The Mining Review.

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Well Done, Brave Jack!

Word reached town Sunday of the accident at the Nettie L. mine, near Ferguson, in which four miners were asphyxiated, and two are under the doctor's care, in which Bob Savage an old Sandonite lost his life and Jack McLeod, also well known in Sandon came out a hero. It appears that the day shift had quit work at 4 p. m. and fired their shots, and it is thought that in some manner or other the powder gas and smoke accumulated in the lower workings and did not escape before the night shift came on.

Bob Savage was the first man to descend to his work, and when at the at the bottom he was heard to call for help, crying out that he was suffocating.

George Groshey descended to his rescue and succeeded in bringing him up to the floor level when Groshey became insensible and Savage's body dropped back down the winze a distance of about forty feet. Allan Caulder then rushed down the ladder, and on reaching the bottom called out for help, and Pat Crilley, shift boss and brother of the superintendent, went down to share Caulder's fate. Barclay Crilley when down and actually reached his brother, but the gas drove him up to the level more dead than alive.

Jack McLeod, an old time Sandon miner made an attempt at rescue with a rope. He secured a body with the line and bore it to the ladder foot. The men above raised Paddy Crilley to the level, McLeod partly sustaining him from the ladder. Six times McLeod came up with the body of a rescued comrade, and went down six times risking death. The sixth and last man having been carried up McLeod collapsed, and Jack Sweeny descended to see if any more remained in the mine. McLeod had to go down again and bring out Sweeny. McLeod came out of his experience uninjured. The names of the dead are Pat Crilley, shift boss; Allan Caulder, Ed. Cognan and Robert Savage. Two men, Nels Johnson and Otto Bloom, are now under the doctor's care, and are expected to recoverr No blame is attached to the mine management, appliances or equipment.

The bravery of the miners is equal to any heroism recorded, while the gallantry of McLeod is exceptional. Knowing full well he would be overcome by the deadly gases, as the others had, he descended into the death pit to endeavor to save the lives of his comrades. Heroes at most take their lives in their own hands. McLeod took his, and succeeded in bringing all the bodies to the surface and saving two lives, to be overcome himself when his task was done, but thanks to a vigorous constitution he came to without fatal results to himself. His gallant action should be brought before the Royal Humane Society. The medal for bravery has been awarded for deeds performed attended by less danger than that of the gallant action of Jack McLeod in the rescue of his comrades in the Nettie L. mine last Saturday.

Local News Notes.

Thos. Brown left on a trip to the Boundary on Thursday.

Mayor Grimmett is confined to his room the past week from a combined attack of la grippe and tonsilitis.

Thursday night was supposed to be the coldest of the season. The mercury is reported to have dropped to 8 below zero.

The heaviest snow fall of the season was experienced this week when for five days the beautiful came down steady and is over two feet deep in town.

Mrs. N. J. Cavanaugh returned to New Denver Thursday morning. She was accompanied by Mrs. Thos. Sharp who will spend a short visit with her.

Angus McDonald was in Rossland the first part of the week attending the funeral of his cousin, Angus B. McDonald. who was killed last week by a falling tree.

The force at the American Boy came down the hill Tuesday. There was no strike or shut-down; but simply a precaution against all danger of accidents from slides.

Mrs. McKinnon returned from Rossland on Tuesday where she went to see her son John, who was taken ill. Johnny is improving and will shortly return to Kamloops.

Travelling in the Slocan in the winter is not a pleasure by any means, especially after a snow storm. It required the patience of Job and the courage of a Spartan to attempt a journey the past past week, by it was done by many all the same.

A number of small slides came down around the Star mine on Wednesday. Three rolled down the hill in about ten minutes between the Silversmith workings and the bunkhouse shortly after the change of shifts, and no one was hurt.

Rev. A. J. Seymour, of Slocan City, will preach on Sunday in the Methodist church, at 11 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Three Forks service Monday at 7 p. m.

