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SLOGAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

The Masons are organizing in Sandon.

Fred Mountain has gone to Honolulu for the winter.

Only one patient remains in the Slocan Hospital this week.

The mails this week are heavy, owing to the Xmas rush.

The new C. P. R. tug at Rosebery is to be called the Sandon.

R. B. Kerr's brick store, on Bellevue avenue, is being rushed to completion.

Monday, Dec. 26, has been declared a public holiday by the Dominion Government.

Coal and coke is now being supplied the Kootenay smelters from the Crow's Nest Pass.

Jack Madigan is talking of putting on a stage to run between New Denver and Sandon.

E. J. Mathews, representing Braden Bros., has removed his offices from Pilot Bay to Nelson.

Both the Anglican and Presbyterian churches are preparing special services for Christmas.

Monday, December 26, there will be an exciting time at the turkey shoot in town. The lists are open to all comers.

Miss Todd, after an absence of about a year, has returned to town to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Shannon.

BORN.—In New Denver, on December 15, 1898, the wife of J. E. Brouse, M.D., of a son. Congratulations are in order.

T. H. Patterson, of the Bank of B. C., Sandon, has been removed to Kamloops, and E. A. Praegar of that city takes his place.

The wagon road to Three Forks has been placed in fairly good condition, and sleighs can travel the highway with safety.

The displays in the various stores this Xmas season are much ahead of previous years, and much more tastefully arranged.

Col. Sam Wharton has purchased the Thompsen residence in Spokane for $10,000. The Colonel is also interested in New Denver.

Applications for membership into the local lodge Knights of Pythias are beginning to roll in. The organization is appreciated by the miners.

BORN—In New Denver, on December 14, 1898, the wife of Major Furlong, of a daughter. Mother and child are doing well and the father is happy.

Jack Cadden, the well known engineer on the N. & S., has purchased the Kootenay hotel, in Sandon, formerly owned by Switzer & McCluskey.

Angus McInnes, mining recorder, received word Friday of the death of his father at Sydney, Nova Scotia. The deceased gentleman was in his 65th year and had been ill only a short time, of dropsy.

Mrs. Capt. Estabrooks leaves next week on a short visit to her husband, who is in charge of the C.P.R. steamer Aberdeen, on Okanagan lake. C. E Strickland has been sworn in as assistant postmaster in her absence.

W. J. Walker, of Spokane, organizer of the Knights of Labor and Western Labor Union, paid his first visit to New Denver on Saturday, and was greatly taken with the place. He is also editor of the Freeman's Labor Journal.

Friday evening the usual Xmas tree and entertainment, in connection with the Union Sunday school, will be held in the Methodist church. There will be two trees, one given by the school and the other by the parents and friends of the scholars.

John Halpin, an old-timer in the Slocan and formerly proprietor of the Central Hotel here, was killed two weeks ago, with two others, by a premature explosion on the new railway being built in the White Pass, Alaska. The bodies were horribly mangled.

On Sunday evening last Rev. Mr. Yates held the first service in the new Anglican church building at Nakusp. The building is not yet fully complete, but its interior is very neat and churchlike. The chancel addition and the outside will not be completed until the spring.

It has been decided to continue permanently the tourist car, which for the past few weeks has been attached to the trans-continental train of the C. P. R. which leaves Vancouver on Thursdays. The car goes right through to St. John, New Brunswick, where it connects with the Dominion and Allan line of ocean steamers.

The rumor having gained ground that Capt. Estabrooks would resign as postmaster here on January 1, no less than six known applications for the position have been sent in to the department. The applicants are laboring under the erroneous impression that the salary is munificent, quite the contrary being the fact, however.

The C.P.R. has announced that round trip tickets at single fare rate will be sold between all Kootenay points south of, and including, Nakusp, from the 20th to the 26th instant, inclusive. Such tickets are good for return until January 4. Round trip tickets will also be sold under the same conditions on Dec. 30 and 31, and Jan. 1st, which will also be good for return until January 4.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The force on the Comstock has been slightly increased.

P. Burns has placed seven men more at work on the Minnehaha.

Sandon exported 386 tons of ore during the week and Three Forks 318.

The Idaho mines sent out 165 tons since last issue and the Queen Bess 133 tons.

The Monitor, at Three Forks, has resumed shipments, 20 tons going out last week.

Twenty men are employed on the Emily Edith. Ore is being broken down and sorted for shipment.

Two hundred and twenty tons of ore were shipped from the Payne this week, divided among both railways.

For the half year ending December 31, the total Slocan shipments will total fully 18,000 tons, valued at about $2,000,000.

Soft weather, which has prevailed during the week, has broken up many trails and interfered sadly with rawhiding.

Silverton shipped 89½ tons of ore in four days recently, divided between the Comstock, Vancouver and Fisher Maiden.

With the regular transportation of cars, the C.P R. sadly needs another barge to accommodate the increasing ore traffic on the lake.

W. W. Warner has struck a fine lead of dry ore on the Argenta, one of the Madison group, near Sandon. It runs 1,690 oz. silver and $4 gold.

George Hughes has gone to Nelson, and it is stated, the purpose of his visit is to turn over the Mountain Chief mine, close to this town, to a large English syndicate.

A special general meeting of the Gibson Mining & Milling Co. will be held in McAnn & McKay's office, Kaslo, on January 16, for the disposal of the company's assets.

The owners of the Anglo-Saxon have laid off for the holidays. They have the tunnel in 51 feet and the ledge is improving in mineral. Copper appears to be increasing.

Saturday night the tunnel of the Hartney, on Silver mountain, was in 55 feet, with a three-foot ledge in the breast. The owners expect to break into a big chamber of ore shortly.

On the Convention, adjoining the Marion, a tunnel has been driven upwards of 25 feet beyond the face of the open cut. Some fine ore is being broken down, carrying carbonates and a little zinc.

In the list of minerals found in the Slocan, published in THE LEDGE a few weeks ago, fluorite (fluor-spar) was omitted. This spar has been found at several points in this camp. It does not however appear to be of common occurrence here.

Government Aid for Denver.

R. Green, M.P.P. for the Slocan, was in town during the week, enquiring into the needs of the locality before going to Victoria for the opening of the house. He promised to secure a grant for the long-expected fire hall, and $1,000 for the improvement of the streets of the town, which is partly owned by the Government. Mr. Green will also endeavor to secure two lots fronting the school for a playground for the children. It was impressed upon him the desirability of clearing the Government reserve, which will be done, and the whole square fenced in and seeded.

