	700,000	5 00	0 28
Jumbo	500,000	1 00	0 70
Kootenay-London	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Le Roi	500,000	5 00	9 00
Lily May	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Mabel	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Mayflower	1,000,000	1 00	0 11
Monita	750,000	1 00	16
Monte Cristo	1,000,000	1 00	0 22
Morning Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 08
Nest Egg	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Northern Belle	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Novelty	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Palo Alto	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
Phœnix	500,000	1 00	0 12
Poorman	500,000	1 00	0 12½
Red Mountain-View	1,000,000	1 00	0 08
Rossland, Red Mt	1,000,000	1 00	0 22
St. Elmo	1,000,000	1 00	0 06
Silverine	500,000	1 00	0 08
Sou'n Cross & W con	500,000	1 00	0 20
Virginia	500,000	1 00	0 16
War Eagle†	2,000,000	1 00	1 00
West Le Roi	500,000	1 00	0 20
White Bear	2,000,000	1 00	0 20
AINSWORTH.			
Canadian M M & S Co.	2,000,000	1 00	0 07½
Dellie	750,000	1 00	11
Ellen	1,000,000	1 00	0 07½
Eldon	1,000,000	1 00	0 00
BOUNDARY.			
Boundy C'k M. & M.	1,500,000	1 00	0 10
Golden Crown	2,000,000	1 00	0 10
Old Ironsides	1,000,000	1 00	0 11
CAMP MCKINNEY.			
Cariboo†	800,000	1 00	0 51
SLOCAN.			
American Boy	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Arlington	1,000,000	1 00	0 13
Alamo	500,000	1 00	
Black Hills	100,000	10	0 10
Buffalo of Slocan	150,000	10	0 25
Bondholder	1,000,000	1 00	0 04
Cumberland	500,000	10 00	
Dardanelles	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Elkhorn	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Goodenough	800,000	1 00	0 25
Gibson	650,000	1 00	0 17½
Grey Eagle	750,000	1 00	0 20
Ibex of Slocan	300,000	25	0 25
Idler	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
London	150,000	25	0 25
Minnesota	1,000,000	1 00	
Noble Five Con	1,200,000	1 00	0 06
Ottawa & Ivanhoe	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Phœnix Con'idated	1,000,000	1 00	0 07
Rambler Cariboo	1,000,000	1 00	33
Reco	1,000,000	1 00	1 75
Slocan-Reciprocity	1,000,000	1 00	6
Slocan Star	500,000	50	2 40
Santa Marie	1,000,000	1 00	5
Sheriff	1,000,000	1 00	24
Silver Band	250,000	25	12½
Slocan Queen	1,000,000	1 00	10
Star	1,000,000	1 00	5
St. Keverne	1,000,000	1 00	4
Sunshine	500,000	10	
Two Friends	210,000	30	20
Wonderful	1,000,000	1 00	03½
Washington	1,000,000	1 00	0 25

†Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, $625,000; War Eagle, $217,500; Cariboo, $172,000; Idaho $210,000; Slocan Star, $400,000; Reco $287,500; Rambler $40,000; Ruth $300,000; Whitewater $120,000. Alamo, Cumberland, Last Chance, Washington, Surprise, Antoine, Monitor, Jackson, Slocan Boy, Goodenough and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

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NOTICE.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for an Act confirming a lease to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, with the privilege of purchase of that portion of the Company's railway between the eastern boundary of British Columbia and Nelson on the terms and conditions set out in the said lease and amending the Act respecting the Company (60-61 Victoria, Chapter 36) by inserting the words "either with or without an option of purchase" next after the word "Company" in the second line of the Fourth Clause of that Act. R. CAMPBELL OSWALD,
813 Secretary.
Dated at Montreal, November 23rd, 1897.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate The Mountain Tramway and Electric Company, with power to construct, acquire and operate ropeways and tramways for transportation of freight from points on or near the Nakusp & Slocan Railway and branches thereof to mines and mineral claims in the McGuigan Camp and Whitewater Basin and elsewhere in the District through which said railway and branches pass or will pass and from points on the Columbia & Kootenay Railway, Crow's Nest line, constructed or to be constructed, and branches thereof in the mining districts of East and West Kootenay, to mines and mineral claims in the districts through which said Railways and branches respectively pass or will pass; and to construct, acquire and operate works and plant to generate and supply heat, light and electricity in the said Districts and elsewhere in the Province, and to dispose of such heat light and electricity; and to acquire and hold all kinds of real and personal property, together with the power to expropriate lands and all other powers and privileges that may be necessary, incidental or advantageous to the full exercise of the powers hereinbefore mentioned.
Dated this 14th day of December, 1897.
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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

LAURENCE (FRAC.) MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—WHERE LOCATED.—HALF MILE NORTH WEST OF MOUTH OF WEST FORK OF WILD HORSE CREEK, BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY NORA, MUGWUMP AND GIBRALTER, ON EAST BY NELSON AND NORA AND ON WEST BY GIBRALTER MINERAL CLAIMS.

TAKE NOTICE that We, Gore, Burnet & Co., agents for London & British Columbia Gold Fields, Ltd., Free Miner's Certificate No. 98790, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.
And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
GORE, BURNET & CO.
Dated this 29th day of November, 1897. 804

NORA FRACTIONAL AND POUNTNEY FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—WHERE LOCATED.—HALF MILE NORTH WEST OF MOUTH OF NORTH FORK OF WILD HORSE CREEK,

TAKE NOTICE that We, Gore, Burnet & Co., agents for J. R. Robertson Free Miner's Certificate No. 84676, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.
And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
GORE, BURNET & CO.
Dated this 29th day of November, 1897. 803

PRINCESS MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—WHERE LOCATED.—ON TOAD MOUNTAIN WAGON ROAD, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF NELSON, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. J. Gerrard, of City of Nelson, British Columbia, Free Miner's Certificate No. 98395, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim,
And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 13th day of November, 1897. (792)

EMMA MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—WHERE LOCATED:—ON THE NORTH SIDE OF KOOTENAY RIVER, ABOUT 10 MILES WEST FROM NELSON AND ½ MILE BACK FROM RIVER AND IS AN EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE ANACONDA.

TAKE NOTICE that we, Gore, Burnet & Co., agents for James F. Burr, Free Miners' Certificate No. 89748, John J. Baker, Free Miners' Certificate No. 83336 and Price McDonald, Free Miners' Certificate No. 1455A, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.
And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
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