E. M. Sandilands has adopted a novel plan of advertising the past week. Our citizens are all anxiously watching the rise in the price of lead in the London market, and E. M. posts up the quotations every morning in a snow bank opposite his office for the benefit of all interested.

What is the matter with the Nelson post office? Sandon has been without mail from that section for several days. The blockade on the K. and S. occurred early in the week, in plenty of time to notify the Nelson postmaster that the mail service was interrupted and make a temporary change. The C. P. R., although a little late, arrived every day and the mail could have been easily transferred to that line, and prevent a week's accumulation in the post office at Kaslo, causing our merchants and others to suffer in consequence.

A slide came down Wednesday at the Idaho mine and struck a building without injuring anyone. Four or five men were inside at time playing a game of cards to wile away the hours, when the snow ploughed in. In their hasty exit they did not wait to see who had a full house or took the jackpot.

The Ashford Bros. have just finished a large contract on the Texas ground part of the Reco group of claims. In all they drove 300 feet of tunneling and upraises, covering a period of five months, or at the rate of two feet per day, which, when the nature of the rock encountered is considered would be classed as remarkably fast work.

"Sherry" Birchell is now on his way back to the Slocan to assume his old position as book-keeper at the Arlington and left Dartmouth near Halifax on the 3rd inst. Sherry has been east for some time on his holidays and has been laid up most of the time from injuries received in an ice boating accident, but has now fully recovered.

The Lucky Jim slide suspended traffic on the K. & S, nearly the whole week. A portion of the avalanche in coming down buried the track many feet, while another section of it overhanging was ready to drop at any moment. The overhanging bank was considered too dangerous to allow the rotary to clear the obstruction as it was thought the jarring of the engine would cause it to fall while breaking through and probably bury the engine and crew without giving them a chance to escape.

Next Tuesday is St. Patrick's day, dear to the sons of the Emerald Isle where ever they may be. Never before in the troubled history of unhappy Ireland are the propects for longstanding justice being meted out to the gallant and long suffering Irish people. The land question promises to be peacefully settled in the near future, and some form of local self-government is expected to follow. At the next anniversary of Ireland's day we hope to hear of God Save the King played in unionism with the strains of St. Patrick's day, and the pathetic song of The Wearing of the Green as it now stands pass into oblivion. Erin mavourneen! Erin go bragh!

J. M. Harris returned to town Thursday from his trip to Spokane, and had another escape from slides. Mr. Harris intended to leave for home on Monday, and at the last moment decided to stay over until the following day, and it was lucky he did. Numerous snowslides came down on Monday at many points along the Spokane Falls and Northern railway. The passenger train was stuck in the snow drifts several miles from Nelson. The C. P. R. kindly sent a snowplough to their assistance, and pulled the train out after the passengers had been nearly all night on the mountain side. At a place near Nelson no less than seven slides came down within a short distance of each other, burying a cabin and its occupant. A rescue party was hastily despatched to the scene of the fatality, and found the body under 20 feet of snow, which although warm life was extinct.

Gratefully Received.

E. M. Sandiland, mining broker, is receiving many complimentary letters for the neat cards sent out containing a list of dividend paying mines of Eastern B. C. and which appeared in the Review last week. Among the many is one from Attorney-General Eberts and other influential persons in the province. Some of the mines which have paid dividends are not down on the list because of the difficulty in obtaining the desired informrtion. Mr. Sandilands in compiling the list desired to get it as accurate as possible, and sent out to the different mines for that purpose. Some of the managers were away and replies not received in time to secure insertion on the list. This information is now arriving and Mr. Sandilands has forwarded the figures to the Review for publication. Cards have been sent to all mine managers, brokers and others interested in mining and the flattering letters received by E. M. shows that his trouble has been rewarded and the Slocan will be greatly benefitted.

The following is the data of mines received this week from the mine officials and is therefore accurate:

The St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company, Ltd.—Capital, $3,500,000.00; par value of shares, $1 each; dividends paid, $210,000.00; situated at Moyie, in Fort Steele district.

The Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Ltd.—Issued capital, $600,000.00; par value of sharee, 10 cents each; dividends paid, $36,000.00; situated in the Rossland division.

The Ymir, a gold property in East Kootenay has paid dividends to date of $288.000.00.

A mistake was made in the amount of dividends paid by the Whitewater mine of this district. The amount was put down as $194,000.00, but from information received the total paid to date is $209,000.00.

With the Curlers.

In the series of 27 games now being played. A. Scott takes the lead so far, with Alex. McMillan and N. J. Cavanaugh following for second place. Handsome first and second prizes will be donated by the club to the two rinks in the finals.

Despite the heavy fall of snow curling is in full swing. Two of our crack skips met defeat the past week. One has carried off gold medals and many prizes for years while the other has been the happy possessor of the Cordwood trophy since it was first donated until the present season, when it was captured by Nelson.

The following is the schedule of games for next week:

Skips.	Day	Time	Ice
McLachlan vs Hall	Mon.	7.30	No. 1
Scott vs McMillan	"	"	" 2
Cavanaugh vs Crawford	Tues	"	" 1
Gomm vs Grimmett	"	"	" 2
McLachlan vs McMillan	Wed	"	" 1
Cavanaugh vs Hall	"	"	" 2
Scott vs Grimmett	Thurs	"	" 1
Gomm vs Crawford	Fri	"	" 1

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Somebody must have given the Paystreak chap a jolt lately on his stand against the lead tariff, as he has suddenly let up on his ravings. It is a singular fact that the blue print is the only sheet in British Columbia opposing, and ineffectually, the revision of the tariff. Just as soon as the mine owners announced their intention of petitioning the Dominion government to raise the duty on lead and its products, to better the silver-lead industry, the bluestreak burst forth with abuse against the chairman of the committee appointed to look after the matter, and devoted column after column in recanting on the fallacy of protection and the glorious benefits derived from free trade. Free trade be giggered! For all the duty there is on lead and its products we have practically free trade at present, and what is the result? Froze out of our own market; turned out of the American and British markets; mines closed down; every line of business depressed, and all who can get out of the district doing so as fast as they can. Glorious blue streaked benefits derived from free trade! Glorious, indeed; but don't tell anybody so, or you are liable to get knocked down, as it is a sore point just now. The prosperous condition of the silver-lead districts across the border is pointed out; yes, thanks to the protective tariff in force there, and the only way to bring about the same condition here, is to adopt a like policy, which is exactly what the Slocan mine owners are trying to do. Of course the producers know their own business all right, but bombaster McAdam knows more than they do, even if he don't know his own, and they are certainly treating him with the contempt he deserves to say the least. Where the editor of the blue print gets his wonderful information is a matter of conjecture. Many aver his font of knowledge come from a clique of alien rounders and short hour and no hour at all men, who decry everything British and Canadian, especially anything that would develop the mining industry of this province, and his utterances at times, like last week for instance, would give some foundation to this assertion, from the language he used. Others imagine he meets one of the most rabid of the class he knuckles down to, get his views and on returning to the office, spins an editorial on the lines laid down. Sauntering forth again he encounters another of a more reasonable type, and a few more squibs are added to the article. Then he adds a few jumbled up sentences of is own peculiar manufacture, and sends the whole thing to the devil—the printer's devil—to give it the finishing touches. McAdam may be a victim of circumstances and dare not write otherwise. Even with those whom he has catered to the past few years he is rapidly falling from grace, on account of his policy of deception and inconsistency; and now in a desperate attempt to hold himself together, is trying to please some one, can't please no one, and is making an ass of himself in the bargain.