Bonded for Thirty Thousand.

W. Boies and J. Rackliff have bonded a group of four claims, owned by them on South Kaslo, to the English company represented by E. Mansfield. The bond calls for $30,000, the first payment to be made so soon as the snow goes off. These claims adjoin the Joker group now being worked by Mr. Mansfield, and have practically the same surface showings, the croppings running well in gold.

ROUND THE HUB.

Cascade has been made a sub-port of entry.

Rossland's curling club has organized for the winter.

Cascade is to have a complete electric light and water system.

Trail has a brass band, the instruments arriving last week.

Two trains daily are to be run between Nelson and Rossland by the C. P. R.

The Rossland Typographical Union held their second annual banquet last week.

The Cascade Maple Leaf has died, after a sickly existence of a few brief weeks.

Mayor Wallace is seeking re-election in Rossland, with Ross Thompson as an opponent.

H. W. Simpson, who was struck by a train near Robson about a month ago, has died of his injuries.

The board of investigation into the Ainsworth wreck, has decided that no blame can be attached to any one.

Joseph Salier, a section laborer near Cranbrook, was killed on Saturday by the accidental discharge of his rifle.

D. J Darraugh, af Nakusp, has been appointed provincial officer at Cascade. He will have a new jail to look after also.

Kaslo has a new paper, named the Prospector. It is published by A. R. Burns and is Liberal-Conservative in politics.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has changed the name of the new town at the eighth siding on the Crow's Nest road from Creston to Sirdar.

H. N. Coursier, Revelstoke, is closing out his groceries and hardware departments, and will carry dry goods, millinery and men's furnishings. Steed & Morris have purchased his hardware and grocery stock.

JOTTINGS FROM WHITEWATER.

Things are rather uninteresting re mining matters. This is usually the case at this time of the year.

Mrs. Robinson, a much esteemed lady, leaves this morning to visit her parents in Vancouver. Her absence will be much felt in church and social circles.

Rev. Mr. Williamson delivered a very appropriate address to quite a large number on Sunday evening. His remarks were ably delivered and much appreciated.

BOUNDARY.

Sixty men are working on the Cariboo.

The shaft on the Waterloo is down 70 feet.

The steam drill on the Minnehaha is breaking ground very rapidly.

R. Harris, of Rossland, has bonded the Ruby, owned by G. Cook and partners, for $12,000, with five per cent. down.

The contract for the 50-foot shaft on the Red Rock has been completed, and so far there is no sign of the foot wall being approached. The Red Rock belongs to Messrs Haas, Naden and Ceperley, who recently acquired the property.

YMIR.

The Porto Rico mill is putting through 300 tons of ore which is expected to return $500 to the ton.

Rawhiding of ore has commenced from the Blackcock mine, which has become one of the shippers in the Ymir district.

A rich strike of a fine body of ore has been made in the Dundee mine at the 250-foot level. The first assay went $60 in gold and $3.60 in silver, a total of $63.60; the second, $52 in gold and $2.40 in silver, total $54.40; the third, $16 in gold and $1.20 in silver, total $17.20. This gives an average of $45.06.

NELSON.

At the Athabasca mine and mill there are 55 men employed. The property is now in shape to pay substantial dividends.

At the California, near Giveout creek, ore is being sacked ready for shipment. A small shipment has been made to the Hall Mines smelter, giving returns of over $20 to the ton.

A big strike has been made in the shaft on the Exchequer, zinc ore having been encountered which carries high gold values. Assays made upon the ore gave returns of over $140 to the ton. The Exchequer people are constructing a sleigh road to their property from the Athabasca, a distance of about half a mile

Nelson gives 10% off. Read his ad if you can find it.

TROUT LAKE.

A strike of 10 feet of concentrating ore is reported on the Nettie L.

Fifteen men are employed on the Ethel. An assay on the ore recently gave 3,800 oz. in silver.

The contract for a 150-foot tunnel on the Nettie L has been completed, and a further contract of 40 feet has been given.

An excellent strike of rich ore has been made on the Towser, at the end of the tunnel now being driven, on the property. The strike is from six to eight inches of clean ore, similar to that on the Silver Cup and Sunshine, which properties it joins.

A new strike has just been made on the Silver Cup, which is three feet in width. It contains grey copper, black sulphurets and native silver, and galena, and ran as high 1,000 oz. in silver with a good gold value. There are several hundred feet of drifts, which throughout their entire extent contain ore, which ranges all the way from six inches to three feet in thickness, and which will average $165 to the ton in silver and gold.

Evening Star Looking Well.

Hugh Sutherland has struck a bonanza in the Evening Star group, on Dayton creek. He bonded the property from George Petty and partners for $50,000, and has paid $15,000. The remainder comes due early in February and the payment will be promptly met, as there is more ore in sight now than will pay the entire bond. Ten men are working, sinking a shaft, which is down now 160 feet, and preparations are being made for drifting on the vein. At the foot of the shaft, there is a magnificent showing, the ledge being three feet in width, with 14 inches of solid ore on one wall and 10 inches on the other. The ore is very high grade, in both gold and silver No shipments will be made till sufficient dead work has been done to warrant dividends following.

Jack O'Leary Killed.

Jack O'Leary, one of the best knowu and most genial of railway contractors in the west, was killed on Friday, near Shield's Landing, about eight miles from Brooklyn, on the R. & P. road. Deceased was superintending the lowering of a large rock, when a guy rope broke and the huge derrick fell upon him. He only lived 20 minutes after. The remains were sent to Nelson for burial. Jack was born in Maine 43 years ago, and his manhood has been spent in the west. He had a contract on the N. & S. railway.

Rich Strike on Two Friends.

A rich strike is reported from the Two Friends, on Springer creek, close to its boundary line with the Bank of England claim. Teeter Bros., Foley and York had received permission to drive through Two Friends ground to develop the Bank of England, and it was in the course of this work that the strike was made. They claim to have about three feet of high grade galena. This will induce the owners of the Two Friends to resume operations.

Slocan City Changes.

The following changes are noted in Slocan City business circles: A. York, butcher, has opened a branch in the Boundary country; A. Skojeski will remove to Boundary; Slocan News Co. closed out; H. Robertson, tinsmith, branch at Sandon; J. D. O'Neil & Co., hardware, closed out; McLennan & Co., flour and feed, sold out; J. L. White, drugs, a branch in Boundary.

