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MR. J. F. HUME'S PLANS.

AN INTERVIEW WITH SOUTH KOOTENAY'S M. P. P.

A Re-distribution of Parliamentary Seats Needed.—The Provincial Government's Treatment of Kootenay.

J. Fred Hume, M.P.P. for this district, will shortly leave for Victoria to attend the next sitting of the local house. He does not anticipate the transaction of much important routine business and expects the session will not last more than five weeks, although he has received no intimation as to the number of government bills to be introduced. Personally, Mr. Hume has little business to bring before the house. He will not propose any alteration of the mining laws, as he does not believe in their radical alteration for the present but, as a member of the committee on mines and mining, will undoubtedly have to consider, in committee, certain measures relating to Crown mineral lands. His chief business will be the introduction of a private bill for a charter for a local company to supply the townsite of Brandon, near the south end of Slocan lake, with a system of water works, and a few other important measures of a similar nature.

He expects to see numerous applications made for charters of all kinds, especially for the construction of railways, and will take a decided stand against indiscriminate granting of such privileges. He is opposed to blanket franchises and the giving of cash subsidies, and desires to see land grants to railway companies made with proper regard for the interests of the people. If any land grants are to be made he will oppose them, except the land in question is given under conditions and terms of sale very similar to those now governing acquirement of tracts of the public domain.

Mr. Hume expects to see Mr. Semlin remain the leader of the oppositon and anticipates the holding of a caucus by the opponents of the government as soon as the members occupying that position have all assembled at Victoria, for the purpose of organizing a plan of campaign during the session. He believes the British Pacific subsidy scheme will be introduced as a government measure and will exert all the influence he possibly can to defeat it, no matter in what form it is presented. In this he expects to be joined by the entire Opposition forces as well as a sufficient number of Ministerialists to cause the overthrow of the present cabinet.

Speaking of the treatment that Kootenay has experienced from the government, Mr. Hume said: "This district has been shamefully neglected. Large sums of money have been collected in taxes during the past year and scarcely any of it has been returned in making many much needed improvements. Whatever advice and representation I have made in the matter has been received with indifference. The government seems determined on only one policy—the taxation of this district to the fullest extent possible. The present apportionment of the district's representation in the legislature is also manifestly unfair. The excuse can never be legitimately made by the government that the population in Kootenay has increased beyond their anticipations. When the last distribution of seats was made, the South Riding of West Kootenay had 925 registered voters and was accorded but one member, while the districts of Esquimalt with 451, Cowichan-Alberni with 516 and Lillooet with only 319 voters were given two members each. I am in favor of, and shall endeavor to obtain, a re distribution of seats, although there is no need for any addition to the present thirty-three members of the house."

Questioned as to the idea of West Kootenay having five members instead of two, upon the basis that the Nelson and Goat river mining divisions should have one; the Trail Creek mining division one; the City of Kaslo and the Ainsworth mining division one; the Slocan mining division one and the Revelstoke, Illecillewaet and Trout lake mining divisions one, Mr. Hume said he believed the population and needs of these districts fully warranted representation on such lines. He considered it would be equitable for the present but that the time was not far distant when even this number would not suffice.

Asked if he favored provincial elections being henceforth conducted upon strict party lines and a definitely formulated platform, Mr. Hume readily declared that such a condition must eventually prevail and that the sooner it does the better for the country.

The Bioscope Entertainment.

The Edison Bioscope and Novelty Company gave a very pleasing entertainment to a crowded house at the fire hall last Monday evening. The bioscope pictures were magnificent and evoked much hearty applause although the light used was not as good as it should have been. The management in apologizing made the statement that only 70 volts could be secured while 110 were required. Notwithstanding the shortage of lighting powers the effects produced were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The latest novelties were presented in a creditable manner and the skirt dancing was equally good. Rope skipping, singing, etc., made up the balance of the entertainment.

A telegram from the manager of the Bioscope company has been received here to the effect that the entertainment promised for to-night at the fire hall is postponed.

WILD HORSE CREEK.

The Mines of this Camp are Being Rapidly and Systematically Developed.

Much development work is being done on the numerous claims along Wild Horse creek, a very promising gold and silver camp about seventeen miles from Nelson and near the line of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway. Twelve men are employed at the Ymir mine which has an eight foot ledge of gold and silver ore that is being mined and stored. The property is being crown granted.

A survey of the Elise claim has just been completed and an application will shortly be made for a crown grant. Eight men are doing development work on the property.

The McLeod group and the Tamarack are soon to be surveyed for crown grants.

Development work on the Lindblade group is being actively prosecuted.

The miners and claim owners in the Wild Horse creek district have received no assistance from the government in the construction of trails but are desirous that a bridge be built over Salmon river near Quartz creek at the public expense. At the present condition of the river, fording is a great nuisance but it will be impossible to do even this at high water next spring. The importance of the district fully warrants this improvement being made at once.

DEEPLY MOURNED.

The Sudden Death of Mr. G. H. Rashdall at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital.

It is the very painful duty of THE MINER to record the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. George Herbert Rashdall at the Kootenay Lake Hospital early yesterday morning.

The deceased called upon Dr. Hall on Sunday morning, desiring something to relieve a slight pain in his side. A careful examination proved his right lung was congested and in less than an hour afterwards he was in a comfortable bed in the hospital and receiving treatment. Sunday evening he expressed himself as feeling much better and continued to do as well as could be expected until Thursday morning, when a change for the worse occurred. Drs. Hall and La Bau held a consultation and, together, did everything in their power to relieve their patient. Dr. Hall remained at the hospital all day and night administering stimulants and after a time the sick man seemed to rally. At nine o'clock Thursday evening he appeared much better and was quite rational at midnight. Shortly afterwards a change for the worse set in with fatal results, although everything was done to counteract it. Pneumonia and congestion of the lungs were the cause of death.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., at the English Church.

The deceased was an Enlishman, a gentleman and a manly fellow whose disposition endeared him to all who knew him. His friends were legion; he had no enemies. His passing away is sincerely and deeply mourned by his entire acquaintance.

As Recorder of the Nelson district, Mr. Rashdall was an efficient and conscienious officer difficult to replace.

A LOCAL BOARD.

One is Badly Needed for Examination of Steamboat Officers.

Those interested in the navigation of inland waterways of British Columbia are desirous of seeing a permanent board of examiners established for the convenience of those who wish to pass the necessary examinations for master's and mate's papers. It is proposed that the resident custom officer and two competent master mariners constitute the board. This board could work under Dominion authorities at Victoria or be directly supervised and connected by the departments of marine and fisheries at Ottawa, as would be most advisable.

There are a number of officers capable of creditably passing their examinations who are prevented from obtaining promotion because of the absence of a local board of examiners. It is, of course, possible for them to be examined by going to Victoria, but the expense of such a trip and difficulty to obtain leave of absence is considered uncalled for.

A petition will be circulated and forwarded to Ottawa to obtain the appointment of a board if something is not soon done in the matter by the Dominion government.

Answers to Correspondents.

P. S. Renier, North Yakima:—Nelson is the chief town in Kootenay by reason of it being the banking, railroad and steamboat centre of the district. It is well supplied with churches and schools; most of the ordinary trades are well represented; there is a water service which will shortly be extended and improved, and an electric lighting system. The population at present is about 2,500 and will be double that amount in a very short space of time. The town as a place of residence is one of the most beautiful in British Columbia.

"And you drinks the air like shandygaff,
For it's boose that's better'n wine;
And makes you eat like a tram-car 'orse,
And sleep like a bloomin' swine."

J. McT. R., Rossland:—Will answer your inquiry concerning the Kootenay Mining and Development Company next week.

J. E. W., Toronto:—There is much difference between mining and speculating in mining stocks. You had better obtain the services of a reliable and practical mining engineer.

NELSON--BEDLINGTON.

APPLICATION TO BE MADE FOR A RAILWAY CHARTER.

It is Evidently for the Purpose of Perfecting the Great Northern System in Kootenay.

The importance of Nelson as a natural railroad centre becomes more evident every day. The approaching session of the provincial legislature has caused preliminary arrangements to be made for application of still another company for building a railway with Nelson as its Kootenay terminus.

At present it is impossible to discover what influence is behind the project which A. St.G. Hamersley, of Vancouver, advertises in this issue of the MINER. This advertisement amounts to a notice of intention to ask the Legislative Assembly, at its next sitting, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of equipping, maintaining and operating a railway from Bedlington near the international boundary line between the province of British Columbia and the United States to the town of Nelson with powers to construct, equip maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points along the main or branch lines.

The townsite of Bedlington is in the valley of the Kootenay river, about ten miles from its entrance to Kootenay lake, seventy miles from Nelson and only thirty-three miles from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, which is directly on the main trans-continental line of the Great Northern railway.

It is well known the president, J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, fully recognizes the importance and extent of Kootenay's trade. His influence and money are responsible for the construction of the Kaslo and Slocan railway which, while it has been proved a very profitable enterprise, is not sufficient in itself for vigorous competition with the recently established all rail lines of the Canadian Pacific railway in this district. The unnavigable condition of the Kootenay river during the winter season is the main draw-back of the Great Northern system of feeders. The building of the Nelson-Bedlington road is the missing and necessary link of the Great Northern in this section of British Columbia. Mr. Hill, in perfecting his railway system in B. C., is compelled to observe the regulations governing such matters. A separate company and charter are necessary; hence the application of Mr. Hamersley. The construction of the proposed road will undoubtedly prove an excellent investment and will be partially subscribed to by British investors. Mr. Hamersley is an English barrister and a corporation lawyer. He is now supposed to be in England in quest of financial support for this company as well as for a proposed line from Golden to Fort Steele in East Kootenay.

Engineers in the employ of the Kaslo and Slocan Railway Company have done considerable surveying along the upper Kootenay river and there is a well defined rumor that representatives of this company are now surveying in the vicinity of Bedlington.

The construction of the Nelson-Bedlington line would be a comparatively easy undertaking.

THE WAR EAGLE SOLD.

After a Stormy Session in Spokane Stockholders Decided to Accept the Gooderham's Offer.

At a meeting of the stock holders of the War Eagle Mining Company at Spokane last Wednesday it was decided to sell the War Eagle mine to the Gooderham syndicate for $700,000 cash, the company to retain all credits and assets to date. By this arrangement the stock holders will get about $1.54 per share.

The meeting was an exciting one and considerable opposition was made to the sale by the smaller interests. Of the stock represented 267,145 shares voted for the proposition and 173,995 shares voted against it.

Other bids to purchase the property were made. F. T. Post on behalf of the Heneage syndicate offered $810,000, $200,000 cash and balance in forty days. F. Burbridge offered $900,000, $25,000 cash $430,000 in sixty days and $450,000 in ninety days. A second offer by Mr. Post was $900,000, $200,000 cash.

John A. Finch, vice president of the War Eagle Mining Conpany declares that the Gooderham proposition was accepted because it was of a definite nature and on a cash basis, while the other offers were not. He says there are other reasons which actuated the majority of stock holders which, when fully known, will justify them accepting the Gooderham terms.

Last Thursday, J. B. Hastings, acting for the Gooderham interests formally took possession of the mine.

Those holding original War Eagle stock will receive from this deal and dividends and sales of the Iron Mask, Virginia and Poorman mines, which were once owned by the War Eagle Company, about $26 for every dollar invested.

It is said on good authority that the plans for the construction of the smelter at Northport, which were threatened for a time by the Gooderham purchase, will be fully carried out.

A rumor was started in Rossland during the meeting of the stock holders in Spokane that the British Columbia mining and incorporation laws would not permit the sale being made without the observance of certain formalities, such as advertisement of sale within the province and the holding of a meeting of the directors at Rossland, but as the War Eagle Company obtained, at the time of incorporation, full right to buy or sell without further hindrance, the sale as made is perfectly regular and valid.

KASLO NEWS.

A Fatal Accident.—A Proposed Hospital.—General Local Intelligence.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Kaslo, Jan. 22.—The newly elected city council held its first meeting last Monday. With the exception of the election of the various committee's to act for the ensuing year, nothing but routine work was taken up.

Wednesday a telegram was received here from Whitewater stating that John Gillis, the forman of the Ibex mine, had been caught in a snowslide and killed. All of the men employed at the mine have worked hard to recover the body but with little hope of doing so. Later reports say that the night shift at the Whitewater mine all volunteered to go and assist in the search. After a days work in which some of them narrowly escaped death, search was abandoned as slide after slide came down on top of the first one. There is no expectation of recovering the boby before next summer's sun has melted away the snow, although superintendent Trethewey of the Ibex has ordered another search. Gillis was an old timer in this section and well known among the miners.

Two sisters of charity spent last week in Kaslo in support of the project of establishing a hospital which will ultimately have a large capacity. The sisters ask the co-operation of the citizens in securing a free site of two acres of land and a cash bonus of $3000 in consideration for which they will expend $40,000 in the establishment of a hospital. It is understood that the project will come before the city council at an early date and an effort made to make the gift a municipal matter by a special issue of debentures. A public meeting named a committee to wait on the council and lay the matter before them. The sisters guarantee that the hospital will be open to all classes irrespective of denomination.

Wednesday night a row occurred at the Theatre Comique between D. J. McDonald, who had been imbibing somewhat freely and an attendant, Robert Felix. Both were taken up before magistrate Chipman on Thursday. After hearing the case the magistrate administered a severe lecture to Felix accompanied by a fifteen dollar fine. McDonald was fined ten dollars.

Kaslo has had more than its share of accidents lately. Last Tuesday Alice Hamilton, a variety actress slipped on the icy walk and sustained a severe fracture of her leg. A damage suit against the city will probably be instituted.