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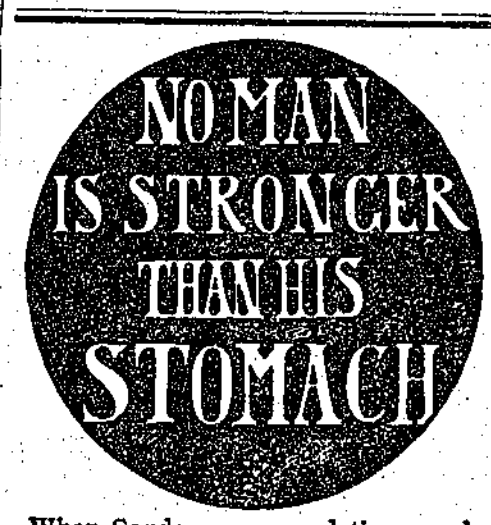
All danger of a coke famine from the coal strike in Fernie is past, and the miners and others in the Rossland and Boundary districts, who were anticipating a general shut-down, can breathe more freely. The smelters have been assured of adequate coke supply from the Comox ovens on the coast until the difficulty is settled. The capacity of coking ovens at Comox is 200 tons a day, and to this is added some 6,600 or 7,000 tons held in reserve by the company for Everett and Crofton, and which is now being forwarded to the affected smelters of the interior. To get the coke into Kootenay at anything under a prohibitive price, great concessions had to be made by all concerned. The C. P. R. following the announcement of General Supt. Marpole during his visit to these districts some weeks ago, cut its freight rates to what is said to be below the actual cost of hauling, while the coal company made a similar cut in the article itself, in order to help out the mine owners from an absolute shut-down. The supply of coke available is sufficient to treat nearly 60,000 tons of ore. The Boundary and Trail smelters now handle 3,000 tons daily, and with the coke supply available ensures the smelters running full blast for a month at least. The Granby smelter is consuming 200 tons a day and the Canadian smelting works at Trail 100, and both could use more. The rate at which the coke is laid down at the smelters has not been given out, but it is believed to be about $8, which is double that of the Crow's Nest product. The Le Roi smelter at Northport refused the Comox coke on account of the Great Northern railway company demanding $11 a ton. As the Granby smelter would hardly pay more than the Le Roi, the supposition is they get the fuel laid down at their works in Grand Forks by the C. P. R. for $8 a ton.



When Sandow poses and the muscles ridge his back and knot his arms, we think we have before us the very secret of strength in those magnificent muscles. But we haven't. Starve Sandow, or, what is practically the same thing, let him be dyspeptic, and his muscle would soon fail. Strength is made from food properly digested and assimilated, and no man is stronger than his stomach, because when the stomach is diseased digestion and assimilation are imperfect.

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Sir William Mulock has obtained the consent of the Postmaster-General of England to reduce the rate on Canadian newspapers and periodicals posted in Canada. Sir William is also endeavoring to induce the Imperial government to consent to reduce their rates to Canada, but so far without success, although it is expected to be conceded in the near future. The new Canadian regulation came into effect last Sunday and will be the means of placing Canadian newspapers and periodicals in the old country news depots to much greater advantage.

The government held a caucus of its supporters last Saturday and the result of their deliberations is that Col. Prior is assured of a working majority, without the support of Martin, when the House meets next month. Joe has been discarded by the opposition, is not wanted by the government, and British Columbia would be better off without him. Martin will have a small party of his own during the session, and will strut around the House like a hen with only one chicken in a barn yard.

NOTICE.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a Certificate of Title to Blocks 3 and of Lot 891, Group I, 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.

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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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There is another political upheaval eminent at the coast. An intrigue is on foot to ignore Martin, oust Prior, and endeavor to place the schemers, Eberts and McBride, in control with the latter as premier. This naturally has aroused the wrath of political mountebank Martin and at the result Col. Prior cannot but smile. Martin has issued a manifesto explaining his position with the tri-colour opposition, one faction of which he is leader. In this manifesto he states that he leagued himself with the other opposition branches, on the express understanding that in the event of the defeat of the Prior government, the House would be dissolved and an appeal made to the country on straight party lines. The scheme of McBride and Eberts to place themselves in power and freeze out Martin altogether, has aroused the enmity of the political disturber himself, and he intends to be on his guard. In the future Martin will be as watchful of the other two as others have been as watchful of him, and he intends to be very careful where he treads at the present. Any attempt to put the scheme concocted by McBride into operation, will be defeated by Martin. While the latter has no sympathy with the Prior government, he has no use at all for one under the leadership of McBride, and Martin will throw in his support with the present government to defeat the ambitious opposition leader's aim. Premier Prior is already assured of a working majority, and with Martin and followers joining him—which although undesirable will not be refused—a strong government will be the result. Little reliance may be placed on the promises of Martin, as his political record is such that when you think you have him, then is the time you haven't. The almighty dollar is the chief factor with Joe. And such is politics in British Columbia. There are about as many upheavals in the local legislature as there are strikes in labor circles, and these have been the curse of the country for years.

