The Mining Review.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1902.

MINE CONSOLIDATIONS.

With the announcement, originating in the Boundary country, to the effect that the large producers of that camp contemplate the consolidation of their properties will in no way create a general surprise. This can only be viewed as an economic industrial undertaking. The effect on the Boundary can have but one, and that will be of a more stability in character, and as there is a predisposition in the present age of industrial advancement to merge all industries of a similarity into gigantic combinations, there cannot be any other solution to mining to place it on a parity with other branches of industry. As the mines of that camp depend largely on the copper as the principal producing revenue, and as the markets of this metal are at all times subject to fluctuations—declining or rising as the demand occasions—it will ultimately come sooner or later if it does not occur in the immediate future. By so organizing these industries into the so-called term of "trust"—one inadvertently misinterpretated—it is only promoting the welfare and bringing about a state of more rapid progress, as well as leaving the only alternative of protecting themselves—through its vested powers—by regulating the supply and treatment of its product.

It was only a few years ago that these corporate bodies were looked upon as a menace to public utility of any country, but events eminating from these combinations are gradually gaining ground that they are more of a public benefactor rather that a tyranical octapus so long as their powers are curbed to meet the warranted conditions of the times. It is now practically welcomed as a further beacon of greater advancement of enterprise and education. Not only are the capitalists, but the union of workingmen shaping there destinies in the groves of industrial organization and to decry the one organization must essentially bring displeasure upon the other.

Not alone are these rumors of organization confined to the Boundry, but apparently the wave is spreading to Rossland—notably in the consolidation of the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2—and we would not at all be surprised to see such a thing overtake the Slocan, and would in all probability be the best means of bringing about the desired change that the Slocan is at present seeking.

As all conversant with the Slocan are cognizant of the fact that the principal drawback is its inability to market its product at any reasonable figure conducive to its prosperity, along with exorbitant freight and smelting rates.

If, say the mines here were under the control of one management with strong financial backing, it would then be in a position to dominate over these circumstances of adversity that are at the present moment retarding its advancement. If this would come to pass, the Slocan would then be in a position to dictate its terms of treatment, etc., and in the event of not being able to do so would independently be able to built its own smelters and create its own marke

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The Moyie Leader says the miners' union of the Kootenays should assist the mineowners in their efforts to secure the legislation which they desire at the coming session of parliament. This they could do by passing resolutions ennorsing the resolutions passed by the mineowners at Sandon. It is certainly to the interests of the miners to work hand in hand with the mineowners on this proposition, as the resumption of work in the silver-lead mines means the employment of hundreds of their members at good wages.

There is a coal famine in Manitoba and eastern Canada. In the prairie province the farmers are hewing the round surface off their log cabin for fire wood and using their wheat for fuel. In cities and towns of Ontario their residents are smashing up and burning their furniture, and when this gives out are likely to tear up the sidewalks for fuel to keep from freezing.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, in an interview while in Torto on Tuesday, said that whatever assistance may be given the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, it will not take the form of land grants. This will ease the minds those who feared another wholesale grant of territory similar to that given the Canadian Pacific.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
We need a council bad we know;
The old board's going, let 'er go!
And joy be it's going too.

Jim Hill's Plans.

J. J. Hill, the railway magnate, while in Spokane a few days ago, announced that construction would be immediately begun, by his company, of the new line through the Okanagan country to Midway, and from the latter point up the Similkameen river the entire length of the valley.

"During the coming summer," said Mr. Hill, "all our energies in this part of the country will be centered in the building of this road. We are even now perfecting the general details for the new road, and as soon as spring comes the work will be most vigorously pushed on. When the road is compled we shall devote all our energies to opening up the great resources of that wonderful country, and we shall fill it with settlers."

Asked about that Coast-Kootenay line Mr. Hill said:

"I do not wish to talk of the project to extend the road on from the Similkameen to Vancouver, but, of course, the distance between the two points is not very great. For the present accept my assurance that the road through the Okanagan and Similkameen countries is to be built at once. I think that is the most important piece of news I have to give out just now."

NOTICE.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a Certificate of Title to Blocks 3 and 10 of Lot 891, Group 1, Kootenay District (Map 689).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lands in the District of Kootenay in the name of James M. Barton, which Certificate is dated the 6th day of February, 1902, and numbered 1157 A.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar.

