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MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

FIRST FORMAL MEETING TO BE HELD THIS EVENING.

A Large Gathering of those Interested in the Mining Industry will Meet at Kaslo.

The first formal meeting of the Kootenay Mining Protective Association will be held at Kaslo this evening.

The organizing committee has completed its report which will probably be adopted without much revision. Besides the election of the ordinary officers, a committee of management will be chosen. The committee will consist of twenty-four members, of whom not less than two shall be elected from each mining division of West Kootenay. Each person joining the association shall pay an entrance fee of $20 and each mining company $50.

The committee is particularly desirous that the mining industry in every part of the district shall be fully represented at the first formal meeting of the Association, and therefore earnestly invites the mine owners, managers and superintendents of mines, mining companies and others interested in mining to unite with them in the new organization.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

The following is a list of the signatures appended to the preliminary skeleton articles of association: London and British Columbia Gold Fields limited; Hall Mines limited, Hall Exploration company of British Columbia, Nelson, Ruth Mines, London Development company, Kaslo; Reco Mining and Milling company, Sandon; Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling company, Cody; J. G. McGuigan, J. F. Cutler, Cody; Scott McDonald, Bruce White, G. H. Hughes, Sandon; Harold Selous, A. S. Farwell, and Frank Fletcher, Nelson; J. C. Ryan, J. L. Retallack, J. C. Eaton, J. L. Montgomery, D. W. Moore, T. M. Gibson, D. W. King, W. J. Treathewey, R. F. Green, A. L. McClaine, F. Steele, E. H. Hughes, Alex Smith, J. A. Whittier, E. J. Mathews, J. H. Thompson, J. M. Martin, W. E. Mann and A. Fletcher, Kaslo.

A USEFUL CAREER ENDED.

Hon. A. N. Richards, of Victoria, Dies at an Advanced Age.

Hon. Albert Norton Richards, Q. C., ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, the oldest and one of the leading leading lawyers of the province, died at Victoria on the 5th inst., aged 74 years.

The deceased was born at Brockville, Ont., and first came to the Pacific coast in 1868. He was called to the bar in 1871 and was appointed lieutenant-governor in 1876.

Mr. Richards was a member of the old parliament of Canada in 1863 and was one of the executive council and solicitor-general for Upper Canada.

The funeral rites were performed last Monday, the service of the English Church being read at Christ's Church cathedral. The attendance was large, and representative, including members of the legislature, judges of the Supreme Court and the legal profession.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE.

An ore body Uncovered that was Formerly Located by Diamond Drill.

Another big strike has been made in the lower tunnel of the Silver King mine but this time it was not unexpected like its predecessor. The ore body which the workmen opened last Wednesday or Thursday is the one located some time ago by the diamond drill. The strike seems to meet all expectations for richness and quantity and people who claim to be able to pass an opinion say that the mine never looked better than it does at the present time.

THE SLOCAN STAR.

The New Air Compressor Doing Good Work in No. 5 Tunnel.

The new air compressor recently purchased by the Slocan Star, has been set up and the drills are now rapidly cutting the remaining 450 feet in No. 5 tunnel, to reach the ore chute. When completed, the tunnel will be 950 feet in length, at which point it will strike the ore body at a depth of 600 feet.

At present, the mill is turning out about 30 tons of concentrates per day, which are being shipped to the Omaha smelter.

The monthly pay rolls show an average of 100 men employed at the mine and mill, with a wages account of between $10,000 and $12,000 per month.

Smuggling Chinamen.

A. Kirkman and John Mazam have been arrested at Northport on the charge of smuggling Chinamen into the United States. George Markham, who is supposed to have been associated with them in the business, has disappeared and escaped arrest. The men arrested will receive a hearing at the next session of the U. S. district court held in Washington.

SURVEY NEARLY FINISHED.

The Crow's Nest Pass Road Between Nelson and Upper Kootenay River.

Engineer C. E. Perry of the C.P.R. was in Nelson for a few hours last Thursday and stated to a representative of the MINER that the survey of the Crow's Nest Pass railway around the lake had been completed to within a distance of 10 miles from Balfour at which point it will connect with the survey from Nelson, made by Mr. Perry's predecessor. The work on the survey has been rough on account of cold winds and snow, two feet of the latter being on the ground when he left.

Mr. Perry left on Thursday evening for Slocan lake where he will look after construction matters, practicularly in regard to the wharves, etc. at Slocan City, Rosebury and Nakusp.

INCORPORATION EXPENSES.

A Statement of Expenditure by the Citizens' Committee.

A meeting of the Citizens' Committee which had charge of the incorporation of Nelson met last Wednesday and settled all outstanding accounts.

The report of the secretary, Mr. J. A. Gibson is as follows:

Amount subscribed	$512.50
DISBURSEMENTS.	
John Houston	$100.00
J. A. Turner, (telegrams)	4.35
John Houston, (draft)	50.00
J. F. Povah, (typewriting)	7.00
C.P.R. Telegraph Co.	13.68
Spokane Falls & Northern Tel. Co.	4.46
John Elliot	70.00
R. Lennie, (typewriting)	5.00
C.P.R. Telegraph Co.	4.38
John Houston, (draft)	150.00
J. A. Turner, (telegram)	2.70
The Miner P. & P. Co.	7.00
To amount unpaid by subscribers	59.50
To Balance	64.43
	512.50

A TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

An International Company Will Build a Line from Kootenay Points to Spokane.

The Columbia Telephone and Telegraph company will have a long distance telephone system operating between Spokane and all principal points in Kootenay within six months.

The company has received a charter from the Dominion government to construct a line on this side of the international boundary line and is now seeking and will shortly obtain a similar franchise under the name of the Spokane and Columbia Telephone and Telegraph company to establish an exchange in Spokane.

Exchanges are now being installed at Rossland and Trail and the system will be extended to Waneta, Nelson and Slocan points.

Standard telephones and switch boards will be used exclusively on this line and each subscriber is promised a complete metallic circuit and no party lines are to be used.

A flat rate of $4 for business telephones, unlimited switching, and $2.50 for residences will be charged.

As soon as the necessary arrangements are completed at Spokane, instruments and material for the line will be ready to place in position.

HE USA DA KNIFE.

Dago Bill Dallies With Deadly Weapons and Lands in Jail.

Brusafiorio, better known as Dago Bill, was committed for trial by Magistrate Croasdaile last Wednesday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to do bodily injury. It appears the prisoner after imbibing freely became involved in a dispute in P. Burns & Co's slaughter house and tried to settle it with an axe. The person he was disputing with found that he had business in another part of the town and hurriedly left the building. As he was making his exit, Dago Bill hurled the axe after him, but his aim was bad and the weapon spent its force against the wall. Not satisfied with the result of his argument, Bill drew a huge knife and turned upon a bystander. The latter at once became curious about the man who had just left and did not stand upon the order of his going but went. Bill hurled the knife but owing to the speed of the bystander it fell short of its mark.

TO BE BROAD GAUGE.

The Lethbridge and Great Falls Railway to be Widened this Summer.

The Great Falls and Canadian Railway, which extends between Lethbridge, N. W. T., to Great Falls, Montana, is to be widened to standard gauge during the coming summer.

The bed of the Canadian portion of the line has already been prepared to widen the gauge. For the past two years the road has been working to this ultimate end, and during the past summer about concluded the work. Culverts and bridges are all ready to receive the broad gauge rails, and by those who are in a position to know it is said the work of widening the gauge will be begun as soon as the weather permits.

Crawford Bay Company.

The Hidden Secret and Legal Tender mineral claims on Hooker creek, in the Crawford Bay country have been stocked for $1,000,000 under the name of the Crawford Bay Mining Company. Some exceptionally high grade ore has been taken from the property. Extensive development work will be done on the property in the near future.

Hell Roaring Creek Deal.

S. S. Bailey has bonded the Great Northern, Argenta, Del Norte and Fred Dubois claims for $35,000. The property is situated on Hell Roaring creek in East Kootenay.

PLACER GOLD AT SALMO.

CLAIMS STAKED IN AND AROUND THE TOWNSITE.

A Revival of the Old-Time Interest in Kootenay's Auriferous Alluvial Deposits.

Salmo, 16 miles from Nelson on the line of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, is the scene of a placer gold excitement.

Over 100 claims have been staked out, 16 of which were recorded before last Thursday.

Workmen engaged in excavating the cellar under the stone building of C. W. Peterson last Saturday found a nugget with gravel that would weigh from $8 to $10. The news soon leaked out and for a while the excitement was intense. The work of staking claims was carried on until late in the night, and on the ground of the old river course, a distance of about 2000 or 2500 feet diagonally through the town has been taken up. This dry creek bed intersects the north fork of Salmo river near the railroad at one end at the main stream at the other.

IN THE EARLY DAYS.

The existence of placer gold in the Nelson mining division has been known for many years. The discovery was made in the early 60's and shortly after the first Fraser river excitement. At that time British Columbia swarmed with gold seekers who had drifted northward from California in search of richer diggings than could be found along the Sacremento river and its tributaries. From Yale, Lytton, Hope and other points near the Fraser, hundreds of prospectors searched for new fields and greater Eldorados. They flocked into the Okanogan country and panned the streams heading in the Cascade mountains. Meeting with indifferent success, the more adventurous spirits determined to penetrate the sea of mountains still further eastward. They crossed the Columbia and explored the Kootenay river and the creeks which empty into it. Along Forty Nine creek, nine miles west of Nelson, they discovered coarse gold in paying quantities and did considerable development work with highly satisfactory results. The ground, however, was abandoned in the hope of making a richer strike and the adventurers pushed onward towards the foot hills of the Rocky mountains. Since that period much placer mining has been done in the vicinity of Nelson. Chinese have profitably worked Hall creek for a number of years and the sale of their savings to the bank of British Columbia represents thousands of dollars.

It is claimed that the Hall brothers were in search of rich placer diggings which are supposed to exist in the mountaint somewhere east or south east of Nelson when they discovered the Silver King group of mines.

KASLO NEWS.

A Concentrator to be built on Kaslo Creek for the Montezuma mine.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Kaslo, March 13.—George Alexander has declared his intention to build a a substantial building on the corner of Front and Fifth streets. A portion of block will be occupied by the Bank of British North America.

T. L. Mitchell, who has built most of the big concentrators in the Slocan district, has obtained a contract for the construction of a concentrator for the Montezama mine on the south fork of Kaslo creek.

The B.N.A., Humming Bird and Anoka claims, on the south fork of the Kaslo, are to be worked by a company capitalized for $1,000,000.

Reports have been received here of general activity in the mines of Springer and Lemon creeks. Nearly all the properties of promise are being developed.

Wm. E. Boi, Harry Boi and John Radcliffe have commenced legal proceedings against Joseph Saulter and Duncan Graham, to decide the title to the Standard mineral claim.

Smith and McAndrews intend suing John Switzer, et al, to determine the right of possession to the Virden claim near Cody.

A $500,000 SUIT.

F. Aug. Heinze and Associates are Defendants in a Mining Dispute.

The Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining company has commenced a suit in the U.S. district court against the Montana Ore Purchasing company, F. Aug. Heinze and A. P. Heinze to recover $500,000.

The complaint alleges that the defendants owning mining property adjoining the Pennsylvania lode, near Butte, Montana, unlawfully entered the workings of the Pennsylvania and mined 150,000 tons of ore valued at $500,000.

The defendants maintain that they have the right to enter and work the Pennsylvania by reason of the fact that certain veins have the topes and apices within the ground owned by them.

NELSON REAL ESTATE.

Property is Advancing in Value Although There is no Boom.

Property valuations in Nelson have increased generally about 15 per cent. during the past year, and notwithstanding the fact that over $150,000 worth of new buildings have been erected during that period there has not been the faintest suspicion of a real estate boom. In the business and more select residence districts the appreciation in values has been from 20 to 30 per cent and the outlook is that prices will be doubled within the next 90 days. Business lots that sold for $4000 sixty days ago cannot now be secured for less than $5000. Residence lots are reasonable and in some of the outlying districts the same prices are asked that obtained twelve months ago.

Probably the greatest increase in values has been in the property sold at public auction by the government last autumn, in many cases three and four times their original value. In the suburban districts, however, 25 foot lots can be secured for from $50 to $250. During the past year there has been no less than $75,000 worth of property sold and the greatest portion of this was to people desiring to establish homes and not for speculative purposes.

With the opening of spring many new residences and business blocks are to be started, and the capacity of the saw mills and lumber yards will be taxed to supply the demand for lumber. Nelson's geographical position and its magnificent townsite insures its future greatness as the commercial and mining centre of the Kootenay.

Gifts to the Hospital.

The following gifts have been made to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital: The Ladies' Hospital aid, 25 pillow cases; Mrs. A. Shaw, flower vases; Mrs. Hargreaves, parcel of books; Mr. Marks, parcel of books and periodicals; Mr. G. V. Holt, pictures; Mr. A. H. Clements, large sponge bath.

STRIKE ON THE FERN.

Thirty inches of 12 oz. gold ore, Considerable of which is free Milling.

Mr. Frank Fletcher received word this morning that a rich ore body has been struck in the main tunnel of the Fern mine, 350 feet from the mouth of the tunnel. The shoot is thirty inches wide and assays made today of samples taken across the face gave an average value of 12 ozs. of gold, a considerable per centage of which is free milling.

