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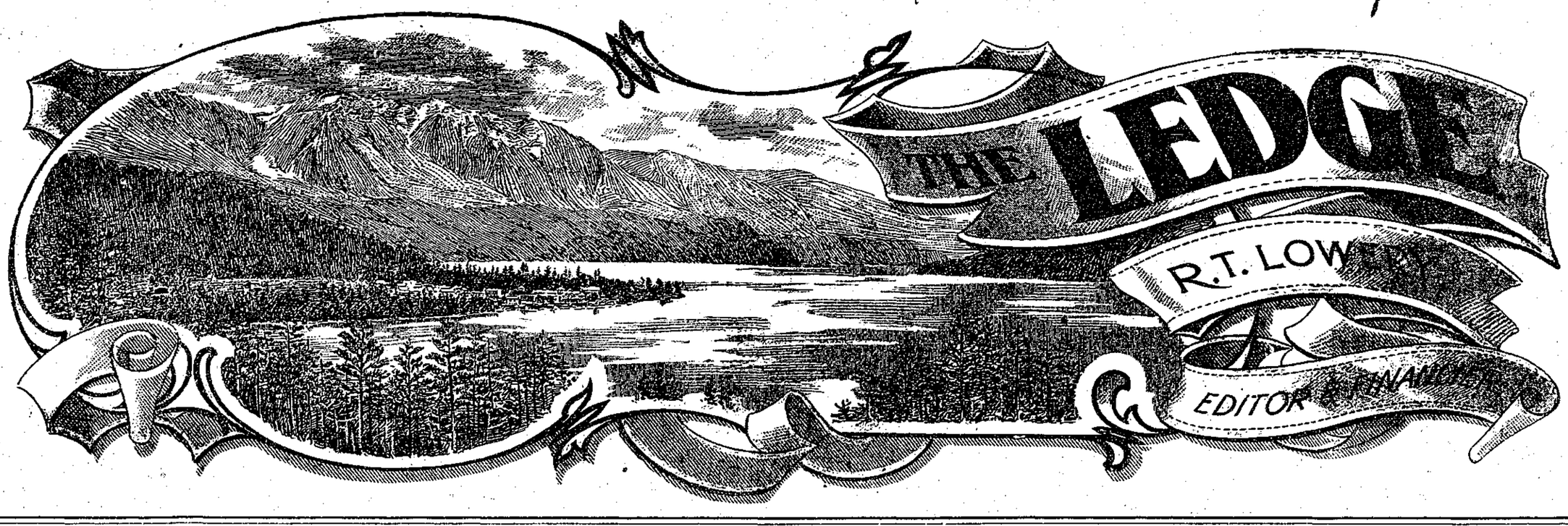

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To the mining world the name of the Bosun mine is well known, for in the short space of less than a year it has developed from a questionable mining prospect into a dividend-paying mine. Many news reports of the property as it has developed have been made, but nothing of a complete nature has been published of the property until Howard West, A. R. S. M., in the August number of the B. C. Mining Record, gives the following:

"The Slocan has been aptly termed a poor man's country, in contradistinction to other parts of the province, from the fact that in many instances owing to peculiar natural advantages, it has been possible to defray the preliminary expenses incurred in development from the proceeds of ore obtained almost at the grass roots. Never, perhaps, has this been so conspicuously exemplified as in the case of the now well-known Bosun mine.

"So many unauthentic reports, some of them almost ludicrous in their inaccuracy, have been circulated regarding this property that it is a pleasure to be able to chronicle the true ungarnished facts as they really exist.

"The history of the Bosun hinges on the accidental discovery, in the summer of '97 of a vein of galena on what was afterwards known as the Fidelity claim. It has been frequently recorded how a prospector returning home one evening was struck by the casual appearance of pieces of galena embedded in the roots of an upturned tree. Investigation led to the finding of the vein from whence these were derived and subsequent staking of the ground, which, by the way, had been located several times previously and abandoned as worthless on account of the heavy superficial covering of gravel and debris, which rendered systematic prospecting out of the question. The physical feature, however, which proved so great an obstacle to the miner, was the condition most favorable to the agriculturist, so it came about that the ground situated below the Fidelity, being well irrigated and close to the lake, was appropriated to the uses of the rancher. This peaceful condition of affairs was, however, destined to be short-lived, for designing persons who had thoroughly mastered the intricacies of the mining law saw no capital in the idea of staking off the ground and acquiring the right to sink shafts and run tunnels through the owner's crops, the result being that the Boatswain and Tyro were added to the list of claims in the Slocan mining division.

"Such a brilliant piece of stratagem was rewarded by the payment of $700, although it is somewhat doubtful if they could have substantiated their right to the ground at the time, had it been called in question. Peace at any price, however, appeared to be the motto of the rancher, and so having disposed of likely complications he proceeded with his task of cultivating the soil, a wiser though apparently poorer man. This latter, however, remained to be proved; in the course of time it became necessary in order to retain possession to do the annual assessment as required by law, and having previously made efforts to trace the Fidelity vein on to the Bosun ground, open trenches were dug near the boundary line with a view to its discovery. Fortunately these proved highly successful, or at any rate a vein—whether identical with that originally found or not—carrying galena, was here brought to light, which, although, unknown at the time, contained in embryo the possibilities of the Bosun mine as it exists today. The uncertainty regarding its ultimate value, and the amount of capital required to effectually prove it, led the owner to accept an offer made by Mr. Sandiford, representing the Northwest Mining Syndicate. By the terms of this option he agreed to keep two men continuously at work on the property for thirty days, at the expiration of which he had the privilege of either relinquishing all title, paying ten per cent. down on a year's bond at $15,000, or purchasing at a cash consideration of $7,500.

Starting some 300 feet down the hill, away from the Fidelity line, he commenced to sink an experimental shaft in the hope of encountering a continuation of the vein, thereby proving conclusively that it entered and was contained in the Bosun ground. Here again the efforts were crowned with success, for within a few feet of the surface, as soon as the loose ground was traversed, encouraging indications were met with. Something more than indications, however, are required to make a mine, and luckily it was not long before this was forthcoming in the shape of a fine streak of galena. When first discovered this was barely wide enough to measure, it is true, but then big things sometimes have small beginnings, more frequently perhaps in mining than in other directions, and this proved to be emphatically the case in the present instance. As the distance from the surface increased, so did the width of galena in proportion, until at a depth of 40 feet, ore was visible for almost the entire width of the shaft. Under the circumstances it was not to be wondered at that Mr. Sandiford accepted the latter alternative in the terms of the agreement, and Mr. Harris, the owner of the ranch, who had been deluded into paying $700 for two worthless claims, found himself the richer by $7,500. Truly the fortunes of mining are many and various.

"On July 4th active development began under the new company, and though employing only a few men at first, the force has been steadily increased until it numbers over thirty. Within two months of making the payment and three of the commencement of operations, while still in the initial stage of development, shipments were begun, the first car leaving the mine on September 6th, to be followed by five others the same month, making a total of 120 tons for September, or a value considerably more than the original cost of the property. From that time to this there has been no diminution in the producing capacity of the mine, the output being consistently maintained in the neighborhood of 100 tons a month. In all, 900 tons have been shipped to date, having a net value of over $60,000, a record I venture to assert unprecedented in the history of mining in the Slocan and in all probability of the whole province.