Correspondence between the Dominion member of parliament for Kootenay and local parties indicates that the $3000 appropriation for the improvement of the Lardeau river will be ready for use in the very near future.

The public school of Kaslo is now inadequate to accommodate the children and a petition will be sent to the government for a graded school. There are now about 70 children attending at present and 30 or 40 more of age who are eligible but unable to gain admission.

Last Sunday the steamer Ainsworth took a jolly party of skaters down the lake about four miles where there is a small lake and smooth ice a short distance inland.

Frederick Steele, treasurer of the Ibex Mining Company, accompanied by Mr. Johnston returned from Winnipeg last Tuesday. Mr. Johnston is here for the purpose of looking for some good investments.

The skating rink is open but the ice is not in the best condition, owing to lack of frost.

Ex-councilman A. D. Jones, of Spokane, spent a few days last week looking for good investments in Kaslo and vicinity.

Attorney Albert Allen of Spokane visited Kaslo this week on business.

Frank M. O'Brien returned Saturday from his holiday outing on the coast.

Kaslo is becoming quite a point for theatrical attractions. Two companies gave entertainments here this week.

A petition is being circulated in town asking support for a new weekly paper to be started in the near future.

P. G. Nash, a representative of the eastern stockholders of the Wellington mine, is in town on business connected with the company.

Editor King, accompanied by Frank B. Mackenzie of the Mail and Empire, went up to Cody Thursday to see the Noble Five Company's new tramway in operation.

No County Court Session.

Judge Forin did not hold court in Nelson last Friday and in lieu thereof has set Tuesday, January 26 as the day for the sitting.

The Spokane Exchange.

The Spokane Stock Exchange held its first meeting in the new quarters Monday morning. All members were present as well as some thirty or forty visitors. A number of bids werd made but no sales were recorded. At subsequent meetings during the week there was a fair attendance and some sales were made. A Rossland mine manager, is responsible for the statement that some calls and sales were of a fake nature.

The Cariboo mine, adjoining the Jumbo on the southeast will resume operations February 1.

A brewery building, measuring 72x78 feet, is being constructed on the Great Western mineral claim.

A drift towards the west from the 500-foot level of the Le Roi mine has proved the existence of ore carrying 2ozs. gold.

NEW WATER SUPPLY.

THE CONSUMERS' WATER COMPANY'S IMPROVEMENTS.

Estimates to be Immediately Made for Enlarging of Nelson's Present System of Waterworks.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Consumers' Water Works Company, was held in Nelson last Wednesday and provision was made for the extension of the system in this town. A syndicate was formed and arrangements made to take debentures and shares to the extent of $50,000 for the purposes of extension by a direct water supply from the Cottonwood-Smith creek. An impounding reservoir will be built just back of the town and Mr. H. B. Smith, of Rossland, an expert in water works engineering, will be put in charge. He is expected to be here at once to prepare plans and specifications and will have the work well under way as soon as the frost leaves the ground. This new system will give all the water required for a town three times the present size of Nelson.

In regard to the rates charged, no definite action was taken, but it view of the fact that the original investment has yielded nothing in four year's time, the members of the company feel that they will be justified in increasing the rates. It is anticipated that the establishment of the new system will allow the company to make many new connections that they cannot under the present system and this will, in itself, largely increase the revenue. It is provided in the charter of the company that only $1.50 may be charged in houses having only four occupants and to overcome this clause, the company will, if it is found necessary and expedient, resort to metre charges according to the number of gailons used.

ALLEGED DEFALCATION.

A Trusted Employee of a Commercial Company Short in his Account.—Other Police News.

At the instance of Constable J. P. Russell of Nelson, George P. West was arrested in Spokane last Wednesday on a charge of embezzlement and was brought here on the day following He was taken before Magistrate Fitzstubbs yesterday for preliminary examination but as the prosecution was not ready to proceed, the case was laid over and will probably be taken up again next Monday.

It appears that West was appointed by the court as receiver for the Slocan Store Company, at the Three Forks concentrator about one mile below Three Forks and owing to his prominence there was no suspicion that every thing was not correct. He recently left without telling his destination and an investigation of his accounts revealed the fact that there was a shortage which is variously estimated at between $1000 and $1500. It is said that the prisoner's friends are prepared to settle the matter.

The case of Tiny May, charged with selling liquor without a license at Frederickton, came up for a hearing for the third time before magistrate Fitzstubbs yesterday and the prosecution asked for a further continuance. In view of the fact that the woman left Toad Mountain before the proceedings were commenced the court refused to grant the continuance and asked the woman to plead. She entered a plea of guilty but upon her statement that she intended to go away, sentence was suspended.

PERSONALS.

J. Galt, one of the Galts of the Lethbridge railway, is stopping at the Phair.

Ex-State senator S. J. Luce, of Spokane, was in town during the week.

T. G. Procter, of Balfour, is here for a few days.

E. Atherton, of Sandon, was in Nelson last Tuesday.

J. Poupore, of Nakusp, was here last Thursday on business.

R. F. Dodd came up from Rossland on Wednesday.

Messrs. Marpole and Barnard left town by the C. & K. railway on Thursday morning.

Messrs. George Laforme and T. Downs, two well known residents of Revelstoke, were married to Revelstoke ladies last Thursday.

V. A Schilling, representing the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, has arrived here in search of business for his company.

John Hirsch, P.L.S., has returned from Wild Horse creek where he has completed the survey of the Elise mineral claim.

A. E. Lott, of the firm of Clements & Lott of the Merchants hotel, starts to day on an extended visit to his former home at Avening, Ontario.

The London Mine.

A recent meeting at Kaslo of the principal stock holders of the London Hill Development and Mining Company elected the following board of directors: O. T. Stone, Hamilton Byers, Harold Selous, T. G. Procter and A. Whealler.

The London mine, which is the chief property of the company, is being extensively developed. About 800 feet of tunnelling has been done and some rich ore has been mined. Three new leads have been tapped recently by a long cross cut tunnel. The company may construct a tramway next spring.

TO SURVEY THE LAKE.

Petition Being Prepared for Presentation to the Ottawa Authorities.

A numerously signed petition will shortly be presented to the department of Marine and Fisheries, of the Dominion government, praying for a survey of Kootenay Lake, its navigable tributaries and outlet and the establishment of a system of buoys and lights. For the last five years the authorities at Ottawa have only appropriated about $50 for the convenience of shipping in these waters. This money was spent in placing a mast light at the entrance of the lake outlet. Its maintenence costs about $20 a month. There is shallow water in the vicinity of Balfour owing to the deposit of sediment from Kootenay Lake. These shoals thus formed vary with the high water which occurs every spring and up to the present time masters of steamers have been compelled to exercise great caution and make considerable investigation to ensure safe navigation. The same condition prevails at other points along the lake and river. The value of Kootenay lake transportations is considerably over a million dollars a year.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Happenings of the Week in Nelson and the Immediate Vicinity.

The C.P.R. dock is to be enlarged and improved at an early date.

The Robson saw mill will be in full operation by February 1st.

J. Lindblade has bonded the Summit claim, a Wild Horse creek property, to an English company.

The big tunnel on the Silver King is now 700 feet long. It is being driven as fast as possible.

Owing to storms, the telegraph line between Nelson and Revelstoke has been considerably interrupted during the week.

The Revelstoke Herald, published by Messrs. Johnson and Pettipiece, made its first appearance last week.

Mr. J. H. Bowes has been appointed by the Attorney-General to conduct the prosecution of Hespler at the next session of the county court at Nelson.

The Nelson Electric Light Company expects to increase its plant in about ninety days. The company has received bids for the contemplated improvements.

Claim owners from the country tributary to Hall creek report that about 200 men are doing development work this season on various properties in that district.

The Hon. Dr. Montague and Hon. Mr. Haggart, late of the conservative cabinet, may not come to Kootenay as was their intention. Dr. Montague has been taken sick at Vancouver. If they come at all they will arrive next week.

A very enjoyable dance was held in the fire hall last Wednesday evening by about twenty-five young couples. The programme contained twenty dances. The affair was given under the auspices of the Nelson Dancing Club.

All Ancient Free and Accepted Masons sojourning in Nelson are requested to meet the members of Nelson Lodge No. 23, A.F. & A.M., at 2 p.m. in the masonic hall to-morrow, Sunday, to attend the funeral of W. Bro. G. H. Rashdall.

The building on Josephine street occupied by the Star bakery caught fire from the furnace on Thursday evening and burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at about $250. The fire department responded promptly.

The "Charity ball" given on the evening of December 23rd for the benefit of the Kootenay Lake general hospital was not such a financial success as it might have been. The receipts were $112 and the expenses $110.20 leaving a balance of $1.71.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church purposes holding a parlor social at the house of Capt. and Mrs. Duncan, West Silica street, on Wednesday evening next. Every effort will be put forth to make this a most enjoyable evening. All are invited.

William Darcy, an employee of P. Burns & Co., of Nelson, has made a good record for quick work. On Monday last at 7 o'clock a.m. he started with a band of fifty sheep from town to the Silver King mines. Upon his arrival there he slaughtered and dressed them for the market, weighed them, got back to Nelson at 7 p. m. and handed in the record of weights to his employers.

Purchase of Boundary Property.

Hon. T. M. Daly of Rossland, W. A. Macdonald of Nelson and Andrew Kelly of Brandon, Manitoba, have purchased a one-half interest in the Golden Crown claim in Wellington camp, Boundary district, the consideration being $15,000 cash. The property gives assays from $100 to $400 in gold.

Deal on Toad Mountain.

The Golden and Alaska claims on Toad mountain, three miles from town, have been sold to Messrs. Gurd & Cairns for a respectable figure. The same gentlemen have also bonded for twelve months the Deadwood, an adjoining property, for $30,000. The ore from this claim runs from $6 to $10 in gold. It is the intention of those having the bond to commence development early next spring.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1897.

West Kootenay is thankful that it has valuable resources that can be taxed.

The people are commencing to wonder what rate of taxation will be levied upon the coal interests on Vancouver Island.

The fact that the Ministerialist party is not dead but sleepeth is no criterion that it will not take up its bed and walk from office.

It will be interesting to note if Col. Baker will deliver his stock speech on bi-metallism at the next sitting of the provincial parliament.

The defeat of Joseph B. Choate and the choice of Thomas C. Platt for United States senator by the New York state legislature is another striking instance of the triumph of American political bossism over merit and ability.

The last legislature of New Brunswick succeeded in disposing of 145 bills in five weeks. At the last session of British Columbia's Legislative Assembly three months time was needed to discuss only 80 measures.

The Opposition members of the Victoria parliament, at the coming session are likely to fall over each other to be first in asking the Minister of Finance for a statement of public receipts and expenditures in the districts of the South Riding of West Kootenay.

A RE-DISTRIBUTION.

The Government "pocket boroughs" or, to use a western colloquiallism, cinch electral districts which largely go towards making the present division for representation in the Legislative Assmbly should be abolished and an equitable re-distribution of seats should be made. It is nothing short of preposterous that an insignificant district like Esquimalt should have two members, and entirely disproportionate that East and West Lillooet, with a combined voting population of 319, should have more than one. Victoria's interests and advancement could be represented and cared for by three members instead of four with equal justice.

There has been no re-organization in this matter since the session previous to the last election. When the voting districts were arranged as follows:

DISTRICT.	NO. OF VOTERS.
Cariboo	456
Cassiar	206
Comox	522
Cowichan-Alberni	516
East Kootenay	625
Esquimalt	451
East and West Lillooet	319
Nanaimo City	974
" District, north	702
" " south	294
New Westminster City District	1409
Vancouver City District	3790
Victoria City	4617
" north	330
" south	597
West Kootenay, north riding	550
" " south "	925
New Westminster District (Chilliwack)	801
" " " (Delta)	1130
" " " (Dewdney)	795
" " " (Richmond)	951
Yale, east	1022
" north	693
" west	500

The last apportionment was unfair to West Kootenay, but it has certainly become much more so now. The great increase of the population in the Nelson, Trail Creek and Slocan regions necessitates a much larger representation. THE MINER is confident that a new voter's list would fully warrant the partition of West Kootenay into at least five electoral districts and, for want of a better plan, would suggest that the mining divisions as classified below be made electoral districts with one member each:

1. Nelson electoral district, to include what are now known as the Nelson and Goat River mining divisions.

2. Rossland electoral district, to include the towns of Rossland and Trail and what is known as the Trail Creek mining division.

3. Kaslo electoral district, to include the city of Kaslo, the towns of Ainsworth and Pilot Bay and what is known as the Ainsworth mining division.

4. The Slocan electoral district, to include what is known as the Slocan mining division.

5. The Revelstoke electoral district, to include what are known as the Revelstoke, Illicilliwaet and Trout Lake mining divisions.

Unfortunately, it is impossible just now to illustrate by exact figures the population and number of eligible voters contained in the localities as classed above; but it is entirely safe to say that in each district there are now a sufficient number to justify the representation proposed, although at the present wonderfully rapid rate of settlement, Kootenay will need still greater representation in a comparatively short time.

STOCK-JOBBING PROMOTERS.

The timidity which Britishers have always more or less evinced in the purchase of American mines has not been lessened lately by several attempts to float on the London market Cripple Creek, Colorado, properties of very questionable value, for enormous sums of money. Tricks that cannot be characterized otherwise than downright dishonest have been resorted to by the promoters in each instance. The only logical result of this is plainly evident: The English public, in their inherent conservatism, will look for other fields for investment.

It would be well if British Columbians accept this as an object-lesson in their new-born efforts to thoroughly and successfully interest the chief money centre of the world in our mineral resources. As long as this province does not possess the cash requisate for development purposes, the outside world must be relied upon for assistance, and, seeing there is no possible better connection than the London market, let us by all means enjoy the benefits of it to the fullest extent.