The Fern is situated on the south side of Hall creek and about 13 miles from Nelson.

The property is owned by Mr. Fletcher and Captain Duncan, but the present development work is being done by the Montreal and B. C. Development company to whom it is bonded.

The mine has been developed by about 600 feet of tunnelling at three different levels. There is good ore in all the workings.

The Monitor Case Settled.

The Supreme Court of British Columbia has rendered judgement in the case of Wells vs. Petty in favor of the plaintiff.

Wells claimed a half interest in the Monitor mine near Three Forks because of an agreement made with Petty at the time the property was located. The case was tried here last summer before Judge Walkem whose opinion was similar to that of the Supreme Court. The court has decided that a verbal agreement is binding and that the plaintiff is entitled to a half interest in the mine.

The Paris Belle Case.

Victoria, March 12.—The council for both sides in the famous Paris Belle case have concluded their arguments before the supreme court. Each side has made the strongest possible representations. Judgment was reserved and will probably be given next week.

The "American Boy" Case Settled.

The appeal to the full court by the plaintiffs in the case of Kilbourne vs. McGuigan in the American Boy adverse claim was dismissed last Thursday and Mr. Justice Drake's judgment of two weeks ago was sustained.

To Develop Quartz Creek Property.

Work will begin April 1 on the Last Chance, on Quartz creek, about 20 miles from Nelson on the N. & F. S. railway. The claim is owned by the Kootenay-Tacoma company, and has a fair showing of ore assaying on the surface 30 to 60 ounces in silver, besides some small values in gold.

Goat River News.

A correspondent writes to the MINER from Goat river that Patsy Clark, the mining operator, has had an expert examining the Blenheim, Ivy, Dalcoath and other properties on Goat Mountain in the Goat river mining district, who was highly pleased with what he saw.

Five men are employed driving a tunnel on the Ivy.

The Kootenay river will be open for navigation shortly.

Center Star Strike.

A magnificent body of ore, five feet wide and averaging $100 per ton, has been struck in the main tunnel of the Center Star mine about 200 feet from the Le Roi line. The ore was discovered in a crosscut which was being made to discover the hanging wall of the vein.

Bought the Silver Bear.

The Reddin-Jackson company and F. J. Walker of Rossland have purchased the Silver Bear mineral claim on the south fork of Kaslo creek. The purchase price was $25,000.

Peter White will succeed Hon. John Haggart in the management of the Eastern Ontario Conservatives. A seat in parliament will be provided for Mr. Hodgin, M.P. for Carleton county resigning his seat.

THE WEEK AT VICTORIA.

DOINGS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Letters Patent for Incorporation of Nelson Delayed by Press of Business in Attorney-General's Office.

VICTORIA, March 12—The past week has not produced any sensational proceedings in the legislature, although members, particularly the cabinet ministers, have been kept very busy with the numerous bills now before the House.

The Nelson and Bedlington railway bill was introduced on Tuesday, although the private bills committee had reported that the bill had not complied with the standing orders as to the question of time. All difficulty in the matter was removed by the payment of double fees. The railway company has also agreed to give $3000 security for the performance of the priviliges granted by the franchise.

The bill to consolidate the provisions usually inserted in acts authorizing the taking of lands for undertakings of a public nature was printed today and has passed committee. By the provisions of the act, the Crown reserves the right to collect rents, royalities and tolls.

The letters patent for the incorporation of Nelson are not ready owing to press of business in the office of the attorney-general.

The committee on railways has reported on the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern, the Nanaimo and Alberni, the East Kootenay, the Lardeau and the Stikeen and Testil railways.

Kellie, the member for the north riding of West Kootenay, has given notice of intention to introduce a bill to cancel the land grant of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway.

On Tuesday, Helmcken brought up a peculiar point of order in reference to the lieutenant-governor's assent to the incorporation of cities bill. It appears that Lieutent-Governor Dewdney assumed charge of the house during the absence of Speaker Higgins, who, for the moment chanced to be in another part of the building. The Speaker referred to the incident again on Thursday, and expressed displeasure that the lieutenant-governor took the chair during his absence.

The sitting yesterday was chiefly taken up in the debate on Cotton's motion advocating the Torrens system of land transfer, and the abolition of the mortgage tax. C. E. Pooley, president of the council, defended the present system of land registration and argued that the introduction of the Torrens system would be very costly. The debate will not be finished until Monday or Tuesday.

Returns presented by Attorney-Geneal Eberts show that Dr. A. T. Watt, now Dominion quarantine officer, wanted to hang on to the secretaryship of the provincial board of health, but the provincial government would not have it and so he resigned.

The government will inform the house early next week concerning the railway policy that is to be adopted.

The report of the minister of mines will be out in a few days.

The act regulating water rights will probably be passed next week.

THE CRETIAN CRISIS.

The European Powers Have Agreed to Blockade the Island of Crete.

London, March 12.—The powers have agreed to blockade Crete in order to compel Greek troops to retire from the island. The various countries arriving at this decision will probably send troops to relieve the marines now occupying Crete. Greece will accede to this provided Turkish troops are also compelled to withdraw.

Although assured of the promise given by the powers not to allow Mussulman Cretans any where in the island to attack the Christians, the Mussulman refugees are begging to be allowed to emigrate out of the country, as it is unsafe for them to remain in Crete.

The Grecian army is being constantly drilled.

The Times correspondent thinks that matters have now reached a crisis. It is impossible for the powers to go back on the demand that the Greeks should evacuate Crete, while public feeling in Greece is so excited that it is doubtful whether the country would even tolerate the conversion of the Greek army in the island into gen d'armerie.

THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

The Defendant in the Balfour Case is Sentenced by Judge Forin.

J. V. Perks, the young man who was arrested for breaking into the residence of Mrs. Seaton at Balfour on February 12th, asked for a speedy trial and was tried before Judge Forin last Monday. He was found guilty and was sentenced to three months in jail at hard labor.

A New Jail.

From an authentic source it has been learned that the government will erect a jail at Nelson in the near future that will have adequate accommodation for all prisoners that may be held here. They have been the recipients of many petitions for better jail accommodations here and it appears that at last the machinery is in motion.

New Hospital Directors.

The annual meeting of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital occurred last Thursday. G. O. Buchanan, A. H. Clements, Judge J. A. Forin, J. A. Turner, E. Traves and F. J. Farley were elected as new directors. The hold over directors are J. Hamilton, W. A. Jowett, W. H. Graham, A. Shaw, F. K. Hurry, and D. McArthur.

Owing to the fact that director G. O. Buchanan had to leave for Kaslo, the annual meeting of directors for the election of officers was postponed until some future date.

High Grade Nickle Ore.

Mr. R. G. McConnell of the Dominion Geological department has discovered that some of the ore taken from the Columbia-Kootenay mine at Rossland contains gersdorffite, a rare substance containing 20 per cent. nickle when pure.

Canada's Apostolic Delegate.

Rome, March 13.—Monseignor Rudin Tedeschi, the newly appointed apostolic delegate to Canada, will sail for America on March 20.

Rossland's First Election.

The first municipal election in Rossland will be held on April 3. Fredrick Scofield, J.P., of Vancouver, will act as returning officer. It is estimated that the total vote of Rossland will not exceed 500.

LOCAL NEWS.

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

Steam, to the extent of nearly 20,000 horse power, is used in the mines at Rossland. It is distributed among twenty six separate plants.

C. Kauffman, who was recently summoned by Judge Forin to appear in court and eventually undergo ten days imprisonment for contempt of court, was released from jail after a few hours detention.

A report from Spokane says that the Oregon Railway and Navigation company proposes to build to the northern portion of the State of Washington and thence into the Boundary Creek district.

The West Kootenay Butcher Company will open a branch at Kaslo, and A. C. Buchanan has established a grocery store at Salmo which will be conducted in connection with his business here.

Judge J. A. Forin left for C. P. R. points last Tuesday and will probably be absent about three weeks.

The Granite mine near Sanca is to be further developed by an extension of the main tunnel to a distance of 110 feet. Sawyer brothers have been awarded a contract for 50 feet of the work.

The Jeannette mineral claim, on Wilson creek, four miles from Roseberry has been bonded by Spokane people. The price stipulated is $4,500.

A hoisting plant has been ordered by the owners of the Jeff Davis mine, an Ainsworth property.

It is probable that a mining stock exchange will be established at Rossland in the near future.

Hon. Joseph Martin, of Winnipeg, has come to Kootenay in the interests of the C. P. R. He is out of politics for good and will probably remain in the district during the coming summer.

News has been received from England of the death of L. Napier Armit, who was well known in Kootenay and Victoria. The deceased lived at New Denver until he returned to England about two years ago.

The question of the jurisdiction of County Court Judge Forin, sitting as a stipendiary magistrate in the case of G. O. Buchanan vs. Chipman, city clerk of Kaslo and justice of the peace is now being heard before the Supreme Court at Victoria.

The MINER last week inadvertently stated that the death of Mr. T. O. Allen took place at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital. The death occurred at the Clarke House.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Buchanan last Tuesday morning.

The contract for the construction of the Methodist parsonage has been let to Messrs. Thomson & Co. A call for bids for the plastering has been made.

The officers of H. M. customs have been removed to the corner office in the Selous block on Stanley and Victoria streets. The change is decidedly for the better. Collector Johnston and his staff of officials now have an opportunity to transact their business with some degree of comfort.

F. W. Peters, district freight agent of the C.P.R., accompanied by his secretary, J. F. Povah, returned this morning from a ten days trip through the Slocan. During his absence, Mr. Peters successfully attended to many important matters affecting the road he represents.

A Chicago syndicate has purchased the Juggler mining properties situated about two miles from Cody.

The Rambler Cariboo Gold and Silver Mining Company will pay a dividend of $20,000 on Monday next.

R. D. Herrick, who was formerly assistant maunger of the Kootenay Mining and Smelting company's works at Pilot Bay, was recently married to Miss Jane Sanderson. The ceremony was performed at Paris.

Much attention is being paid to the mines of Lardeau Duncan district by mining men and others looking for investments. Everything points to an extensive development of that section during the coming summer.

It is rumored that the C.P.R. has obtained the control of all steamers now plying on the rivers of East Kootenay.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1897.

THE CITY ELECTION.

Although no information has been received here concerning the appointment of a returning officer for the election of a mayor and board of aldermen for the City of Nelson, it is safe to say that a municipal government will be chosen and in office within thirty days from now. It is therefore desirable that those interested in the welfare of the City should commence to seriously consider who shall represent them in the administration that is to be formed.

It is to be hoped, however, that by intelligent and harmonious action on the part of all concerned, the political strife, jealousies and heart-burnings of a contested election will be avoided. Provided no effort is made to elect a mayor and councilmen who are pledged to the adoption of a policy by which the interests of the City would be sacrificed for the benefit of a corporation or individuals, there is no reason why every member of the administration should not be elected by acclamation. There appears to be a strong sentiment prevailing among a majority of those who will have the right to vote that the $50,000, which the City is empowered to use during the present year, must be expended economically and solely upon much needed improvements, and not for the acquisition of any plants or franchises. The health of the people is of the greatest importance, and adequate sewerage and water systems must be had in any event.

MINE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Kootenay Mining Protective Association, composed of mine owners, managers and superintendents of mines, mining companies and others interested in mining, has been organized for the purpose of protecting, fostering and developing the mining industry of west Kootenay.

It would be difficult to over estimate the importance of such an organization. Within the scope of the Association is the power to do much for the advancement of the mining industry, and, judging from those who are already members, there is good reason to believe that such will be the case.

The association will be largely responsible for all future legislation affecting the development of the mineral resources.

At the Kaslo meeting to-night, the greatest care should be exercised in the selection of the principal officers. No one will question the advisability of electing as president a British subject with interests in the district in keeping with the importance of the position he would be called upon to assume.

At the present time, the relations between owners and managers and those employed in and around the mines are all that could be desired. Although there is no probability that the condition may ever be otherwise, there is always a possibility of disagreement and labor troubles which, while the laws of this country would not countenance any serious disturbances or arbitary measures, would be quickly and satisfactorily settled by the tact and skill of a consciencious and sensible man who might be at the head of the Association. For this and many other reasons it would be well that the president should be popular with all classes.

As one who has been largely instrumental in bringing the Kootenay Mining Protective Association into existence, and who would qualify in every respect, no better man could be found to act as president than Mr. T. G. Procter, the general manager of the London Hill Development and Mining company.

WATER RIGHTS.

The government is to be congratulated for its apparently favorable consideration of the report of the Private Bills Committee and the suggestions of Mr. Cotton, M.P.P. for Vancouver, regarding the granting of water privileges, and the public may look for legislation at this session of parliament that will be decidedly beneficial in this respect.

From what has already transpired, there is reason to suppose that it is the intention of the legislature to pass a law as shall make the acquisition and utilisation of water powers both easier and cheaper than is now the case. The present unsatisfactory custom of granting these franchises by private bills to irresponsible speculators who might hold without utilising them until either the growth of population or the progress of industrial enterprises enables them to dispose of their charters for large sums of money, will be abolished.