"The ore, which is of the ordinary Slocan variety, associated more or less with argentiferous zinc blende, occurs in a well-defined vein cutting the enclosing argillites at a somewhat oblique angle, having a general trend N.E. by S.W. and dipping approximately 55 degrees in a southeasterly direction. As an example of true fissuring, I question if it is surpassed in the district, every feature distinctive of this mode of origin being conspicuously displayed. Subsequent movements have caused certain irregularities, parts of the vein being tortuous and winding, but the original method of deposition is none the less obvious on that account, the uniform persistency of the vein being demonstrated afresh in every working. The real width of the deposit is not readily attainable, but in places where both walls are clearly defined it is seen to be from four to six feet. At such portions two parallel and highly polished surfaces indicate the extent of the mineral bearing ground, the solid galena often reaching the full width of the cavity. The presence of a layer of clayey matter, or what is commonly known as gouge, and the many striations on both walls, prove undeniably the movement that must have taken place. Sufficient work has hardly been accomplished to give a clear conception of the precise nature of the deposit, no means having yet been discovered of ascertaining just when and where valuable mineral is likely to be encountered. It is the general opinion, shared by those in authority, that the ore runs in chutes which dip in an easterly direction extending from one level to another, but in the absence of corroborative evidence in the tunnels themselves, judgment had best be deferred until this is forthcoming. The Slocan deposits are proverbially erratic, and there are many who assert that the only safe way is to stope out every inch of ground within the vein, this method being observed in practice at the Payne and other large mines. However that may be, the indications at the Bosun certainly point to the correctness of the former theory, and the results of development in the lower tunnels will be awaited with interest. The gangue is similar to that found in most other veins, consisting of quartz, lime, spathic iron and a large amount of brecciated country where the rock has been badly crushed or much fractured.

"The original method of attacking the vein by means of a shaft, rendering it imperative to hoist all the ore and waste a considerable distance was merely a temporary expedient to obtain as much information as possible in the time at command; as soon as convenient therefore steps were taken to investigate the chute from below, thereby lessening transportation charges and facilitating the draining of the workings. The No. 1 tunnel, some 75 feet vertically below the top of the shaft, was started on September 15th last and is now in a distance of 331 feet, having made connection with the shaft about 200 feet from the entrance. The No 2, 75 feet below this, was started a little earlier, in July, and has been extended until at the present time its length is in the neighborhood of 450 feet. Both tunnels have been driven continuously on the vein, and a third has recently been started 150 feet farther down. On account of the great depth of gravel at this point—proved by an experimental shaft to be considerably in excess of 100 feet—this tunnel although driven for a distance of 140 feet is still encountering gravel and boulders, but is expected to meet with solid rock at almost any moment, when cross-cutting will be resorted to in order to locate the vein. This will provide 150 feet of stoping ground to the tunnel above, there being equal scope below before the level of the lake is reached. So far very little stoping has been found necessary to ensure the regular shipments, sufficient ore having been taken out in the course of development. The two upper levels are connected by raises, the ore from above being sent down chutes where it can be concentrated in one spot and thus handled more expeditiously.

"The company, quick to recognize the importance and economy of including as many surrounding claims as possible in their group, have been gradually acquiring those situated most advantageously for their purpose, and now number the following among their holdings: The Boatswain Fraction, Tyro, Tyro Fraction, Fidelity Fraction, Broken Lock, Lake View, Lake View Fraction, Alpha and Alpha Fraction. But little development has been attempted on the majority of these, although there is some 500 feet of tunnelling on the Lake View, which shows a very promising ledge over 30 feet in width.

"The presence of a somewhat excessive amount of zinc in the ore, which apparently increased as depth was attained, has been a source of some anxiety, but the company's directors, who are among the shrewdest business men in the City of London, have taken the bull by the horns, and grappled with the difficulty before it has had time to assume serious dimensions As a result, shipments of practically pure blende, assaying approximately 50 per cent. zinc, being almost free from lead, have been made to London, where the most profitable method of treatment will be thoroughly investigated.

"This article would be incomplete without a reference to the unique position in which the North West Mining Syndicate and its shareholders stand when compared with other companies similarly situated Soon after the first annual meeting the directors were able to announce with pardonable pride the declaration of a 20 per cent. dividend as a result practically of the first year's operations This encouraging condition of affairs was due to several causes, a brief analysis of which might serve as an object lesson to our companies who have made a failure and then attributed it to the country. To attempt to eliminate the element of chance would be to deprive mining of a good deal of its attractiveness from the investor's standpoint, but to proceed always along the most careful business lines is the first and obvious duty of all interested in this important phase of the industry; and this is what a good many—in fact I think we may safely say the majority of directors—do not. To begin with, the company under consideration has an experienced London board, composed not merely of thorough business men, but those who have had to deal with mining ventures in other parts of the world, and therefore know precisely what they are about in this instance. Secondly, and of quite equal importance, is the fact that they are not burdened with a capital so vast as to be entirely unmanageable and out of all proportion to the scale of their operations. The third factor which contributed to their success is the unlimited confidence which they reposed in their local representative, Mr. W. H. Sandiford, who had full power to act for the company in any emergency which might arise. To his foresight and judgment, acquired during some twenty-five years' varied experience in every quarter of the globe, they owe a large measure of praise, and if there is one gratifying feature about the whole connection, it is to know that his services to the company have been fully recognized by the directory and substantially acknowledged; a most excellent precedent for other companies who wish to achieve like success. It might not be out of place to refer to one other little matter while we are on the subject, namely, that the office of the company is located in New Denver within a short distance of the mine itself. No huge staff of officials find employment in upholding the dignity of the company, nor is a pretentious stone building in which to conduct its business considered a necessity, yet I venture to say that if any detailed information about the mine is required, it can be furnished as soon, if not sooner than in many of the larger offices where a dozen men lounge about and nobody knows just where his department ends and his neighbor's begins. This concern, too, differs from nearly all others here, in that the mine being situated close to New Denver and less than 300 feet above the town in elevation, no boarding house is kept by the company; the men thus enjoy the privilege of living where they like, and and come to town as often as they choose. For a like reason no Sunday work is permitted at the mine, mutual satisfaction having been arrived at where friction might have been expected.

"What this company has done and is still doing for the vicinity may be judged from a glance at the monthly pay-roll, which shows an expenditure of over $3,000, a consideration which must add materially to the welfare and prosperity of any town fortunate enough to command it."

INTERESTING CONCENTRATES.

The government trail up Coffee creek is being pushed rapidly ahead.

The miners were not successful in their strike at Sudbury. Lack of organization was the principal cause of failure.

Jack Clunan, better known as "Tough Nut Jack," is looking after some claims at Cape Nome for Gus Seiffert, of Spokane.

The drivers in the coal mines at Fernie have struck for $2.50 for eight hours work. They have been getting $2.25, a rise of 25 cents since June 1st.

The Fernie Free Press wants the harlots of that town kept out of sight of the public gaze. The editor of that paper should hive them in some store that does not advertise.

Nearly all the Coeur d'Alene mines are being operated with new men, mostly from Missouri. The output is nominal compared with the former production, and so far the new miners do not give satisfaction.