Land Registry Office,
Nelson, B. C.
9th September, 1902.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Twickenham Mineral Claim, situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Take notice that I, A. R. Heyland, agent for E. Foyle Smith, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 59263, and Frank C. Clute, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 64506, 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 23rd day of September, 1902.

A. R. HEYLAND.

Certificates of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Silver Band, Twyford, Winton, Islington, Faringdon, Croydon Fraction, Rodney Mineral Claims, situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Take notice that I, A. R. Heyland, agent for the Silver Band Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 69117, 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 each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1902.

A. R. HEYLAND.

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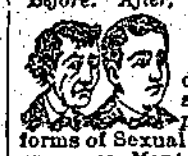

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NOTICE.

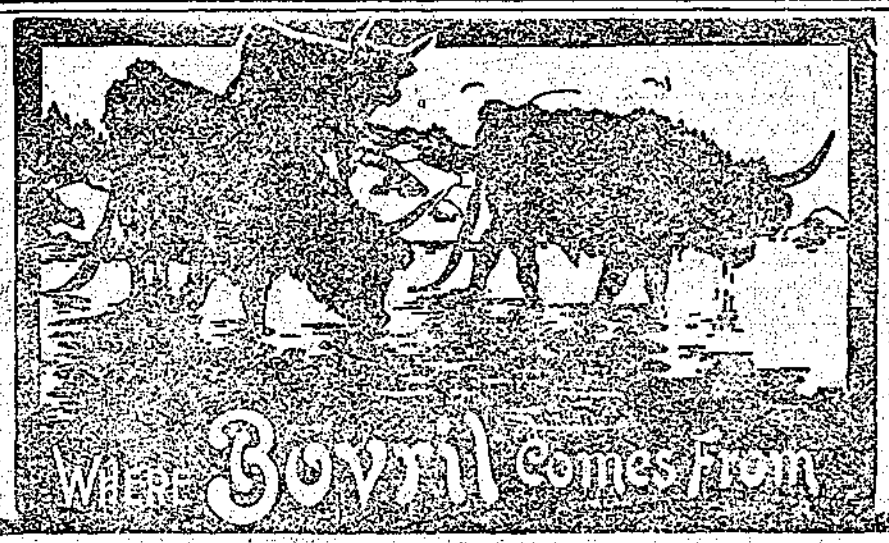
To John H. Gray and to any and all others to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Rosedale, Flower and May Mineral Claims situated on Payne Mountain, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, British Columbia.

Take notice that I, D. E. Sprague, a co-owner in each of the said Rosedale, Flower and May Mineral Claims, have expended $102.50 in doing and having recorded the annual assessment work on said Rosedale Mineral Claim for the year ending October 22nd, 1902, as required by section 24 of the Mineral Act, and $102.50 in doing and having recorded the annual assessment work of the said Flower Mineral Claim for the year ending August 12th, 1902, as required by Section 24 of the Mineral Act, and $102.50 in doing and having recorded the annual assessment work on the said May Mineral Claim for the year ending August 12th, 1902, as required by Section 24 of the Mineral Act, and that within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the said expenditure, being one-eighth of the amount expended in respect of each of the said mineral claims amounting to $12.80 in respect of each of said claim, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claims will become vested in me the undersigned under the provisions of Section 4. of the "Mineral Act, Amendment Act 1900."

The address for payment of the said moneys to me the said D. E. Sprague, is care of McAnn & McKay, Barristers, Kaslo, B. C.

Dated the 4th day of November, 1902.

D. E. SPRAGUE.



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Discipline.

"So you had a double lynching at Grimson Gulch?"

"That's what we had," answered Three Fingered Sam.

"More horse thieves?"

"Yep."

"Were both men guilty?"

"There's jest the embarrasin' feature of the affair. Soapy Smith laughed at us fur hangin' the wrong man by mistake an' we had to lynch him to teach him manners, an' in the meantime the real hoss thief got clean away."

Report of the Monitor.

The following report of the Monitor and Ajax Fraction, sent by Manager M. Gintzburger, to the owners in the Old Country, appears in the English press.