The plan advocated by Mr. Cotton will provide for the acquisition of water rights by a cheap and speedy method. Applicants will be permitted to use the waters of any river or stream available for practical purposes by simply obtaining a license from the government to do so. Failure on the part of the lessee to immediately improve and constantly use the right will constitute a forfeiture and the privilege would revert again to the crown.

THE GOLD COMMISSIONERSHIP.

The miners of West Kootenay are impatiently awaiting the result of the deliberations of the government as regards the appointment of a gold commissioner to succeed Captain Fitzstubbs. A unanimity of sentiment prevails that the change should be made without delay. Judging from the comment that may be heard on all sides, there are 20,000 miners in Kootenay who are opposed to the present incumbent holding office longer than is necessary for his successor to be appointed and assume his duties.

It would be repetition, and consequently waste of time and space, for the MINER to refer to Captain Fitzstubbs' incompetancy in his present position; this and other journals of the district have dinned that fact into the government's ears for months and months. There has been no public expression to the contrary.

There is no particular objection to Captain Fitzstubbs being retained in the public service; as a matter of fact, the people appreciate his integrity and believe that his many years of faithful performances entitle him to some position of nominal importance that would enable him to spend the remaining years of his life in comparative comfort.

TOLL ROADS.

There is some probability that a measure will be introduced at this session of the legislature for the purpose of granting to private persons or companies the right to construct wagon roads in the various mining districts and collect toll from any one using them.

There is no denying the fact that by a clumsy financial policy and a flagrant disregard for the best interests of the province in subsidizing railway schemes for the especial benefit of promoters who are in the government ring, the present administration has piled up a public debt of appalling magnitude. But that is no reason why prospectors and owners of partially developed mines should be compelled to contribute a toll for the use of roads when, in the agricultural districts, thoroughfares are built and maintained solely by public expenditure.

Of all classes, the pioneer deserves the greatest encouragement; he should be the last called upon to bear the burden of taxation. The very enterprise he displays should be sufficient guarantee that he would be the least likely to shirk the payment of reasonable taxes as soon as he is established on some financial basis. Because of the prospector, the greatest industry of the province has been established, and it will be by his untiring energy and fearless disregard of hardship and privation that the mineral resources of British Columbia will grow to an infinitely greater importance.

It is said the measure in question has its origin in the desire of certain capitalists to build a road from the Columbia river to the heart of the Lardeau mining district. Such a road should have been built long ago by public money, as the existence there of great mineral wealth is not questioned. The niggardly treatment of West Kootenay by the government is the only reason why the Lardeau does not rank today in almost equal importance with the Slocan district.

THE MINER has no hesitancy in declaring that the capitalists who propose this system of tolls are not prompted by philanthropic motives or an over-weening desire to expend their hard cash solely for the development of the country. If, in this proposed legislation, their exists an intention to "cinch" the struggling miners by placing them under tribute to the collectors of tolls, it is the duty of the government to instantly thwart such designs.

The taxpayers of Kootenay annually pay tens of thousands of dollars into the provincial treasury and demand that a fair proportion of the same shall be returned in the construction of roads, streets, trails and bridges. If this is done there will be no need of toll roads.

THE COMPANIES' ACT.

The parliamentry committee having charge of the bill revising the Joint Stock Companies Act is still wrestling with the provisions of that important and voluminous measure, and it yet remains to be seen whether the committee, as well as the other members of the House, will afford reasonable protection to the outside investor whose money is necessary for the development of the mines of British Columbia, or accept the advice of the "tin horn" stock jobbers and "wildcat" fakers of Spokane, Toronto and Rossland.

The Legislative Assembly should require no further evidence of the danger which threatens the reputation of every mining district of the province than the alarming number of companies that are being daily organized and registered. If the government lends its ear to the clamorous protests of the blatant boomers, whose ideas of mining consist of stocking fifteen hundred square feet of country rock for $1,000,000 or more, we may expect little success in attempting to interest Eastern and European capital At the present stage of development, the mining industry of Kootenay needs the greatest protection from the irresponsible stock-jobber—a bird of passage who only desires, for a short time, a tremendous boom in values in order that he may impose upon some unsophisticated investor and then seek new fields for his nefarious schemes. Such individuals have no consideration for the legitimate development of the country, and are indifferent as to the disastrous consequences of wild speculation.

The mineral possibilities of British Columbia are so great as to be almost beyond conception, and the industry of mining may be made, by wise and honest measures, to grow continuously and become permanent. In the money centers of the world there are hundreds of millions of dollars ready for investment in Kootenay as soon as sufficient assurance can be given of adequate protection and profitable returns; but the growing tendency for reckless promotion of worthless companies, if allowed to continue, will only work a harmful and discouraging influence.

Toll roads in Kootenay would mean a direct taxation of prospectors.

The people of Kootenay want GOVERNMENT ROADS and lots of them.

The people of Nelson appreciate Mr. Hume's zeal and tact in fighting for the City's water rights.

The abilities of Mr. Rogers of Cariboo and his friendship for corporations should entitle him to a seat in the U.S. Senate.

The efforts of Mr. F. S. Barnard and other corporation lobbyists will not be wholly insignificent as long as men like Mr. Rogers are members of the Legislative Assembly.

The taxpayers of this province have no desire to trust the present administration with the responsibility of making regulations and stipulations in establishing toll roads.

Nelson is becoming an important centre of trade for the surrounding country. The merchants here are keeping pace with the development of the country and are establishing branch stores at Kaslo, Sandon, Salmo and other points through the district.

The editorial remarks in the last issue of the MINER anent the revision of the Companies Act, and the statement that the Rossland "Miner" which is the "organ of a foreign corporation, the mouth-piece of foreigners and a staunch supporter of the 'wild-catter' and faker, takes exception to the wise and conservative provisions of the Bill," has called forth a reply from that journal which the Rossland "Record" sarcastically calls "herculean."

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Canadian Pacific Railway.—Pacific Division.

NOTICE.—Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to six o'clock p.m. on Monday the 15th inst., for the grading of the Slocan branch of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway between a point on the present Railway, near the bridge across the Slocan river, and Slocan City a distance of about 31 miles. Plans and specifications can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer and at the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's office in Nelson, the lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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B. C. IN LONDON.

EVIDENCE OF A GROWING INTEREST OF LONDON INVESTORS.

The Agent-Generals Office.—The Bank of B.C.—The Abuses of the Imperial Institute.

It has been known for some weeks past that several large British Columbian enterprises were on the stocks and would be launched at the first opportunity that should be deemed propitious. The time has not yet come, but as the Cretan difficulty seems likely to blow over, and the South African enquiry has already had the effect of hardening prices in the Kaffir market, there may yet be a chance of interesting the public in B.C. properties before midsummer. That there will be a B. C. boom in London is practically assured. That it will take place this year is unlikely, nor is it to be wished; but that it will be of considerable importance when it does come is the unanimous opinion of all those who have visited the country and know its resources.

The Lillooet Frazer River and Caribco Gold Fields Company have issued to their shareholders a circular giving a detailed amount of the work done on their several properties since the annual report was issued. The strike on the Sunshine seems to be of considerable importance, although it is hardly probable that the bulk of the ore will give such high returns as that obtained from the sample shipment of seventeen tons, a portion of this value would give a handsome profit.

AGENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

The B. C. Agent-General's office is a barren ground for those who seek recent information concerning your mines. I fancy that Mr. Carlysle's report on the Slocan district has been published, but it has not yet reached these shores. If only some arrangement could be made by which reliable mining news, even if two months old, would be regularly transmitted, it would be a boon, as under the present conditions supplies are kept back many months and their arrears come en masse.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE ABUSED.

A little prominence was given to your mines at a lecture at the Imperial Institute last week given by Professor Odlum. This institution could be of the greatest assistance to our colonies if it was managed on really "imperial" lines but it is used by syndicates for their own ends, and the results are not beneficial to the public in most cases.

INFLUENTIAL COMPANIES.

The Canadian Pacific Exploration, Ld., has just been registered under powerful auspices. The capital is £500,000 in shares of £1 each.

One of the enterprises recently floated here, the Globe Venture Syndicate, is mainly for the purpose of exploiting Morocco, a country not hitherto regarded as accessible to the energetic promotor. But this original company, having obtained an independent concession, has drawn to its directorate Sir Edward Thornton, G.C.B., late British ambassador at St. Petersburg and at Constantinople, besides being otherwise influentially supported. The syndicate has secured 1,120 acres of freehold mining properties at Thunder Bay, Ont., and also, a consolidated group of valuable mining freeholds in Kootenay. The latter are said to have been reported upon by competent experts, so that altogether the project has great scope before it. By virtue of its eastern connections, it has been introduced to financiers in Paris.

THE WAR EAGLE IN LONDON.

Whatever attention may be said to be given to B.C. is in the question of War Eagle or whether the London syndicate or Toronto people have secured a right to that famous property. At any rate, whoever may be the purchasers, it is to be hoped, if they intend bringing the mines before the English public, they will avoid any foolish capitalization. That point is one of paramount importance, though I presume vendors are powerless in the matter, after a sale has been affected.

THE BANK OF B.C.

The semi-annual meeting of the Bank of British Columbia was held today. By the next mail, I will send you a fuller statement of the proceedings than is now possible. A dividend of four per cent. per annum, or £12,000, was declared, and the report was adopted unanimously. The chairman, Sir Robert Gillespie, in presiding, spoke encouragingly of the progress being made in B.C., and referred to the new branches opened at Sandon and Kaslo as already giving promising results. This enterprise will no doubt eventually compensate the bank for having to close its branches at Seattle and Tacoma. How conservative this institution must be in its business methods is shown by the unusually large amount of specie, £600,000, retained on hand.

NEW MINING COMPANIES.

A Record of Incorporations From the British Columbia Gazette.

Appended is the complete list of joint stock companies organized during the present week to do business in British Columbia—their combined capitalization exceeds $51,000,000: Number of companies, 55.

Apex Gold Mining and Development Co., of Spokane; $1,500,000.

Aurus Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Albany Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $750,000.

Alivilda Gold Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $900,000.

American Eagle Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $1,000,000.

Amazon Gold Mining and Smelting Co., Portland; $1,500,000.

B. C. Gold Discovery Co., London, England; £100,000.

Ballarat Mining Co., Rossland; $125,000.

Barnato Gold and Silver Mining Co., of Slocan, Rossland; $1,000,000.

Bunker Hill and Sullivan Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $1,000,000.

Bachelor Mines Co., Vancouver; $500,000.

Black Hills Mining Co., of B. C., Victoria; $100,000.

B. C. Southern Prospecting and Development Co., Rossland; $500,000.

C. B. and Q. Gold Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $1,000,000.

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Chenango Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

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Cayoose Creek Gold Hills Mining and Development Co., Vancouver; $200,000.

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Ellen Silver Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Golden Canyon Gold and Silver Mining Co., Vancouver; $800,000.

Gold Bar Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $1,200,000.

Golden Treasure Mining and Development Co., Vancouver; $250,000.

Granite Mining and Milling Co., Spokane; $700,000.

Hispano-American Trading Co., Vancouver; $100,000.

Harrison Lake Mining, Development and Prospecting Co., Vancouver; $800,000.

Jeff Davis Mining and Milling Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Justice Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $1,200,000.

Jackson Mines, Kaslo; $1,000,000.

Kootenay-Tacoma L. C. Mining Co., Tacoma; $1,000,000.

Kootenay Mining Co., Tacoma; $2,000,000.

Kaslo-Slocan Development Co., Kaslo; $1,000,000.

Kenneth Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $1,000,000.

Lloyd's Consolidated Gold Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Lemon Creek Mining Co., Slocan City; $100,000.

Muggins Mining Co., Vancouver; $1,000,000.

Mayflower No. 4 Gold Mining Co., Seattle; $1,000,000.

Mannamead Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $1,500,000.

Miller Creek Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

North Salmon River Gold Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

New Brunswick Consolidated Gold Mining Co. Rossland; $1,000,000.

Pierre Development Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Rossland Gold Bug Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Royal Canadian Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $1,500,000.

Ripley Mining Co., Vancouver; $1,000,000.

Regent Mining and Development Co., Sandon; $1,000,000.

Skookum Mining Co., Spokane; $250,000.

Slumach Mining Co., New Westminster; $500,000.

Sansom Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $1,000,000.

St. Keverene Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.

Sullivan Group Mining Co., Spokane; $2,500,000.

Salmon River Gold Mining Co., of B. C., Spokane; $1,500,000.

Slocan Maiden Mining and Milling Co., Tacoma; $1,500,000.

Stonleigh Mining Co., Milwaukee; $1,000,000.

Trenton Gold Mining Co., Spokane; $750,000.

Texada-Kirk Lake Gold Mines, Victoria; $600,000.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

SUNDAY 14th March, 1897.

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Application For Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned will, at the expiration of 30 days, make application to the Stipendiary Magistrate of West Kootenay for a license to sell liquor by retail at Halls Siding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway.

ALEX. McFARLANE.

Hall's Siding, B. C., February 19th, 1897. [557]

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T. DONOVAN,

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 1st day of March, 1897. (563)

Application For Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, at the expiration of 30 days, apply to the stipendiary magistrate of West Kootenay district, for a license to sell liquor at retail at the Quartz Creek Hotel, at Quartz Creek, B.C.