A Society Event.

Eastern as well as coast papers announce the engagement of Miss Amy Martin, daughter of Edward Martin, Q.C., of Ballanyhinch, Hamilton, Ont., sister of Hon. Justice Martin, of Victoria, to Philip Dumoulin, accountant of the Bank of Montreal, in this town, second son of the Anglican Lord Bishop of Niagara.

Black Grouse to Change Hands.

Major Furlong received a cablegram on Monday, announcing that his Black Grouse property, on north fork of Carpenter, had been accepted in England by a syndicate of capitalists. Particulars of sale and the future developments of the property will be received later on.

To be Paid in England.

The Bank of British Columbia will pay, in London, on and after January 2nd, the interest then due on the six per cent. and four and a-half per cent. debentures issued under the B. C. Loan Acts, 1877 and 1887, and on the four per cent. bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company.

PRETTY PLAY HOUSE

New Denver, thanks to the liberal and progressive spirit of J. C. Harris, late owner of the Bosun mine, is now possessed of the neatest and most complete opera house, to be known as the Bosun Hall, to be found in Kootenay, or for that matter in the interior of British Columbia. Though small in comparison with city institutions, it is ample for this vicinity for some time to come, and its completeness on that account is the more marked. J. H. Millward, leader of the New Denver Concert Band, was mainly instrumental in persuading Mr. Harris to so invest his money, and the investment has even now reached the dividend stage. Mr. Millward's ideas of the house were enlarged upon and remodelled by A. Wallace, under whose supervision the work has been carried to a successful finish. As it stands complete in all its details and fixtures, the Bosun opera house has cost $3,000.

It is located on the east side of Bellevue avenue, immediately fronting the Government reserve. The building measures 82 feet in length over all by 30 feet in width. It is a wooden frame upon a stone foundation. Inside the ceiling is slightly arched, 23 feet from the floor. The main hall is 44x30 feet; dress circle, 12x30 feet; stage 14x30 feet; gents' cloak and smoke room, 12x20 feet; and the ladies' room 12x10 feet. The main entrance is through double doors, opening outwards, while there is a rear entrance into the smoking room. On either side of the main entrance there is a natty little shop, the one occupied by E. Angrignon, barber, and the other by C. M. Nesbitt, who carries an elegant line of tobaccos, fruit and confections, and who will also provide cold lunches. To the right, as one enters, is the stairway leading to the dress circle, the seats being on the pyramid system and cosily and tastefully upholstered. The main hall is seated with chairs, which can be easily removed for a dance.

The stage is a beauty and provided with all the latest improvements. It is replete with four full sets of scenery and a drop curtain, being specially made by Sosman & Landis, the well-known scenic painters of Chicago. There is an abundance of room, and any play can be put on from a three-man farce to a Verdi grand opera.

The whole interior of the building has been finished in British Columbia cedar, oiled and varnished. There is a four-foot wainscot round the main hall, and the construction and finish of the balcony adds mightly to the general effects. Special attention was paid to ventilation, while every precaution has been taken in the event of fire. For acoustic properties there is no better public building anywhere and performers will be able to give full scope to their abilities. Incandescent lamps are used for lighting, the footlights for the stage being of the most approved pattern. The main hall will seat 275 people and the balcony 80. The band boys are domiciled in the main cloak room, which is also available for club purposes.

In the erection of the hall home talent alone has been employed, A. Wallace having the woodwork; J. Barker, stone and brick work and plastering; J. H. Millward, painting and glazing; P. Angrignon, electric lighting; and Walker & Baker, upholstering and seats. Mr. Millward will have the management of the hall and will book all engagements.

The opening occurs to-night, with the band boys to the front as the initial performers in a short and choice program of musical numbers. A. Sproat, president of the band, will act as chairman. At the conclusion of the program, the floor will be cleared off for a dance. There will be a crowded house and people should get in line early. Performance commences at 8:15.

ORE IN TWO TUNNELS.

On Thursday last the No. 1 tunnel on the Marion struck the ore body on the second vein, three inches of clean mineral appearing in the breast. The tunnel was driven 51 feet through exceptionally hard rock. Drifting on the lead will follow and ore taken out for shipment. On the other vein the No. 2 tunnel is in over 70 feet and the ore being taken out continues high grade. One hundred and thirty sacks are piled in the ore house, averaging 150 pounds per sack. Rawhiding down to the wagon road commenced on Tuesday, and so soon as a car load has been brought down, a shipment will be made.

OPTION ON THE ENTERPRISE.

An option to purchase was given some time ago by the owners of the Enterprise group, on Ten Mile, to a British syndicate, and the time expires early next month. The interested parties will say nothing about it, and no particulars will be given out till the time expires. In any event, whether the mine sells or not, it will be worked much more extensively and shipments resumed and maintained. The mine can easily ship 50 tons per day, and the ore is high grade, though the presence of zinc may act as a deterrent to some extent. W. C. E. Koch has had a team employed for over a week hauling ore down from the mine to Enterprise, more for the purpose of keeping the road open for future events. Two companies appear to be figuring on the property, the London & B. C. Goldfields and the British America Corporation. Both are standing high on the British market just now, the former because of such gilt-edged possessions as the Ymir, Whitewater and Slocan Boy, backed up by a recent dividend of 20 per cent., and the B. A. C. because of its successful flotation of the Le Roi. Ten Mile creek would boom in the event of a sale.

A REGRETTABLE DEATH.

A. Stirrett, well-known in this town, died at Sandon on Thursday evening, after a five weeks' siege of pneumonia. The remains were interred here, on Sunday, Rev. Messrs. Cleland and Sanford officiating at the grave. The funeral cortege was large, the A.O.U.W., L.O.L. and Oddfellow lodges, of Sandon, attending, as the deceased was a member. Mr. Stirrett left a wife and two children, who are provided for with insurance from the Workmen, as well as by interests in several mining claims round here. Deceased was a native of Ontario and had lived a number of years in Calgary, where the mother of Mrs. Stirrett resides and whither she intends returning. The latter is but now recovering from a severe illness herself and the death of the husband is the more regrettable on that account. Sympathy for the bereaved is widespread.