But this cannot be done if there occur many more such instances as the recent promotion in London of the Galena Mines Ld., by the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration Company. Such a transaction may be fairly described as being on a par with the stock-jobbing methods of Cripple Creek schemers. A few months ago, several prospects on the Galena farm, Slocan Lake, were bonded to this company and some developmen work has since been done upon them; but, so far as is known, no ore bodies were discovered or developed that would place any one of the properties beyond the stage of very promising prospects. Certain of these bonds have been taken up by the Exploration company and merged into the Galena Mines Ld. It is safe to say that the expense involved in acquiring and developing the property during the period of the bond, does not exceed $100,000. The Galena Mines Ld. has capitalized these interests at £550,000 in £1 shares. According to the MINER'S London correspondent, whose letter was published in last week's issue, £75,000 or $375,000 of this enormous amount was offered for public subscription at par value, and £11,000 worth was actually sold. Those who originally owned these properties are congratulating themselves upon the successful completion of their sale. It will be seen by the above figures that decidedly more than ample provision has has been made to cover this outlay by the issuance of £75,000 or $375,000 worth of stock for public subscription. The confident statement of the promoters that these prospects will produce £188,750 per annum is very problematical. There still remains in the possession of the modest(?) gentlemen who are responsible for the existance of the Galena Mines Ld., about $2,375,000 worth of stock supposing that, since the MINER'S London letter was dispatched, the entire £75,000 worth of stock has been subscribed.

When the promoters of companies, by such imposition as is here instanced, threaten the arrest of our newly inaugerated era of legitimate development, it is the duty of the press and all individuals interested in the future welfare of the country, to protect the outside investing public as much as possible; hence this reference. It is to be hoped that the London market will not be seriously prejudiced against Kootenay by the recent exploits of the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration Company.

PROVINCIAL PARTY LINES.

The convening of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at Victoria on Monday February 8, will very probably be the inauguration of an interesting session. The year which has intervened since the last sitting of the house has been so frought with general activity in the mining interests of Kootenay that the entire province is aroused. The Rip-Van-Winkle-like sleep that leaders in provincial politics have hitherto peacefully enjoyed, with the exception of an annual nightmare in the manner of a parliamentry session, has about come to an end; the Opposition is wide awake and the Ministeralists are commencing to unclose their eyes and wonder where they are at.

More than a year must elapse before another provincial election is held under ordinary circumstances; but it is not improbable that the coming Assembly will witness a very serious test, if not actual defeat, for the Government. The Ministerialists were returned at the last election with a good working majority, but that was under the aggressive if somewhat clumbsy leadership of Mr. Theodore Davie, and before the mineral wealth of the interior districts had attracted such universal attention and caused a new era of progress. Mr. Davie's elevation to the office of Chief Justice in 1895, necessitating his retirement from politics, the choice of another premier and leader by his followers resulted in Mr. Turner becoming his successor. It is generally conceded that the present Minister of Finance has not made a success of his leadership; he will be chiefly remembered for the collection of enormous sums of money by taxing the struggling miners of Kootenay and an almost total disregard for the district's development. But it is Mr. R. P. Rithet, a Victoria member of the legislature, who will probably be the rock upon which the ministerial ship will founder. He has sunk considerable of his money in a hair-brained railway scheme and apparently desires to add to the already large sized public debt by legislating the country to the verge of bankruptcy in support of the British Pacific subsidy. It is expected that a bill for the assisitance of Mr. Rithet's project will be brought before the house at its next sitting. The members who have some sincere regard for the financial condition of the province and who do not desire total political oblivion in the future will vote against the measure and so cause the defeat of the Government. Should this happen, the Opposition as it stands today, is not any more competent as a body to warrant the assumption that they could display more legislative and executative powers for the public welfare than those now in control. An election must follow and men of ability, stability and enterprise must come to the front and help put the province on to the middle of the road to prosperity.

The recent influx of Eastern people has so greatly added to our population, and the governing of the province has become a matter of such great importance that the town-council methods, heretofore existing, must be discontinued and entirely abolished.

Whether the next election takes place in less or more than a year from the present time it would be well that candidates for the local parliament appeal for the suffrage of the people on well defined party lines such as is customary in Dominion politics, and on a definite platform concerning local issues.

It is reported that political influence is being exercised to make Mr. D. G. Macdonell, of Vancouver, the successor of Mr. Justice McCreight on the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Macdonell has practiced at his profession for about a year in British Columbia and in that time has hardly displayed the abilities that should place him ahead of those of long and creditable residence in the Province.

What have become of Mr. P. A. Irving's rights for this honor? Surely he is as much, if not more, entitled to promotion as is Mr. Macdonell! Or is the assumption correct that a man must be a politician to become a judge?

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The following is a summary of the treaty of arbitration agreed upon by Her Majesty's government and the United States:—

The first article provides that the high contracting parties agree to submit to arbitration in accordance with the provisions, subject to the limitations of this treaty, all questions of difference between them which they may fail to adjust by diplomatic negotiations.

The second article of the treaty provides that all pecuniary claims or group of claims not exceeding an aggregate of £15,000 sterling, and which shall not involve the determination of territorial claims; shall be decided by an arbitration tribunal to be constituted.

The third article provides that each of the high contracting parties shall nominate as an arbitrator a jurist of national repute, and these two within two months shall select an umpire. If they fail in this the umpire shall be appointed by agreement by the members of the Supreme court of the United States and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain, each nominating body acting by a majority. If they fail to agree within three months the umpire shall be selected in accordance with article 10, namely, by the King of Sweden. The umpire shall preside over the tribunal, and the award of the majority shall be final.

Article 4 provides that all pecuniary claims exceeding £10,000 sterling or disputes involving treaty rights, but not territorial claims shall be decided by a tribunal in accordance with article five.

Article 5 provides for the submission of the foregoing to the tribunal whose award, if unanimous, shall be final, but if not unanimous, either of the contracting parties may within six months of the award demand a review thereof. The matter shall then be submitted to a tribunal of five entirely different jurists, each side selecting two, and the four thus chosen selecting an umpire within three months.

In the event of a failure the umpire shall be chosen in accordance with the third article, or failing in that by King Oscar, of Sweden. The award of a majority of the tribunal shall be final.

It is provided by article 6 that the territorial claims shall be submitted to a tribunal of six, three of whom, subject to the provisions of article 8, shall be judges of the supreme court of the United States, or judges of the circuit court, nominated by the President of the United States, and the other three, also subject to article 8, shall be judges of the British supreme court or members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, nominated by the Queen, whose award by a majority of not less than 5 to 1 shall be final. In case the award is made by a less majority it shall also be final, unless either power shall within three months protest that the award was erroneous, when it shall be invalid. There shall even then be no recourse to hostile measures, until the mediation of one or more friendly powers has been invited by one or two parties.

Article 7 provides that objection to the jurisdiction of the tribunal shall only be as follows: "Before the conclusion of a hearing of a claim under article 3 or 5 either party may invite tribunal to decide whether that question involves a grave matter of national rights. If the tribunal so decides, the jurisdiction of the tribunal shall cease and the dispute shall be settled under article 6.

Article 8 provides that where the question involved concerns a particular state of the United States the President may appoint a judicial officer of such state or territory to be one of the arbiters. The same principle applies to Great Britain.

Article 9 provides that the term "territorial claims" shall include all other claims involving questions of servitude, rights of navigation, access to fisheries, and all rights and interests necessary to the control and enjoyment of territory.

Article 11 is not given.

Article 12 provides that each government shall pay its own arbiter, and the tribunal, in finally disposing of the matter, shall direct whether any expenses of the successful party shall be borne by the unsuccessful party.

Article 13 deals with the routine of the tribunal. The place of meeting, etc., is to be decided by the tribunal itself.

Article 14 provides that the treaty shall remain in force for five years and until the expiration a year after either party gives notice of its termination.

Article 15 provides that the treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States and Queen Victoria, and that the exchange of ratifications shall occur in Washington or London within six months of the date of the treaty or earlier if possible.

An English Newspaper's Opinion

The London, Eng., Observer, a most reliable newspaper says in a recent issue: "To the capitalist British Columbia offers a splendid field for investment, whether in mining properties, smelters, waterworks, salmon canneries, saw-mills, or town lots; and there is no reason why a large amount of English and European capital should not go into the country if the present satisfactory development continues, but there are so many rich mineral fields to tempt the mining investor that unless this colony keeps a clean record it cannot expect much support."

Victoria's New Mayor.

C. E. Redfern, the newly elected mayor of Victoria, proposes to inaugurate an administration which shall have progress for its chief feature. The improvements of streets and the water supply of the city, an adoption of some plan of conciliation with regard to the sufferers of the Point Ellice bridge disaster are a few salient points of his policy.

NEW FREIGHT SYSTEM.

The C. P. R. Adopts Another Method of Handling Goods.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has made a rather important change in their system of freight traffic. Freight carried by this line will be divided into three separate classes, "Rush," "Fast," and "Ordinary." All agents of the company are being supplied with discs of cardboard nine inches in diameter with the words "Rush Freight" on a red background, and "Fast Freight" on green. These will be affixed to the outside of cars to distinguish the class of goods in each.

There are certain classes of goods which in future will be known as "Rush" or "Red Disc," freight, and are to be forwarded with the greatest despatch. Other classes are to be named "Fast," or "Green Disc," freight, and to receive preference over "ordinary" freight, though not over "rush" freight. Red disc freight will comprise tea, silk, and Asiatic goods from Vancouver, green fruit, except apples, dressed beef (except shipments between Detroit and Newport), eggs, butter, export cheese and provisions, and export apples between November 1 and April 1, and also freight to be specially nominated. Green disc freight will comprise all except coarse merchandise included in classes 7, 8, and 10 of the Canadian Joint Freight Classification, between points in the Eastern States and Detroit, the Soo, Kootenay, the Pacific, Eastern Canada and Manitoba, and between points east of North Portal and British Columbia.

KOOTENAY MINING STOCKS.

NOTE. No stocks are listed in the following table unless the property on which they are founded has been fully paid for and the title perfected.

Companies.	No. of Shares	Par Value	Price.
NELSON.			
Hall Mines	300,000	£ 1	£ 0 28s
Exchequer	1,000,000	$ 1 00	$ 0 10
ROSSLAND.			
Alberta	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Beaver	750,000	1 00	0 07½
Big Three	3,500,000	1 00	0 10
Butte	1,000,000	1 00	0 06½
Brit. Can. Goldfields	2,500,000	1 00	0 40
B. C. Gold King	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Bluebird	600,000	1 00	0 10
Caledonia Con	500,000	1 00	0 10
California	2,500,000	1 00	
C. & C.	500,000	1 00	
Celtic Queen	700,000	1 00	0 04½
Centre Star	500,000	1 00	
Colonna	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Commander	500,000	1 00	0 25
Crown Point	1,000,000	1 00	0 40
Deer Park	1,000,000	1 00	0 24
Delacola	1,000,000	1 00	0 04½
Eastern Star	500,000	1 00	0 20
Enterprise	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Eric	1,000,000	1 00	0 9
Evening Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 14
Georgia	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Gertrude	500,000	1 00	0 15
Golden Drip	500,000	1 00	0 12½
Golden Queen	1,000,000	1 00	
Great Western	1,000,000	1 00	0 17
Hattie Brown	1,000,000	1 00	0 7½
Helen	600,000	1 00	0 6
High Ore	500,000	1 00	0 7
Homestake	1,000,000	1 00	0 17½
Idaho	500,000	1 00	
Imperial	1,000,000	1 00	0 06
Iron Horse	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Iron Mask	500,000	1 00	0 58
I X L	1,000,000	1 00	
Josie	700,000	1 00	0 58
Jumbo	500,000	1 00	0 57
Knight Templar	500,000	1 00	0 7
Kootenay-London	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Le Roi	500,000	5 00	7 50
Lily May	500,000	1 00	0 20
Mayflower	1,000,000	1 00	0 14½
Monita	750,000	1 00	0 22½
Monte Cristo	1,000,000	1 00	0 16
Morning Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Nest Egg	500,000	1 00	0 10
Northern Belle	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Novelty	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
O. K.	1,000,000	1 00	0 31
Palo Alto	1,000,000	1 00	0 8
Phœnix	500,000	1 00	0 15
Poorman	500,000	1 00	0 9
Red Mountain view	1,000,000	1 00	0 12
R. E. Lee	2,000,000	1 00	0 15
Rochester	500,000	1 00	
Rossland, Red Mt.	1,000,000	1 00	0 25
Washington	1,000,000	1 00	
St. Elmo	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
St Paul	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Silverine	500,000	1 00	0 11
South Cross & W con	500,000	1 00	0 20
Union	600,000	1 00	
Virginia	500,000	1 00	0 19
War Eagle†	500,000	1 00	1 57
West Le Roi	500,000	1 00	0 17½
White Bear	2,000,000	1 00	
AINSWORTH.			
Dellie	750,000	1 00	0 12½
BOUNDARY.			
Old Ironsides	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
CAMP MCKINNEY.			
Cariboo†	800,000	1 00	0 51
REVELSTOKE.			
Orphan Boy	700,000	1 00	0 15
SLOCAN.			
Alamo	500,000	1 00	
Cumberland	50,000	10 00	
Dardanelles	1,000,000	1 00	
Grey Eagle	750,000	1 00	
Idler	1,000,000	1 00	0 07½
Kootenay-Columbia	400	100 00	
Minnesota	1,000,000	1 00	
Noble Five Con	1,200,000	1 00	0 62
Rambler Con	1,000,000	1 00	
Reco	1,000,000	1 00	
Slocan Star†	1,000,000	50	2 35
Sunshine	50,000	10 00	
Rossland Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Wonderful	1,000,000	1 00	0 15

†Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, $275,000; War Eagle, $187,000; Cariboo, $112,000; Slocan Star, $300,000. Alamo, Idaho, Cumberland, Reco and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

THE LANARK MINE.