FRANK SIMPSON.

Dated, February 6th, 1897. 545

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A. MORIN.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 15th day of February, 1897. (547)

NOTICE.

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 construct the Railway mentioned in Section 2 of the Act 56 Victoria, Chapter 45, namely—a railway—between—some—point—on—its present line between Nelson and Robson on the South and Revelstoke on the North, together with such branch or branches of that railway or of its main line as may from time to time be authorized by the Governor-in-Council not exceeding in any one case the length of thirty miles, commencing the same on or before the first of July, 1900, and completing it within five years from that date.

J. D. TOWNLEY, Secretary.

Vancouver, B. C., 24th November, 1896. [513]

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Address of Editor, to whom all communications should be directed:

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A SHATTERED IDOL.

CHAPTER I.

"You'll be stopped at Sultanpur, you see if you're not," said my host, Major O'Kelly, R. E., as he stood with his arms resting on the window of the carriage in which I had taken my seat. "If that Ghorwara bridge stands the flood that is on its way this minute, why I know uncommonly little of bridges, that's all. So I dropped a line yesterday to Marston. Trust him for looking after you. Time up, guard? All right. Good-bye, old man, and good luck at home!"

It was before the days of unbroken railway communication between the northwest of India and the great western harbor. I was a captain at that time and was going back on sick leave after an attack of cholera. It had been a bad year and I had left more than one comrade in the sandy burial ground of Alikot. The new route tempted me—it looked so short on the map compared with that by Calcutta and Point de Galle. But now I began to fear detention and reckon up the number of days to the departure of the P. and O. steamer that I wanted to catch.

Sure enough, at the very next station to Sultanpur I caught the word "Ghorawa" in a conversation that was going on between the station-master and the guard just outside the window of my carriage. Yes, four spans were gone, and now there was nothing for it but wait at Sultanpur until the company might be able to organize arrangements for getting passengers and luggage across—three or four days at least.

The travelers' bungalow was not so bad, after all. The rains had washed away a twelve months' accumulation of unconsidered garbage from the compound, which was further embellished by a delicate green veil of three-days-old grass, not to mention splashy pools, their margins garnished with frogs as yellow and as noisy as canary birds. The inside might certainly have been cleaner; but, by the time I had tubbed and established myself in a crazy old Chinese chair on the veranda, I felt little disposed to grumble.

The road ran just outside the compound, and I remember watching with some interest a large horse, evidently ridden by a European, which came along at a sharp, level trot. It disappeared for an instant behind the tall edge of gaunt cactus, then the sound of the clattering hoofs turned to a quick thud as they left the metal and swung round through the gate with unslackened speed. The horse was reined up just in front of where I was sitting, and I saw that the visit was to me.

It is not often that one sees in India man and horse so well turned out. The horse was an Australian, a "waler," as we call them there—a big chestnut thoroughbred, with a coat like satin and a head as fine as a Nedjd Arab. He seemed to be used to be standing with the reins on his neck, for the rider dropped them as he pulled up, sitting far back in his saddle, with his boots stuck out in front and his hands in the pockets of his short flax-cloth jacket, with a perfect sans gene which in any one else would have been considered to have a touch of swagger in it. But it was impossible to look at Marston's burly figure with its grand chest and shoulders, or to listen to the frankly dominant tones of his cheery voice without accepting his manner as the outcome of a thoroughly genial nature. The whole man was in harmony with himself; the perfection of his semi-sporting costume (he has just come from a meeting of stewards on the race course), the silver gloss of bit and stirrup irons, the elaborate curl of his heavy brown moustache—it was all part and parcel of a certain inborn completeness, which expressed itself spontaneously in all his belongings.

"Captain Hillyar? O'Kelly told me to look out for you. Well, you will have to make the best of it with us for a day or two. But instead of coming down for you in a carriage, I have only come with an apology. A friend has quartered a couple of babies upon us for the night. We want you to come and dine this evening, and then to-morrow morning you must come and stay as long as the river will help us to keep you. My wife will pick you up in the tonga on her way from the band. And now I must be off. Come up, you red brute!"

He gave the horse a friendly tap on the shoulder with the toe of his boot, without picking up the reins, and the beast was round and off like a shot. He could train his horses to do anything with next to no trouble, I have heard. Some men can.

CHAPTER II.

It was badly dusk when Mrs. Marston turned her pair of gray Arab ponies into the compound. I had not expected her so early but by good luck I was ready.

From nothing but my couple of minutes' talk with Marston I had got an impression that his wife would be as perfect as the rest of his appointments. A failure in that item would have infallibly left on his manner and bearings some certain trace of non-success; his assurance would not have been complete had it not rested upon a conviction that his supreme triumph was in the central enterprise of his life.

Was it, I wondered at the first glance I gave to the little equippage, by some humorous design of making the beautiful creature I saw still more suggestive of a princess in fairy tale, that her husband had given her an ogre as an attendant? The native groom who went to the horses' heads was certainly one of the most uncouth specimens of humanity I ever chanced to behold. He was, I imagine, an Afghan—short, squat, bow-legged, with an enormous chest, and a head that might have belonged to a giant. His beetle brows, nose and one cheek were divided diagonally by a sword cut that must have sliced his skull like a pumkin, to judge from the scar it had left. The expression was not malign; the submissive good nature of a brute that hardly knows its own strength, or the surly surrender of a bear to it tamer—which is it?

Mrs. Marton was only a girl, hardly one-and-twenty I should think. Very beautiful, more perhaps, than any woman I had ever seen, but with a certain simplicity of grave girlishness in look and bearing that struck me even more than her beauty. If she was shy, her shyness did not take the form of embarrassment. She was perfectly composed, and yet I do not think I ever knew any one get through the necessary formalities of greeting with so small an expenditure of words.

She drove well, keeping her ponies up to their work, and standing no nonsense. They had no blinkers, and next to no harness, and were spirited little beasts enough.

We drew up under the porch, which was already beautiful with creepers, stephanotis and the sweet, misnamed Indian honeysuckle, and I followed her through large, cool rooms, exquisitely fresh and fragrant to the veranda on the other side.

Then I saw that we were on the high bank of a river, across which one looked over the great plain, already gray and indistinct in the twilight.

Chairs had been placed outside on a carpet spread almost on the edge of the sandy cliff, below which the river spread wide in flood. She did not pause on the veranda, but took me straight out, giving an order to a servant as she did so.

"Harold said you were to lie down in a long chair until he came," she said, and I thought I could perceive in her tone the satisfaction of a person who has found a clue to a puzzle. "And you were to drink a glass of sherry. They will bring it in a moment."

Then she sat down in a low chair nearly opposite and seemed, I thought, a little at a loss. She had probably been told to amuse me until he came in, and did not quite know how it was to be done. By and by she began rather shyly:—

"Do you like India?"

"That is rather a large question, Mrs. Marston. I must localize my answer a little. I like a long chair on an evening like this very well."

Perhaps I was still weak; my voice showed it, I dare say, for she went on:—

"You must have been very ill. I am afraid you are very tired"

"Your husband is determined to make me an invalid, so I have resigned myself, you see. I had made up my mind that I was quite well again."

"A great many people died, didn't they? Harold told me how bad it was there. I hope none of your friends—"

"Every one is like a friend in a small station, you know. The man I missed most I knew least of, perhaps. He was not unhappy, I think, the friend who was in my mind when I spoke. He had carried a heavy load very bravely and death lifted it off his shoulders and he could lie down and be at rest."

"Will you tell me?" she said, very gently. "Not if it pains you, you know."

I felt I was doing an unwise thing; and yet I did it. She wanted to hear a sad story, poor child, that her own happiness might taste the sweeter afterward, perhaps; perhaps the still gloom and silence of the gathering night made her thoughts find a fearful pleasure in hearing of death and sorrow. And I—the thing itself was so fresh in my memory, and yet my weary journey made the scene seem so remote. And then, explain it as you may, have felt since that a compulsion was upon me.

"I will tell you if you like," I said.

CHAPTER III.

When I rejoined the regiment at Alikot last year there was a man a few years senior to myself who had been transferred to us in my absence. He was under a cloud. They said he had misbehaved in action in the Crimea; but no one seemed to know what the real story was. He was a very quiet, reserved fellow, with a tongue that could sting when he chose to use it, which he hardly ever did. A man who might have been popular; brains, good looks, everything in his favor—only that old story against him. But that was enough. He was one of the best officers in the regiment; but it was only discipline that made the men obey him, and only civility that made him tolerated at mess.

I need not tell you the chance that made us housemates. We lived under the same roof for four months, and I got to like him and to believe that there was something wrong about the story.

It was in the June of 1855, just over fifteen years ago. He was then a lieutenant with his regiment in the Crimea. They had the advanced trenches guard one night, and there was a sudden attack—one of those sharp little brushes the Russians used to give our fellows now and again, I've heard, just to make their own youngsters keep. It was all over in five minutes; and then it turned out that my friend was missing.

They thought he had been made prisoner or something of the sort for a moment, and then all at once he appeared. He said he had been sent by the officer in command with a message to the battery in rear of that part of the trenches. As bad luck would have it, the officer who sent him had been killed. I don't suppose any one would have doubted the truth of the story, if he had not mentioned that another officer was standing close by when the order was given. Indeed, he said there had been a question which of the two should be sent. So, almost by chance, this man was asked what had passed.

He said he had heard nothing of the sort, in an off-hand way enough at first, as if he did not choose to be mixed up in the matter; but when he was pressed on the subject he asserted distinctly that the order had not been given. My friend had not reached the battery; he had turned back on hearing musketry firing, he said. Well, there was a private enquiry, and the result was that the thing was hushed up, passed over without my friend being formally exonerated. There had been a sort of rivalry between him and the other fellow, but it was incredible that any man could be guilty of a falsehood under such circumstances. The whole thing was in the regiment, and the commanding officer was able to burke it. He probaby thought the young fellow's nerve had failed him and wanted to give him another chance.

In stories, you know, a man always retrieves himself by some brilliant bit of dare-devilry or another. I don't know if it really does generally happen so; at any rate in this case it didn't. The poor fellow was sent home sick almost directly; indeed, I believe he was too ill to have much voice in the matter of the inquiry, and I don't believe he was under fire again to the day of his death. Half a dozen years later the two men met in the most unlucky way. It was in Madras somewhere, and this time there was a lady in the business. She had come out in the same ship with him and there had been talk of an engagement. And as Satan himself would have it, the other man turned up, fell in love with the lady, used the old story unmercifully, married her and nearly succeeded in driving his unlucky rival out of the service. I believe he had to withdraw from the club but he was too dogged to flinch, and he was certainly at the same station with the couple when the lady died, not two years after her marriage. That is what I learned. Now for my own share in the business. Cholera, you know, sometimes strikes a man down like the blow of a tiger's paw. He may be about and well at sunrise and dead by midday. My poor friend and I had our

tea together at daybreak; when I came in from the butts he was past speech. I asked to look over his papers. I knew nothing of his affairs or his family, but had been more with him than any one else.

I had never been in his rooms till I was called in to see him die. They were as bare as they well could be. I noticed one thing. On the white wall, just close to where his face must have turned as he slept on the little pallet-bed, a cross was traced in charcoal. It was not accidental; the lines were doubled, and cross lines scrawled to mark the ends, so that there was a star at each point. A damp sponge would have made an end of it in a moment, it was so faint. But I remembered the shape. There were next to no papers—nothing to tell us who ought to be written to. Hardly a letter—bills docketed and notes about regimental matters. But in the only box his servant said he kept locked there was an envelope with a couple of letters in a lady's handwriting, and there was a long tress of chestnut hair. I didn't like to read them and took it all to the colonel. But he said they might give us the information we wanted. So I took them out of the envelopes in his presence and first just glanced at the signatures.

The name was that of the man who had brought such ruin into my friend's life. They were from his wife.

She was a good woman, Mrs. Marston; what the letters told was horrible enough, but her part was as clear as God's sunlight.

I suppose her husband had met with some dangerous accident. She wrote in a kind of passion of supplication, entreating my friend to write one line of forgiveness to his poor dying enemy. He had confessed to her, she said; all he wanted was to make his confession public, but there was no time. The doctor had told her he would not live to see the sun rise. As she wrote he was lying as white and as still as he would lie in a few hours in his coffin, and then it would be too late, then he would be beyond the reach of forgiveness. He could understand her still; perhaps he would still be able to hear her read the message she knew the answer would contain. She knew it, because she had injured him too—it was the memory of that wrong that made her sure.

It was like a cry for mercy, written all in a breath, as it were, at her husband's bedside, I dare say. I can fancy his eyes following her as she wrote—eyes with the terror of death looking out of them. The other letter was different. The handwriting was labored, as though every letter had cost her a struggle, and the expression was quite cold and simple. She wrote, she said, with a feeling of the deepest humiliation. At the first moment it was safe to do so as she had reminded her husband of his promise. He seemed to have forgotten what had passed between them, and declared that he must have been speaking in delirium. It was the duty, he said, of people who nursed the sick not to pay attention to ravings which only showed that the brain was off its balance. He had forbidden her to refer to the subject again. "My own duty is clear to me," she ended. "You have my letter; my testimony is ready when you call for it."