The Paystreak in its last issue makes a very pitiable attempt to make it appear that the Review tried to belittle Prince Edward Islanders by the publication of a joke about two weeks ago. That the joke was old we are ready to admit; and that there is no better judge of a "pre-historic gag" than the editor of the blue print we are equally certain, as his paper is streaked with "chestnuts" in every issue. Of the high educational standing of the boys from the Island we are perfectly well aware, and from conversation with some of them we are practically convinced the majority have forgotten more than our falsifier ever knew. In regard to "joshing" we disclaim any attempt in that line. It is enough to see the pen-pusher of the bluestreak attempting it weekly, in his endeavor to ape others, and only making a fool of himself. The difference between those who he attempts to ape and himself is, they know how far to go and when to stop, while with McAdam it is a case of give a beggar a horse and he'll ride to Hades, and give Billy his fling and he'll land in jail.

British Columbia has every attraction in the line of mountain, river and lake scenery to suit the most exacting tourists of pleasure, and will shortly add a volcano (?) to the list. A writer from Ferguson to the Spokesman-Review in describing the recent landside on the Arrow lakes, says that shortly before the occurrence took place a loud rumbling noise of ten minutes duration was distinctly heard fifteen miles away, and on nearing the scene the bowels of the lake were thrown up with such terrific force as to make the onlooker beat a hasty retreat in the belief that the end of the world had come. Dense clouds of steam and smoke were seen issuing from the peak for several days before it was demolished. A crater of volcanic origin has been found, and all that is necessary to make a real, live valcano is to find the fire and brimstone and the lava will come of itself.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce will shortly absorb the Halifax Banking concern operating exclusively in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In order to carry out the amalgamation it will increase its capatilization from $8,000,000 to $10,000,000. This bank although one of the oldest banking institutions in Canada has not until within the last two or three years extensively extended its branches. By acquiring the Halifax Banking concern they will now have a an unbroken chain of branches traversing the Dominion, from the Atlantic to to the Pacific. Since the middle of last year they opened fifteen new branches in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. About two years ago the institution, in order to further extent west to this province, purchased the Bank of British Columbia, and through that transaction obtained most valuable connections, and also an establishment in London, England, where the head office of the Bank of British Columbia was formerly situated.

The provincial assembly is to meet on April 2nd. They might have convened one day earlier, even if it is All Fool's day. It would only remind the legislature of what the general public class it as a government.

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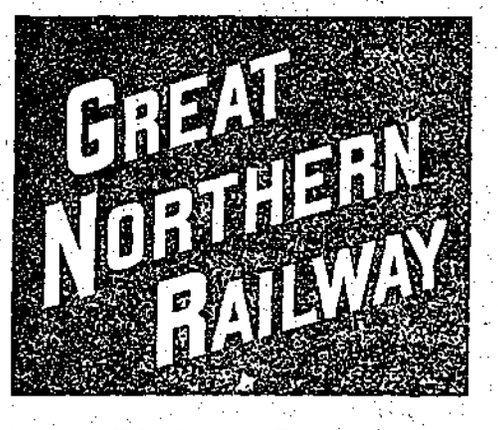

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

Amalgamation With the Halifax Banking Company.