NEW DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Following is the report of the New Denver public school for December, the standing of pupils in the various classes being in the order given:

IV. Class.—Oma Young, Daisy Crowley, Mildred Millward.

III. Class.—Wm. Vallance, Champion Nesbitt, Charlie Millward.

II. Class.—Tracy Aylwin, Clarence Vallance, Lola Koch.

II. Part Class.—Grace Baker, Otto Estabrooks.

I. Class Primer.—Maud Nesbitt, Elizabeth Taylor, Marion McInnis.

The average daily attendance was 30.25.

C. E. STRICKLAND.

Failed to Stick.

Several of the leading lights of the old Le Roi company at Rossland have been endeavoring for some time to obtain the control of the Arlington, Springer creek's big property. A week ago the whole matter came up at Rossland, but the deal failed to stick, those now owning not coming to terms. The working of the Arlington means everything to that section.

Since the above was written it is learned that a second conference took place in Spokane, and, on Saturday, definite arrangements were made for developing the Arlington. The papers have been signed and a strong syndicate, headed by Ross Thompson, of Rossland, and Frank Watson, of Spokane, have obtained the control. All obligations, including the $16,000 mortgage, have been provided for, and $50,000 placed in the treasury for development. The new owners state they will commence operations at once on a large scale.

Dismissed With Costs.

In the Dominion supreme court last week, the appeal of Cole vs. Pope from the supreme court British Columbia, was dismissed with costs. It was a dispute over mining property. This was a case tried before Justice McColl at Nelson in April, 1897. Plaintiff had purchased from defendant a half interest in a mineral claim called the Eldorado for $5,250. This alleged claim was covered by prior locations of the Mascot and Reba, the former of which had been crown granted. Justice McColl, however, gave judgment for the defendant. This judgment was reversed by the full court, consisting of Chief Justice Walkem and Drake, and the decision gave plaintiff the amount sued for, $5,250 and costs in the court below, together with the costs of the appeal. From this decision Defendant Cole appealed to the supreme court of Canada with the above result.

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A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22. 1898.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

CHRISTMAS is the one season of the year when the goodness Nature has created in the soul of man expands and maketh glad the heart of him that receives and he who gives. All base desires and selfish motives are put away, and generosity and kindly feeling permitted to assert themselves. The world and its cares are, for a short space of time, thrust to one side and those hallowed thoughts given full play which teach that truly all mankind is kin. The capitalist in his enterprises, the financier in his schemes, the laborer in his honest toil, and the outcast and friendless are all swayed with one motive at this festive season: To add their quota to the general joy. Charity holds full sway and its beneficent influence is felt in countless homes that are cheerless and disappointing at other times. The infant Redeemer of mankind, who first saw light in humble Bethlehem, is brought nearer the hearts of all at Christmastide, and the influence of His precepts and teachings gains an ever-increasing and widening sphere as each succeeding year sinks into the past. Parent and child each take a keen interest in the celebration of the natal day of the Christ, for then it is the most beautiful ideas of home life find expression.

Throughout the expansive west, how numerous are the thoughts turned to the home of their youth by the wanderers! Many a wish is uttered to meet again with father and mother and friends neglected and forgotten through the remaining portion of the year. How anxiously the aged parent watches in the old home for the absent boy, and how heartfelt is the prayer that God's richest blessing may rest upon the absent! If all the promptings of our better natures, which come upon us, unconsciously it may be, at this gladsome time, were lived up to what a bright world this would be? And as the right hand of fellowship and good feeling is extended among the free and the bond, the princeling and the serf, parent and child, there comes again those angelic strains from the heavenly host, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

In like spirit THE LEDGE wishes its readers and patrons a Merry and Joyous Christmas.

GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED.

THE result of the bye-election in Alberni last Thursday was a decided triumph for the Semlin Government, Mr. Neill being re-elected over Mr. Ward, the Opposition candidate, by 36 of a majority. During the short campaign the constituency was flooded with orators, testifying by their presence to the importance in which the contest was held. Mr. Neill resigned on a principle and his action has been endorsed by the electorate. The increased majority given him is also an indication that the new Government is popular with the masses and that their efforts to conserve the interests of the Province to the people rather than to charter-mongers, are gaining for them new friends and supporters. Mr. Semlin has been fortunate in having this opportunity of vindicating his policy presented so early in his official career, and the success achieved will give him and his colleagues more zest in the administration of the affairs of this great Province.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

CHIEF JUSTICE ARCHER has dismissed the preliminary objections in the Lillooet election case of Prentice vs. Stoddart, with costs against plaintiff. The case will now be tried on its merits.

CANADA continues on the high road to prosperity, as the trade figures prepared by the customs department shows the aggregate trade for the five months ending November 30 last to be $150,266,000, as compared with $137,169,000 for the same time last year, an increase of over $13,000,000. The duty increased over two million for the same period of 1897.

DR. HALL has retired from the contest in Cowichan, leaving the fight between Mr. Robertson, Opposition, and Mr. Sword, Government. The former is seeking re-election upon the same footing as did Mr. Neill in Alberni, and the principle of his resignation should be endorsed. The Government's contest of the seat is actuated by the Opposition's tactics in Alberni.

LIBERAL stock in the political mart is just now at a premium. In all the eastern bye-elections, whether provincial or federal, the Conservatives have been on the losing side, North Simcoe alone going independent. Hardy is now safely entrenched in Ontario and Laurier rules with a high hand at Ottawa. Another Sir John A. Macdonald is sadly needed by the Conservatives.

THE RICH SLOCAN.

British Investors Strongly Urged to Buy Galena Properties.

Appended is an article, taken from the B. C. Mining Review, of London Eng., that will meet with hearty commendation from every man in the district, because of its undoubted veracity and directness. At the same time it cannot fail to impress the British investor with the magnificent profit-making opportunities awaiting capital in the Slocan:

We have continually drawn the attention of investors to the great dividend-earning potentialities of the silver mines of the Slocan, and again we are forced to recapitulate the advantages which these unique mineral deposits offer for the profitable employment of capital. The unusual richness and extent of the silver-lead ore bodies found in this portion of West Kootenay are such that it cannot be long before their merit is fully recognized in the London market, but when that time comes prices will be inflated, so that it is well to carefully consider to-day what return the Slocan can offer on money judiciously expended. The formation of this district is exceptionally favorable for economic development. The ore is of high and constant value, a general average showing £20 gross and £10 net to the mine owner. The mineral is easy to extract, owing to the soft character of the surrounding rock Nearly all the claims can be developed by tunnels, thus avoiding the expense of sinking deep shafts. The veins are true fissure, and have been tested to a depth of over 1,000 feet; and in addition to this, it is universally acknowledged that the majority of mines could be profitably worked with silver at 1s. per oz. As both silver and lead have been appreciably higher of late, the outlook at present is even more promising than usual The only drawback is the question of treatment. More concentrators are wanted in the vicinity of the mines, lead smelters should be erected in the neighborhood, and a thoroughly equipped refinery is all essential if the maximum of the profits is to be obtained from these galena ores Under the present conditions practically all the ore goes to American smelters, and the heavy duty of 1½ cents per pound finds its way into the coffers of Brother Jonathan. Both the smelters at Trail and Nelson are making arrangements to treat this class of ore, but there is still an urgent need for reduction works in the Slocan itself, and here an exceptionally good opening presents itself to British capital. The great merit of these valuable galena deposits has been most forcibly brought to our notice on reading a report made by Mr. E. P. Rathbone, the well-known mining engineer, on a Slocan mine recently acquired by a London company. Concerning the nature of the vein and its continuity with depth, he says: "It is thus evident that the fissure is one of deep seated origin, and will be probably found to extend to a depth of several thousand feet." Further on he states that: "From calculations made, I find that, on a moderate and conservative basis, assuming an output of 100 tons daily, your mine should have a life of from 15 to 20 years."

This must be acknowledged by all to be a "moderate and conservative" estimate of output; and yet, estimating on a concentrating basis of six to one, this output will show £50,000 net profit per annum, and such a return for only 15 years is deserving of the most serious consideration. Mr. Rathbone, even on the lower scale, anticipates profits of £75,000 to £90,000, which, after allowing for all costs and placing a substantial amount to reserve capital, will, in his opinion, permit dividends to be paid at the rate of £50,000 per annum. This mine is by no means the largest in the the Slocan, and is still in its infancy; and yet the indications are of so permanent a character and the ore of such good value that an engineer of eminence can unhesitatingly give the shareholders assurances of large profits.

American mining men have long ago realized the value of the Slocan; and such mines as the Payne, Slocan Star, Reco, and others, are yielding sufficiently great to cause the fortunate owners to refuse every offer yet made for their properties. The actual dividends are not always made public, as the mines are owned by a few individuals; but the Payne alone is credited with having returned upwards of £400,000, and to be now enriching its owners to the extent of from £12,000 to £15,000 monthly. It is said that no mine in that district has yet proved a failure; but however that may be, it is beyond dispute that some of the best mines have been developed absolutely without capital in the initial stages. The surface ore was sufficiently rich to pay all expenses in spite of the heavy expenditure for freight and treatment. From the foregoing remarks it must not be imagined that investors are advised to indiscriminately invest in all Slocan mines. Small investors will do well to judiciously select the best-managed concerns, but for large investors there are still better opportunities. As we have already stated, the capital necessary to open up and prove a galena vein in the Slocan is not very great. A few investors making a small syndicate with, say, £20,000 of working capital, may own in a few years' time a mine which will pay them 300 per cent. in dividends yearly. Working bonds can be obtained for a few thousand dollars on many a highly promising claim, and under careful and competent management a syndicate such as we have suggested would find itself in the course of a twelvemonth in possession of a mine in embryo, and at least £10,000 with which to develop it.

There is no other district in British Columbia at present known where such a syndicate would have so good a chance of success. The Trail Creek mines require the expenditure of much capital to put them on a profit-paying basis, as, owing to the nature of the rock, development is both costly and tedious; and, moreover, the net profit per ton being small, a larger output is necessary, and this, we repeat, entails a large initial expenditure. In the Slocan several mines now being opened up under working bonds are more than repaying all expense incurred by the profit obtained on the ore taken out during development. To those who are able to privately form small syndicates and go quietly to work, we heartily recommend the "wet ore" belt of the Slocan, being fully convinced that their operations will result in profit to themselves and advantage to the Province.

THE FIRST VICTIMS

Of Snowslides this Season Killed on Cariboo Creek.

Last week Dr. Brouse received a telegram from Jos. Darraugh, of Nakusp, informing him that two men had been killed in a snowslide in the Cariboo creek camp and asking him to hold an inquest. The Doctor replied that he had resigned his coronership, consequently could not go. These first victims of the snowslide fiend for this season were named A. L. McDonald and A. Malcolm, of Rossland. They were employed on the property of the Silver Queen Mining Company, situated on Snow creek, in the Cariboo creek camp.

The two men were among the best miners at work at the Silver Queen. They were in the blacksmith shop at the time, and the bodies were found side by side, badly bruised and disfigured. The two men left Rossland on the 17th of last month to work at the Silver Queen. Just before leaving Malcolm expressed a dread of going in the Cariboo creek district, as he feared slides, but he overcame his temerity and left on the trip that cost him his life. His family, including a wife and a daughter, lives in Rossland. Mrs. Malcolm is at present ill. Miss Malcolm is employed in the Model bakery on Washington street. The family also numbers three boys. Mr. McDonald was formerly employed at the Sunset No. 2. He has a son at Phillisburg, and two daughters with his sister in Montana.

Both the dead men were Masons. Mr. Malcolm was a member of the blue lodge at Idaho Springs, Colo. Mr. McDonald was a member of Ruby lodge, in Phillipsburg, Mont., and was one of the charter members of the Rossland chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. The bodies were taken to Rossland for burial. This is the first fatality to occur in the Cariboo creek camp.

RAT PORTAGE IS WILD.

Rat Portage is wild with excitement over a marvelous strike made in the Mikado gold mine. The marvelous find is located in the stope between the 150 and 200-foot level. The stope is 40 feet high. The vein at that point narrowed down to 2½ feet. In the head of this stope the wonderful ore is located, which is so rich that the management is heading it up in barrels, and do not intend to put it through the mill, the intention being to send it direct to mint or smelter. The entire stope is filled with this ore. Samples of it have been brought to town and conservative and reliable mining men estimated that the ore was five per cent. pure gold, or over $40,000 per ton. The mine is owned in England. At a low estimate there is now a quarter of a million dollars in sight. The latest advices say the yein is widening with no decrease in value. The length and depth of the ore body is not yet determined.

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The great big church was crowded full, uv broadcloth an' uv silk,
An' sich as cream that gathers on ou rol' briudle's milk;
Shined boots, biled shirts, stiff dickeys, and stove-pipe hats were there,
An' doods 'ith trouserioons so tight they couldn't kneel in prayer.