The Manager of the L. F. R. & C. Gold Fields Ld., Tells of Improvements.

Mr. F. S. Barnard, manager and director of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Limited, and interested in the Consumers Water Supply Company of Nelson was here last Wednesday. Speaking of the work being done by the first named company he said:

"The company is now engaged in opening up five groups of mines and have 300 men employed. We have just about completed the tramway and concentrator at the Lanark mine near Illiciliwaet. We have developed it to the 400-foot level and have 100,000 tons of ore in sight to send to the concentrator. The mine has a 25 foot vein; a 5 foot seam of solid mineral and 20 feet of concentrating ore. Assays in the latter give 65 ounces of silver and 75 per cent lead. After April 1 we hope to be shipping 40 tons to the concentrator daily.

"In the Lardeau the company is developing two groups, the Sunshine group, in which is the well known Silver Cup mine, and the Alpha group. Both are looking well and 40 men are employed on them. We are also developing the Aaron group at Montgomery camp and have 30 men employed there. We have abandoned the Waterloo and Apache groups, having found no values. In Rossland we are opening up the City of Spokane and have forty men employed there.

DEADLY PLAGUE.

The Pestilence in India is Said to be Spreading.

THE EXTENT OF THE FAMINE.

England's Generous Assistance.—The Heroic Indian Officials.—Europeans are Thoroughly Alarmed.

A telegram from Bombay states:—Plague and famine are stalking arm in arm through densely populated portions of the British Empire. Thousands are dead or dying, and the outlook is blacker and more terrible every day. Millions of helpless men, women and children are starving, and the famine-stricken district, having a population of nearly 40,000,000 people, will have to depend on the hand of charity for enough to keep body and soul together until April or later. Other districts, with a population numbering about 50,000,000, are already feeling the pangs of bitter deprivation of food, and this must be endured well on into spring before permanent relief will be afforded by nature. Funds for the relief of the sufferers are being raised on all sides. A very large amount will be needed to provide food even for those unfortunate people who live on almost nothing, in comparison with Europeans and others, from one end of the year to the other.

The mortality has quadrupled. Half the 850,000 population of Bombay has disappeared. The number of deaths daily in Bombay alone is estimated at 3000; this is increasing as time goes on.

At Karachi, Poona, and Bandra the plague has broken out, owing to refugees seeking safety there from the affected districts. Government officials are fearing the spread of the plague to the English troops stationed in India. Many people believe that the only effective way to rid the city of the calamity is to apply the torch. English government officials are showing a fine example to the natives; many of them are working night and day in their efforts to stamp out the pestilence.

Spread of the Plague.

London, Jan. 22.—The Medical Courier mentions a report that six bubonic plague cases have reached Marseilles, France, and adds that it believes the disease will not spread, as the town is in good sanitary condition.

New York is guarding against the plague.

English Assistance.

A telegram from London says: The sympathy of Great Britain is thoroughly aroused and relief funds have been started in all the chief towns for the relief of those districts in India afflicted by the bubonic plague. The Mansion House fund already amounts to nearly £200,000 and it is hoped the total fund will reach £700,000, which was the amount subscribed for the last famine. Some newspapers are advising that the government vote a big grant or lend India £10,000,000.

The Lord Mayor of London, when interviewed by a press correspondent, said he was hopeful that Canadians and Americans would lend some assistance to the Indian sufferers.

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A LOVE AFFAIR.

"Beauties, sir; American beauties! They don't exist, save upon paper or in photographs. I hate American women, sir; they're so unwomanly."

And then Captain Lovelace blew out a great cloud of smoke, and seemed to swear inwardly.

Now, Lovelace, was our lady killer; we looked up to him as having had tremendous successes. We should none of us have thought of asking him to dinner—that would have been far too dangerous to the peace of mind of those of us who are married. And as for our daughters, Lovelace wasn't a marrying man; but here, in the stilly night, we did not mind listening to Lovelace's adventures and chuckling over them. Lovelace was rather fond of relating his successes. A terrible fellow, a professional lady-killer, sir; horribly good looking, mowed 'em down like grass; he was a regular upas tree to the whole sex.

"But I thought you went to the States on purpose to study the American female?" said I.

"So I did, Pumper, so I did. But I was cured of the American female in Paris. I had a terrible experience. I was deceived, sir, deceived by a woman," he added, very solemnly; "and for the first time in my life," and then he groaned aloud.

We had dined together, Lovelace and I, and we had a bottle of '34 port. It always makes a fellow communicative and confiding, our '34 port, and if we hadn't had it I shouldn't have got the story out of Lovelace, but the '34 port did it, and Lovelace wanted no urging to tell his tale—he was still smarting from his recent wrongs.

"Rather a new experience for you," I said, with a sympathizing smile.

"New sir," he replied; "it was horrible; it has destroyed my illusions. I have ceased to look on women as angels. I met her in Paris," he said. "The husband was a busy man—a mere money grabber, a soulless drudge. I met them at the embassy. Mrs. Van Spoof was a pretty woman. I was naturally attentive and Van Spoof invited me to dinner. There were no other guests.

"'You've no business, I guess,' said Mr. Van Spoof, after Cynthia—I mean Mrs. Van—had left us to our coffee; 'you're just hanging round, ain't you?' said he.

"'You've hit it,' I replied, 'it's just that. I'm here for pleasure.'

"'Ah,' said Van Spoof, with an amused grin, 'here for pleasure, eh?' and then he vulgarly dug me in the ribs. 'Now, look here, Cap,' said Mr. Van Spoof familiarly, 'you're just the chap to show Cynthy round; My hands are full; I'm up to my eyes in work. You show Cynthy round; you trot her out; you'll be the very boy for her. We've got ten days here, you see, and Cynthy has to see the shows.'

"'Did Mrs. Van Spoof suggest this?' I asked, with some curiosity.

"'Waal, no,' replied the husband; 'it's my idee. There ain't no harm is there?' he asked, and he seemed to grin fatuously.

"I accepted the position at once, for I confess to you, Pumper, that I was smitten with Mrs. Van. We were congenial spirits. She admired Longfellow—so did I; I read Shakespeare—so did she; and she was a dear, delightful, Dresden china shepherdess sort of a little woman. But you've seen her, and so I needn't talk of her complexion, her figure, her wealth of golden hair, and her eyes—ah, those treacherous eyes!—and then Lovelace took a big gulp at his brandy and soda.

I hastened to assure him that I had seen her, and that she was a remarkably pretty woman, and generally admired.

"She's a Dead Sea apple, Pumper, that's what Cynthia—I mean Mrs. Van Spoof—is!" he cried; "to me, at least," he added, with a deep sigh.

"I personally conducted Mrs. Van during her ten days in the American paradise. Cook's tourists were nothing to her. She saw everything. We visited all the churches and went to the top of all the steeples. We descended into the catacombs; we inspected the morgue; we went to the Louvre, the Luxembourg and the Salon.

"We rushed to Versailles and the ruins of St. Cloud. We breakfasted and dined at a different restaurant and patronized a different theatre every day. We drove in the Bois and we went to the races, the Eden Theatre and the cafe concerts; it nearly killed me, Pumper. I explained. I translated. I bargained, and in the intervals—the short intervals—I laid regular siege to Mrs. Van Spoof.

"'Now, Capt. Love' (she always called me Capt. Love, the minx!)—now, Capt. Love, she would say, 'you really mustn't. It's playing it very low down upon Daniel to try to mash me. It isn't quite fair on poor little me, Capt. Love,' and then she she would hold up her little well-gloved hands in mock alarm, and insist on asking some insane question which had to be answered from the guide book. But I felt that I had touched her heart, for on the ninth day of our perambulation of Paris, just as I was about to suggest that she should fly with me—for they were leaving France for New York the next day—she suddenly buried her face in her handkerchief and declared that I frightened her.

"'Cynthia,' I said, 'we love each other. Unpropitious fate has linked you to a wretch who fails to appreciate you at your proper worth. I, Cynthia, on the other hand, am your slave for life. Darling,' I cried, warming up and preparing to quote poetry.

"'There's Dan'l!' screamed Mrs. Van Spoof; and, sure enough, there he was, advancing to us with a self satisfied smile.

"'I will come for your answer to morrow at 11,' I whispered, and then I rose to greet the poor, confiding husband.

"I ordered a third ice, for we were sitting in Tortoni's at the time, and tried to look as unconcerned as possible.

"I succeeded. Van Spoof, poor, simple, huckstering soul, suspected nothing.

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"Next day at 11 I presented myself at the Van Spoof's apartments at the Bristol. I was evidently expected. Cynthia was pale and her eyes sparkled with a feverish light. There were open trunks lying about in every direction. They were getting ready for the start to New York. I lost no time. 'Take the place with a rush,' is my motto.

"'Cynthia,' I cried, as I fell upon my knees and placed her taper fingers on my lips.

"'Capt. Love,' said Mrs. Van Spoof in a choking voice, 'the—Dan'l is in the next room, and—and he suspects. Let me implore you to leave me.'

"At that moment there was an imperious knock at the door—a husband's knock.

"'Save yourself!' cried Cynthia, as she held open the lid of an immense Saratoga trunk, one of those huge coffers without which no American lady ever travels.

"For her sake, for the sake of this transatlantic Imogen, I, a modern Iochimo, stepped into the great trunk. It wasn't fear of the man Van Spoof, Pumper; it was love—love for the treacherous little fair-haired viper, his wife.

"The lid closed upon me and I heard the ominous click of the spring lock.

"'Come in, Dan'l,' cried Cynthia Van Spoof; and before I heard the fellow's voice I smelled the odor of the rank cigars that he invariably smoked.

"'Waal, my gal,' said Van Spoof, 'are yeou through with them boxes?'

"'They're all packed, Dan'l. I've just filled the last one,' and Mrs. Van Spoof's voice seemed to be choked by a kind of sob.

"'Then they can be started off at once, pussy,' said Mr. Van Spoof.

"I heard no more; I believe I fainted.

"When I came to myself I was brought to by a tremendous concussion. I heard the noise of vehicles and the hum of voices. We were evidently in the street. I dared not utter a sound for Cynthia's sake. We were soon in the rapid motion over the smooth asphalt. The position was a terrible one. I couldn't turn, but I could breathe. I would go through with my terrible adventure for Cynthia's sake. What if I were to die of suffocation? Dreadful thought. But her secret, Cynthia's secret, the secret of our love, would be safe. She would release me at the first opportunity. She evidently had some plan—trust a woman's ingenuity for that—but she had not had time to communicate it. But my meditations were interrupted. I and my living tomb were suddenly, violently flung upon some hard substance. If it had not been for my hat my skull must have been fractured; as it was, I felt as if every bone in my body was dislocated. But I uttered no sound—no cry escaped me, for I felt that, perhaps, the eyes of Cynthia were upon the trunk, and a groan might betray us.

"We—the trunk and I—were banged about horribly for the next five minutes. Then somebody kicked us, a voice shouted, 'Grande vitesse, Charing Cross, enregistre,' and then my sufferings re-began. But I bore it, sir—I bore it for Cynthia's sake.

"I saw it all; she was eloping to England with me, and for a moment I pitied the poor, deluded American husband, Van Spoof.

"We were placed in the van, the train started. After what appeared like years of agony, though it was only a little over four hours, we were dragged forth. I was one vast ache, but my heart beat with happiness; for now, surely now, Cynthia would release me. My position was terrible; in total darkness, my knees in my mouth, unable to change my attitude, parched with thirst and want of air, it was worse than the miners in the coal mine, worse than the Little Ease; but hope, the hope of my reward, sustained me. And then I heard a voice—an honest, hearty English voice: 'Look out, below!'

"Then we, the trunk and I, flew through the air as if shot from a cross-bow. There was an awful crash and I lost consciousness. They had shot us, with the rest of the heavy luggage, down the steep shoot to the steamer's deck—a railroad collision was a joke to it.

"They put the heavy luggage forward; you feel the motion of the ship most there. I am a bad sailor, Pumper. I always have a private cabin when crossing the channel—I had one now. I draw a veil—you may fancy the rest. But I bore it all. I endured torments in the van from Folkestone from want of air; we, being big, were undermost in the huge pile of luggage in the van.

"When we got to Charing Cross at last the customs officials opened my prison. I learned afterwards that there was a label directing that the trunk was to be opened and examined immediately on arriving at Charing Cross. The label, sir, was in the handwriting of the fiend, Van Spoof. Had Cynthia betrayed me!

"They dragged me out, sir, more dead than alive, and I was at once given in charge for attempting to defraud the railroad company by traveling as passenger's luggage.

"I dared not tell the story. I gave a false name. I was fined £5 the next day and passed the night in a police cell. The magistrate said that he hoped it would be a warning to me.

"It will be, Pumper. Never—never while I live will I again pay my address to a married lady. But I wonder whether Cynthia—I mean Mrs. Van Spoof—did what she did under compulsion. I wonder?"

I shook hands with Capt. Lovelace and I sympathized, and then I bad him good night.

He's married now, poor fellow, so I tell the story.—The Argonaut.

Wedding Customs in Wales.