Great interest has been shown in the announcement from Halifax that a provisional agreement has been made under which The Halifax Banking Company is to be amalgamated with The Canadian Bank of Commerce. The latter bank has at present a paid-up capital of $8,000,000 with a rest of $2,500,000, but a week or two ago a special general meeting of the shareholders was called for 14th April next to pass a by-law increasing the capital stock to $10,000,000. Its head office is in Toronto, and it has now 84 branches throughout Canada and the United States, stretching from Sydney, Cape Breton, in the extreme east, to Victoria in the west, and from Dawson in the north to San Francisco in the south. It is represented at all the principal business centres in Canada west of Montreal, and has its own offices in New York, Portland (Oregon), Seattle and London, England.

Until the recent establishment of a branch in Sydney, The Canadian Bank of Commerce had no office in the Maritime Provinces. Its stock, however, has always been a favorite investment with Nova Scotians, no less than $800,000 of its capital being held in their province. The purchase of The Halifax Banking Company will give it offices at fifteen additional points in Nova Scotia, including Halifax, Truro and Windsor,—in fact, all the more important places. Two branches will also be obtained in New Brunswick,—at St. John and Sackville.

The present directors of The Halifax Banking Company will continue to give their services in the capacity of a local advisory board at Halifax, the cashier will become local manager there, and the entire staff will be taken in the service of The Canadian Bank of Commerce. There is consequently no doubt but that the good will of the institution is being taken over along with its tangible assets.

Originally established in 1825 as a private partnership, under the same name as at present, The Halifax Banking Company became incorporated in 1872. It has retained the friendship and support of many of the old Halifax firms who predecessors did business with it in its earlier years, and in spite of the disadvantages under which in these days a comparatively small local bank must always labor, it has built up a sound and remunerative business. It has a paid up capital of $600,000 with a rest of $525,000. Its deposits are about $4,000,000, its total assets about $6,000,000, and with the added strength and prestige which its incorporation into The Canadian Bank of Commerce will necessarily give, a large increase in the present business may confidently be expected.

The terms under which the amalgamation will take place are said to be as follows:

After the necessay approval of the shareholders of The Halifax Banking Company has been obtained and all the requisite legal formalities have been completed, The Canadian Bank of Commerce will assume the liabilities of The Halifax Company, and will give in exchange for the surplus of its assets over liability stock of The Canadian Bank of Commerce of the par value of $700,000.

Doubtless some of the new stock which The Canadian Bank of Commerce is taking authority to issue will be used to carry out the terms of the agreement.

Both banks are to be congratulated upon the arrangement, which must materially strengthen the position of The Canadian Bank of Commerce and add to the exceptional facilities which it already possesses for conducting a successful banking business. When the amalgamation has taken place, it will have a paid-up capital and rest combined of nearly $12,000,000, and total assets of some $80,000,000, with 101 branches distributed throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway bill for a railway across the continent has been prepared and is ready to be presented to parliament. The capital stock of the company is placed at $75,000,000. The directors are Senator Geo. A. Cox, of Toronto; Senator Wm. Gibson, of Hamilton; John R. Booth, of Ottawa; President C. M. Hays, Wm. Wainwright and Frank Morse, now of the Grand Trunk, Montreal; Mr. Pellatt, of Toronto, and others.

Slocan Ore Shipments.

We have been asked by eastern subscribers who are interested in the Slocan mines to keep the ore shipments standing if possible. The following are the shipments from the 1st of January to date:

SANDON.	
Payne	330
Slocan Star	512½
Ivanhoe	190¼
American Boy	338
Reco	134
Ruth	42
Blue Bird	20
Idaho	21
Monitor	270
Queen Bess	102
Total	1757¾
ZINC.	
Payne	553
Ivanhoe	180
Total	733
MCGUIGAN.	
Rambler	282½
Antoine	81
Red Fox	24
Slocan Boy	16
Silver Glance	55
Surprise	4½
Rio	9
Total	472
SLOCAN LAKE POINTS.	
Arlington	40
Black Prince	17
Bondholder	1
Bosun	180
Dayton	4
Enterprise	165
Fisher Maiden	240
Ottawa	100
Republic	20
Meteor	12
Total	779

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Diversity of Population.