Two women were fined in Nelson last week for selling liquor without a license at Robson. Women sell liquor every day in Nelson without a license, and the law does not touch them. Immunes of this kind are to be found in all the large towns of Kootenay.

The stock of confectionery now en route to John Williams will be the finest ever brought into the metropolis of the Slocan.

Call on Nesbitt, in the Bosun block, when you want fruit for preserving.

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SLOCAN CAMP NEWS

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The ore that was taken out of the Coin in ground sluicing will be shipped at once.

A small force of men is running a tunnel on the Lone Star Fraction, near the Ruth.

Two feet of solid ore was encountered last week in the No. 5 tunnel of the Payne. This tunnel is in 1,400 feet.

The wagon road up Kokanee creek to the Mollie Gibson will be ten miles long and will be completed October 1st

The painters are at work on the Ruth concentrator. Much of the machinery is in place and it will soon be ready for business.

The Rambler, Jackson, Antoine and Noonday shipped ore. The Noonday 60 tons, Jackson 41, Rambler 49, Antoine 20.

It is claimed that fully 200 men are employed in and about the mines of Sandon. The number should reach 500 if the lockout were not on.

The owners of the Hartney group are resuming work on the property this week on a much larger scale. They will continue work all summer.

The men employed at the Antoine have quit work. They were worked underground eight hours and two hours on the surface—ten hours for $3.50.

The force of men employed on the Willa group, prospecting and developing, have opened up one of the finest gold bearing ledges in the Slocan camp.

A cross-cut tunnel is being run on the Vulture, near Sandon, eight men being employed. The tunnel is in 160 feet, and it will be driven 80 feet farther to tap the lead.

Fully 50 men are at work on Silver Mountain and adjacent New Denver properties. The Bosun is still closed but it is not believed the shut down will run many days.

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the Slocan Star by the Jaffray-Cox company of Toronto. The company's experts examined the property last week.

The first ore that has come down from the Queen Bess since the breaking up of the road in the spring is being shipped from Three Forks. Last week 111 tons was shipped from that point.

Though none of the big Four Mile properties are doing underground work, excepting the Noonday, there are in the neighborhood of 100 men employed doing surface work about the mines.

The Noonday is putting on more men daily, after a few days' lay off. The property is in excellent condition. The temporary lay-off was necessary owing to the lack of stoping ground ahead.

The work that was started on the Silver Band, between Four Mile and Eight Mile, some weeks ago is proving the property very satisfactorily. Ore has been encountered in the 100-foot tunnel.

B C. Riblet, who has built all of the tramways in the Slocan, will build the Wakefield tram. It will be 7000 feet long, of the Finlayson type, and will probably be in running order this winter.

At the Alexandra-Delley mine, situated on the second north fork of Lemon creek, work in the 230 foot tunnel has exposed a large body of very rich gold-bearing ore, assaying as high as $378 to the ton.

Work was resumed on the Hewitt claim, Four Mile, last week. The No. 1 tunnel, now in 60 feet, will be driven farther ahead on the lead. The No. 2 is in 40 feet Ore is showing in both workings

Work will be commenced this month on the Ivanhoe concentrator. It will be erected close to Sandon. Preliminary surveys are also being made for a tramway from the mine, covering a distance of 6,000 to 7,000 feet.

J. C. Harris located a small fraction on the lake shore this week, lying between the Bosun and Neglected. He has a promising ledge running from the lake shore, 600 or 700 feet south of the Neglected ledge. Two men are driving a tunnel on the lead.

Vancouver people are negotiating with C. W. Harrington for the Get There Eli group of five claims on Twelve Mile creek.

Work is being pushed steadily on the Neglected. The tunnel is in 110 feet on the lead. Ore is encountered regularly in kidneys and on the walls.

On the Mero claim the tunnel has been driven 85 feet. Cross-cut tunnels will be started at this depth. This property is situated across the creek from New Denver.

McCuaig & Rykert, of Montreal, recently purchased an interest in the Galena Farm. The interest was bought owing to the zinc, of which there is said to be $100,000 in sight.

Another property on Red Mountain, between Four Mile and Eight Mile creeks, in close touch with the Willa and Little Daisy, that is becoming of great importance, is that known as the A. E. It has a tremendous body of copper-gold ore exposed, the ledge being 100 feet wide in places. The ore in this mountain is very similar to that of Rossland camp.

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

School reopens Monday, and the boys and girls are sad and glad.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Holtz, last week, at their home in Spokane.

A. J. Hughes, of Souris, Man., is in town. He may commence work on the Mount Mabel, Fennell creek.

A waitress wanted at the St. James hotel, New Denver. Good wages and a steady situation. Apply at once.

It is easy to explain why the Slocan City football team failed to make a goal in the game with Silverton last week. Cleverly, New Denver's goal keeper, was in the way.

At a recent meeting of the citizens of Cody the following board of school trustees was elected: Geo. Gordon, Dr. A. D. Docksteader, and R. A. McGillis. Dr. Docksteader was made secretary treasurer of the board.

Grant Thorburn and wife have returned to Silverton after a pleasure trip of several weeks in eastern Canada and some of the northern states. Grant hurridly came to New Denver to note the progress of our thriving city.

The annual Sunday school picnic will be held in the picnic grove north of town tomorrow, Friday. Rigs will be waiting at the Methodist church at 9 a. m. to convey the smaller children and lunch baskets to the grounds. Swings and tables will be put up, and ice cream served to young and old.

J. C. Bolander and D. A. Van Dorn were at Cody last Friday looking after their mining interests there. While watching the ground sluicing at the Coin Fraction a large boulder rolled down the hill and knocked Bolander into the flume and gave Van Dorn a whirl about ten feet. Van was unhurt, but Bolander was covered with bruises, and thankful the accident was no worse.

THE MARION DEAL CLOSED.

The Marion, one of New Denver's most promising properties and which became a shipper last winter, has been bonded to David W. King, who is representing wealthy Toronto people. The terms and figures are private, but it is understood the consideration is a substantial one. The deal was made through J. K. Clark. Alex Sproat, Angus McInnes, O. J. Marino and Geo. Alexander were the owners. Mr. King will have the management of the property. He left Wednesday morning with supplies and men to begin immediate operations. The Marino lies just below the California, adjoining, and has about 1,200 feet of the California lead, with excellent ore showings. It is regarded as one of the best properties on Silver Mountain, with first-class prospects of making a mine.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10. 1899.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

John Smith, who lives in Mexico, is the richest man in the world. He is worth five billions. We no longer wonder why the Smiths are so numerous.

In the east there has been a run on the French banks in Montreal, and two of them have failed. In the west the Swede banks do not fear any panic, unless the police make a run on them.

The Laurier government is accused of extravagance and piling up a national debt that will make our children howl in the distant future. Let them howl! Laurier and the rest of us will be dead by that time, and cannot be held responsible.

There is a lady in Philadelphia 108 years old. She was 60 before she succeeded in getting married, a fact that should inspire hope in the old maidens now on deck. This old lady is also a heroine. She is not afraid of telling the truth when her age is under question.

There is a great difference in the members of some families. Dan Mann has just gone to China to look after a big railway contract. His cheque is good for a million. His brother Hugh has evidently gone to pot, and his bank account does not seem to be as great as $16. If it was he would probably have written to the editor of this paper years ago.