Until quite a recent date marriages in the rural districts of Wales were attended by many curious circumstances. When a wedding had been agreed upon, what were called "bidding papers" were sent round to the friends of the parties which requested the favor of the invited person's "very good and most agreeable company," and it was added, "whatever donation you may be pleased to bestow on us then will be thankfully acknowledged and cheerfully repaid whenever called for on a similar occasion." This paper was signed by the betrothed couple, and a double postscript was added on behalf of each, asking for the return of "all gifts of the above nature," together with additional favors. On the day of the wedding it was the custom of the bride to be hidden away by her friends and four or five representatives of the bridegroom would be chosen to discover her place of concealment and bring her forth, which was often a matter of considerable difficulty. Subsequently the friends of the bridegroom made an attack upon the escort of the bride and between the combatants the poor girl often got roughly handled. But eventually she would arrive at the church and the ceremony would be hurriedly gone through, after which all the male friends would engage in a furious race back to the bride's home, the victor being rewarded with a pint of ale. When the happy couple reached home they seated themselves at a table, each holding a plate for the reception of the "bidding money." Later on practical jokes were largely indulged in, the newly married pair being the usual victims.

WHERE THE FOLKS LIVE.

I.

The Magrums live on the tops of hills,
And the Nixies down in the wells;
The Doodles hide in the sparkling rills,
While the Jumblies swing in the bells.
The Bugaboos speak behind the doors,
And the Wudjies hang on the wall;
The Umpdeguffs creep under the floors,
And the Elves in the grasses tall.

II.

The Brownies you look for in the wood,
For the Kobalds, search all around;
The Grumps—a wonderful brotherhood—
In the meadows and lanes are found.
The Fairies dwell in the cups of flowers,
And the Fays in the moon's soft beams;
The Whangups live on the roofs of towers,
And the Sprites along by streams.

III.

And the Yahoos live in No Man's Land,
The Gnomes—down in the caves;
The Hugags hide their heads in the sand,
And the Tritons ride on the waves;
And the Dryads live—I don't know how—
In the shady groves with Pan himself;
While beneath the overhanging bough,
Is seen Puck's face—that knavish elf.

IV.

And once a year—so the stories run—
All these folks at the midnight meet,
And then! Such witchery and such fun,
And such queer shapes, such flying feet,
Such elfish laughter that rings so clear,
With such shouts and such dances gay;
And such a hurry far and near,
Out of sight at the peep o'day.

—EDITH SESSIONS TUPPER.

DEUCES WIN.

The stage was late. The two passengers waiting at the little station paced up and down the wooden platform, now and then stopping to gaze impatiently down the muddy road and then at the sun, which was fast sinking in the west.

One of the passengers was a young girl, pretty and self-possessed, although perhaps, a trifle nervous in her manner. She shivered slightly as the cool evening air blew in her face, and turned towards her partner in misfortune, who from his dress might be either a clergyman or a professional gambler. As if in answer to something he saw in her face, he raised his hat and came forward.

"Something is evidently wrong," he said, letting his bold black eyes rest on her face until her own fell and a warm blush rose to shame his imprudence. "High water at the ford, I dare say."

She lifted her eyes anxiously. "But they'll go through," she said almost imploringly. "Oh, I must get to Angel's to-night."

"Oh, certainly," he answered confidently. "They're sure to go through. See, here it comes now." And he turned and walked to the outer end of the station.

The lady looked once more down the road, but this time with a sigh of relief, and her hand went unconsciously to the heavy leather belt which confined her waist. Five thousand dollars in gold were concealed in that belt, and in the small grip she carried were checks and paper money amounting to the sum of $20,000. All Wells-Fargo treasure going to the mines at Angel's Camp.

Only the last week the stage had been held up and the agent badly shot, while the robbers escaped with the booty. This had been the third serious loss inside of two months, and the company vowed to outwit the spoilers. So they put their heads together and the outcome of their scheming was that Rose Maynard, the injured agent's sweetheart, stood waiting for the stage with $25,000 in her keeping.

Wet with the water of the ford, with horses dripping with foam, Dandy Jim drove up to the station, and at last the stage was in.

There were five passengers—two miners, a natty young man with a leathern case, evidently a drummer, an Irish woman and a Chinaman. Looking tired and cross, they hurried to the supper-room, while Dandy Jim descended slowly from his lofty seat.

"Pole busted," he said, laconically to the hostler. "Right leader lost a shoe," then strolled slowly to the bar.

But before he reached it a light touch was laid on his arm, and he turned quickly to look down into a pair of soft brown eyes, and Rose Maynard said sweetly: "May I ride with you, Jim?—the box seat, you know," and she smiled significantly as she handed him a bit of yellow paper.

"Well, I'll be blowed!" said Jim, "ef it ain't Miss Rose. Ride with me? Why, bless yer heart, of course you kin."

"Thank you," said Rose, and, giving him a smile that made his head spin, she turned away.

Jim stood stock still and gazed after her. "Ride with me," he muttered. "Well, you bet she kin. She's a daisy, and no mistake. Hope Jack won't be jealous," and he broke into a loud guffaw, which he as instantly checked, and hurried into the barroom.

Here he read the note Rose had given him, then, lighting it at a taper, he watched it burn until it fell to the ground.

"Note from Jack Sterling," he said coolly. "No treasure going up to-night; arm still bothers him," and, turning to take up his glass of "whiskey straight," he found himself face to face with the man who had accosted Rose in the station.

The twenty minutes for supper were soon over, the new pole was in, the fresh horses stood impatiently tossing their heads and the guard called out: "All aboard!"

The passengers came hurrying from their supper. Jim helped Rose to her seat, whispering as he lifted her up, "Shove the bag inter the boot, honey," and swung himself up beside her.

The whip cracked, the hostler sprang aside from the horses' heads, the guard jumped on behind and, with a jolt and a jar, the stage was off with forty minutes' time to make. But no one noticed that, as they entered the coach, the tall, dark man whispered to the drummer. "Keep your eye on the girl, George," he said. "She's our game."

The sun had long since set, and the beautiful California night set with brilliant stars and spread over the land. Rose felt her courage rise as she clung to the swaying coach and watched the gallant leaders gallop bravely on over the road, which looked like a silver ribbon in the moonlight.

Rose drew back as they rattled along and watched the shadows on either side of the road a little fearfully. Suddenly she grasped her companion's arm. "What's that?" she exclaimed, breathlessly.

But she received no answer. There was a flash, a sharp report, and she felt the driver fall heavily against her. The leaders reared wildly, falling against each other, and with a sudden jolt the coach fell on its side.

Shrieks and moans filled the air. The Irish woman broke into loud wailing, with cries of "Murther!" interspersed here and there. The Chinaman lay unconscious, stunned by his fall; the drummer, with a revolver in each hand, had covered the sleeping miners and the guard was lying on his back with all the tumbled luggage on his chest.

Two men had darted from the underbrush and fired the shots that struck poor Jim, and they were now quieting the horses. Rose, who had regained her feet unhurt, felt some one grasp her belt. Turning, she faced the man who had been her fellow-passenger at the station.

With an unnatural strength born of despair she wrenched herself free, and her assaulter was looking into the gleaming barrels of Jim's Smith & Wesson.

"Let me alone!" she panted, her eyes gleaming cruelly, "or by heaven, I'll shoot you for Jack!"

The robber laughed and made some signal, and in another moment some one had seized her from behind and taken the weapon from her.

"Come," said the first man, "I don't want to hurt you. Hand over the cash. I'll not touch you; but I've got to have it."

Rose clutched her belt still tighter. Looking into his face she saw that although reckless and dissipated, he was above his companions, and, with a woman's instinct, she spoke:

"Sir," she said, bravely, "I'm in your power, I know. Of course, you can take the money if you wish. I am defenceless. But I undertook to take that money through, and will not give it up without a struggle. Play a game of poker with me for the booty. If you lose, I am free; if I lose, take the money; give me this chance. If you will not, shoot me as you did poor Jack; I will not disgrace him," and she clasped her hands tightly, looking eagerly in his face.

Perhaps it was the novelty of the situation, or may be the soft beauty of the face lifted to his. At any rate, some chord of chivalry above the present position lurked in his heart, and was touched by her words, for, lifting his hat, the outlaw replied courteously, "Certainly, madam, if you will honor me."

They seated themselves in silence on the ground, and the man quickly shuffled and dealt the cards which he drew from his pocket. Rose's hand trembled slightly, but with an iron will she forced back her nervousness, discarded and asked for three cards in a steady voice.

It was a strange scene, the plunging horses, the overturned coach, the frightened passengers and the two seated at that strange game. The moon, bright and cold, lent her light, shining on Rose's uncovered head, with its golden hair and on the dark face of her opponent.

For a moment every sound was hushed—even the Irish dame ceased her howling to await with breathless interest the result.

With a look, half regret, the outlaw laid down his cards. "Three aces," he said slowly, and looked curiously at the girl, half deciding to divide with her, she had borne herself so bravely. But there was no need. With a little smile she, too, showed her cards. "Aces are high," she said, "but this trip deuces win," and there on the ground lay the four deuces.

"It is yours," he said, calmly; then spoke a few words to his companions, who grumbled somewhat, but submitted to his stronger will.

The coach was righted and the luggage put back in place. Dandy Jim, still unconscious, was laid inside on the straw. The passengers, trembling and pale, took their places, and the outlaw turned once more to Rose.

"Dare you drive?" he asked.

"Yes," she answered, bravely, "I will."

Gravely and courteously he lifted her to the seat and handed her the reins, then, half-hesitatingly, held out his hand. Rose instantly gave him hers. "I will not betray you," she said, softly, "and the others dare not."

"Thank you," he replied.

Then, impatient to be off, the leaders sprang forward, and the coach was on its way once more.

Fifty minutes later Rose drove her foaming horses up the narrow street of Angel's Camp, two minutes ahead of time.

Genius and Art.

"But are Genius, Art, Nature, all to be alike subordinated to critical Law, could Method and Exact Knowledge?" inquire the emotionalists. Not at all. It is safe to assert that the world will never reach the point of being able to look down upon genius. Nature is; Art adorns; Genius discovers or reveals; then Criticism steps in and formulates what Genius has discovered or revealed into a law that may help poor average human nature to a comprehension that it, too, may have ideals and reduce them to practice. Art for a long time teaches the dramatic student when he is to exclaim, "as deep as hell!" to point downward as if to unknown depths and to look down as if trying to fathom the unfathomable. Suddenly Genius, in a fit of inspiration, exclaiming, "as deep as hell!" sees fit to gaze downward still, but to raise the arm and point the finger upward. Criticism is amazed, but sees the point—the upward point—and, catching the infinite gain in expression, formulates the "law of opposites." When next a dramatic student had to appeal to heaven he will be taught not to lift the face and the right arm in what had heretofore been considered the correct spiritual attitude, but to raise the arm, indeed, in appeal while bending the head as if in too great awe to gaze directly heavenward. No; there is always room at the top, and Genius will always be at the top—the only difference is that Art and Nature, sitting at the feet of Genius, are no longer satisfied with mute adoration, but have taken to note books and have begun to say to themselves, "We, too, can do a thing or two, perhaps, if we try."—Alice Wellington Rollins in February Lippincott's.

Amber Stems.

The uninformed would often mistake the cheapest amber when made up in commercial forms for the most expensive. Many long and beautifully clear pipe stems are made from amber chips, the waste product of amber carving. These are melted and molded into shapes that are seldom or never seen in the costly carved amber. These molded amber articles are extremely durable, and it is difficult to see why they should not be esteemed by practical persons as valuable as carved amber.

Well Liked.

"Nobody likes Jobson."
"Oh yes, somebody does."
"Who?"
"Jobson."

The Brownies.

The Brownies of Mr. Palmer Cox, those queer little creatures whom you all love, are now to appear in a two-act play—"The Brownies in Fairy Land."

The First Horse.

The first horse was brought to this continent in 1518. Now there are in the United States alone, 14,056,750 valued at $941,000,000.

Sparrows Vanity.

Sparrows have so much curiosity that they will gaze in mirrors by the hour if not disturbed.

THE VIPER AND THE LEECH.

"Stranger!" said a Viper to a Leech,
"How differently by men we're rated;
Tell me, my neighbor, I beseech,
Why you are sought and I am hated?"

"You," said the Leech, in prompt reply;
"If Fame be not a false detractor,
Men deem their enemy; while I
Am cherished as their benefactor."

"What mighty difference they see,
That you should be the more inviting,"
The Viper answered, "puzzles me;
Since both alike are fond of biting?"

"We both are biters, to be sure,"
The Leech replied; "but let me mention
You bite to kill, and I to cure;
The difference lies in the intention."

—Castilian Fable.

A COWARD AND A HERO.

It was the 16th of December, before Son-Tay. For two days we had splashed in the mire of the rice fields, the water up to our knees. I knew well we would get used to it, but it was worrying all the same. Nevertheless, we marched steadily on, as regular and attentive as if we were on drill.

I tell you this is true. I am an old trump. I have been nine years in the service, and six with the rank of sergeant, and the young soldiers I have trained and commanded "right about face" is incalculable, but never have I seen men march like these, shoulder to shoulder, as exact as if drawn by a line, and that, I tell you, in two feet of mud. Sapristi! but it was superb. I was jubilant, and yet a little vexed, to see how well the scamps could keep step when they choose. Ah well, I had nothing to complain of that day.

"Halt!" Not a bit too soon, I thought, and yet a droll place to halt in. No matter; I filled my pipe and looked around to see where we were. Rice fields to the right, to the left, and behind us a thick slush made by our tramping feet.

A little corporal who has a tongue well hung, indeed too well hung, called out to me: "Sergt. Bertrand, Sergt. Bertrand, no need to light your pipe. Wait a while, they will light it for you."

The jackanapes! As if I didn't know we would soon be under the fire of the enemy.

Suddenly I heard them calling the roll of my company, and saw my brave fellows break ranks and trot like rabbits across the rice fields to meet the baggage-master, who was returning with a great package under his arm.