The elder in his pulpit high, said, as he slowly riz,
Our organist is kep' to hum, laid up 'ith roomatiz;
An' as we hev no substitoot an' Brother Moore aiu't here,
Will some un in the congregation be so kind's to volunteer?

An' then a red-rosed, drunken tramp, of low-toned, rowdy style,
Gave an introductory hiccup and staggered down the aisle,
Then thro' thet holy atmosphere there crep' er sense of sin,
An' thro' thet air uv sanctity the odor uv ol' gin.

An' Deacon Purtington, he said, his teeth all set on edge,
"This man profanes the house er God. Why, this is sacrilege."
The tramp ne'er heard a word he said, but slouched 'ith stumbling feet,
An' sprawled and staggered up the steps and gained the organ seat.

An' then went pawin' thro' the keys; but soon there rose a strain
Thet seemed to just bulge out the heart an' 'lectrify the brain;
An' then he bowed down on the thing 'ith hands and head an' knees,
It seemed as tho' he'd fallen kerflop upon the keys.

The organ roared, the music flood went sweepin' big an' dry,
It swelled into the rafters an' bulged out to the sky,
The ol' church shook and staggered, an' seemed to reel an' sway,
An' the elder shouted "Glory," an' I yelled out "Hooray."

An' then he tried a tender strain that melted 'n our ears,
That brought up blessed memories, and drenched 'em down 'ith tears;
An' we dreamed of old-time kitchens, 'ith Tabby on the mat,
Uv home, an' love, and baby days, an' mother an' all that.

An' then he struck a streak of hope, a song from souls forgiven,
Thet burst from prison bars uv sin an' stormed the gates of heaven;
The morning stars they sung together no soul was left alone,
We felt the universe was safe and God waz on his throne.

An' then a wail of deep despair and darkness came again,
An' long black crape hung on the doors uv all the homes of men;
No luv, no light, no joy, no hope, no songs of glad delight,
An' then the tramp he staggered down and reeled back out uv sight.

But we knew he'd tol' his story tho' he never spoke a word,
An' it was the saddest story that our ears had ever heard;
He had tol' his own life history, a' no eye was dry thet day,
When the elder rose and simply said: "My brethren, let us pray."

SCOTTISH COLONIAL GOLDFIELDS.

Annual Meeting of the Company Operating the Idaho Group.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Colonial Goldfields, Ltd., which has acquired the controlling interest in the Idaho group of mines, between here and Three Forks, was held some time since in Edinburgh, Scotland. A. Johnston Douglas, chairman, presided and there was a good attendance of shareholders. The directors' report stated that the period covered by the accounts was 20 months, the date of the incorporation of the company being 12th March, 1896. It was intended that the annual meeting should have been held on an earlier date, but this was found to be impossible, in consequence of the difficulties and delay in connection with the completion of the purchase of the Idaho and St. John, and other properties. Regarding Western Australia, it was pointed out that the severe depression in the mining market during the past 18 months had prevented the directors from realizing to any extent on the interests held by the company in various undertakings in this Colony: and, for the same reason, it had been deemed advisable to delay the public issue of the shares of the Lake Way Gold Mine, Limited.

As to British Columbia, the shareholders were reminded that as stated in a circular, dated July 3 last, the directors had entered into a contract for the purchase of a large group of mining claims in this Province. After protracted negotiations, the purchase was finally completed in the month of September, and the directors had pleasure in intimating that the properties were now being profitably worked. Two companies had been formed for treating the mineral derived from the mines. At present the output was exclusively from the Idaho and St. John claims, but development work on several of the others was being vigorously carried on. Regarding the other options in British Columbia, development work was being carried out on the Sir Walter and W. Y. O. P. claims, of which the company owned one-third, with the right to acquire a further interest. The remaining options had either been allowed to lapse, or were meantime held in obeyance, the attention of the company's officials in British Columbia being necessarily directed to the more important properties comprised in the Idaho group. In reference to the accounts, it was observed that the profit and loss account showed a small credit balance of £583, 13s. 6d., which had been arrived at without taking any credit for the 26,000 bonus shares, which might meantime be regarded as a reserve to cover any possible depreciation in the value of the company's investments. While the directors were not at present in a position to declare a dividend, they fully expected that the returns from the Idaho mine alone would enable them to do so early in the ensuing year.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, gave an account of the operations of the company since its institution. Last autumn, he said, he had visited British Columbia, and he should never regret his journey. In regard to the country, he could not conceive a more favorable one for the enjoyment of life and the pleasurable occupation of making money. British Columbia was one of those gems in the Empire which must dazzle their eyes for many years to come. All that was required was capital and now that the British public was awaking to that fact, British Columbia would get it. Booms were all very well in their way, but when they were manufactured by artificial means, they were a hindrance instead of a blessing. (Hear, hear.) During his stay he was enabled to lay the foundations for placing their property on a satisfactory administrative basis, and he felt assured that before another year they should, with a fair share of luck, have made their concern into one of the most profitable in the whole colony. The property embraced an area of over 400 acres, all highly mineralized. He regretted that the directors were unable to recommend a dividend on the transactions, but they had the best possible ground for anticipating that during next year's operations the shareholders would be amply rewarded for their forbearance and patience. Summing up, he said that in Western Australia, during the earlier months of their existence, everything looked rosy, and they anticipated an immediate interim dividend. During the time which had since elapsed, they had suffered, with others, from a prolonged period of depression. As to British Columbia they might, he thought, fairly congratulate themselves on having acquired such a large and controlling mining interest. Their property there, he was of opinion, would prove of the utmost value, and that before very long. (Applause.) Mr. W. W. Slater seconded, and the report was adopted unanimously. Mr. A. H. P. Stoneham afterwards addressed the meeting, and some formal business was transacted.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Conder, Sultana, Iron Mask, Iron Mask Fraction and Baltimore Fraction Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Four Mile Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for the North-West Mining Syndicate, Limited, F. M. Cert. No. 32676 A, Charles A. Rashdall, F. M. Cert. No. 10622 A, Arnold E. Fauquier, F. M. Cert. No. 5737 A, and Edward Stewart F. M. Cert. No. 33364 A intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates 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 22nd day of December, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Slocan Sovereign Mineral Claim.