Parkhurst-like, the Rev. G. H. Morden as undertaken to run vice out of Rossland. He has the biggest job on his hands of any man in the Golden City, and his nerve deserves the backing of all lovers of a clean community. Boozerino, green cloth and the woman in red are too prominent in Rossland and need to be rough-locked or that city will go to hell entirely.

The report has gained currency that at the meeting of the Mine Owners' Association, at Sandon on the first inst., the wage question was not considered of primary importance, and was side-tracked for the more intricate subject of the duty on lead. However this may be, the wage question is the all important one for the people to consider, and should be made paramount. When this question is settled it will be time enough to consider the other issues.

A woman in Pennsylvania recently gave birth to seven babies in one day. A woman capable of such a feat must be physically far above the ordinary human female. Most of women nowadays find it a difficult operation to give birth to one child, owing to tight lacing and other evils of modern times. If the ladies would pay more attention to stirpiculture the race would be improved, and the world would not be annoyed with so many half-made-up and weak people as it now contains.

A restaurant keeper in Toronto was fined $1 and costs the other day for selling ice cream on Sunday. It is against the law to sell anything in Toronto on Sunday except sermons. We presume the same law exists in Kootenay. How it exists we are at a loss to understand, as up to date it has not had strength enough to appear in public, and must be extremely emaciated. If people in the Slocan were fined at present for not selling goods on week days the court would be full of business.

It apparently is a serious matter with some people that this paper does not endorse the course of the Silverton miners' union in the issuance of that blood-and-thunder circular and its interference with the men employed on contract work. This is serious. The fact should be remembered that the LEDGE has opinions of its own, that are not shaped to the liking of the Mine Owners' Association nor the Miners' Union. The LEDGE believes that high wages must be maintained, not because the miners' union demands it but because it is to the best interests of the Slocan country. The LEDGE believes that if the miners' unions at Sandon and Whitewater do not interfere with their members on contract work, the other branch stepped out of its way in doing so. If the Silverton union is right then the two other unions are wrong.

This paper does not believe in arraying one side against the other in this struggle between mine manager and mine worker. One cannot operate without the other, and so long as the difference now existing continues the business men of the district must suffer loss. The loss to the mine owners is comparatively small. The loss to the mine workers is not great for most of the men can go to other camps and find employment. To the man who has all his capital invested in a mercantile business, it is poor consolation to be told that this side wont give in and that side will stand forever. There apparently is more pure cussedness in the situation than there is justice. The mines can readily afford to pay $3.50 per shift for miners. That has been the scale, is now the scale and ought always to be the scale—to good men. There are other miners who are not worth more than $3, but the first class men should not be forced to accept the poor man's wage. The mine owners' might have settled the trouble before it began had they shown a compromising spirit before they issued their $3 a day ultimatum, and the question might be settled any day if the miner's unions will shut the mouths of the carping trouble-makers.

REMARKS ON INGERSOLL.

Ingersoll, who recently went over the dump of oblivion, may be getting roasted in the next formation and he may not. We have no means of telling as the wires are down between this office and the district where Bob has gone prospecting. We know that he is getting roasted on this earth. Not everywhere, but just in those spots where orthodox people write and preach. Many a little chubber of a sky pilot is getting in his work now by telling his flock what he thinks about the departed Colonel and his freedom of thought. In one way one cannot blame the parsons for jumping on Ingersoll. Men of his class are deadly enemies to all creeds. If the world was all like them we would have more paradise and less hell on this earth. Their actions would speak louder than words, and brotherly love would reign supreme. At the present time a multitude of parsons, pounding pulpits and yelling to the masses that they are full of sin, and must take their trail if they want to reach heaven, is enough to daze an ordinary sane individual and make him seek some other route to the flower garden beyond the grave.

The world is full of religions, all made by man. The world is full of priests and parsons, nearly all on salary. Many of them are sincere, but most of them preach for fame and money. Not one of them knows or ever did know anything about the future state of man. They guess at it and that is all. The inhabitants of this plane are full of fear, and by working upon their emotions the theologians induce people to put up the collateral necessary to keep the various denominations in operation. In our opinion there should be only one brand of parsons. They should be well paid and devote their entire time to teaching the masses the best method of living while on this earth, without reference to any future state. If the Power that controls this universe had intended us to be posted upon the mystery beyond the grave one would get the tip direct, without having to hire brokers to get us a seat with the blessed.

Ingersoll was one of the best men America ever produced, and we are sorry that we cannot say as much for many of the parsons who today are roasting him to a rich and golden brown.

WELL SUMMED UP.

Speaking of the labor trouble in this camp, the Mining Record's correspondent from the Slocan, fairly sums up the situation: "The unanimity which at first prevailed among the mine owners has is some degree broken down, as several of the mines are now employing men at "union" wages, and many others will be forced to do so ere long, if only for the purpose of keeping their workings in safe condition. The unconcern of the miners, who appear to be in good demand elsewhere, coupled with the growing restlessness of shareholders as no returns are forthcoming upon their investments, render it imperative that operations be recommended at the earliest opportunity, and it would therefore seem as if the mine owners are left with the one alternative of importing labor or conceding the demands of the miners. It is somewhat doubtful whether the former course is even practicable, but at any rate an attempt will probably be made before admitting defeat. Quite a number of the mines are seeking to evade the law by the sole employment of contract labor, but this can be at best merely a temporary expedient, stimulated possibly by the impression that Cabinet changes may bring about a repeal of the measure."

PROTECT THE FISH.

One of the principal attractions of Slocan lake is its trout fishing. If this sport is to be preserved the taking of fish by traps or dynamite must be strictly prohibited. For the sake of gain it is said that certain parties have been killing fish in the above manner this summer. If the practice continues the law will be put in operation by the Game Fish Protective Association, and then the trouble will cease around the beautiful waters of Slocan.

JUST WHAT WE MAKE IT.

There is a law of cohesion in the moral as well as the physical atoms of the universe. Like is drawn to like. Birds of a feather flock together, whether they are blackbirds or jailbirds. When you see a man frequent the company of gamblers, drunkards or thieves, it is safe to assume that his plumage harmonizes with theirs, no matter how skilfully he may be disguised by the respectable feathers he flourishes. Decent men have no affinity with scallawags, says a writer in Town Topics, and vice versa. "Show me your company," says an old proverb, "and I will tell you what you are." When you see a young man—or, for that matter, an old man flocking with those birds of gay plumage, that flit in and out of the glittering side entrances to hell, it does not take much of a prophet to outline his career in advance. We have no patience with little fellows who chirp about the difficulty of leading a virtuous life, and who whine about the temptations of city or town life being so great, "don't you know." Why, an angel from Heaven would be corrupted if he spent an hour in the company you were in last night, you poor little devil's fledgling. If you have any ambition to be anything but a moral buzzard, get up and shake yourself free from the company of vultures. "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and walk not in the way of evil men."

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THE MAN WITH THE LOAD.

Bowed by a weight of fiery stuff, he leans
Against the hitching-post and gazes round!
Besotted emptiness is in his face,
He bears a load that still may get him down.
Who made him dull to shame and dead to pride,
A thing that cares not and that never thinks,
Filthy, profane, a consort for the pig?
Who loosened and let down that stubbly jaw?
Whence came the scum adhering to those lips?
What was it clogged and burned away his brain?

Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To love and to be loved; to propagate
And feel the passion of Eternity?
Is this the dream He dreamed who shaped the suns
And pillared the blue firmament with light?
Down all the stretch of hell to its last gulf
There is no shape more hideous than this—
More tongued with proof that Darwin didn't know—
For where in all the world of brutish beasts
Is one from which this monster might have come?

His blood flows in the pale, disfigured babe
O'er which the pale, heart-broken mother bends.
But what to him are those hot tears she sheds,
What cares he for the taunts his children bear,
The hungry cries they raise; their twisted limbs?
Through this dread shape the devil boldly looks,
And in that reeling presence mocks the world!
Through this dread shape humanity is shamed,
Profaned, outraged, dragged down and brought to scorn—
Made to inhale fumes from the slime he spews
And hear him jest at Virtue and at God.

O masters, lords and rulers in our land,
Must this foul solecism still
Be tolerated in an age when men
Grasp power from the circumambient air
And speak through space across the roaring gulfs?
Must this vile thing be left to wed at will
And propagate his idiotic spawn,
A shame upon the age in which we live,
A curse on generations to be born?

O masters, lords and rulers in our land,
How may ye hope to reckon with this "man"?
How get along without the vote he casts
When there are public offices to fill?
How will it be with candidates when he
No longer hangs upon the reeking bar
Prepared to fight, to stab, to murder, and
To vote for him who furnishes his drinks?
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

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By these thy provocations stirred,
We seek the farthest mystery.

Emblem of boundaries strictly set,
Emblem of venturous search and hope!
Circled by thee, can man forget
His limitation and his scope?
—M. A. De Wolfe Howe in Month.

ON ESCORT DUTY.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

One day a mail rider arrived at the frontier fort with such news that a sergeant and six men and an ambulance were ordered out within an hour to escort and convey the colonel's wife down to the railroad. For a year there had been no open act of hostility on the part of the Indians, but we had known for weeks that they were making ready for an outbreak. It was queer enough that the colonel should come down to us in person as we stood beside our saddled horses, knowing nothing of where we were to go or the object of the trip, but stranger yet that all "military etiquette" should go out of his voice and demeanor as he said:

"Men, I am going to send my wife down to the railroad to go east. You are to be her escort. It is a case of life or death, or she would not go. I am afraid of the Indians, and yet I think you will get through all right. You are to make the best time possible. If attacked"—

"We shall beat them off, sir," replied Sergeant Gregg after waiting half a minute for the colonel to finish.

"I hope you can. I can only send the seven of you and a driver. Eight men ought to beat off 100 Indians, unless taken in ambush. Be watchful and prudent, Sergeant, you are an old Indian fighter. You will know best what to do. You will get away by 1 o'clock. Travel as fast as you can and as late as you can, so as to finish the journey tomorrow. If you are attacked"—

The colonel did not finish. He looked at each man and horse, inspected the ambulance and its pair of mules, and with a half nod to us he walked away. His wife must go, and, owing to details and sickness, no commissioned officer could be sent along. If the Indians were out, an escort of 20 men would not be too large. Only eight of us were to go. Had he finished his sentence he would have said:

"If attacked and you are about to fall into the hands of the red devils, do not let my wife be captured alive."

We understood what he meant, though we said nothing to each other. No matter what he or any one else feared, the little woman was almost merry as she took her seat in the ambulance for the start. Nothing had happened when we reached the valley, and as we looked around us and across it nothing could be seen to alarm. We had just taken the ropes off the blocked wheels of the ambulance when the warwhoop of the hostile Indians sounded behind us, and we looked back over our trail to catch sight of 100 mounted warriors bearing down upon us. They had picked our trail and run us down.

"Mount! Now, straight across the valley! Fall in to the rear of the ambulance."

The voice of the old sergeant was hard and firm as he spoke. The curtains of the ambulance were up, and I glanced at the colonel's wife. She had seen and heard. Her cheeks had paled, but she was removing a repeating rifle from its hooks as we fell in behind the vehicle. It was a clear five mile dash. The prairie was as level as a floor, and the mules needed no urging after hearing the yells of the Indians. The soldier driver wound the lines about his hands, braced his feet, and away we went. We had a start of half a mile. No man looked back. The pace was a hot one, and there was cover five miles away. The Indians gained on us, but only inch by inch. The mules took up such a gait that our horses had to lie right down to it to keep up. Not a word was spoken as we rode, but every ear listened to locate those coming up behind us. If they came too near, we must halt and open fire while the ambulance pushed on. We had almost reached cover before three or four rifle bullets came singing over our heads. Three minutes later we were among the trees and rocks, and the race was ended. As the ambulance halted and we flung ourselves off our horses I looked back and saw a band of at least 70 Indians almost within rifle shot of us. The road struck the hills at a gulch and they dared not follow us into that. They gave vent to their disappointment by shouts and yells and a waste of ammunition, and for a few minutes they had no plan in view.

"Well, we beat them in a fair race," said the colonel's wife as she descended from the ambulance with the rifle in her hands. "Sergeant Gregg, what are you going to do now?"

"Take cover, ma'am," he replied as he gave her the military salute.

"Yes, of course," she said as she looked about. "Did you ever see a pair of mules run faster? I might have got a shot but for you men behind. There must be near 100 Indians out there, but I guess we are safe enough now."

She rattled on in that fashion while we were taking the mules from the ambulance and unsaddling our horses, and it was a great weight off our minds to realize that she would not be a burden on our hands. It was idle to think of pursuing our journey in the darkness which would soon close down, and before morning there would be plenty of Indians on the trail beyond. We must take cover and hope to stand them off until help arrived or they grew discouraged at the siege. As we were consulting about location and defense the colonel's wife came back to us from the mouth of the gulch and said:

"That's the place, over to the left, men. There's a spring on that hill, with a good growth to shelter all, and you can see plenty of bowlders lying about."

The sergeant had selected the same spot, and in the course of a quarter of an hour we were occupying it. We got the horses and mules up there, but the vehicle was left behind. It was a cone shaped hill amid half a dozen such, but it commanded the others. It was covered with pines and cedars of small growth, and there was a splendid spring right on the crest. If the Indians had been fierce in their pursuit or crafty in their plans, we could not have reached it. It was the outbreak of war again with them, and they were over cautious. They drew back into the valley to consult, thus giving us a fair show, and we were snug enough when night fell and they made a dash for us, which we easily repulsed. Darkness found us occupying a circle about 40 feet across, with stones and bowlders and trees for shelter, and, though the situation was an anxious one and full of danger, all were in good spirits. We made a fire between two rocks and cooked our supper, and by the use of blankets we put up a tent for the colonel's wife, though against her protests. After the one single effort of the Indians, which was doubtless more of a reconnoissance than an attack, we were left in peace, though all through the night we heard sounds to prove they were taking up positions on all sides of us and making ready for the morrow.

None of us except the woman slept an hour all night long. We used levers to loosen bowlders and roll them into the circle, and with our knives we cut off limbs and cut down small trees to further strengthen our fort. We got the horses into a sort of gully below us and made the position as safe as possible, and when daylight came there was nothing more to be done. We had above 600 rounds of ammunition, food for three days and water was at hand.