Letters. Now I ask you, was this a good time to distribute letters? There they go, like so many madmen. I am the only one to remain tranquil. It is true I have no one to write to me—no family, no friends, nobody—all alone in the world, like an old bear. Heaven help me!

At length I see my men return to their places, holding up their right hands to keep the letters from being soiled by the water as carefully as if they were holding the Holy Sacrament.

Ah, Jacque has a letter. "News from home, Jacque?"

Jacque is sergeant of my company. I am chief of the first section, he of the second. A handsome young fellow, with a bright, boyish face, a beardless chin and cheeks smooth as a girl's. Nevertheless, I hold a little grudge against him. It is always vexing to see these brats of 22 promoted alongside of an old trooper like me, but for all that he is a nice boy, and the men would go through fire and water for him. It seems that he is well connected, of good family, and often receives letters with the seal of the Minister of War; but that is his business, not mine.

I watched him out of the corner of my eye as he ran through his letter. Then I saw him wipe away a tear—a little tear which glistened on the end of his eyelash.

I pretended not to see it, even joked a little to make him laugh.

"What has she written to you, Jacque? What says my lady fair?"

He turned without a smile and gravely said, "I have no lady fair, Bertrand. It is from my mother."

"Ah!" I felt as if I had made a fool of myself, and said no more. But Jacque continued:

"Do you see these letters, Bertrand? It would be better not to receive them in times like this."

That was my opinion, as I have already said. It was not good to allow them to break ranks—the scamps—they asked nothing better. But through politeness to Jacque, I said:

"It is always pleasant to receive news from home, no matter where. I hope you had nothing disagreeable."

Jacque shook his head.

"Oh, no, on the contrary." And that was all. Really, Master Jacque was not talkative this morning. His eyes were fixed on the horizon far away, where there was nothing to be seen but a bit of blue sky. I wondered what he could see over there.

II.

At last—"Forward, march!" I repeat, "Forward, march!" for my section. Jacque, no doubt, was still dreaming, and did not hear the word of command, for I heard the Lieutenant behind me say:

"Ah, well, Sergt. Jacque, lagging behind already?"

I hoped to hear a reply of some kind, no matter what. When an officer so far forgets himself to speak in that rude way to a subordinate, I like to see a little indignation. Parbleu! you dare not speak out loud, that is against the rules, but a muttered word under your breath is a solace to your self-respect.

But Jacque said not a word; he simply repeated "forward march" in a dragging tone, as if he were weary. That is to say, it was not the voice a French sergeant when he commands "Forward, march!" They never mumble those two words, but shout them out with enthusiasm. What is the matter with Sergt. Jacque this morning? He is not like himself.

Ah, that was a rough day; I tell you! When night fell we were still in the water, but up to our waists this time. And all around us little field pieces were spitting fire like so many demons. But we marched steadily on until we were within 500 metres of the walls of the citadel. Not a gunshot! Not a movement! The rascals were saving their powder until we were nearer. I said to myself, "Wait, old fellow; you will have something to warm you up by and by; don't be discouraged."

When, behold! we were again commanded to halt. The captain steps in front of the ranks and demands in a low voice—all the same, he was distinctly heard—"A sub-officer willing to undertake a secret and dangerous mission."

Naturally, I stepped forward. Now, I have the misfortune to be a little too well appreciated by my captain, an old tough-skin like myself, who had been my lieutenant in Africa.

"Not you, Bertrand. I know you well, and when I want you I will find you. Be kind enough to remain quiet."

You see, some officers will not grant you the least favor! Then I said to myself, "This is just the thing for Jacque." The Captain seemed to be of the same opinion, for he stopped exactly in front of him, and repeated under his nose, "A sub officer willing to undertake a dangerous mission!" It was plainly to be seen he was making advances to Jacque, and you will think I am mocking you when I tell you my fine fellow lowered his eyes under the gaze of his captain and said not a word. Ah, the devil! but the captain was angry; for, you know, it is not pleasant to make advances to any one and have them thrown back in your teeth. I heard him say under his mustache, "Well, he means to take good care of his skin!"

Ah! it was rough. Jackque turned fiery red, but said not a word; only when the Captain had passed he raised his eyes and fixed them on that bit of blue sky, far away in the horizon, where I could see nothing, nothing at all. Then I said to myself, "My fine fellow, you are decidedly a coward."

In short, Berthelot, of the Third Division, was chosen for the expedition. He returned without a scratch, the jackanapes! while my poor Jacque——

III.

Well, we set off again—there was no lagging behind this time. About 200 metres from the walls of the citadel the scoundrels gave us a broadside full in the face. Sapristi, how it rained! The balls fell to the right, to the left, in the rice fields, making a "file floo" as they struck the water. We answered back, but it was like firing in the air, the rascals were so well protected. This fusillade only lasted about ten minutes, but I shall remember it a long time.

However, it could not continue in this way. The bugle sounded the charge. Sapristi! that music always sends a shiver of gayety through me. Behold us running with fixed bayonets, like madmen! But, as I had already noticed, the gateway of the citadel opened upon a high embankment, scarcely three metres wide. To enter there we must climb that narrow ascent and push in, two by two, under a terrible fire, and that, too, through a palisade of bamboo, which the rascals had constructed to bar the way, already narrow enough. Ah! it was sufficiently difficult without that cursed bamboo, and God only knows what it cost us. I saw my lieutenant fall, the adjutant of the battalion, and many others. Impossible to pass that satanic bamboo. My captain raged like a demon. At last he commanded:

"A section up there!"

This time it was serious, very serious; no time to be afraid, for all who climbed there were sure of certain death.

I think the Captain must have retained some spite against Jacque, for he immediately turned to him and said:

"Go up there, sir, and tear away that bamboo!"

It is but justice to say he did not wait to be told a second time. Touching his cap, with "All right, my Captain," he started in a quick run. In passing me he drew a package of letters from his pocket.

"Keep this for me, Bertrand;" and in the twinkling of an eye was up there with his section.

Ah, the brave boy! It was beautiful to see him—so cool, so calm; not a loud word, not an oath; only quick, determined orders. "Tear away this!" "Throw that in the ditch!" make haste!" He was as tranquil as if superintending a squad of soldiers on fatigue duty.

And all the time the enemy were pouring upon them a deadly fire; the balls whistling, tearing the bamboo, ploughing up the ground, every now and then crushing a soldier, carry away an arm or breaking a leg. My God! what a sight! They were all left there, all my comrades, Jacque among the number; but he was the last. Just as the work was finished a ball struck him between the eyes. Just as he raised his arms to shout a great "Hurrah" he fell dead, face foremost.

IV.

Perhaps it was not very proper, what I did this morning, but, truly, it was too much for me. It burned me—that packet of letters that Jacque gave me as he went to his death. I thought, "A boy who acts like a coward and a few hours after dies like a man—it is not natural. There must be something behind this." And I felt I had the explanation there under my hand in those letters. It was impossible to keep them. Ma foi, I could not. Then—then I drew out the packet——

Upon my word, there was only one letter—the one he had received that morning—nothing else. Ah, blood of blood, what a letter! He was right, poor boy—one ought not to receive a letter like that just before a battle. As for me, I cried like a baby and was scarcely able to read it after all.

It was from his mother and here is what the good woman said to her boy as she ended her letter:

"Now, my precious Jacque, take care of yourself for my sake. Remember, you are all I have in this world, and if any thing should happen to you I would surely go mad.

"It is true the time passes very wearily when one is waiting, but I try to throw it off, to forget the present and only think of the future, when you will return.

"Above all things, my precious boy, be prudent. Do whatever you are commanded to do, like a brave soldier, but do not expose yourself unnecessarily. I forbid you. No, my darling Jacque, I forbid you nothing—I implore you. Before entering into any engagement think of your mother, who is always thinking of you, and do not risk too much. Promise me this, will you not? And, remember, a man is not a coward because he loves his mother"——

The letter fell from my hands. I understood all now. He had thought of his mother, the brave boy, and waited until he was directly commanded to go and be killed like a brave soldier. And, no doubt, that morning when he was looking away to that bit of blue sky, where there was nothing to be seen, he had sworn to keep that promise to his mother.

And that is why Sergeant Jacque, who died like a hero, with his face to the enemy, was considered a coward twice in one day.

Emin Pasha's Daughter.

The sister of Emin Pasha, Fraulein Melanie Schnitzer, recently moved to Berlin with Ferida, the little daughter of the explorer. Since the child was brought from Africa she had lived in Neisse, a small town, the native place of her father. Fraulein Schnitzer intends to live in Berlin in the future.

Already Discovered.

He—You are always finding faults in me.

She—Yes; but then, you know, I can hardly lay claim to them by the right of original discovery.

An Omission.

Teacher in kindergarten—"You've omitted something, Mabel, in making your letter 'i's.' What is it?" Mabel—"I guess,—I guess I forgot to put eyebrows over 'em."

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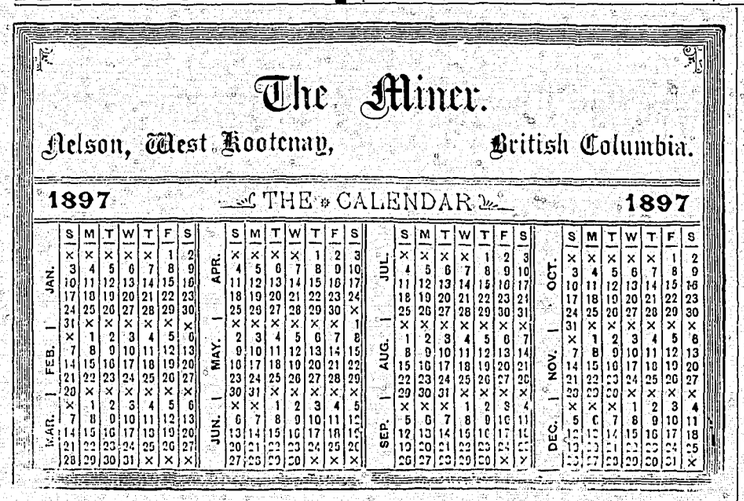

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Black Fox and Daisy—R W Yuill to R Strathern, option on ½, $100.
Flying Cloud—E A McNaughton to A Looby, ½.
Bright Star—Dugald Paterson to E T Bayle, $500.
Glacier—James McVichie to Canadian Mining and Milling Co. ¾.
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Two Snow Birds—Jas McVichie and W J Elliott to C M & M Co. ½.
Clara G—Wm Elliott to C M & M Co.
Maggie—W A McLellan to T J Lendrum, ½.
Kootenay Star ½, Democrat, Big Horn and Treadwell ½—A Looby to D J Munn, $500.
President, Two Brothers and Hauser—R S Gallop to W A Jowett, ½ in each.
Same claims—W A Jowett to Thos A Skillitter, ½ in each.
Kored—J G Sutton to Thos McGovern.
Big Horn—Phil McDonald to D J Munn. ½. $300.
Esther May—D S Carriel to T J Lendrum.
Osprey—A C Houghton to J J Shallcross. $500.
Hidden Sun—Geo H Cole to Daniel Rice. ½.
Dexter—C O'Kergren to Frank Nelson, ½, $150.
Johanna—Frank Berendt to M McKenzie, ½.
Great Bend, Montrose and Little Two—A Fletcher to J Fletcher ½.
Lucky Boy and Liberty—A A McKinnon to Chas R Conner, ½, $1000.
Carbonate-Gay Reeder to Daniel M Linniard ½.
Homer—Peter M Schonberg to Chas Taylor. ½.
Secret and Wonder—Oscar Bowden to F L Lowden, ½ $50.
Same claims—J W Caldwell to F L Lowdin, ½
Copperhead, Secret and Wonder—Fred J. Lowdin, to F J Lowdin, ½, $400.
Silver Bear—Dolph Johnson to Uno Olsen, ½.
Annie—Frank Chabot to Geo F Hayward.
Annie—Annie Olsen to Frank Chabot, ½.
Crown Point, Declaration of Trust—J T Wilkinson to Co-owners.
California—Emmet Todd to Mike Johnson, ½.
Monte Carlo—A W Crittenden to Mike Johnson, ½.

Rossland

Blue Grouse, Douglas and Orinoco—J E Melton to Chas West, ½, $100.
Copper Mask—Geo C Maynard to Fannie A. Rennick.
Rockland Centre—P Hoffman, John McRae and J A May to L L De Vin.
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Viceroy Fraction—J W Brown to F M Graham, ½.
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Big Four—Chas D C Rogers to Mike Shick, ½.
Ida May—John Herron to Joseph F Ritchie. ½.
Ida May—Jas Hunter to Red Mountain & Ida May Gold Mining Co.
Plant—S F Griswold to H C Wade. ½.
Monte Carlo—John Olsen to Fred Lang, ½.
Cracker Jack No 1—August Reischl to J Albano, ½.
Black Prince, Queen of the Valley, King of the West—Hector McPherson to the Black Prince Mining and Milling Co.
X Ray—J C Johnston to Adolphus Williams, ½.
Australian—F W Bauer to Adolphus Williams.
Snowshoe Fraction—Wm Davidson to W R Myers, ½, $500.
Silent Friend—Duncan McRae to Alex Shields.
Norway—Fred Hagan to the Bruce Gold Mining Co.
Lucky Monday—John Flannigan to James Dawson, ½.
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Utah—Frank Saunty to Arthur G Lesson.
Montana No 2, British Columbia ½, Bonanza King ½—Andrew H Revsbeck to John Kirkup.
Montana No 2—John Kirkup to J S C Fraser, ½.
Ridgeway, Seniorage, Quinault, St Armagan, Golden Butterfly, June, Little Dalles, Golden Horn, Acme, O K Fraction, Medford—British Columbia Syndicate to A D Provand.
Hidden Treasure—James Derby to J C Campbell, 1-3.
Big Whale—Seth H Bryan to Joseph Powell.
Exchequer—Geo D Rutherford to Patrick Cunningham, ½.
Monte Carlo—Fred Lange to F M Graham, ½.
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Same claims—Same to Alfred E Wescott, 1-5.
Same claims—Same to Chas E Heard, 1-5.
Bullion—John Dunn to Samuel Larsen, ½.
Jessie B—J W Kellam to John Franzman, ½.
Forty Three—Same to same, ½.
Birthday, Jessie B, Forty Three—John Franzman to W McGlashan.
Gold Plate—J F Clarke to F Stapleton Hobbs 1-3.
Gold Plate—F Stapleton Hobbs to James J Mackay, ½.