Inside the paper which held the hair was traced feebly a cross with stars at the points, like that on the wall. Perhaps they had stood together on deck and watched the southern cross.

The hair must have been cut off when hope of recovery was gone. There could have been no thought of how that thick silken strand would be missed. He had refused to strike his enemy through her, and he went on carrying his burden of shame. But she knew it and thanked him.

The colonel and I talked the thing over and sealed up the letters. While we were waiting the result of the inquiries we had made about my poor friend's relatives, came my own illness. Afterward we arranged that I should take them home and explain the matter to his brother; who, it seems, is in rather an influential position, and he can do as he pleases about it. But the other man has left the service, his name is no longer in the army list. So I don't see what can be done to him, if the thing were capable of proof, which it isn't.

CHAPTER IV.

While I was telling my story lights had been brought into the veranda and the table laid for dinner. Servants were moving to and fro, the hush and darkness in which I had begun were gone. Mrs. Marston was silent for a minute when I stopped.

"And did she—did she stay with him afterwards?" she asked.

"Till she died, I believe. It was not more than a few months."

"I can believe it all," she said, after a pause, "all but that. To go on living with any one guilty of baseness like that! It seems impossible."

"You could not have done so, Mrs. Marston? It was her duty, I suppose."

"I don't think so," she said, with an energy of conviction which startled me. "Nothing in the world should have made me go on breathing the same air with such a wretch! I would rather—Harold!"

Marston had come up quietly as she spoke, and was standing close to her chair. He laughed with great enjoyment.

"Whom are you denouncing, Alice? I did not give you credit for half that amount of energy. And now, if you are composed enough for the ceremony, perhaps you will permit me to introduce Captain Hillyar. Hillyar, my wife pretends to be very shy with strangers, so I sent her to fetch you without any information except that you were to be found at the travelers' bungalow—just to make her learn to trust to her own resources. Has she been going on like this all the time? You must be exhausted."

I had noticed that she never called me by my name. She looked up to him like a child, her face full of delight.

"Captain Hillyar made it very easy," she said. "I didn't quite know what to do if he wouldn't drink the sherry."

"And whom were you vituperating in that way, if you please, Hillyar, you must tell me how you managed to raise such a storm while I wash my hands."

I follow him into his dressing-room. It was exactly as if I had known them all my life.

"Well, what was it all about?" he said, laughing, as he stood bare armed and throated, and stooped to plunge his head into one of those enormous copper vessels that serve in that part of India as wash-hand basins. "The little woman was fairly under way for an oratorical display when I came up and spoiled sport. I didn't know she had it in her."

"We had been talking about the cholera and I was telling her about the death of poor Morris, my housemate. Did you meet him?" Marston's head was pretty well under water as I spoke. He kept it there for half a minute and had to clear the water from his eyes and moustache before he could answer.

"Morris? Met him somewhere or other. What about him? Yes, I heard he was dead."

"I dare say you have heard the story that stood in his way all through the service. I believe it was all a lie, got up by an infernal scoundrel."

"Stories are always true," said Marston, indifferently. "There is always something in them. That's my experience, at least. There was a good deal against Morris, I fancy. What was this one?"

I told him in half a dozen sentences, as he stood brushing his hair before the glass, with his back towards me. He was just the practical, common-sense person whose advice would be useful. And I felt, too, under a sort of obligation to disabuse him of a prejudice which he shared with so many others of poor Morris's acquaintance. Not to have mentioned the names would have been absurd in this case. Marston probably knew the circumstances, as I did myself, and might possibly know what had become of Howcatser, the man whose name had disappeared from the army list.

"And so you are taking letters home?" he said when I had stopped. "I should like to see them?"

"Old Forster and I sealed the packet," I said. "I have it, with notes and so on, in my pocketbook."

"Hardly a safe place to leave money in, that travellers' bungalow," he said carelessly. "It hasn't a very good name."

I touched the breast-pocket of my coat.

"No: three or four hundred rupees are a temptation, and servants always know what is in a portmanteau."

We went in (out, rather) to dinner. It all comes back to me like a picture—not as a scene in which I was an actor. The dark table, just touched with points of shimmering light, where silver or crystal caught the glow of the lamps which stood at a distance, each brilliantly illuminating the white napery below it and attracting irresistibly the winged legions of nocturnal insects; the depth of soft color of the great crimson flowers that decked the black polished surface of the table, like offerings laid upon an altar to the night, within whose boundaries we seemed to be intruders; the tinted alabaster of Mrs. Marston's beautiful child-like face, luminous in the transparent gloom.

I think Mrs. Marston would have liked, directly after we sat down, to go on with our interrupted conversation. But he stopped her with a word.

"No, we won't have any burning subjects. We want to make Captain Hillyar forget the bad time he has come through." I noticed then, as I noticed more than once in the course of the evening, that her compliance with whatever he desired, although the wish might be conveyed in the slightest and most casual way, was so instant as to be more like the correspondence between the nerves and the will than mere mechanical obedience. Her belief in him seemed absolute, and it is in it that I find the explanation of what he did.

He had probably bent his whole power to the task of making his wife's faith center in himself. And the very completeness of his success held him bound. Little by little, her conscience had taken the place of his own and imposed its law upon his outward life. He was living in an enchanted palace, held up by the faith of one kneeling child. If that wavered, all went to headlong ruin. Marston was a strong man, but that hour must have put his strength to a terrific strain. He had heard his doom pronounced; he knew that only one awful hazard could save him from the sword of white flame which his wife carried in her innocent hand. After dinner we went out to the chairs by the river. Marston said he had a letter to write—a letter that might take him ten minutes or more—and we must have coffee without him.

"Now, no more tragedy," he said, laughing. 'Hillyar, this young lady is not to be excited; her natural vehemence of disposition makes caution absolutely necessary."

Oddly enough, as I thought afterward, the first thing that occurred to me after he was gone was a remark upon the appearance of the groom who had accompanied her to the travelers' bungalow.

"Colonel Marston must have chosen him for his looks," I said. "He quite doubles the value of those pretty little Arabs. They look like a pair of King Solomon's horses guarded by a Djinn. They are his especial charge, I suppose?"

"I think I am his especial charge," she said. "He is the head man in the stable, but he thinks he belongs to me. When Harold gave me the ponies for my very own he told me that he was given, too. He quite believes it. His orders come through me. Harold will not say a word when I am there."

"That cut across his head must have been a heavy one."

"It was through that Harold got him. He was escaping rom a blood feud of his tribe, up on the frontier, and Harold found him, gashed like that, and sewed up the cut himself. He is rather mad, I think, you know. He believes he is only safe as long as he stays with us."

Then we talked of other things—her riding, and the big game she had seen her husband shoot. He seemed to have shared everything with her, taking her about with him, and giving her real, practical parts in all he did. She had carried his second gun and had seen a charging tiger drop almost at her feet.

"He says he feels safe with me behind him," she said, with evident pride. "A native once got frightened and let off his second gun, and the bullet went through his shoulder and all but killed him. No, I never feel afraid. Harold does not make mistakes."

"We all do sometimes, Mrs. Marston," I could not help saying.

"Harold does not," she said, simply.

To be believed in like that must have something terrible about it. A man's life is but a flawed and seamy business at the best and a saint would feel like an escaped convict with the dread of detection dodging him in the presence of such absolute faith. I wonder he did not give it up and say, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." Imagine the strain of living constantly up to an ideal self held before you in the mirror of a stainless mind.

By and by he came back and sat down. I was to be driven home in his buggy at 10.30, and it was close on that now. A servant came up and said something to him in an undertone.

"Call him here," he said in Hindustani. "Darya Khan sends to say that old Stanby has gone lame again. Alice. Your ponies will have to come out."

I protested. I felt that the walk would be pleasant, and said so. It was not three-quarters of a mile.

"Well, we will hear what my wife's trainer says. I dare say it is nothing; an excuse to come up and be scolded. There is no keeping that fellow away."

The man came into the little circle of light. Grim, hideous, shambling in gait, with something in his looks I had not noticed before—a look of abject fear. If he had been a dog he would have been groveling and whining. He stood silent, shifting from foot to foot, and awaiting his orders from Mrs. Marston.

"Make ready my horses."

"Sabit!" (With a side-long look at Marston).

I interposed. I really meant to walk, I said. Mrs. Marston turned to her husband for instructions.

Marston told the man in an off-hand way that I did not want the pony carriage, and intended to walk. The creature hesitated, locking from him to her with a sort of helpless terror. Marston laughed.

"My authority is not enough for him without my wife's. Alice, say in your best Hindustani, 'Do what the Sahib tells you to do.'"

She paused for an instant to construct her sentence. Then she produced it very seriously, of course, with the little stress on the last word, which the form of the language necessitates, so that what she said really was:—

"What the burra Sahib tells you to do, that do."

"Your order has been given."

He louted low and disappeared in the night; but as he went he looked at me. It was so strange a look that I glanced inquiringly at my host.

Mrs. Marston had noticed it, too.

"Did I say that right, Harold?" she asked. "He looked at Captain Hillyar so oddly."

"Very nicely, indeed. There was a gravity about it that impressed Darya Khan a good deal. I dare say he thought that you were much offended at your order being set at nought, and holds poor Captain Hillyar responsible for your highness's displeasure."

"I really should not wonder," she said. "He is very odd. But I will try and learn to speak like other people."

I think she waged constant war against the natural chill of her manner. Her farewell to me was quite cordial, poor child. She stood up to wish me good-bye.

Marston wanted to walk back with me, but I would not let him. As I turned, the two were standing together in the little circle of light, his hand on her shoulder.

CHAPTER V.

My way home was straight—a raised road with trees planted on the slopes so as to form a continuous avenue. Very dark it was, of course; but there was no losing the way. Everything was still; the sound of my own footfall was all I heard. As I walked along I thought of the evening I had just passed. My mind had worn crape so long that happiness took me by surprise. Life seemed a brighter thing than I fancied it.

Suddenly I heard, close to me, not a footstep, but a deep-drawn breath. I turned, my left arm thrown up in instinctive defence. The next instant it received a heavy blow, and I was pitched over the embankment, on the edge of which I had been walking.

Something followed me headlong like a wild beast, and blundered over me in the darkness. I was left the higher on the slope, and regained the road before my assailant could grapple with me. Half a dozen yards are not much of a start when one is handicapped with a broken arm, but that instant saved my life. I suppose I shouted for help; all I can remember is the sound of horses' hoofs coming up at a gallop, and the fear lest they should come right upon me as I lay in the road. I had half parried a second blow with my walking-stick, and was nearly stunned. I can vaguely recall the talk of my rescuers as they helped me along to the travellers' bungalow, and then, clearly enough, my arm being set by the doctor, who was hastily fetched. The whole thing must have been over in twenty seconds. I had not been robbed.

By and by I was in bed with a splitting headache and my arm in splints, trying to sleep, and only falling over and over again into that miserable intermediate state in which dreams and realities intertwine themselves in an endless maze of painful consciousness.

Waking up after a night so passed is uncomfortable enough. I felt feverish. Presently my servant brought me a cup of tea. A sahib had come in the night, he said—a friend of mine who wanted to see me. By and by he came in.

It was Holroyd, of the One Hundred and Fourth. He was returning from leave, and had managed to get across the river somehow and come up on an engine. He was going on by the line I had come by. But the train was to wait for the mails and did not start till the afternoon.

My head ached hideously; but I was glad to see him all the same. Of course he had heard of my adventure. There was nothing very much out of the way in it, and nothing for conjecture to build upon. Some scoundrel had thought a sahib might be worth knocking down and looting on spec.—and there was an end of it.

So we dropped the subject after a few minutes and began talking over our acquaintances and all that had happened since we met a couple of years before, as men do. Holroyd was rather amusing in his comments.

I was not in the least surprised to hear that he had the lowest possible opinion of Marston, who, I dare say, reciprocated it cordially. Holroyd was just the man to totally disregard Marston's assumption of superiority, and this must have fretted him like a hair shirt.

"I haven't seen the fellow since the race-meeting at Bangalore in '63," he said, "I knew he was up here. Go and call? Not if I know it. So he's married again! Well, what sort is she?"

"Quite a child. Very pretty and nice. I didn't know he had been married before."

"I dare say he doesn't exactly insist upon talking of her. They didn't hit it off. She was a good woman. There's a bad drop in that chap. This won't turn out well, neither. You wait a bit and see."

"Well, they're very fond of one another now, at any rate. And he seems a hospitable fellow enough. Come, you haven't seen him for the last half-dozen years. You might be charitable for once."

"Hospitable! As vain of his house as he is of his boots, that's about all of it. Never at peace till he can get some fool to tell him how much better his horses are than other people's, and his dinners, and his wife. She carried a lot of vanity for him for a bit, just at first, till she found him out, poor soul! I wonder which of my friend Howcaster's villainies it was that she came to know of."

"Howcaster! I thought you were talking of Marston here?"

"Same thing. Changed his name four or five years ago. Got a pot of money with the new one, I hear. I hope it may have made him decently honest. It's more than he was when I knew him."

"Do you mean to tell me that Marston's name was Howcaster six years ago? Did he marry in Madras?"