Daybreak found us ready for an attack. The colonel's wife took her place, rifle in hand, between two men, and for half an hour we expected a sudden rush. At the end of that time a single warrior appeared to view at the base of the hill and in broken English demanded our surrender. The sergeant answered him that we were ready for them, and at the same time fired a shot which rolled the redskin's pony over. Three minutes later there was a circle of fire about us. Indians had mounted into trees to the right and left of us to get a plunging fire, and from the tops of two lower hills they poured in their bullets at random. We simply crouched down behind the rocks and smoked our pipes, pleased that they were throwing away their cartridges. At the end of an hour they ceased firing. Not a man of us had been touched, but stray bullets had killed one of the mules and wounded two horses. There would be a rush now, and as we made ready for it the colonel's wife sank down beside me and quietly said:

"I've tumbled over sage hens and jack rabbits, and I ought to be able to hit an Indian. Do I look frightened?"

"You are as white as a ghost, ma'am," I answered as I turned to her.

"But I'm all right," she similingly said, "and here they come."

So they did. With every painted warrior yelling at the top of his voice the entire band charged us at once, taking in the whole circle. It was not until they got close up that we could see anything to shoot at, and every few seconds the sergeant cried out to us to hold our fire. It was over in a minute. They did not expect to find us intrenched, and we knocked them over like ninepins.

I believe we killed or wounded a full score, and it took the fight out of them so thoroughly that not a rifle was fired at us again until afternoon. Then, soon after 2 o'clock and without the slightest warning, we were charged again, and for three minutes it was a wild melee. We fired into their very faces as they sprang upon the defenses, and two warriors were shot down inside our fort, and both by the colonel's wife. It was their final and supreme effort, and well it was for us that it was thus. When we had beaten them off, Sergeant Gregg and another man lay dead, four men were badly wounded, and they had cut our animals out of the gulch and run them off. Had the attack lasted a minute longer or been renewed two men and a woman would alone have opposed it. And among the queer things of that last dash was the behavior of the colonel's wife. With my own eyes I saw her shoot down the two warriors who leaped the breastwork, and I believe she killed two or three more outside of it, and yet when the attack had been repulsed the little woman fell over in a dead faint, and for ten minutes we believed her dead from a bullet. When she came back to life, she had a fit of weeping, and when that was over she turned to and attended our hurts and was ready for another brush.

We put in another night right there, not knowing that the Indians had drawn off, but soon after sunrise next morning were relieved of all anxiety by the appearance of a scout, who passed on and sent us aid from the fort. The colonel's wife did not get down to the railroad, for that was the opening of a war which lasted for months, but there was no blame attached to any of the living who returned with her. On the contrary, the old martinet of a colonel took each one of us by the hand, breaking over "military etiquette" once more in his life, and said:

"You did well, my man, and here's my hand on it, and I won't forget you!"

The Book of Job.

A story told of Carlyle in an English review forcibly recalls the days when in England religious services were long enough to test the zeal of the worshipers.

According to the story Carlyle had been asked to take the reading at family prayers during a short visit paid to his friend, the provost of Kirkcaldy. The Bible chanced to open at the first chapter of the book of Job, and Carlyle immediately became absorbed in his subject and read on and on to the end of the last chapter, when, closing the volume, he remarked:

"That is a marvelous, lifelike drama, only to be appreciated when read right through."

It is fair to infer that it was appreciated for once. Any one who has taken a long, solitary afternoon and attempted to give the book of Job an opportunity to be appreciated by reading it honestly through at one sitting can realize the consternation of the provost. Such a one will not be likely to wonder, with Carlyle, why he was not asked again to assist at family prayers in that household.

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A couple of interesting relics are in the possession of Albert Turner of 1514 York street. One of them, and that which Mr. Turner prizes probably as much as anything he owns, is a brick from the old house that stood on Water street, New Castle, Del., from 1687 until torn down in 1894, and which was the home of the Dutch governors of the three lower counties for 100 or more years. The bricks of which the old house was constructed were brought over from Holland and, like all bricks of that time, were yellow in color. The relic Mr. Turner has, and which, by the way, is one of very few in existence, is in a good state of preservation, and, barring its slightly crumbled edges, shows but few signs of its two centuries and more. The other relic is a quaint old Revolutionary sword, carried and used with deadly effect by Captain Cunda, Mrs. Turner's great-grandfather, at the famous battle of Benis Heights.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Dated this 3d day of August, 1899.

aug3 HERBERT T. TWIGG.

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Dated this 14th day of June, 1899.

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LOCATIONS.

Aug. 1—Jerome Fraction, adj London, A C Van Mœrkerke. Shamrock, Four Mile cr, F Ryan.

2—Rolando, Granite mt, P W Ellis. Cobble Hill, Four Mile cr, A McDonald.

3—Alert, Fidelity Bluff, F Pyman and J A McDonald. Wee Wee fr, nr New Denver, J C Harris.

4—Spring Hill, Seaton cr, C J Sarin. Ida, Four Mile cr, J B Anderson. Concord, nr Three Forks, G B Dean. Ella B, n fk Carpenter cr, R Taylor.

5—Butcher, Silver mt, J Wigginton. Often, head Slocan Lake, W Smith

7—Atlin fr, reloc Silverton fr, Geo White. Silver Button, Four Mile cr, C H Abercrombie. Black Bess, Galena flat, Geo White.

ASSESSMENTS.

Aug 1—O B H, Bendigo, Hewett, Rincon, Wren, Bonaparte, Majestic, Lancaster 2—Hardscraple, Handy, Kootenay, Ava fr, Edith. 3—High Rock, Home Joy, Rupert. 4—Jumbo, Bell fr, Tremont, Osborn, Nicalo, St Lawrence. Delaware fr, Flag Staff, Cultus No 2, Hope No 4. 5—Flower, May, Rosedale, Stanley, Nancy Lee, Maple Leaf. 7—Central, St Peter's Boy, Fairmount.

CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION

Alturas, Alps and Alps Fraction.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

July 13—Nevada, Copper cr, D Ross and Quinn. Dandy, ext Coin, Henry Cody. Mountain Boy, Woodbury cr, Edward Fulton. Dominion, Milford cr, R F Rice and E R McInnis. Evening Glory, Canyon ck, John Wilson Bell, Two Mile cr, John Hartman

14—Caledonia, west of Kaslo, M Tapanila. The Daisy, Duncan r, Alfred Johnston. Dominion Day, Quartz cr, Thos M Duffy. Double Standard, Woodbury cr, W P Freeman. Mable, Quartz cr, Wm Fogg.

15—Chief, Kaslo Mt, J A McKinnon.

17—St Lawrence, se Kaslo, Chas Behrman and Thos Trenery. Apex, same John S Struck. Green Sabres, same W E Bail. Minnie H, Long cr, Wm Ryan Black Argilite, Bear lake, R Williams. Surprise, same, John Carraher. Pilot, Sawyer cr, J W Caldwell. Equity, Climax, Mammoth, Great Northern, Two Kids, Old Timer, Monarch, s fk Kasl, R P Brigos.