NEW MINING COMPANIES.

A Record of Incorporations From the British Columbia Gazette.

The Finance Gold Mining Co. Ld., of Rossland. Capital, $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors Joseph Powell, M. H. Dobie, Angus McNish, all of Rossland.

Goldie-Rene Mining Co. Ld., of Rossland. Capital, $1,000'000 in $1 shares. Directors, John Y. Cole, Henry A. Phillips, Jas. Watts and Edgar Charles, all of Rossland.

Josie Mack Mining Co. (for). Capital, $600,000 in $1 shares. Head office, Rossland.

Margurette Gold Mining Company of Rossland. Capital, $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors, Frank William Hash, William Borridale Townsend, Henry Joseph Williams, John Archie McRae, John Alexander Campbell, Edward White, Sidney Stride, John Graden and Wilson Pyper, all of Rossland.

New Victor Mining Company, Ld., of Vancouver. Capital $175,000 in 25 cent shares. Directors, G. I. Wilson, Francis Bowser, W. J. Bowser, all of Vancouver and T. G. Mitchell, of Victoria.

Old Gold and Quartz and Placer Mining Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital, $1,500,000 in $1 shares. Directors, G. A. Pounder, M. F. Chesnut, and J. M. Miller, all of Rossland.

Pure Gold Mining Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital, $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors W. C. Archer, J. M. O'Toole, A. P. Hunter, A. H. McKay and D. D. Birks, all of Rossland.

Primrose Gold Mining Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital, $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors, G. A. Pounder, M. F. Chesnut and J. A. Pounder, all of Rossland.

Rossland and Trail Creek Mining Company, (for). Capital, $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Head office, Rossland.

Slocan and Spokane Mining Company, (for). Capital, $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Head office, Spokane, Wash.

Tranquille Creek Hydraulic and Quartz Mining Company, Ld., of Kamloops. Capital, $250,000 in $10 shares. James Vair, James H. Russell and M. J. McIver.

Vancouver Group Mining Company, Ld., of Vancouver. Capital, £20,000 in £1 shares. Directors, Edward Mahon and Joseph McFarlane of Vancouver and Leslie Hill of Rossland.

SANDON NOTES.

Heavy Shipments of Ores. The Noble Five Company's Concentrator.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Sandon, Jan. 22:—The Payne mine is shipping 40 tons per day of high grade ore. This property will carry the record in the Slocan for the season's shipping. The owners expect to ship 60 tons daily when the ore crusher is working. The paystreak of the Payne is four feet wide.

The Noble Five company started the first rock through the new concentrator last Wednesday. The tramway is running and works most satisfactorily. The mill is lighted by electricity which is generated by the company's plant.

The Slocan Star company contemplates building 1000 feet more of flume, as their present water supply is inadequate since the Noble Five mill started.

Constable Mountain, accompanied by Cole Murchison, took Wm. Boyle to the Westminster asylum this week.

The Slocan Star mine is shipping in bulk. The Ruth expects to do so next week.

The dry ore belt up the north fork of Carpenter creek is looking well. The Phœnix and Cordelia are both improving with development. Stock in the latter company is finding ready sale in Toronto and the East.

The Jo Jo owners have a carload of very rich ore awaiting shipment at Three Forks.

The R. E. Lee has recently shipped a carload of 140 oz. ore and expects to ship another shortly.

The skating rink at Sandon is rather a failure on account of the mild weather.

Ira Black has opened his new hotel which has more modern conveniences than any hotel in Kootenay.

Before the full bench comprised of Justices, McArthur, Lilley and Sandilands, John Bitters, a tough character, was charged with larency. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment. Constable Fauquier took the prisoner to Kamloops.

BOUNDARY NEWS.

The Recent Developments in the Grand Forks and Midway Districts.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

The Grey Eagle and Grand Forks claims on Observation Mountain are to be extensively developed by Canadian capital.

The Volcano group on the North Fork will start work about March 1.

A new stage line is to be established between Bossburg and Grand Forks.

The La Fleur and Curlew camps will be scenes of great activity during the coming summer.

The Boundary Creek Mining Company are moving steadily ahead; last week six more men were put to work. The D. A. claim is the one which will now receive attention, and this will be opened by shaft and tunnel. This is the claim from which, in the first days of the camp, ore was shipped which netted a handsome profit after all expenses were paid, and expenses at that time were anything but light.

On the G. A. R., another of the Boundary Creek Company's properties the ledge has widened out to a width of six feet and gives promise of being one of the finest bodies of ore in the district.

The Waneta Wagon Road.

The wagon road built by the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway company from Nelson to Waneta is at present impassable owing to fallen timber. Salmon Siding and Hall, Clearwater, Wild Horse, Quartz and Porcupine creeks are important mineral districts all tributary to this roadway. Claim owners and settlers claim that it would be much more convenient for them if the government would clear the road of its present obstructions. At present they are entirely dependant upon the railway company for communication with Nelson which is their natural business centre. The road could be made passable at a very trifling cost for a distance of seventeen miles, which is all that is necessary.

CHURCH NOTICES.

SUNDAY 23rd January, 1897.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Matins 11 a.m. Even Song, 7.30 p. m. every Sunday. Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 8 a. m; on 2nd and 4th Sundays, after Matins. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

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.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. Mass at Nelson on first and last Sundays in the month. Sandon second Sunday and Kaslo third Sunday.

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.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

MR. LAURIER'S ENVOY RETUNS FROM ROME.

Attempt to Defraud Insurance Companies. Interesting Dominion Statistics. Other News.

Montreal, Jan. 22—Much speculation is caused by the sudden return from Rome of Abbe Proulx, Mr. Laurier's special ambassador to Rome, the object of whose visit, as generally understood, was to have the Laurier-Greenway settlement ratified by the Vatican. Abbe Proulx reached Montreal so quietly that his arrival was only known to a few, and he has remained in strict seclusion. This much, however, is known. His mission has been a dismal failure. The Pope has declined to ratify the so-called settlement, and left the bishops of Quebec and the Dominion free to pursue what they regard as the right course. The views of the bishops, it is understood, will be read in all the Catholic churches next Sunday. Premier Laurier's action in sending an envoy to Rome when there was little likelihood of his receiving anything but the cold shoulder is generally condemned. Abbe Proulx will make a special report to Mr. Laurier of the result of his visit.

The Canadian Gazette urgently appeals to Canadian bankers and merchants here to show the reality of their Imperial professions. Canada did well in British markets in 1896. The Board of trade returns show that while the imports from all countries incresed 6 per cent. over 1895, the imports from the Canadian Dominion increased 18 per cent. The chief increases are:—Wheat, £536,000; bacon, £195,000; hams, £179,000: butter, £186.000; cheese, £254,000; eggs £22,000; fish, £39,000; metals, £34,000; hewn wood, £191,000; sawn wood, £783,000, The decreases are:—Oxen, £13,000; sheep, £262,000; wheat and flour, £187,000. The British exports to Canada decreased less than one per cent, and British exports to all countries increased 6 per cent

J. McCoy, Alonzo Smith, James Corbett, David Ballard and James Ballard, the last two being coloured, all of Orangeville, Ont., have been arrested for fraud, conspiracy and arson as a result of an investigation by George Forsyth an insurance inspector. These men have, it is alleged, succeeded for several years past in falsely obtaining money from various insurance companies. More arrests are likely to be made in connection with the affair.

Hon. J. I. Tarte is still seriously ill at Ottawa.

James Hodge of Hamilton, Ont., committed suicide.

The return of Mr. Davis for Saskatchewan is gazetted.

The resignation of John Sinclair, as governor-general's secretary has been accepted.

Daniel Sheenan, a pugilist of Montreal is charged with the murder of Lucie Lessard, a dissolute woman.

Americans fear competition from Canadian farmers and are trying to influence the Congressional ways and means committee to put a prohibitative duty on agricultural products.

Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick of Ontario, who has been lying for some time past in the London, Ont., hospital, has been successfully operated upon and is on the road to recovery.

Miss Stillman, employed by the People's Coal Company of Toronto, has confessed to appropriating some of the company's money.

The Canadian Agent in Australia has informed this government that Australia will need 3,000,000 bushels of wheat from Canada and the U. S. during the present year.

George Ball, a mulatto cook has been arrested at Donald, this province, for the abduction of Ella Lofswold, a kitchen girl formerly employed at the Alberta hotel, Calgary.

Murderer Brennan of Barrie, Ontario, whose sentence to death has been commuted to imprisonment for life, declares that he would rather be hanged.

Wm. Fraser, a farmer of London township, Ont., is accused of forgery of promisory notes which he subsequently had discounted. The total amount of these notes is about $1,000. Fraser has disappeared.

Dr. D. H. Muir has been nominated by Colchester, N. B., Conservatives for a seat in the Commons vacated by the unseating of W. D. Dimock.

An order-in-council has been passed, extending for two years, from the first of January last, to the Icelanders the time to make entries on their reserves west of Lake Winnipeg, on odd-numbered sections,

O. K. Fraser, of Brockville, has been gazetted an additional commissioner to enquire into the affairs of the Kingston penitentiary.

Adelaine Myrtle Lawry, of Hamilton, is applying for a divorce from her husband, Thomas Henry Lawry, manufacturer, now in Oklahoma, U.S.

Wm. Shears, appraiser of customs at Victoria, B.C., has been dismissed from the service. He was appointed in 1890 and drew a salary of $1800 per annum.

W. Marchant, Victoria, has been appointed appraiser of that port, vice Shears, dismissed.

The splendid historical painting. "The Death of Nelson," by George Renagle, an academician of 1830, has been purchased for the National Art Gallery.

Father Clouthier, R. C. chaplain to the Manitoba penitentiary, has been suspended for leaving his post without permission.

Fifteen Maxim guns, ordered in England last year, are en route to Canada.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

TAKE NOTICE that Mrs. M. Kilcline will apply to the Government Agent for West Kootenay for a license to sell liquor by retail at or near Slocan Crossing, where the Slocan river railroad will join the Columbia & Kootenay railroad, in said district.

MRS. M. KILCLINE.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 16th day of January, 1897. (516)

ELISE L. 1310 G. I. MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Wild Horse Creek, a tributary of the Salmon River and about 6 miles east of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway.

TAKE NOTICE that I, John Hirsch, as agent for the Elise Gold Mining Company limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 76801, 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 17th day of January, 1897.

522 JOHN HIRSCH.

NOTICE. The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act authorizing the Company to extend its railway from any point at or near Nelson; thence Easterly to a point at or near Queen's Bay; thence Easterly and Southerly to some point on Kootenay Lake and Westerly or South Westerly and Westerly from Robson to a point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Hope in the Fraser Valley; and to apply to the extensions above described the provisions of the Dominion and Provincial Acts respecting the Company; and for other purposes.

J. D. TOWNLEY,
Secretary.

Vancouver, B.C., January 16th, 1897. 520

NOTICE. The Trail Creek and Columbia Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session, for an Act authorizing the Company, in addition to the railway described in the Act 58-59 Victoria, Chapter 67, to construct a railway from the terminus near Trail Creek Mines described in the said Act or from any point on the Columbia River between the International Boundary and its junction with the Kootenay River; thence Westerly to a point on Kettle River North of the International Boundary! and also authorizing the Company to issue bonds not exceeding thirty thousand dollars per mile of its railway; and extending the time within which the Company's works may be commenced and completed; and applying the various clauses of the Company's Act of Incorporation in so far as they are applicable to the railway above described; and for other purposes.

HARRY ABBOTT,
JOHN MILNE BROWNING,
WILLIAM FERRIMAN SALSBURY,
Provisional Directors.

Vancouver, B. C., January 16th, 1897. 521

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a railway from a point at or near the International boundary line between the Province of British Columbia and the United States of America at or near Bedlington British Columbia to the town of Nelson with powers to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points along the main or branch lines; and also to construct, equip, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines and to erect and maintain wharves and docks and all necessary works in connection with the said railway; with powers of acquiring lands, privileges, bonuses or other aids from any Government, Municipal Corporation or other persons or bodies and to make traffic and other arrangements with railway steamboat or other Companies; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

A. ST.G. HAMERSLEY,
Solicitor for Applicant.

518 Dated this 11th day of January, A.D. 1897.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN RY.

Time Table No. 3. To take effect Jan. 4, 1897.

EASTBOUND.

No. 4 passenger (daily except Sunday) leaves Rossland ..... 5:00 p.m
Arrives at Trail ..... 6:00 p.m
No. 2 passenger (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) leaves Rossland ..... 7:00 a.m
Arrives at Trail ..... 8:00 a.m

WESTBOUND.

No. 3 passenger (daily except Sunday) Leaves Trail ..... 8:30 a.m
Arrives in Rossland ..... 9:40 a.m
No. 1 passenger (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) Leaves Trail ..... 6:30 p.m
Arrives in Rossland ..... 7:40 p.m

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[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.
CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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

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

A PROCLAMATION.