The figures of the recent census show that the immigration from the United Kingdom in the Dominion of Canada does not suffice to supply the loss by death among the British born and Irish inhabitants of the country. Of persons born in England, Ireland or Scotland there were residing in Canada in 1901 only 389,062, as against 485,524 in 1871. That is to say, there are fewer British and Irish-born people in Canada today by nearly 100,000 than there was thirty years ago. On the other hand, the number of immigrants from countries other than those embraced in the British Empire was 278,804 in 1901, as against only 131,083 in 1881. Of the 49,140 immigrants that entered Canada in 1901 only 11,810 were of British and Irish birth. If the inflow from the United States shall continue to increase as it has increased during the last twelve months, and no change takes place in the inflow from the United Kingdom, the foreign-born residents in Canada will soon outnumber the immigrants of British and Irish born.

There is another ominous fact brought out by the last consus. The Canadians of English, Scotch or Irish decent are increasing much less rapidly than are the French-Canadians. The latter double in numbers every quarter of a century. In Quebec, the province in which French speaking people are most numerous, the birth rate is 36.86 per thousand. In this part of the Dominion families of eighteen, twenty and even more children are not infrequent. The last census, when compared with the preceeding census, proves that English speaking people are being gradually squeezed out of the province of Quebec, while settlements of French-Canadians are being formed in other parts of the Dominion.

How Coal Was Discovered.

One hundred and ten years ago, in a rough little cabin in the forests of Mauch Chunck Mountain, lived a settler named Ginter,

One day while out hunting game for his family—for the market was the forest around them—he made a fire and roasted some game for his dinner. The sport was along a roadside and not far from Summit Hill town.

The fire was made of wood, but to make the embers last longer, Ginter placed some black stones, which were lying close at hand, around the fire.

As he sat watching his game roast, he noticed that those black stones were beginning to glow.

The stones were still hot when he was ready to start homewards. So he gathered some to take home. He burned them and found them to be excellent fuel.

His neighbors soon learned of this discovery and the burning of this fuel became general.

But mining was not carried on regularly in Carbon County until after the war of 1812.

Some of the leading coal men in Pennsylvania have determined to erect a monument of coal to Philip Ginter, the discoverer of coal, at Summit hill, near Maunch Chunk, on the spot where that historic fire was made, more than a century ago.

Sandon Ore Shipments.

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

Mine.	Tons.
SILVER-LEAD	
Slocan Star	43
Payne	33
Total	76

Metal Quotations.

Silver, 49½c per oz.
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Take notice that I, Robert Ewin, Free Miner's Certificate No B. 59090, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvement. Dated this 1st day of February, A. D. 1903.

Robert Ewin.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WILLIAM STEWART JENKINS, Mine Manager, of Alamo, B. C, has been appointed Attorney for "The Scottish Colonial Gold Fields Limited," in place of GEORGE W. HUGHES of the same place.

Dated this 21st day of January, 1903.

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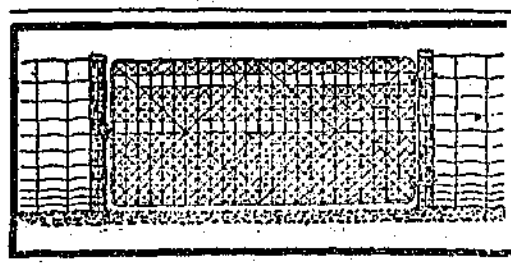

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9:00 a.m.	leave	Kaslo	arrive 3:15 p. m
10:40 a.m.	leave	Whitewater	leave 1:42 p. m
11:00 a.m.	leave	McGuigan	leave 1:22 p. m
11:25 a.m.	arrive	Sandon	leave 1:00 p. m

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COMMENT.

Considerable condemnatory criticism of the yellow journal is being made by the leading papers, but they evidently have overlooked those streaked with blue.