"He did so," said Holroyd, indifferently. "Seems to interest you. Lie down again. What is wrong now?"

"Holroyd," I said, "for heaven's sake let's have no mistake. Are you sure—absolutely certain? This is the devil's own business. Who is that riding into the compound? Holroyd, for heaven's sake don't let him come in here. My arm's broken. I can't defend myself. Keep him out, in the name of God."

Holroyd stared for a momenet; then he said quite imperturably:—

"If you don't choose to see him he won't come into this room; make your mind easy about that."

He went out upon the veranda. In another moment I heard their voices.

Marston had recognized him, and some short greeting had passed between them. Then I heard him speak to his groom as he dismounted. Then—

"How is Hillyar?" His voice was quite close, he was on the steps of the veranda.

"Arm broken and knocked about the head. Can't see you; asked me to say so."

"Some mistake," said the other, now on the veranda. "He expects to see me. If you will be so good as to stand aside (with some asperity) I will go in."

"Captain Hillyar asked me to tell you that he could not see you," said Holroyd, doggedly. "I don't suppose you want to go in against his wish."

"Be as good as to let me pass," said Marston. "My business with him is connected with duty." (This with great hauteur).

"Now, look here, Howcaster," said Holroyd, coolly, "what is the good of making a row? If you like to bring the doctor, he may take the responsibility of letting you interview Hillyar. This is his lookout. Till then you don't enter that room."

Silence followed. Then I heard a horse ridden away.

CHAPTER VI.

That day has left an impression of profound wretchedness on my memory. I came out of the panic of sudden terror in which I had appealed to Holroyd for protection with a strange feeling of remorseful shame. The conviction under which I had spoken faded away, effaced by the memories of the evening. Marston had come down the moment he heard of my accident, with the offers of help and hospitality and he had been turned away from my door.

It sounds absurd, but I believe I cried in thinking of the little hospitable preparations Mrs. Marston had doubtless made for my reception, and of what she must feel when her husband told her he had been in my hearing refused admission to my room. Bodily weakness makes us terribly conscious of the pathetic. In my suffering and exhaustion, the question whether Marston had or had not planned my murder seemed of small account; and all I wished was that what I had done could be recalled, that I could close my eyes and open them again to see him standing at my bedside—quand meme.

I thanked Holroyd, of course; and to this day the thought of him is odious to me. He asked me no questions when he saw that I did not volunteer an explanation. It was an X quantity added to the column of figures Marston had on the wrong side in the account he kept against him. He closed it finally that evening and I have no doubt gave full weight to that mysterious item when he summed up and struck the balance.

The doctor looked in in the course of the morning—a grave, sad, silent man. There was more fever than the injuries accounted for, he said, and he promised to call again early in the afternoon. I heard Holroyd ask him if he had seen Colonel Marston. No, he had not met him that morning.

And so the day went on, wearily and painfully, as it does before one begins to adapt oneself to new conditions. My thoughts had begun to flow back and busy themselves in arranging and weighing evidence. A great indignation against Marston slowly took possession of me—not on my own account, strange to say, my own injuries counted for hardly anything in my anger. No, it was the shameless effrontery with which he had suffered his wife to build up the fabric of her happiness upon the foul morass of his life, to embark all that she possessed in a ship whose rotted timbers only hung together by paint and varnish I considered what could be done to save her—what poor Morris and the woman he had loved would have wished. At last I made up my mind I should be justified in destroying the letters. I determined to write to Colonel Marston and say that I should do so, at the same time declining all further acquaintance with him.

My resolution was taken too late. About 3 the doctor came in. His depression seemed deepened into gloom. He examined my injuries silently, and then asked the usual routine questions with a strange, abstracted manner.

I thought something was going wrong, and asked him point-blank what was the matter.

"No," he said, "no. There is fever but that will pass, I trust. No, your arm is doing favorably." He was hardly listening; his mind seemed to be preoccupied. All at once he said, as if with a sudden resolution:—

"Captain Hillyar, you dined with Colonel Marston last night. Did you remark anything strange in his manner?"

I started in surprise.

"Colonel Marston shot himself an hour ago," he went on, without waiting for my reply. "His wife is raving mad. Poor child! Poor child!"

I have passed through Sultanpur since, but I have never had the courage even to look from the window of the passing train at the group of trees that shelters Marston's house, or at the cross that marks the cemetery where he and his wife lay side by side. They stand together in my memory as I saw them last, the light of love on their faces, and all around them a blackness of great night.

A Typographical Error.

"That's a curious typographical error," said Mrs. Partridge. "The title of this new book is printed 'The Viking Age.'" "Well, why not?" asked Partridge. "What ought it to be?" "Why—Biking, oughtn't it?"

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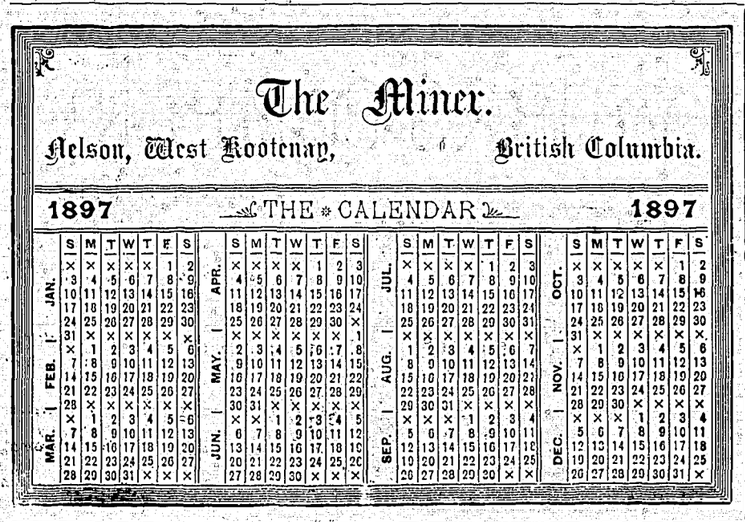

MINING TRANFERS.

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

Kaslo.

Feb 27—

America, Spokane-Kaslo, Acme and Spokane-Kaslo No 2—W A Davis and Joe Rosslow to S K M & M Co.

Caslick, and Mountain Con—Chas Donohue to C A McLeod, release of bond.

March 1—

Meteor and Vancouver—L W Toms to J O Benwell.

Revenue, Defender and Howard—Geo Alexander to H W Osler, ½.

Glencoe—R A Cameron to A R Johnston, ½, $500.

Democrat—W Walton to E A McNaughton, ½.

Caslick and Mountain Con—Noah Codman, R R McDonald, J S McLeod, C A McLeod to J A Whittier, $1,600.

March 2—

Royal Arthur—Jas Burke to M A Adie, ½.

Combination Lode—Pat Tierney to Wm Richardson, ½.

March 3—

Silver Crown and Colorado—Chas Benton to Chas Dougherty, $5,000.

First Glance, Hillside, Galt, R E Adams—Chas Behrman, Ed Durney, T M Fortin, E C Ward, T M Cameron, Frank R Townsend to P G Nash, ½, 50 000 shares in a new company.

Kokanee—J S McLeod to C A McLeod, ½, $800.

March 4—

Northern Bell—Peter Colgan to T H Bell, ½.

Little Maud and Granite—D E Crafts to J Sherman.

Charleston—Thos Garney and John Harkins to R F Green, option for $5,000 till 12 noon 4th March '97.

Rossland.

March 2—

Golden Chariot No 1—James Deans to Walter C Coulthard, ½.

Black Diamond—J Stavely Colton Fox to Johann Wulffsohn, ½.

March 3—

Royal Arch—H W Melton to J Colburn, ½.

Mary Night—H W Melton to David Herman, Frank E Buchanan and Mike Schick, ¼ each; to Samuel Glascow and Henry Kind, ¼ each.

L M C—J Wilmshurst to J M Campbell, ½.

Mittland—Fred Kaeser to George H Ryan.

St Paul—J P Brooks, Daniel English and W M Griffiths to Frank Guse, ½.

March 4—

Crown Point—O J Boucher to Geo Hart, ½.

Golden Cash—S H Bryan to F W Layton.

Beaver and Badger—Jacob Benson to F V Percival, ½.

Same—Peter McLane to Jacob Benson, ½.

Golden Queen No 2—Sidney Drake to Golden Queen M Co., $60,000.

Flying Dutchman—Sidney H Roach to John W Horner.

Hard Bargain—L Anderson to Dan O'Leary and John O'Leary, ½.

March 5—

Trade Dollar Fraction—J G Rives to John Dean.

Deer Park Fraction—Albert Mason to Frank Martin, ½, $500.

Jack—John McRae to J F Honeyford.

Jack—John Honeyford to H B Anderson.

Sunday No 2—A B Railton to Douglas J Neame.

Gem and Tiger—J H Monnom to Henry Anderson, $100.

Deer Park No 2 Fraction—Mike Schick to Frank E Richardson, ½, $1,000.

Deer Park No 2 Fraction—Frank Martin to Mike Schick.

Hard Bargain—L Henderson, L Peters, John O'Leary, David McBeath, Henry B Bois and Wm Nichols to John Johnston and Chas E Hope.

Western Spy and Kangaroo—E S Topping to Jacob Luckof, 1-16.

Tribune—Robert Lockhart to Chas A Shaw, 1-3.

New Deadwood, Mineral Hill, Morning Star, Rutland and Newton Will—W S Boyd to Sault Ste Marie Gold Mining Co Ld.

Empire—Goodwin Ordway to John J Kingsmill, ½.

Boundary No 2—Charles Connell to Jonathan A Forin, 1-3.

Townsite—George H Godfrey to Lewis Lanneman, ½.

Montreal Fraction—P O'Farrell to Lewis Lanneman, ½.

Same—Thomas O'Farrell to same ½.

E and E—E L Clark to J Fyfe, ½.

Snowshoe—John Frandman to Joseph Fyfe.

New Denver.

Feb 22—

Black Bear—Archie Chisholm to Daniel McRae.

Feb 23—

Superior ¼, Susan M ¼, Vinces ¼, Ibex ¼, Susan S—Frank R Strahn to Wm Harris.

Kilo, Superior, and Rother ¼, Susan S, Susan G ¼, Basset ¼, Susan M ¼—Frank R Strahn to Frank Thompson.

Feb 24—

The Chancery—G A Simmons to H T Ewin.

Gibbs—Robt Gibbs to Jacob A Kirkpatrick, ½ $500.

Para—Frank Granville to John Lawson, ½.

Para—John Lawson to D S Wallbridge, ½.

Silver Bell No 2—Arthur A Newbury to Chas Swenny, 3 32.

Exchange, Victoria, Skokum and Silver Plate—R C Campbell-Johnson to James A Grant.

Iowa, Olympia No 2 and Margery—John Jarvis, Daniel Kelleher and John Dempsey to Wm H Maxwell and Andrew G Larsen, $10,200.

St Louis, Alta and Hub—Charles Brand and James Smith to J Tinling, ½, $5000.

Feb 25—

The Laughing Waters and Far Away ½, Cross Road—D R McLean to S K Green.

Lydia—Sam Creston to Al Lonsdale, $100.

Lydia—A Lonsdale to E Shannon, $150.

American Boy 3-12, Black Hock 2-12—Tom McGuigan and John McGuigan to Henry Callaghan, Sebastian Haus and Eugene Denzell, $2000.

Same claims—Same to same, 7-12, $5000.

Black Hock—Patrick McGuire to Henry Callahan, ½, $250.

Black Hock—J G McGuigan to Patrick McGuire, ½.

Feb 26—

Vallecitos—Thos D Tobin to W L Callanan ½.

Reciprocity and Lillian—Wm Sudrow to J H Thompson and J A Whittier, ½, $1000.

Vallecitos—W L Callanan to Henry A Barton ½.

March 1—

No 3 Animon, N.P. and Alma No 3—Louis H Bowman to Joseph B McArthur and Howland Stevenson.

Wisconsin and Nellie B—Ellen Bongard to C Ward and Frank Fortin, 1-12, $100.

Kootenain—Frank O'Brien to Chas Behrum, ½.

Nellie B—Ellen Bongard to Wm Pfeifer, 1-3.

Delta Fraction—Samuel Deschamps to Angus Gillis, 1-3, $100.

The Quebec—Wm Findlay and J A Davis to A R Johnston.

Fremont, Nicola and Osborn—John Stewart to Clarence A Teasdale, ½.

Noonday—Thos Shea to Joseph B McArthur, 1-5.

Krahe—Frank Hanson to Chas S Rashdall and Arnold E Fauquier, ½.

Willa—Thos Gee to W Ward Spinks and Frank Watson.

NEW LOCATIONS.

Nelson.

March 6—

Iberville—D Boyer and F Benoit, on Donaldson Mt. 500 feet from north fork Salmon river, adj Surprise.

Riverside—W J Southwork, Salmon river, ¾ mile north of Wild Horse creek.

March 8—

Rainey Day No 1—H A McClure, ½ mile south of Porcupine creek, adj King Soloman claim.

Rainey Day No 2—H A. McClure, same locality.

Camille No 2—H A McClure, 2 miles east Salmon siding, adj Snowshoe.