18—Sedora, Crawford cr, Frank Burk. Haget May, Crawford cr, Geo W Herren. Ohio, Crawford cr, R D Haggart. Helene fr, Munn cr, P E Fisher. Ruby fr, Hot Springs camp, D F Strobeck. Gold Drop, Hot Springs camp, J R Hardie. Vernie, so fk Woodbury cr, E D Dumbs. Rabbitt, west side Kootenay lake, Martin Erickson.

19—Ronay, Woodbury cr, W B Drummond. Alma, Crawford cr, Ned McDonald and Alex Duperry. Baltimore, Schroeder cr, Gus Lofstedt. Dreyfus, same, Gus Carlquist.

20—Douglas, Blue Ridge camp, Jas R Stewart. Rosie, Duncan r, John Bower. Betsy, Schroeder cr, John Swanson. Champion, Rockslide, so fk Kaslo, Jno Carlton and Gus Schilling. Yankee, Crawford cr, Ed Dedolph So So, Argenta trail, Jas Walker. Lost Boy, so fk Kaslo, J Carton. Zenda, Flying Foz, Copper cr, T H O'Brien Elizabeth, L G, Marguerette, Copper cr, C H Chapman. Victoria, same, H M Rogers.

21—Liverpool, Copper cr, Alex Cameron Chamois, Lyleck, G W Edwards. Porcupine, Tea ck, Chas Erickson. Spider. Woodbury cr, A Janson. Elk, Woodbury cr, C J Northquist. Mable, Carriboo cr, C J Northquist. Mynet, Long cr, John Fraser. Lucky Strike, Duncan City, H Allen.

22—Riverside, Duncan r, A Gouterous and P Parrie. Lanarkshire and Blankyre, Woodbury cr, T Davidson, J Irvine and F Armstrong.

24—Rosslaud, Duncan City, F H Roberts. Glacier, Kaslo r, W Clough and T Long. White Bear, Kaslo r. E Anderson. Belles, Crawford cr, J O Patenoude. Beauty Belle, Crawford cr, W L Smith. Ben, Crawford cr, J A Gilker. Keystone, Lardo r, C Engbug. Elgin, Lardo r, A G Mellander.

25—Justinius, Geno, Joker cr, J J Flentot. Marblehead, Campbell cr, T G Proctor. Republic Jr, Hooker cr, S N Long. Empress Jr, Hooker cr, F S Clements. Empire, Hooker cr, S N Long. Burlington, Duncan City, A Anderson.

ASSESSMENTS.

July 13—No 1 Extension, B N A, Lynx, Humming Bird, Onoka, Silver Prince, Albina, Gold Hill, Sweet Grove, Hidden Tin, Red Star, Ceala, Iceburg, Snowslide, Snowdrift, Carona, Lula, Lucky Strike.

14—Glasgow, PLS, Reiner, Edward, California.

15—Jennie D, Maltese Cross, Red Prince, Homestake.

17—Elma, Oregon, Liberal, Norfolk, Simcoe, S & N fr, Roy, Copperhead, Jack Rabbit, Wonder Secret, Great Bend, Montrose, Little 2, Brooklyn, Dauntless, Spokane-Kaslo No 2, Spokane-Kaslo.

18—Forman, Eagle fr, Mammoth, Standard, Diamond Jubilee, Bell, Harbor

19—Last Chance, Everton, Great Hope, Silver King, Silver Queen, Rio Tinto, Eclipse, Ibex, Liddesdale.

20—Silver Queen. 21—Hope, Blue Point Quartz, Indian Chief, Mammoth Quartz, Homestake.

22—Nellie Woods, Green Crown.

24—Sporting, Ruby, Tony, High Bluff, Savannah, Morning Glory, Valparaiso, Splendid.

25—Redrock, Lawrence F, Multnomah, Empress, Gold Drop, Orlando, Ida, Pola, Silver Spray.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT.

July 21—Tecumsie and Pontiac, to the Nelson-Slocan Prospecting and Mining Co, Ltd. 25—Thistle to Orin Barber and P McEwen

TRANSFERS.

July 13—Nevada, ¼—Ole Alvin to John Alvin, $75

Gold Hill, ½—Eugene Montreuil to John F Wilson Yukon, all int—A R Hayland to J Dunsmuir.

15—Resurgam, Lydia A, Dunvegan, Island Boy, Athol, Silver Six, Yankee Girl and Silver Plume, ¼—R S Cameron to Thos Sarquhar

17—Copper King, ⅓—Chas Scheel to Wm Nelson.

Yellow Kid, ⅓—E J Wiser, to Wm Nelson.

Protest against certificates of work being issued re Three Brothers, Stars and Stripes, Sixteen to One, Success, Contact, Liberty Hill, South Fork, Lime Cliff, signed by Robinson R Briggs.

18—Golden Gate and Blue Bird, ¼—Leonard Brant to E Fitterling.

Golden Gate and Blue Bird, all int—Leonard Brant to Norman Perkins.

Zoa, all int—L A Lemon to Jas B Townsend, $300.

19—Bobtail, ¼—John Wright to M McCarter

Great Hope, ½—A Duperry to Neil McDonald.

Eldorado No 2, ½—Eblute to Mrs C A Foran.

21—Cuba No 2, Boston, Eldorado, all int—H Croft to B C Mining and Exploration Co, Ltd, 75,000 shares capital stock.

Liverpool, ⅔—Allen Cameron to H S Harris and John McCue.

Ruthven, ¼—Wm Hodder to E Dedolph.

Glen Alpine and Fontenac, ½—W W Freeman to Robert George.

Grampian, all int—F S Andrews to Robert George.

22—Daylight, ½—W J Twiss to D Young.

Colorado, Andrew Jay, Utica and Rocky Boulder, Mountain Glory, Morning Glory and Alice, agreement, Patrick and Bridget McCue to Geo W Hughes.

24—Bregon, all—F Messenger to M Johnson.

Rossland, ½—Thos Roberts to R Kelly.

Lauenah, Iron Cap, Ruthie Bell and St Joseph, option, A R McDonald and F Viets to John McKane

25—Hermina, ¼—J M Sompoly to P Desireau.

26—Victoria, all—H M Rogers to H S Harris, J McCue, A Cameron.

Joker and Derby Mines—Agreement between H H Fanshaw and The Excelsior Gold Mines of British Columbia.

27—Bismark, ¼—N F McKay to G B Gerrard.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

Total shipped July 1 to Dec. 31, 1898, 17,994 tons. January 1st, 1899, to August 5:

	Week	Total
Payne		5,271
Last Chance		2,245
Slocan Star		548
Sapphire		33
Coin		12
Ajax		40
Sovereign		20
Reco		180
Ivanhoe		119
Treasure Vault		112
Trade Dollar		50
Liberty Hill		3
Madison		15
Wonderful		273
Idaho Mines		660
Queen Bess	111	1,291
Wild Goose		15
Monitor		260
Whitewater		1,183
Jackson	41	518
Bell		30
Wellington		11
Antoine	20	65
Rambler	49	401
Dardanelles		100
Great Western		48
Bosun		540
Marion		20
Capella		34
Fidelity		3
Vancouver		320
Wakefield		580
Emily Edith		80
Comstock		120
Noonday	69	309
Enterprise		600
Tamarac		20
Total tons	281	16,2013

FULL OF SINKERS.