Situated in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: One-half mile north of Cody.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for the Slocan Mines Exploration and Development Company, Limited, F. M. Cert. No. 13096 A, 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 Sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Continental Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: at the head of Twin Lakes Basin, adjoining the Idaho, Morning, Ivy Leaf and Mazeppa mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Scottish Colonial Gold Fields, limited, free miner's certificate No. 33325A, and George W. Hughes, free miner's certificate No. 64975, 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.

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Dated this 17th day of November, 1898.

W. S. DREWRY.

United Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjacent to the Echo and Sunlight Mineral claims at the head of Jackson Basin.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free miner's certificate No. 74,000, as agent for the Echo Mining and Milling Co., Ltd., free miner's certificate No. 11,904A, 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 28th day of October, 1898.

nv3 GEORGE ALEXANDER, Agent.

Shunia, Rushford, General Sheridan, and Snowstorm Fraction Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Part of the R. E. Lee group, near Sandon.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free miners' certificate No. 74,000, 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 improvements.

Dated this 30th day of September, 1898

nv17 G. ALEXANDER.

Nancy Hanks No. 2 Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan City Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On north slope of Springer Creek, about 2½ miles from Slocan Lake.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Alfred Driscoll, acting as agent for H. E. Graves, F. M. C. No. 5464A, Kate Scott, F.M.C. No. 41867, W. B. Dennison, F. M. C. No. 610A, and Frederick Rowbottom, F. M. C. No. 629A, 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.

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Gold, Silver and Copper	3 00
Platinum	5 00
Mercury	2
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MINING RECORDS

The following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week in the several mining divisions of the Slocan. Those of New Denver were as follows:—

LOCATIONS.

DEC 13—National, Payne mountain, S A Mighton.
Woodstock, same, R M Trueman.
Kitchener, Carpenter, W D Mitchell.

DEC 17—Alpha Fraction, Silver mountain, J W Kyte.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

DEC 15—Silver Bell No 2 to Native Silver Bell Mining Co.

DEC 16—Dump Fraction to same.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 19—Bessie.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 13—Bristol, Congo No 2 and Commander, 1/6 each, F L Byron to Mary E Rammelmeyer, Dec 9.

DEC 14—Central 1/12, R George Henderson to John A Finch, Dec 10.
Red Fox and Red Fox Fraction ½, C M Gething to same, Dec 10.
Torpedo ¼, K Morrison to P Clune, Nov 22.

DEC 15—Ptarmigan ½, D Cosgriff to H Dohemy, Dec 13.

DEC 17—Kingsley ¼, F Harrison to E D Hunter, Dec 13.

DEC 19—Red Fox, Red Fox Fractional ½ and Central 1/6, A Robinson to J K Clark, satisfaction of mortgage for $1,000, Dec 5.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

DEC 9—Thelma, Geo Matheson.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 8—Copper Queen, Handy Andy, First Luck, Bobbie Burt.

DEC 9—Morning Star.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

DEC 12—Luck Strike and Wisconsin, to C A Fleming, S S Bailey and J M Martin.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 7—Sunset and Mayflower ½, Emily Linnard to D M Linnard.
J C McLellan cancels document recorded June 24th against the Lucky Jim.
Lucky Inn ¼, E J Mathews to Price McDonald.
Lucky Inn ¼, same to J C McLennan.
X Ray ¼, Indication 1/5, Arabella Coy to Steve Brooks.
Indication, Dave Clark, Elmer Coy, D W Good and Steve Brooks to Henry Roy, James Alexander McDonald and Joseph Gosselin.
Albion ¼, Walter E Heap and Francis A Heap to J M Moore, $2,250.

DEC 8—Albion ¼, Gus W Roche to Albion Mining Company, $7,500.

DEC 12—W J White grants power of attorney to J D Sword, on Laura, Geneva, Riverview, May, Porcupine, Standard, Lost Mountain, Nowater, Pasadena, Bokoshi, White Bear, and Black Bud.
Jas A Sword to John E Hardman, setting over all right and title in option on claims mentioned above, W J White to J Hardman, same.

DEC 13—Bell, Abraham Hanauer to John Warren Bell, $3,000.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from July 1st, 1898, to date:

	Tons.
From Sandon.	
Payne	8,080
Ruth	1,719
Slocan Star	1,757
Last Chance	410
Sapphire	18½
Coin	13½
Wonderful Bird	1½
Sovereign	80¼
Wonderful	8
C M Wilson	2
Treasure Vault	40
Reco	39
Miller Creek	40
Blue Bird	45
From Concentrator Siding	
Idaho Mines	2,155
Queen Bess	948½
Manitor	20
From Whitewater.	
Whitewater	210
Jackson	50
Whitewater Deep	39
From McGuigan.	
Rambler	95
Antoine	111
Native Silver Bell	30
From New Denver.	
Bosun	407
California	40
From Silverton.	
Comstock	64
Emily Edith	20
Fisher Maiden	5½
Vancouver	40
From Enterprise.	
Enterprise	400
Total	16,969¾

DISCOVERY OF COMSTOCK.

Early History of the Most Famous Mine in the West.

In 1859 a party of California prospectors was working the gulch now known as "Six mile canon" (which heads in the range of mountains west of Virginia City and runs off easterly to the Carson river), where they found placer gold in paying quantities all the way up the gulch until they reached a point at the head where the gold apparently gave out. The sluice boxes, however, filled up with what the miners took to be "black sand" and they were about to abandon the diggings when a Mexican came along who had had some experience in the silver mines of Mexico, and through his investigations the so-called "black sand" turned out to be sulphurets carrying a large percentage of both gold and silver. Upon further investigation it was found that the sulphurets came from a ledge of decomposed quartz lying higher up the hill. The famous Ophir mine was there located and the first discovery of silver in the United States was duly celebrated in true California style. The good news soon spread all over the Pacific Coast, and in a very short time hundreds of miners flocked in and took up claims for miles along the ledge and on both sides of it. Of course, like every mining excitement hundreds of claims were staked off that had no merit at all, but a majority of those located on the main vein have since turned out millions.

The difficulty in the early days was to get the gold and silver out of the ore after it was mined. Americans had had no experience in silver mining, nor in the treatment of silver ores and the methods used in Mexico were very crude and expensive, so that millions of dollars were lost before a proper process was discovered to recover even a fair percentage of the value contained in the ores.

From the day of discovery to date the mines have been continuously worked and have produced in round numbers something over $600,000,000, of which $240,000,000 were gold. Most of this money came out after the close of the civil war and along in the seventies and formed the nucleus of the bank upon which the government drew to resume specie payments.