Lucky Dick—K K Parker, adj the Dinner Bucket in Wild Horse creek district.

Beaver—J Duhamel, 7 miles west of Nelson on west slope 49 creek between Maple Leaf and St Marys.

March 11—

U.S.—P Bruhn, at head of Stuart creek, ½ mile from head of Quartz creek.

Trade Dollar—P Bruhn, adj U.S.

Salmo Locations.

Placer claims registered to date.

March 10—

Hit or Miss—J H Doudlah, 300 feet.
Lucky Chance—W C Fox, 300 feet.
Agness—Fred Oliver, 200 ft.
Nugget—Wm Oliver, 200 ft.
The following are 100 foot claims:
Lew Wallace—W T Beadles.
Second Best—S S Seaman.
Young America—G D Farwell.
Washington—M S Bittencourt.
Belnap—S E Morrow.
Spokane—C W Peterson.
Victoria—Wm Roberts.
Salmo—John Hunt.
Fox—A J G Mowat.
Annie—Chas Robertson.
Pride—A J Gerrard.
Mayflower—James Mowat.

WEEKLY STOCK REPORT.

If last week showed a slight decline in the values of mining stocks the quotations for the present week show a strengthening of prices all along the line.

Hall Mines are 2 shillings higher and are quoted at £1. 10s. The Slocan and Ainsworth properties have taken another rise and Noble Five is at 62, Dardanelles 21½, Rambler Consolidated 50, Reco $1.35, Idler 12½ and Dellie 17.

In the Rossland market, Iron Mask has jumped 6 cents to 48 and St. Paul has increased 2½ cents to 15. Virginia is down 6 cents to 13, White Bear 1½ to 17½ and Evening Star 2 cents to 12½. Butte and Celtic Queen are up half a cent each to 5 and Monte Cristo is now at 15½.

There have been no dividends declared during the week.

Companies.	No. of Shares	Par Value	Price.
NELSON.			
Hall Mines	300,000	£ 1	£ 1 10s
Exchequer	1,000,000	$ 1 00	$ 0 10
ROSSLAND.			
Alberta	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Beaver	750,000	1 00	0 10
Big Three	3,500,000	1 00	0 15
Butte	1,000,000	1 00	0 05
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
Bruce	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Caledonia Con	500,000	1 00	
California	2,500,000	1 00	0 15
C. & C.	500,000	1 00	
Celtic Queen	700,000	1 00	0 05
Centre Star	500,000	1 00	
Colonna	1,000,000	1 00	0 26½
Commander	500,000	1 00	0 15
Crown Point	1,000,000	1 00	0 51
Deer Park	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Delacola	1,000,000	1 00	0 04
Delaware	1,500,000	1 00	0 12
Eastern Star	500,000	1 00	0 20
Enterprise	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Eric	1,000,000	1 00	0 04
Evening Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Georgia	1,000,000	1 00	0 16
Gertrude	500,000	1 00	0 8
Giant	2,500,000	1 00	0 15
Golden Drip	500,000	1 00	0 15
Golden Queen	1,000,000	1 00	
Great Western	1,000,000	1 00	0 16
Hattie Brown	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Helen	600,000	1 00	0 3
High Ore	500,000	1 00	0 4¾
Homestake	1,000,000	1 00	0 9½
Idaho	500,000	1 00	
Imperial	1,000,000	1 00	0 05½
Iron Horse	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Iron Mask	500,000	1 00	0 48
I X L	1,000,000	1 00	
Independent	1,000,000	1 00	0 06
Josie	700,000	1 00	0 50
Jumbo	500,000	1 00	0 55
Knight Templar	500,000	5 00	0 3½
Kootenay-London	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Le Roi†	500,000	1 00	
Lily May	500,000	1 00	0 20
Mayflower	1,000,000	1 00	0 13½
Monita	750,000	1 00	0 24
Monte Cristo	1,000,000	1 00	0 15½
Morning Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 07½
Nest Egg	500,000	1 00	
Northern Belle	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Novelty	1,000,000	1 00	0 8½
O. K.	1,000,000	1 00	0 30
Palo Alto	1,000,000	1 00	0 6
Phœnix	500,000	1 00	0 11½
Poorman	500,000	1 00	0 5
Red Mountain-view	1,000,000	1 00	0 12
R. P. Lee	2,000,000	1 00	0 15
Red Point	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Rochester	500,000	1 00	
Rossland, Red Mt.	1,000,000	1 00	0 21
Rossland Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
St. Elmo	1,000,000	1 00	0 03½
St. Paul	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Silverine	500,000	1 00	0 7½
Sou'n Cross & W con	500,000	1 00	0 20
Sultana	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Trail Mining Co.	2,500	100 00	
Union	600,000	1 00	
Virginia	500,000	1 00	0 13
War Eagle†	500,000	1 00	
West Le Roi	500,000	1 00	
White Bear	2,000,000	1 00	0 17½
Young British Am'n	1,000,000	1 00	0 06
AINSWORTH.			
Dellie	750,000	1 00	0 17
Ellen	1,000,000	1 00	0 7½
BOUNDARY.			
Old Ironsides	1,000,000	1 00	0 09
CAMP MCKINNEY.			
Cariboo†	800,000	1 00	0 48
REVELSTOKE.			
Orphan Boy	700,000	1 00	0 08
SLOCAN.			
Alamo	500,000	1 00	
Cumberland	50,000	100 00	
Dardanelles	1,000,000	1 00	0 21½
Grey Eagle	750,000	1 00	
Idler	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Kootenay-Columbia	100	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	0 50
Reco	1,000,000	1 00	1 35
Slocan Star	1,000,000	50	2 62
Sunshine	50,000	100 00	
Wonderful	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Washington	1,000,000	1 00	0 25
NORTHPORT.			
Red Top	1,000,000	1 00	0 10

†Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, $325,000; War Eagle, $187,000; Cariboo, $140,000; Idaho $20,000; Slocan Star, $300,000; Reco $100,000; Rambler $20,000. Alamo, Cumberland and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

A SATISFACTORY TEST.

LOW GRADE LE ROI ORE CONTAINS FREE MILLING GOLD.

It Will Also Concentrate at a Ratio of 6 to 1.—A Very Valuable Discovery for Trail Creek Mines.

A test of ten and one half tons of low grade Le Roi ore has been made at the O. K. stamp mill with a view to determining whether such ore was susceptable of concentration. The result is in every way highly satisfactory. Sixty-five per cent. of the value of the ore was saved on the plates and the ratio of concentration was proved to be 6 to 1.

The copper value in the ore was not included in the test. The crude ore carried 12 pounds of copper per ton and the concentrators carried 50 pounds per ton. The proportion of concentrates saved was one ton to 5 6-10 raw ore treated. The value of gold in the ore tailings can be easily reduced by additional concentrating capacity.

The O.K. stamp mill has 10 stamps, the stamps weighing 950 pounds each, with 94 drops per minute, with six inch drop. The milling time of eight and a half hours equalled 2 9-10 tons crushed per hour per stamp, using a 30-mesh screen.

The weight of the sample which was taken was 21,083 pounds, or about 10½ tons of the low grade ore from the waste dump of the Le Roi mine. Every tenth shovelful of ore was laid aside and this sample was quartered and requartered down to about 100 pounds, and this was taken as ore sample for assay. The largest samples of rock were broken with a hammer so that they could be quartered with the smaller fragments of ore.

The entire mill had been well cleaned and the stamp blocks were bedded in clean sand, free from any ore or amalgam; the plates were carefully brushed and washed before any part of the ore to be tested was passed into the battery. Tailing samples and battery samples were taken every 30 minutes. Concentration methods on the vanners were separately tested by both the five and ten stamp batteries.

The concentrates obtained equaled 3601 pounds when freed from moisture, 5 6-10 of raw ore into one ton of concentrates. The amalgam obtained was 30 ounces 11 dwts. and 8 8-10 grains. The fineness of the gold bars was:—Gold, 646; silver, 344. The value of the gold bar, with gold at $20.67 an ounce for fine gold and 64 cents an ounce for fine silver, equalled $67.85 as the value of the bar.

The value of the concentrates obtained was $40.21, saved 41 per cent. of value on the plates and 24 per cent. of the concentrates in the vanners. * * * The total per cent. of extraction of the value contents of the ore was 65 per cent.

With increased crushing capacity and coarser screenage there will be less metallic gold on the plates, more gold in the concentrates and less in the tailings.

With the same crushing capacity and finer screenage there will be more metallic gold on the plates, less gold in the concentrates and less gold in the tailings, provided, however, that an increased vanning capacity to save the fine concentrates and shines were placed below the present vanners on the second vanner floor. * * *

TIMBER INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

A Statement of Timber Cut in B. C. During the Past Year.

Timber Inspector Skinner in his report shows that the timber cut during 1896, not including that from the Dominion and the E. & N. railway lands, was 112,957,106 feet, of which 61,845,798 feet was from Crown lands, 30,575,180 from timber leaseholds, 13,549,228 from private property and 6,986,900 from timber limits. The royalty payable was $30,922 in respect of Crown lands, $15,287 timber leaseholds and $3,493 timber limits, making a total of $47,902; the rebates allowed for exportation were $18,395, leaving the net royalty on timber $31,307. The royalty collected on cordwood was $7,863. The rent accuring on timber leases during 1896 came to $45,733; 68 special licenses at $50, $3,400; and 189 general licenses at $10, $1,890; scaling fees, $208; bringing the total net revenue derivable from timber sources up to $90,402.

The largest payments for royalty were by the Moodyville Lands and Sawmill Co., $7,893 less $3,919 rebate; B.C. Mills, Timber & Trading Co., Vancouver and New Westminster, $20,432 less $10,216; Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Chemainus, $3,874 less $1,937; Geo Cassady & Co., Ld., $1,298 less $649; and Louis Blue, Rossland, $1,705.

The heaviest contributers towards the cordwood receipts were the B. C. Smelting & Refining Co., $4,611; Hall Mines, Limited, $236; Columbia & Kootenay S. N. Co., $433; Nakusp & Slocan Railway Co., $343; Louis Blue, $500; Northern canneries, $557; and "numerous small lots at Vancouver," $455.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Has Cost the Leadville Camp Fully Four Million Dollars.

Leadville, Col., March 12.—At a meeting of the miners union here it was decided by a vote of approximately 900 to 200 to declare the strike off. This is the result of the recent vigorous efforts on the part of E. V. Debs and Mine Manager T. S. Wood, who is very popular with the miners.

The strike was declared June 18, 1896 and has therefore lasted eight months and 21 days. It has cost the camp fully $4,000,000, besides the cost to the labor organizations of the country, which have contributed generously in aid of the strikers.

The Bisley Flagstaff.

The flagstaff of British Columbia fir for Bisley, will be forwarded to England on the ship Kinkora, now loading lumber at Moodyville.

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 of Application For Liquor License.

Take notice that I, C. W. Philp, will apply to the Government Agent for West Kootenay, thirty days after date, for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as lot nineteen (19), block five (5) of the Townsite of Salmo, B.C., in said district,

C. W. PHILP.

Dated at Salmo, B.C., this 13th day of February 1897. (544)

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

Take notice that I, Thomas J. Kickham will apply to the Government Agent for West Kootenay, thirty days after date, for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as lot six (6), block five (5), of the Townsite of Salmo, B.C., in said district,

THOMAS J. KICKHAM.

Dated at Salmo, B. C., this 6th day of March, 1897. (536)

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT" PART IV., AND AMENDING ACTS.

"The Canadian King Gold Mining Company" (Foreign).

Registered the 20th day of January, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered "The Canadian King Gold Mining Company" (Foreign) under the "Companies Act," Part IV., "Registration of Foreign Companies," and amending Acts.

The head office of the said Company is situated at the City of Spokane, in the State of Washington, U.S.A.

The objects for which the Company is established are:—

1. Of buying, selling, leasing and prospecting for mines of iron, gold, silver, copper and other precious metals and minerals, and the buying, selling and mining and extracting from mines and ores all valuable ores and minerals, and carrying on and conducting a general mining business:

2. Of acquiring, by purchase or otherwise, such real and personal property and estates as may be necessary to carry on and conduct such general mining business, and the working, reducing, and sale of all ores and minerals:

3. To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the Company, and to execute notes and mortgages upon the property and franchises of the Company to secure the payment, to such amount, and on such terms, as the Board of Trustees may think proper:

4. To purchase from the subscribers to the capital stock or stockholders in the Company such property, real or personal, as the Board of Trustees may deem proper, and to receive such property in payment of subscriptions to the capital stock to such amount, and at such prices, as the Board of Trustees may think proper, and issue paid-up stock therefor:

5. To build and operate mills for the purpose of sawing and preparing lumber for the uses of said Company, and mills for the purpose of extracting refining, concentrating, treating and smelting ores and minerals in connection with the objects of the Company, and to do all other acts and things necessary to carry out the objects of said Corporation.

The capital stock of the said Company is one million two hundred thousand dollars, divided into one million two hundred thousand shares of the par value of one dollar each.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 20th day of January, 1997.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
(555) *Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

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Write for Quotations. Cable Address. "Dunn."
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A new place to send your laundry after April the 1st.
The Kootenay Steam Laundry will be thoroughly equipped with the latest improved machinery and experienced help.
Whitcher & Cleland - Props.
NELSON, B.C. (529)

Exchequer Gold Mining Company, Limited.
A limited amount of treasury stock now on sale at 10 cents per share. Enquire of A. H. Kelly, Baker street, two doors west of Bank of Montreal. 543

LATE EASTERN NEWS.