The report is in detail up to the 1st of November:

Ore shipped and settled for, crude galena, 74 tons, realized.....	$3.700
In transit, 21 tons, estimated val.	1,000
Ore mined during the month 120 tons, net value.....	6,000
Ore on hand, 65 tons, net value..	3,250

In No. 5 level, the drifts to the north and south are being pushed forward with satisfactory results. The north drift shows signs of displacement of the ledge to the east, which is highly satisfactory.

We have not advanced the price of our tobaccos. Amber smoking tobacco, Bobs, Currency and Fair Play chewing tobaccos are the same size and price to Consumer as formerly. We have also extended the time for the redemption of Snowshoe tags to January 1st 1904.

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The Old Yuletide.

Once more the Merry Christmastide
  Is wearing round again,
And Christmas spreads on every side
  Her message old to men:
O, be ye all of goodly cheer,
  And full of festive mirth,
And keep that day, to nations dear,
  When Christ was born to earth.

Our fathers, in the olden days,
  When nights were long and cool,
And joyous forth to woodland ways
  To fetch the logs at Yule;
And, in the huge old fireplace, heaped
  The wood, with many a shout,
Till lightly sprang the sparks, and leap'd
  Into the frost without.

And, high on old oak-pannelled walls,
  They wreathed the evergreen,
While round about the ancient halls
  The holly gay was seen;
And who, beneath the misletoe
  A maid might spy, I wis,
Might levy tribute, justly so,
  And claim a Christmas kiss.

Then came the neighbors bursting in
  With shouts of boisterous glee,
Stamping their feet to aid the din
  And set the loose snow free.
Loud the old manor echoed then,
  With peals of laughter shrill,
For those were times when hearts of men
  Were filled with free good will.

The feast was spread: and at the board
  They tasted high delight;
The best the cellars might afford
  Was furnished forth that night.
And young and old joined in the plays,
  While swift the evening crept,
For they knew well, in olden days,
  How Christmas should be kept.

'Twas then that "Merrie England" was
  And "Bonnie Scotland," too.
Might we but keep those Yuletide laws
  The way they used to do.
So, be ye all of goodly cheer,
  And full of festive mirth,
And keep that day, to nations dear,
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"How do you buy it?"

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7:00 a. m	Nelson	8:00 p. m.
11:00 a. m	Grand Forks	4:00 p. m.
9:15 a. m	Republic	5:40 p. m.

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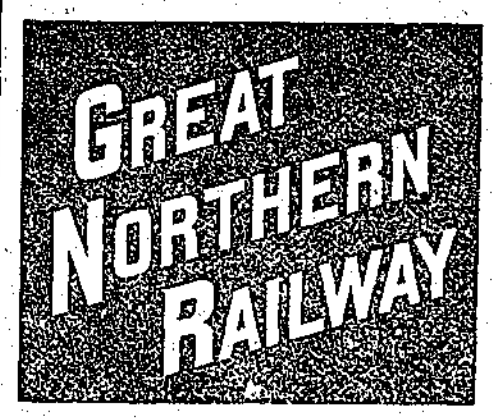

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Odds and Ends.

Many a man is considered a hopeless fool on account of his hopelessness.

It is easy to prove that the gun isn't loaded immediately after the accident.

A lot of unimportant happenings are postponed on account of the weather.

A New York artist made a fortune painting purple landscapes—and lost it painting red towns.

Though the young husband may be willing to attend his wife's church, he insists on voting as heretofore.

Whiskey straits make crooked paths.

An elevator is at best a sort of hand-me-down affair.

Lots of men tire themselves to death looking for an easy job.

It is hard for the man who is flat on his back to face the world.

Most bachelors' idea of misery is being alone with a noisy baby.

When a man is in love he doesn't know axle grease from butter.

But for the donkey's big ears he couldn't appreciate his own music.

If a a man is satisfied with himself he is usually disappointed with other people.

Lawyers have no excuse for going hungry, as the statutes have lots of provisions in them.

The average man's little troubles would not amount to much were it not for the uncalled-for comment of his upon them.

She Dictated Afterwards.

"Darling Bessie," said the stock broker to his lady typewriter, "will you marry me? Since you have come like a gleam of sunshine to gladden my existence, I have lived in the radiant light of your ethereal presence, and passionately—"

"Speak a little slower please," said the fair typewriter, interrupting him, while her fingers continued to fly over the keys of her machine. "Ethereal—presence—passionately! Now I am ready to proceed."