It is said the creeks in the Lillooet district were never so low as they are at present and that the Indians who are panning gold on the creeks tributary to Lytton are making an average of $5 per man a day.

The Dominion legislature convened for business last Thursday. Considering the many speeches anticipated on the burning questions to come before House, there will be some stiff breezes around Parliament hill long after March has blown itself out of the 1903 calendar.

The clerks strike is still on at Vancouver and arbitration has failed. The men are determined to hold out for their just rights and freight traffic is at a standstill. The clerks are not asking for a raise of wages—which are none too high—but simply to form their brotherhood without molestation by the railway officials. The class of men employed are away above the average strikers and would not cause trouble without good reason. While adverse to strikes in general there are times when they are necessary for protection to those concerned and the strike at Vancouver is one of them. Unions when properly conducted, are of a great benefit to both employer and employee, and the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is one of these, and as such have the sympathy of the entire public.

The embezzlement of $75,000 from the funds of the Militia Department by a second class clerk has open the eyes of many to the loose business methods in vogue in some of the departments at Ottawa. The facts are not surprising when it is know that the culprit, Martineau, who had a shady character in Montreal, was not required to pass the regular civil service examination. He is a nephew of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and upon his recommendation alone received the appointment. The Premier, by an act of parliament and "notwithstanding anything in Civil Service Act," translated Martineau from the scene of a mysterious fire in Montréal to a position of great trust in the Militia Department. The loss of $75,000 in less than six months is the result of the First Minister's legalized breach of law. Martineau's only qualification seems to have been his relationship to Sir Wilfrid, and the people will pay a good round sum for the privilege of having a scallywag thrust upon them.

NEW DENVER FIRE SWEPT

Business Portion of the Town Goes Up in Smoke.

New Denver was the scene of a serious fire Thursday night about 7.30, when Bourne Bros., general store, the Windsor hotel, Jeffrey's tin shop and two or three vacant buildings were totally destroyed. The conflagation commenced in the upper story of the Windsor hotel. The origin of the fire is not known, but is generally supposed to have been caused by a defective stove.

The whole block in which these buildings were situated were totally at the mercy of the fire fiend, owing to the close compactness of the structures and the lack of proper fire protection. From its commencent until the time it subsided the fire only lasted two hours. The source of the water supply was derived from Slocan lake near at hand and was conveyed to the scence of the fire by means of a small movable water tank and hand buckets. By this method the fire was confined to the one quarter and kept from spreading to other sections of the town.

Election of Sandon Union Officers.

The following are the officers elected at the Miners' Union annual election held on Saturday, 7th inst., for the term ending September 30th, 1903:

President, Thos. Farquhar, Vice-President, John W. Manning; Financial Secretary, Anthony Shilland, Treasurer, Jas. V. Martin; Recording-Secretary, P. W. Johnson, Conductor, Malcolm McKenzie; Warden, Nick McKian; Finance Committee, C. E. Lyons, P. W. Johnston, James H. Thompson.

Reco Hotel Arrivals.

Miss Brown, McGuigan; E E Reid, Spokane; P H Walsh, Paul Smith, J J Shea, Tom Desmono, T Carbone, A E Pearson, Kaslo; F G Malcolm, Ruth mine; Wm Hunter, Silverton; R H Carley, Montreal; C H Hutchison, Toronto; D W Moore, Trail; W G Barclay, Winnipeg; E Ferguson, Nelson; E F Howell, Denver, Col; Ed H Pyke, Chas S Nesbitt, Toronto; Harry Newcombe, Stranger mine;

Garden and flower seeds at Cliffe's bookstore.

Miss Ray Flewelling, of Phoenix, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Towgood.

The nickel-copper mines of Sudbury are now saving their sulphur. In the form of sulphuric acid there is a large demand for it in the pulp industry, and which Canada imports annually in large quantities.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster was defeated by Dr. Grant, Liberal, by a majority of 101 in North Ontario Tuesday, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Angus McLeod, Conservative.

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