The mines have been worked to the depth of 3,300 ft. through shafts sunk from the surface, and the water has been pumped up to the 1,700-level where it flows out through the Sutro tunnel. In some of the mines the ore occurred near the surface, while in others no pay ore was found above the 1,100-foot level. The deepest ore body was found in the Hale and Norcross mine at a depth of 3,3000 feet.

Deep mining, however, was all abandoned in 1885, not because the ore had given out—there is plenty of ore there yet, but because the pumps were unable to handle the water. The public know that now, the owners always knew it. The mines were allowed to fill up to the 1,700, ft. or Sutro tunnel level, and the extraction of ore has been since confined to those levels above the tunnel which are comparatively dry. Many millions of dollars have been taken out of the upper or dry levels since 1886, and millions more will come out of those same levels when cheaper power is obtained and new methods adopted for the extraction and reduction of the ores. Large bodies of ore are known to exist in the Sierra Nevada, Ophir, Consolidated California and Virginia, Savage, Hale and Norcross, Chollar, Potosi, Yellow Jacket, Kentuck, Crown Point, Belcher, Justice, Overman and Alta mines, but most of the ore is under water and could not be reached until a system of pumping had been perfected which would handle the water.

The management of the mines have had under consideration for a long time a plan to thoroughly drain the mines to the lowest levels and to sink still deeper if necessary. The plan embraced the transmission of power from the Carson and Truckee rivers and the adoption of up-to-date pumps.

It was estimated that three modern pumps placed in favorable places along the lode would handle more water than all of the 49 pumps did in former times, and at less than one-tenth of the cost. The electric plant to be of a capacity sufficient to keep the mines clear of water, sink to the depth of 5,000 feet, and furnish power to run the mills. With a cheap power and improved methods of milling the Comstock mines can be made to produce many more millions.

The Risdon Iron Works of San Francisco has, however, solved the pumping problem it would seem. On October 22nd, the Executive Committee of the Comstock Pumping Association represented by G. McM. Ross, H. H. Gorham and W. E. Sharon awarded a contract to the Risdon Iron Works represented by Vice-President R. S. Moore, Thomas J. Barbour and F. M. Leland, for draining the mines 500 feet below the 1,700-ft. or Sutro tunnel level, for $30,000, payments to be made in six equal installments. The Risdon people will use for raising the water the Evans hydraulic elevator, by which, under a head of 2,000-ft. pressure, it is proposed to raise 10,000,000 gallons of water per diem to the level of the Sutro tunnel which will carry it off. Payments on the contract will be made as the water is lowered, this being a provision.

Considering the difficulties attending the work the contractors' bid is considered to be a low one. The Evans hydraulic elevator is not an experiment. In the Golden Feather mine, in Butte county, one of these elevators raised 18,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours.

The Brunswick lode lies parallel to the Comstock lode and forms the east or hanging wall of the great mineral zone that runs through the Virginia and Silver City mining districts. The zone is about a mile wide and extends in a northeasterly and southeasterly direction for a distance of four miles. Ore bodies have been uncovered at several points along and within the zone, but most of the explorations have been confined to the Comstock lode which is the foot wall of the country. It is only recently that much attention has been given to the Brunswick lode, although some millions of dollars have been extracted from the several claims located along its entire length. The claims have been, until recently, owned and operated by private individuals, and no great depth has yet been attained; the deepest workings not being more than 600 ft. below the outcrop.

The Occidental mine, which is on the extreme south end of the lode has been more extensively worked than any other mine on the lode. It has been opened by tunnels, the deepest of which struck the ledge at a depth of 550 ft. A winze was sunk below the the tunnel level some 200 ft., but water was encountered and the work was stopped pending a connection with the Sutro tunnel. In the meantime the mill is pounding away on the reserves of ore lying above the water.

The Occidental is the most favorably situated of all the mines in the district for cheap and economical handling of ore; being worked entirely through tunnels, the ore is broken down, loaded into cars and run into the mill without any cost for hoisting. The other mines along the Brunswick lode are being explored in a quiet way and the indications at several points are quite promising.

Bruce White Gives Information.

Bruce White has returned from his honeymoon and taken up his residence in Nelson. He says he will back Kootenay against any mining district on the continent. In speaking of the Molly Gibson group of mines, on Kokanee creek, of which he is now the manager, Bruce states the owners have made every preparation for energetically pushing development work during the winter. Last summer substantial bunk houses, ore houses and stables were erected, while the management spent upwards of $1,000 in improving the trail to the mine. The property is being developed by four tunnels which are being driven in on the vein and which are now in 45 feet, 100 feet, 40 feet and 650 feet respectively. Work is at present confined to the last tunnel, known as No. 4, and some good looking ore is being taken out. The ore is a high grade galena, but grey copper is also sometimes met with, which materially enhances its value. Last winter both the hauling of supplies and rawhiding was done by contract, the former cost, 2½ cents per lb. to be hauled in, and the ore $25 a ton to be taken out. The management now has its own pack animals, and a considerable saving is expected in this direction. It is intended to build a tramway and wagon road next summer.

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NELSON'S NEW CHURCH.

Rev. C. F. Yates returned from Nelson on Saturday last, where he had been in attendance at the opening services of St. Saviour's Church. The new building is a handsome and substantial stone structure, and acknowledged to be the finest church building in the Kootenays. The opening sermons were preached by the Rev. Edwyn S. W. Pentreath, Archdeacon of Columbia; Rev. H. Irwin, of Rossland; and Rev. C. F. Yates, of New Denver. The latter service was attended by the Masonic lodge of Nelson in full regalia. The music on all the occasions was exceptionally fine, and the collections towards the building funds up in the hundreds.

A Prosperous Concern.

The report of the Dominion Mining, Development & Agency Co., a British corporation, has just been issued, and show, that since the company's operation to June 30th there has been a profit of $137,000 earned. In July last the company declared a dividend of 50 per cent. in fully paid shares in the Queen Bess Proprietary Company. As the capital of the company is but £58,276, the showing is very satisfactory. The affairs of the Dominion and Development Company are managed by C. K. Milbourne, of Nelson. The chief venture of the company was the acquiring of the Queen Bess group of claims in the Slocan, which was afterwards successfully floated and started with a working capital of £15,000, and the directors expect to be in receipt of dividends by the first quarter of the New Year. The Pyramid Copper Syndicate is the name of another venture floated by the company for the purpose of developing several claims in East Kootenay.

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