"Bless me, Miss Caramel!" exclaimed her employer, "you are not taking down my offer of marriage on that typewriter, are you?"

"A proposal!" shrieked Miss Caramel "Why, so it is! I didn't notice; I thought you were dictating. Forgive me, dear William, I am yours. And now, since I have made this foolish blunder, please sign this paper, and we'll keep it as a memento."

The wedding took place according to contract.

Gives Him Pain in the Purse.

"I'm really worried about Jim," said young Mrs. Dunsmoor.

"What's the trouble!,' asked her mother.

"All my care seems to have been in vain. I would'nt let him play golf for fear he'd get the golf elbow, nor ping-pong for fear he'd get ping-pong ankle."

"Well, he has escaped so far!"

"Yes. But I haven't the heart to ask him to stop playing cards, even if it does lead to his becoming deformed."

"What do you mean?"

"He admitted to me that the poker hands he is getting are extremely painful."

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Mining News.

The forces at the Black Prince and Ottawa mines has been reduced on account of the low price of silver. Both mines shipped a car of ore each the past week to the Hall smelter in Nelson.

The bond on the Lucky Jim has been thrown up. The property was leased a short time ago by Messrs. Goldsmith and Jeffries, who thought they could turn its large zinc bodies into account and make a profit. It now appears the zinc of that property carries a large per centage of iron, which would have to be milled before the ore could be shipped to the smelter.

A rich strike is reported on the Republic mine, which is in charge of R. C. Campbell-Johnson. The find was encountered near the surface and gives high values, being rich in native silver. The Republic has just sent out its first shipment of 20 tons to the Nelson smelter and more will follow shortly. The ore averges $96 a sack, 20 sacks going as high as $422 each.

A deal has been put through in Rossland whereby New York capitalists, represented by W. W. Hageman, have secured a two-years' working bond on the Hungryman, on Rover creek, near Slocan Junction. The property has a big showing of pyritic ore, carrying an average of $20 in copper and gold. About $6,000 have already been expended in development. The bond holders will install a plant and start a crew of men to work after the holidays.

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He Got the Boy.

A merchant in an eastern city lately put an advertisement in a paper headed "Boy wanted!"

The next morning he found a bandbox on his step, with this inscription on the top:

"How will this one answer?"

On opening it he found a nice, fat chubby looking specimen of the article he wanted warmly done up in flannel!

Methodist church services on Sunday, the pastor R. J. McIntyre will preach at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Evening subject "Power of the human tongue." The choir will be assisted by Mr. Sullivan of Nelson. Sunday school at 2 30 p. m. and Junior league Tuesday afternoon at 3.15. Watch night service on New Year's eve at 11.15 p. m. Service at Three Forks on Monday at 6.30 p. m.

The formation in the goldfields of South Africa is peculiar. The gold is in reefs. According to the Mining and Scientific Press, these reefs are massive and made up of coarse granite conglomerate and sandstone, with here and there large or small cement seams. The gold is not in the quartz or limestone, but in cement, The streaks which carry the gold are from six inches to 60 feet in width, and almost invariably widen with depth. When the outcropping is first discovered it looks like a vertical vein, but soon flattens out on depth. The mining there is more like coal than gold mining anywhere else. Shafts are nearly all 16 x 8 or 16 x 6.

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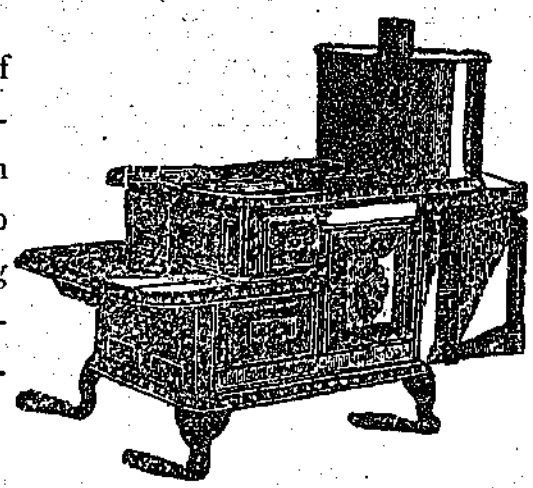

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XMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