Recent Events at the Dominion Capital.--Death of Ex-Deputy Minister Smith.

Ottawa, Ont., March 12.—Sessional arrangements are going forward apace. The program is pretty thoroughly completed in council. Sir Oliver Mowat has several important items of legislation ready, and the house will not have to wait for the tariff. The estimates are also before the council.

The motion to commit Dalton McCarthy M. P., in connection with the North Ontario recount, was yesterday referred by the single court to the divisional court.

Wm. Smith, ex-deputy minister of marine and fisheries, died on Saturday afternoon after one week's illness. He has been suffering from general debility, and was in feeble health for some months back. Mr. Smith was deputy minister before Confederation, and up to one year ago, when he was retired, Major Gourdeau taking his place.

Attention is called in the annual report of the interior department, just issued, to an alarming increase of intemperance amongst British Columbia Indians.

The railway mail service branch of the post office department goes into existence April 1. Everything relating to the postal car operations and carriage of mails by railways will be under this branch. The clerks at Vancouver, who check postal returns, will hereafter be dissociated from the inspector's branch and will take orders from the superintendent, as each chief railway mail clerk will now be designated.

It is rumored that No. 4 Co. R.C.S.I., has been selected by Col. Gascoigne, the adjutant general of Canada, to accompany Premier Laurier to England on the occasion of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. A number of Imperial troops stationed at Halifax will replace the company at Fredricton, N.B.

MINING TRANSFERS.

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

Nelson.

March 5—
Homestretch—E Roper to J T Wilson, ½, $500.
Bohemian—E Roper to J T Wilson, ½, $700.
Ouray, King Spruce, Uncompagre—P Bruhn to J Dunsmuir, $2500.
Fairmont—J M Hickey to P G Nash, $350.

March 6—
Sunrise, Prise—H Foblin to C E Malloite, ½, $160.
Berwick, Carlyle and Mabel—A R McLennan to the Mannamead Gold Mining Co.
Wild Horse—J E Bate to S J Mighton, 1-10.

March 8—
Two Sisters—J J Mulhall to H J Pratt, 1-27.
Michigan, Blue Bird, Randolph, Lorna Doone, Trout—P Sheehan and D Crowley to C H Doughton, $1500.
Same claims—St Clair Smith to C H Doughton, ½, for ¼ of shares in Montana G M Co.
St Inze—J McEvoy to H Lafkovits, 1-3, $200.
Cedar—T A Gossett to H Lafkovits, ½, $100.
Western, Cincinnaty Fraction—W Springer to J A Finch, ½, $200.
Parker, Defender—T F Trask to the Dundee G M Co., $100.
Nelson, Marten—D B Gibson to A G Ferguson
Republic—J Rankin to W J Maxwell, 1-3.
Same—Same to G G Day, 1-3.
Oro, Mammoth Crystol—lis pendens.
Ontario—A J Gerrard to B Boggs, 1-3.

March 9—
El Dorado, Old Dominion—W A Galliher to M J Dawns and W H Lambert, 1-10.
Carrie, Ella May, Ore City, Colorada, Black Diamond—A N Johnston and R A Power to W Colpman, ½.
Bruce—A B Acorn to W Rolls, G W H Taylor, A C Sinclair, A E Campbell, J G McKenzie.
Horse Shoe—Fred Halliday to J S Clute jr 4-5.
Delight, Atlantic, Woodstock, Calgary, Dollie, Glenshee—Neil, Margaret and R G McLeod to J F McLaughlin, bond, $45,000; $250 down, $250 Mar 24; $4000 July 1 and balance in four payments 3 months apart.

March 10—
Carrie, Ella May, Ore City, Colorada, Black Diamond—R A Power, A N Johnson to H L Murton, 1-16.
Gold Leaf—W H Swerdfeger to J P Swedberg.
Mayflower, Royal City, Lake View—T B May, W Murphy, J Fletcher, J Wafer, J D Byrne and B Svenceski to Kokanee Mining Co Ld, $500,000.
Lily-Russell—A Madden to M Kealey.
Carrie, Ella May, Ore City, Colorada, Black Diamond—M Meyer to A N Johnson and R A Power, 1-27, $5.
Wild Horse—J E Bate to J Ripstein, 1-10.

March 11—
Last Chance—J Olsen to C E Peterson.
Lily Russell—P J Russell to J H Anderson, ½.
Same—M Kealy to same.
Gold Bug—Henry Cody to J C Yuill, ½.
Gold Bug—J C Yuill to R W Yuill, ½.
Butte, Mammoth, American Eagle—J Chesnutt to M Meyer, 1-3, $100.
B and M—J McKenzie to S E Ritchie, 1-3.
Buck Horn—W R Smith to S E Ritchie, 1-3.

March 12—
Vancouver—A Moher to Wm Parker.
Victoria—J Conzett to W Parker.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sixty days from date hereof, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in the Nelson Division of West Kootenay: Commencing at a post at the south-west corner of Lot 301 Group 1, West Kootenay; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to the point of commencement containing 640 acres more or less.

THE HALL MINES Ld.
Dated Nelson, B.C., 8th March, 1897. (573)

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HENRY E. CROASDAILE.
Dated Nelson, B.C., 8th March, 1897. (574)

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If you are
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Three Important Points

FIRST—Go via St. Paul because the lines to that point will afford you the best service.

SECOND—See that the coupon beyond St. Paul reads via the Wisconsin Central because that line makes the closest connections with all the trans-continental lines entering the Union depot there, and its service is first-class in every particular

THIRD—For information, call on your neighbor and friend, the nearest ticket agent, and ask for a ticket via the Wisconsin Central lines, or address

JAS. C. POND, Gen. Pas. Agt. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
or GEO. S. BATTY, General Agent, 246 Stark St. Portland, Or.
(570)

PRODUCE OF THE MINES.

RETURNS FOR 1897 UP TO DATE.

ORE EXPORTED.

From Slocan via Kaslo	6,237½
Slocan via Nakusp	2,057½
Rossland via Northport	4,123½
Rossland via Nelson	35½
Tons	12,454
Total Value:	
Through Nelson Custom House	$ 728,579.73
" Revelstoke (Nakusp)	232,382.65
	960,962.38

Average value per ton, $77.1593

PRODUCE OF SMELTERS.
(Shipped)

	TONS
Nelson (Hall Mines) Matte	437½
Trail Smelter Matte	1734½
	2172½

Total value, $883,309.93
" " of ore and matte exported, $1,844,272.31

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Returns Since Last Week.

VIA KASLO.

Payne Mine to Pueblo, Col	250
Ruth to Pueblo, Col	45
Jackson "	15
Whitewater to Everett	30
Ruth to "	90
Rambler to Tacoma	61
Reco to Denver, Col	54
Surprise to Tacoma	17
Slocan Star to Omaha	30
Noble Five to Pueblo	116
Black Diamond to Everett	20
Goodenough, to Denver	13
Sunset and Antoine to Aurora	40½
Antoine to Tacoma	17
Charleston and Silver Bell to Mont	32¾
	834¼

Total value, $85,950.
Average value per ton, $103,026.

VIA NORTHPORT.

Le Roi to East Helena	280
Le Roi to Great Falls, Mt	270
	550

Total value, $18,518.37.
Average value per ton, $33,724.

Total value of ore exported for the week, $104,498.37.

MATTE AND BULLION.
(Shipped.)

Trail Smelter [Matte]	121
Hall Mines [Matte]	41½
	162½

Valued at $81,373.89
Value of matte and ore exported for the week $185,872.26.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK.

Mar.—	6	8	9	10	11	12
SILVER	63¾	64¼	63½	63⅝	63⅝	63⅝
(Bar) LEAD	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05

New York, March 12—Bar silver 63⅝. The metal exchange for lead was a shade lower at $3.37½ @ $3.42½ but lead called by the brokers closed the market strong and brokers price at $3.05.

The Robson-Trail Railway.

The contractors for the construction of the standard gauge railroad from Trail to Robson are pushing work as fast as 200 men, well distributed along the line, can do it. It is believed that trains will be running early in June, although the contract does not call for the completion of the work before July 1.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN RY.

Time Table No. 4. To take effect Feb. 4, 1897.

EASTBOUND.

No. 4 passenger (daily except Sunday)
leaves Rossland 4:00 p.m
Arrives at Trail 5:00 p.m
No. 2 passenger (daily except Sunday)
leaves Rossland 7:00 a.m
Arrives at Trail 8:00 a.m

WESTBOUND.

No. 3 passenger (daily except Sunday)
Leaves Trail 8:45 a.m
Arrives in Rossland 10:00 a.m
No. 1 passenger (dialy except Sunday)
Leaves Trail 5:45 p.m
Arrives in Rossland 7:00 p.m

Connections made with all boats arriving and departing from Trail.

General Offices: F. P. GUTELIUS, Trail, B. C. General Supt.

Kaslo & Slocan Railway.

TIME CARD NO. 1.

GOING WEST.		Daily	GOING EAST.	
Leave	8.00 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

Subject to change without notice.

For rates and information apply at the Company's offices.

ROBT. IRVING, 2609 Traffic Manager. R. W. BRYAN, Superintendent

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 thousand 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

International Navigation and Trading Co., Ld.

Strs. International and Alberta
ON KOOTENAY LAKE AND RIVER.

Time Card in effect February 1st, 1897. Daily except Sunday. Subject to change without notice.

Lv. Kaslo for Nelson, Ainsworth, Pilot Bay, Balfour, Way Points 5:30 a.m.
Lv. Nelson for Kaslo, Ainsworth, Pilot Bay, Balfour, Way Points 4:40 p.m.

Close connection at Five Mile Point with all passenger trains of the N. & F. S. R. R. to and from Northport, Rossland and Spokane.

Lv Kaslo 5:30 a m { Ar Northport 12:30 p m. " Rossland 3:25 p m. " Spokane 7:00 p m. } Ar Kaslo 8 p. m.
Lv Spokane 7:00 a m Ar at Kaslo 8 p m
Lv Rossland 10:30 a m " " "
Lv Northport 1:27 p m " " "

Through tickets sold at lowest rates and baggage checked to all United States points.

GEO. ALEXANDER, Gen'l Mgr.
Kaslo, Jan. 30, 1897. Head Office at Kaslo, B.C.

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.

A SITTING OF THE SUPREME COURT of British Columbia for hearing causes, matters and issues which are to be heard by a Judge with and without a Jury will be held at the Court House in the town of Nelson on Tuesday the thirtieth day of March instant, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Nelson this 3rd day of March, A.D., 1897.

E. T. H. SIMPKINS,
564 Acting Deputy District Registrar.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of unoccupied Crown Lands situated in West Kootenay District and more particularly described as follows:—Commencing at the northwest corner of lot 527 group one, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated, Victoria, B.C., Feb. 22nd, 1897.
562 W. O. CARTER.

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The London Hill Development and Mining Company

LIMITED LIABILITY

A Company formed to acquire, develop and work the "London" Group of Mineral Claims, situated in the Ainsworth and Slocan Mining Divisions of West Kootenay, British Columbia.

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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In effect February 1st, 1897

SOUTHBOUND
Leave Arrowhead, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 19 o'clock
Arrive Nakusp, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 24 "
Leave Nakusp, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 7:30 "
Arrive Sandon, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 11:30 "
Leave Nakusp, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 24:30 "
Arrive Robson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 13 "
Leave Robson (for Nelson) Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 14:30 "
Arrive Nelson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 16 "
Leave Nelson for Kaslo, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 16 "
Arrive Kaslo, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 19:30 "
Leave Robson for Trail, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 14 "
Arrive Trail, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 17 "

NORTHBOUND
Leave Trail, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8 "
Arrive Robson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 12 "
Leave Kaslo for Nelson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 7 o'clk
Arrive Nelson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10:30 "
Leave Nelson for Robson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10:30 "
Arrive Robson, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 12:00 "
Leave Robson for North, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 16 "
Leave Sandon, daily except Sunday 13:20 "
Arrive Nakusp, daily except Sunday 17:20 "
Leave Nakusp, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 "
Arrive Arrowhead, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday 11 "
Connecting with train for north.

Steamer "Lytton" makes daily trip excepting Sunday, between Trail and Northport Leaving Trail at 8 o'clock. Arriving at Northport at 10.
Returning, Leaves Northport at 11 o'clock. Arriving at Trail at 17 o'clock.

Steamer "Kokanee" daily between Nelson and Kaslo, leaving Kaslo as per schedule; Sundays leaving Kaslo at 9 o'clock, arriving Nelson 12:30 o'clock, returning leaving Nelson Monday 10 o'clock, arriving Kaslo 13:30.

For Tickets and full particulars as to rates, time, etc., apply to nearest C. P. R. agent or to GEO. S. BEER, Ticket Agent, Nelson.

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COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY STEAM NAV. CO.
(LIMITED

TIME CARD No. 10
In Effect June 8th, 1896.

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