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

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these, Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed; WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this twenty-ninth day of December, in the the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

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First Car Load 20 tons, 281 ounces Silver, 37% Lead, Net Returns $3284.00.
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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

THE HOME PARLIAMENT MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Arbitration Treaty the Main Feature of the Speech.—Lord Salisbury's Statesman-like Utterances.

The third session of the fourteenth parliament was formally opened by royal commission at 2 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon. The function was observed with all due and customary ceremony. Early in the morning, a strong detachment of police moved down Whitehall and stationed themselves at the various entrances leading into the houses of parliament. Early as was the hour a large crowd had already assembled, which filled the space between Westminster bridge and the abbey and hung in groups about the stone railings surrounding both houses, seriously impeding street traffic.

The Speaker, Mr. Gully, was cordially greeted upon taking his seat.

The reading of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's speech was attended with the usual ceremonies. The speech expresses satisfaction of the Venezuelan settlement; refers to the successful endeavours of Great Britain to remedy the difficulties in Egypt; comments on the Turkish attrocities and promises a statement of a pending consultation of the powers; congratulates the country upon the British-American arbitration treaty; deals with the South African troubles and their successful repression; proposes a full inquiry into the West India sugar industry and deplores the terrible plague in India and promises relief for the sufferers. The speech concludes by referring to the advisability of prudent provision for the defense of the empire; a bill for the relief of voluntary schools; employers liability; the establishment of an Irish board of agriculture; various commercial bills including the exclusion of goods manufactured in foreign prisons and a bill to establish reformatories for inebriates.

The speech was received with general satisfaction.

The Marquis of Salisbury's speech was a very statesmanlike one and was received with prolonged cheering.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

A cable despatch from Bonny, Guinea Coast, says:—Consul Phillips, two consular officers, Locke and Campbell; Major Crawford, the deputy commissioner, and Captains Boisragon and Maling, officers belonging to the Niger coast defence; Dr. Elliott and two civilians, with a number of Kroomen and native carriers, have all been massacred by the King's people while on a peaceful mission to Benin City. The news has created a sensation in London. It is stated in the foreign office advices that the party was unarmed when it left the consulate at Benin, on the west side of the Niger, travelling toward the Adamagu country. They were surprised on the frontier territory at Benin City, where they were fired upon, surrounded and massacred. The object of the mission is not yet known. Benin City is within the Niger protectorate and is sixty miles up the river Benin. The population is 50,000, and is governed by a fetish priesthood which is notorious for human sacrifices. It is thought that the massacre is possibly connected with the recent escape of the King of the Okrika tribe to New Calabany. It is feared the disaster will have a bad effect on the Niger company's expedition, which is about to proceed against the Emir of Nupe.

It is estimated that the Russian budget for 1897, will show a deficit of 91,795,936 roubles ($72,853,915) due to railway construction. This will be covered by the treasury advance.

A dispatch from London says it is currently reported that the route chosen for the Pacific cable is Vancouver to Fanning island, Fiji islands, Norfolk island, thence to New Zealand and Queensland.

The Chinese Eastern Railway Company, which has been formed by the Russo-Chinese bank, under terms of a treaty between the Chinese government and Russia, for that bank to construct and work the railway from the western frontier of Hei Lung Chiang to the eastern frontier of Kirin, in Manchuria, to connect with branches of the Siberian railway, will be permitted to import into China free of duty corn and feedstuffs and railway materials. The following have been elected directors of the railway:—M. Romanoff, director of the chancellor of the minister of finance; M. Rothstein, director of the International bank, and Prince Uchowski, Chinese mandarin. Who is to be appointed president of the railway has not been made known. The vice president who, it is said, will be the real chief of the enterprise, is M. Kerpos, a Russian councillor of state. The first meeting of the board of directors of the railway gave authority to commence the work immediately.

The Cuban insurgents are in need of money and arms.

The new freight depot of the Red Mountain railway has been opened for business.

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Own your houses. Company will assist in erecting houses for borrowers and in paying off amounts required to clear title, and does a general loaning business on real estate security.

As an example, $11.34 payable monthly will repay in 6 years, principal and interest of a mortgage of $600.

Apply to W. A. MACDONALD, General Agent, Nelson
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METAL QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK.

Jan.—	16	18	19	20	21
SILVER (Bar)	66⅞	66⅛	66⅞	64⅞	64⅞
LEAD	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80

New York, Jan. 22.—Bar silver, 64⅞. Lead shows a continued strength despite the uneasiness reported from the St. Louis market. Fifty tons sold in Chicago for April delivery today at $3.12½ and fifty tons sold on the spot today for $3.05. The leading brokerage firms here give $2.80 for large lots.

PRODUCE OF THE MINES.

RETURNS FOR 1897 UP TO DATE.

ORE EXPORTED.

From Slocan via Kaslo	1,848¼
Slocan via Nakusp	842
Rossland via Northport	531¼
Tons	3,222

PRODUCE OF SMELTERS.
(Shipped)

	TONS
Nelson (Hall Mines) Matte	57¾
Trail Smelter Matte	685¾
	743½

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Returns Since Last Week.

VIA KASLO.

Ruth to Pueblo, Col	30
Payne Mine "	199
Last Chance "	34
Northern Belle "	16
Whitewater to Everett	60
Surprise "	21
No 1 "	18½
Ruth to "	30
Reco to Denver, Col	34
Goodenough "	17½
Rambler to Tacoma	16
	475½

VIA NAKUSP.

Slocan Star to Omaha	100
Enterprise "	40½
Idaho to Everett	40
	180½

VIA NORTHPORT.

Le Roi to Tacoma	140
Le Roi to Everett	56
Jumbo "	30½
	226½

MATTE AND BULLION.
(Shipped.)

Trail Smelter [Matte]	217½
Hall Mines [Matte]	38½

SMELTER RETURNS.

HALL MINES, [Nelson] for week ending Jan. 23; treated 925 tons of ore.

TACOMA SMELTING & REFINING CO.

Statement for the month of December, 1896.

PRODUCT.

5100 bars of bullion, weighing	523,436 lbs.
Copper Matte "	241,400 lbs.
	764,836 lbs.

Containing:

1,876.24 ozs. gold at $20.67		$38,781.88
48,667.00 " silver "	65¼	31,755.22
558,436 lbs. lead "	2.80 per cwt	15,636.21
64,783 " copper "	11	7,126.13
		$93,299.44

Number of men employed, 63.

Pay roll	$5,208.91
Wood choppers and teams	632.80
	$5,841.71

MINING TRANSFERS.

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

Nelson.

Jan 16—
Supporter—Maurice Chabmaux to J P Schultz.
Red Cap—A E Gallupe to Fred Adie, ½, $150.
Painter—H H Donogh to R D Ingraham, ½.
Glencairn—C R Robertson to A McCreery, $400.
Minnie—W H Beard to J J Hargreaves.
Ben Hur—J W Howard to Anna M Shaw, ½.

Jan 18—
St Louis—R McCulloch to J Rogers, $200.
Belfast—T A Gossett to W A Strutt, ½, $10.
Tamarac, Dinner Bucket, Octopus fraction, Racatam, Magnet—Notice of bond from D Campbell, E. N. Bouche and J. W. Handlen to J. St Clair Blackett and R D Morkell.
Sally Ann—G Moore to T J Kirkham, $35.
Empress of India—A Meyers to J Shannon, ½, $25.
Wellington Bell—J Rilley to T J Kickham, ½ $50.
Empress of India—J Caron to T J Kickham, ½, $250.
Hamill—G W Urquhart to J Stewart.
Inverness—Same to Same.
Aberdeen—A Urquhart to J Stewart.

Jan 19—
Johannesburg, Kimberley and Transvaal—H M Billings to W Donaldson, ½, $1500.
Cashier—J J Perkins, P Perkins and H S Sinkam to W F Gurd, bond, $150 down, $1350 March 1, 1897.
Surprise, Goodenough—A Goyette to D Boyer ½, $300.
Pearl T—F Short to B K Short, ½, $50.
Starter—E H Ragland, claim of ½ interest.
Silver King—S J Smith to J A Stevenson, ½.

Jan 20—
Aberdeen, Inverness, Hamill—James Stuart O.L.S. to North Fork Mining Co, Ld, $125,000.
Chenango, Bald Eagle—C B Dunning to F Nibling, 1-20, $100.
Blissard—C B Londen to H Cuthbert.
Ben J—S J Tunstall to A Williams.
Gem—A E McNaughten to A Williams.
Gold Bug, Hunter, Raven—D B Gibson to A Williams all in first two and half in last.
Raven—J E Fox to D B Gibson, ½.
Bonita—A Zetler to A Lewin, ½.
Gold Bug—A Zetler to A Lewin, ½.
Same—R Meister to A Zetler, ½.

Jan 21—
Cyclone—H W Perks to A Mcdonald, ½.
Pitsburg—E S Mabee to A Mcdonald, ½.
Garafraxa, Caledonia—D W Skinner to A Macdonald, ½, $125.
Snowslide—P J Shields to R F Dodd, ½.
Silver Chief—W D Sinehan to J Sinehan, ½.
Belfast—G K Leeson to J Sinehan, ½.
Liverpool, London, Belfast, Silver Chief, Shields, Calgary, Snowslide—J Sinehan to R F Dodd.

Jan 22—
Alaska—W Moore to G Gurd and A Cairns.
Deadwood—W Moore to G Gurd and A Cairns, bond, $3000 1 year and one tenth of all shares.
Maggie West, Gilt Edge frac.—G McComb to E L Stevens and J Reith, $100.
Lillian Ray, Venture Gracie C, M C & T, Gem, Little Chief—J M Miller. M F Chesnut, G N Taylor to Old Gold Quartz and Placer Mining Company, $1,500,000.

Notice of Dissolution of Copartnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between James A. Gilker and Frances B. Wells, doing a gent's furnishing business at Revelstoke and Nelson, British Columbia, under the firm name of Gilker & Wells, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Witnesses: R. R. MOCHEAR, ROBERT A. RENWICK. FRANCIS A. WELLS. J. A. GILKER.

Dated, Nelson, British Columbia, Jan. 16th 1897.

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NOTICE.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

NELSON DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within the Nelson Division of West Kootenay, assessed by me, are payable at my office at Kaslo, B.C.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate other than wild land. Three-quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property. On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars; one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three quarters of one per cent. Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land. If paid on or before the 30th of June 1897: Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate other than wild land. One half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property. Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thoosand dollars one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent. Two and one half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Provincial revenue tax $3.00 per capita.

O. G. DENNIS,
Assessor and Collector.

Kaslo, B.C., Jan. 20th, 1897. 527

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

MOLLIE GIBSON MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of the District of West Kootenay. Where located:—On the East slope and about 2 miles from the source of Kokanee creek

TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles Moore, acting as agent for Patrick W. George, Free Miners' certificate No. 65805, 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 4th day of December, 1896.

474-5-12-6 CHAS. MOORE, Agent.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION CO.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the plan, profile and book of reference, of a Branch line of the above railway from its junction near the mouth of Slocan river and extending to the south end of Slocan Lake, within the limits of "Slocan City," are now on file in the Land Registry Office at Victoria.

J. D. TOWNLEY,
Secretary

Vancouver, B. C., December 24th, 1896. 510

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain, either standard or narrow gauge railways, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and ore from a point at or near Revelstoke, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, thence northward following the valley of the Columbia river to a point at or near the junction of Canoe river; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges, roads, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railways and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipality or other persons or bodies corporate, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in construction of such railways, and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the passage of the act hereby applied for, and with all other usual, necessary, or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at the city of Victoria this 14th day of November, A. D. 1896.

HUNTER & DUFF,
465.21-11.6 Solicitors for the Applicants.

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TIME CARD NO. 1.

GOING WEST.		Daily		GOING EAST.
Leave	7.00 a. m.	Kaslo	Arrive	3.50 p.m.
"	8.36 a. m.	South Fork	"	3.15 p.m.
"	9.36 a. m.	Sproule's	"	2.15 p.m.
"	9.51 a. m.	Whitewater	"	2.00 p.m
"	10.03 a. m.	Bear Lake	"	1.48 p.m
"	10.18 a. m.	McGuigan	"	1.3 p.m
"	10.30 a. m.	Bailey's	"	1.21 p.m
"	10.39 a. m.	Junction	"	1.12 p.m
Arr.	10.50 a. m.	Sandon	Leave	1.00 p.m

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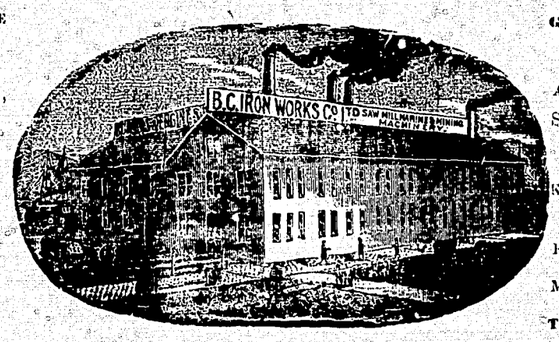

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The Company is incorporated under the British Columbia "Companies' Act, 1890," and amending acts.

CAPITAL—$150,000.00 in 600,000 shares of 25 cents each, of which 360,000 fully paid shares will be allotted to the vendors in part payment of the purchase money, and 200,000 will be available for working capital.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS.
Oliver T. Stone, General Agent, Kaslo, President and Treasurer.
Hamilton Byers, Hardware Merchant, Kaslo.
A. Whealer, Barrister-at-law, Kaslo, Secretary.

BANKERS—Bank of British Columbia. OFFICE—Kaslo, B. C.

The Prospectus can be seen at the office of W. J. G. Dickson at Nelson, or at the office of O. T. Stone at Kaslo. 435

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A date will be set in the near future.

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