Presbyterian Entertainment and Tree

The Christmas tree and concert held by the Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening, in the union hall, was a grand success. The hall was packed to the doors and the large audience greatly enjoyed the entertainment. There is always a pleasure attached to the amusement furnished by the little ones, and to judge by the great applause given to them, the little tots are the favorites of Sandon. The programme was a very long one—a little too much so—but was carried through without a hitch. The songs were warmly applauded, and where harmony was lacking, the heartiness with which they were rendered, more than made up for the discord. The recitations, dialogues, etc., of the children were interspersed with those of grown-up people, which gave an evenness to the entertainment and encouragement to youngsters. It would be hard to single out those for special mention, as to do so would be to name them all, and we have not the space at our command. Some of the leading features were those of the outsiders who voluntary took part and contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening. Of these the dialogue "The train to Mauro" was the most laughable. The leading character a country woman going to visit her sick daughter at Mauro, was taken by Herb Sharp, who acted the part to perfection. Womanike he carried a basketful of remedies for every ailment that flesh is and persistently offered them to the sullen operator, only to be met with a curt refusal. The trouble arose over the name of the station. The woman wanted to take the train to Mauro, the operator thought she meant tomorrow, and did not wake up to the fact until the train pulled into the station, leaving the sharp-tongued lady but a few minutes to gather up her numerous parcels scattered round and catch the train. The confusion can be better imagined than described, while the smile of the operator, at getting even with the garrulous old lady, would do you good to see. Mr. Sharp also gave a number of selections on the mouth organ and bones together, and received such an encore he had to come back. Rev. Mr. Robb sang "Bonnie Dundee" and was also loudly encored, but time would not allow it and the programme was rushed on. Miss Alice Trenary gave an exhibition of club swing that met with hearty applause, while the grand march duet on the piano by Mr. Fallows and Mrs. Towgood, and the singing of the latter, called forth a thunder of applause. Rev. Mr. McIntyre acted as chairman and kept the audience in good humor during the entertainment. The feature of the evening was the tree. The presents for the children were all right, but some for others caused much laughter as they were held up to view when the "lucky" ones reached the stage.

IN THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The concert and Xmas tree in the Methodist church on Christmas eve was well patronized. The edifice was too small and filled to overcrowding. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion and the tree tastily arranged and loaded down with presents for the little ones and big ones too. A good programme was presented, which was much the same of the preceding night to need comment. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment furnished by the children. The leading features were the dialogues and recitations of the Karr family, boys and girls, who seem quite at home on the stage, and with voice and action give life to their parts and encouragement to the other. Also Master Brooks who committed to memory and recited with much force the longest piece of the evening without a break. The tray drill by four girls, namely, Violet Jones, Sylvia Warner, Minnie Thompson and Mabel Karr was much admired. The young ladies keeping perfect step, time and movement to the stirring marches rendered by Miss Minnie McKinnon. A quartette composed of the Misses Ada and Stella Pound, and Messrs. M. L. Grimmett and Rev. McIntyre rendered "He is the King," the solos being taken by Miss Stella Pound, and brought out a rousing encore to which they responded. Herb Sharp and Frank McKinnon kept the audience in fits of laughter by their humorous recitations. Later in a dialogue entitled "Doing the Grand," Master Frank started out to do so, but slipped up on it just when he thought he had a grand dinner for himself. The distribution of the presents on the Xmas tree was patiently awaited with pleasure by the youngsters, and watched with interest by the others. A good many "boobies" were awaiting claimants, but a good many did not show up, having received a pointer or two the night before.

Local News Notes.

A Happy New Year to you.

Monday was the shortest day of the year.

J. M. Harris was in Nelson the early part of the week.

"Hoodoo" is back to town from Fernie for the hockey season.

W. A. Yawkey, Jr., of the Ivanhoe came in on Wednesday's train.

N. J. Kavanaugh spent Xmas day with his family at New Denver.

Roy Sharp of Nelson is spending his Xmas holidays with his parents here.

Rev. A. J. Seymour of Slocan City spent Xmas in Sandon at the Methodist parsonage.

R. B. McCammon, formerly C. P. R. agent here, arrived in town Xmas eve for a short stay.

Mr. Geo. Beave and Blanche Davis of Revelstoke are spending a few days with friends in the city.

The mines and mills closed down for a few days this week to allow the men to spend Christmas where and how they choose.