Billy Harrington has been in New Denver for several days past awaiting the result of a mining deal. Billy is one of the most popular young men in the Slocan, as well as energetic. The other day while waiting for the wires between here and Vancouver to cool he went fishing, and was lucky. He brought back some fish, and inadvertently showed them to Henry Stege. Henry is very fond of fish, and is a good judge of their weight. While he was examining Billy's string of trout some individual suggested a bet for the drinks on their weight. The bet was made and Henry hurried away to get a pair of scales. Then Billy did something terribly wicked. He opened the mouths of those innocent and perfectly dead fish and filled them plumb full of sinkers. Henry, smiling and innocent, returned with the scales. The fish were weighed and of course the genial landlord lost the bet. After the crowd had held the stakes for a short time, someone, probably Dave King, gave the snap away, and now Henry vows he will never bet again on a man from Sandon or his game. Although Billy never sinks in any game, he still has the sinkers and is headed for Duncan City.

"SILENCE IS GOLDEN."

"Dunk" McIntyre and A. McDonald had a funny experience with a bear at their camp, near the Mollie Hughes, on Tuesday. The men were working with a pick and axe when brutin came upon them. After sizing up the situation the bear turned and started away apparently contented to leave things alone. McIntyre thought bruin too easy, and began calling him names with a sulphuric lining when he saw him walking away. The bear turned sharp about and came after the men. Before McDonald knew what he was doing he found himself at the top of a tree and still climbing, where he could get an unobstructed view of McIntyre leaping over fallen timber down the mountain side to New Denver.

THE SENSIBLE WAY OF IT.

At a recent meeting of the Rossland Miners' Union it was decided that hereafter no member of the union will be allowed to do contract work in that camp. Very little contract work has been done in Rossland this summer. The action of the Rossland union is the sensible way of overcoming the evils of the contract system, and is in marked contrast with the methods employed by the Silverton union leaders, when they attempted to force the managers to pay $3.50 per shift for work already contracted.

NOT SO DISCOURAGING.

While it cannot be said that the lockout has been at all agreeable to the mine managers, the mine workers or the business men of the district, it must be admitted that the Slocan has made greater advancement this summer than during the same period at any time in its history. Not as a producer of ore, for the ore production of the past two months has been nil, but in showing up and proving the mines and prospects of the district more men have been employed and better work has been done than ever before The good effect of this will be better understood and appreciated nine months hence that at the present time.

THE DEPARTING PARSON.

To my friend, Rev. W. M. MacKeracher.

Some feller dropped the word last night,
Down at "Poker Bill's,"
"The parson's goin' ter pull up stakes
And quit these bloomin' hills."
The boys all looked up suddent-like
At the feller where he sot
And Tommy Roadley dropped his hand
An' fergot to take the pot.

"Yas," says the feller, kinder s'prised
At the way we took the news,
"Year's up, and he's goin' ter shake
This dust from off his shoes.
He's a-goin' away back east," says he—
"Boys," chipped in old George Foss,
"Let's all cash in." And then we fell
To reckonin' up the loss.
"Pop" Lowery 'lowed he'd bet a stack
That the camp 'd never see
A squarer parson pull his coat
Er throw a packer's "T."
" 'Scribed for the 'Claim' when he fust come,
Planked down the good hard dough,
And, ding it, boys, I kinder hate
Ter see the feller go."

"Doc" Rogers chipped a bean and said:
"The proper thing ter do,
Afore the parson packs his quilts
And strikes fer prospecks new,
Is ter give the cuss a good send-off."
"I'm in on that, says Pete,
We'll 'pint Dave King the poet,
An' th' hull durn gang 'll treat."

Well, Sunday night we gathered in,
At the old Hotel Slocan,
Fer er reg'lar old-time blow-out.
We trotted out our man
And made him lisun to the truck
Our poet said he'd writ,
Which, if my memory serves me right,
Was 'bout like this, to-wit:

"We've watched you purty close, young man,
Since you dropped yer pack down here,
And stated in a sermont
That you'd come to stay a year,
But we felt a mite suspicious-like,
As folks is apt t' feel,
When a ''varsity chap' from way down east,
Sets in to take the deal.

"Them days the gang didn't take much stock
In missionary chaps,
And we sort 'er steered eround you—
There's where we lost, perhaps—
Fer we couldn't see how a beardless kid,
That had just got out 'er school,
Could preach and live in a mining camp
And stick to the Lord's eighth rule.

"We've heerd tell since, that when you sot in
The game was a-running low;
The church debt loomed up mighty high
And the spirit didn't flow;
The Sunday night collections, them days,
Was 'bout as slim
As the Sunday mornin' attendance,
Which was almighty slim.

"But it wa'nt long 'til it got eround
That yer preachin' wa'nt bad;
That them that didn't hear ye
Might some day wish they had;
That you struck out from th' shoulder
And layed down the good old facks,
That every man's religion
Is recorded in his acts.

"That the man who has a ready hand
To help his feller man,
Has struck the paystreak of God's love
An' can save it in a pan.
You didn't seem ter give a—er—
That is, you didn't care,
How rough an' tough a man might look
If his heart beat on the square.

"That charity is a kingly grace,
If it assays what it ort—
The kind that thinks no evil thing
And hears no bad report—
And though you were young and chipper-like,
It didn't take long ter see
That the heart that beat beneath yer vest
Was purty middlin' free.

"'Long 'bout spring o' th' year you rome,
You struck your pick one night
In a mighty powerful sermont
That made 'em see the light,
And it wa'nt long til half the gang
Was a-goin' to church, by gum,
And a-fillin' up yer button box
When the thing eround 'em come.

"Then "Scotty" led, and it wa'nt long
'Til "Sandy" follered suit
The gang it couldn't a-been more 'sprised
Had it heered old Gabriel toot.
"Doc" Rogers took a hand 'bout then,
And the boys nigh lost their grip,
When the three was 'lected deacons,
But they never raised a yip.

"We've seen yer, day by day, go on
In the way yer ort ter go,
Runnin' yer tunnel ter tap the ore
On th' ledge that we well know
Is th' one we all must look fer
If we ever strike it rich
On the mountain over yonder,
Er up, I don't know which.

"No use ter say now what you've done,
Since yer dropped yer pack down here
And stated in a sermont
That you'd come to stay a year;
The record's writ in a higher place:
But we'll say right here in lieu,
That you've got the gang's best blessins'
To carry away with you."

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He went away; we've heerd tell since,
He's savin' souls—Quebec province.

DAVID W. KING.

Kaslo, Slocan Mining Camp, 1896.

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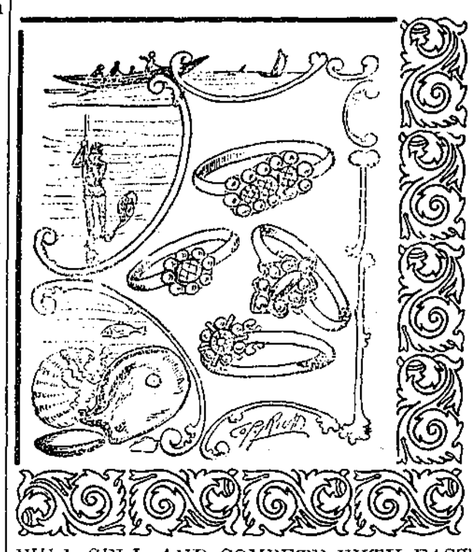

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