Mrs. (Capt.) Reid, of Slocan City, is spending a few days in town the guest of Mrs. W. Richards.

Rev. W. D. Misner and wife of Kaslo shared dinner with the Rev. Mr. McIntye on Xmas day.

The Spokane Falls & Northern railway has reduce its passenger rates from five to three cents a mile.

The soft weather of the past few days is keeping the rotary busy on the K. & S. clearing the track of slides.

The soft weather of the past few days has caused the slide season to set in prematurely. So far we have not heard of any accidents resulting therefrom.

Geo. W. Hughes left for Spokane on Monday. After a short stay there he will leave for the east, in connection with the silver-lead delegation and to spend the winter months at his old home.

A troupe of Nelson curlers is expected in tonight to compete with Sandon rinks in a friendly game. The skating rink will be utilized for the occasion, consequently there will be no skating this evening.

A lot of fine fancy goods, which arrived too late for the Xmas trade, are being sold cheap for cash at Cliffe's bookstore. Call early and get your choice before they are all gone, as the supply is limited and going fast.

Mr. Lovering, teacher, was the recipient of a handsome gold ring set with a fine large opal, at the Xmas tree on Tuesday evening. The present was the gift of one of his scholars, and tests the popularity of the teacher with his pupils.

The Midway & Vernon Railway Co. will apply to parliament next session for an act declaring the railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, extending the time within which it may construct the same, and giving the company power to dispose of the line.

After the Xmas festivities combine pleasure with recuperation by attending the grand ball of the season at the Halcyon Hot Springs on New Year's eve. For the small sum of $10 you can dance to your heart's content and enjoy the baths and health-giving waters for six days.

There are many handsome calendars being distributed the past week or two by our business men, but few surpass the thrilling scene depicted on those presented by Harry Nash, our tinsmith and plumber. It is a beauty and could easily be framed and be an ornament to any house.

We desire to express our thanks to the New York Brewery Co., of this city, for a Christmas reminder in the shape of half a dozen bottles of their sparkling lager beer and one of the handsomest calendars presented this season. The Sandon lager beer is surpassed by none and is rapidly taking the place of all bottled importations in a large section of this country.

First Hockey Match.

The first hockey match of the season was played Xmas day between a picked team, who styled themselves the Victorias, and the regular senior seven. At no stage of the game were the seniors in it, and were easily vanquished to the tune of 8 goals to 4. The teams lined up in the following order.

Victorias.		Sandon.
J. McKinnon	forward	R. Hoode
W. Cliffe		E. Crawford
J. Smith		A. Grierson
E. Bloomfield		Brown
R. J. McIntyre	cover point	R. Crawford
R. Sharp	point	J. Crawford
J. Hogan	goal	F. J. Ritchie

W. Warner Renews Wonderful Lease.

Mr. W. Warner has taken a renewal lease on the Wonderful after a few weeks' consideration. He secures by the renewal of the lease on more favorable terms than he previously had, and thinks with the large amount of zinc known to exist on the property, along with both silver and lead he will have better success by the new terms. He will commence work in a few days with a small force of men and will confine his attention principally to the mining of zinc. The zinc will return a 54 per cent. product with 145 ounces of silver to the ton, giving comparatively no lead values.

Hotel Reco Arrivals.

J R Buckley, Spokane; Geo A Campbell, Victoria; N F Macleod, Nelson; F J Gavin, Vancouver; Mrs B P Little and son, P O Molson, city; R B McCammon, Toronto; P H Walsh, A E Pearson, J W Prink, Kaslo; A B Matheys, Chicago; Constance Brett, Nakusp; St Elmo Davis, Reco mine; L R Ashford, H Ashford, Texas mine; J W Gaukroger4, Slocan Star mine; W H Yawkey, Detroit.

Sandon Ore Shipments.

The following are the ore shipments from Sandon for the week:

Mine.	Tons.
SILVER-LEAD.	
Ruth	42
Ivanhoe	30
Slocan Star	30
American Boy	42
Reco	21
Payne	50
Total	215
ZINC.	
Payne	105
Total	105

A movement is being started by a section of the hotel men in Rossland to inaugurate high license regulations. They desire that the hotel license be raised to $1,000 per annum, payable in advance, and maintain that the city's revenue would not suffer, while the weeding out of weak enterprises would enable the remainder to operate at a profit.