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SLOCAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Christmas passed off quietly in town.

Sandon's civic election takes place on January 12.

W. R. Will is spending the holidays in Winnipeg.

Snowslides are of daily occurrence and traveling is dangerous.

It is stated the Miners' Union purposes erecting a hospital in New Denver.

The Newmarket had venison for Christmas shipped in from the Okanagan.

Monday evening a social dance was held in the opera house and was well attended.

Rev. Mr. McKee, Presbyterian divine at Slocan City, was ordained in Nelson on Sunday.

Allan Brett, seven years of age, died at Slocan City on Christmas Eve and was buried Monday.

Macdonald Bros. will celebrate Bobbie Burns' birthday by a ball and supper at the Balmoral, Sandon.

Bert Yates came down from Revelstoke in time to share in the Christmas festivities with his parents.

Sandon Knights of Pythias have issued invitations for a grand ball, in Spencer's hall, on January 2,

J. Marino has gone to sunny Italy to enjoy the proceeds of the California deal. He will be back in April.

Mayor Andrews, of Winnipeg, has been re-elected by 1,500 majority. He is a brother of F. S. Andrews, barrister, Slocan City.

The heaviest snowstorm of years prevailed during Christmas, about 18 inches of snow falling. Several telephone lines were broken.

The services in the Presbyterian and Anglican churches on Sunday were above the average. The latter edifice was tastefully decorated.

M. A Wilson, now of Rossland, is spending the holidays with his family. He says Wilson Bros. will erect a business block here next spring.

J. H. Millward, manager, states that the Bosun hall is now open to engagements. Local talent will be given the hall for $5 an evening, exclusive of lighting.

James Currie, one of the pioneer residents of this town, and now postmaster at Trout Lake City, came down Thursday to attend the opening of the opera house and spend Xmas.

There are a number of mangy-looking and three-quarter-starved cayuses running round the town. It would be a merciful act to put them out of the way, and so end their misery and cease an annoyance to the people.

From now on all Canadian newspapers must pay postage on their issues, sent through the mails, at the rate of one-quarter of a cent. per pound. Formerly they were carried free. On July 1, the rate will be increased to half a cent per pound.

Paddy Stratford, who was injured at the Enterprise mine, is out of the Slocan hospital, though it will be some time before he can use his left hand again. He says his treatment at the hospital is beyond all praise, and that it is an ideal spot for a miner.

Friday evening the annual Christmas tree and entertainment, in connection with the Union Sabbath school, was held in the Methodist church. The edifice was filled by the children and their friends. A long program was given after which the gifts were distributed. Miss B. Irwin, organist, was presented with an address and a purse of money.

Ibex Mining Co.'s Troubles.

Mr. Justice Drake at Victoria has just delivered judgement in the Ibex Mining Company winding up matter. By his judgement he places on the list of contributors Messrs. Trothewey, $12,500; King & O'Brien, $6,500. This case has been in the court for some time and this decision will likely be appealed, as the question was once before the full court and was referred back to a single judge.

Bradshaw in Hard Luck.

Edgar W. Bradshaw, a former resident of New Denver, walking boss for Foss & McDonnell on the R. & P. Railway, near Niagara, was brought to the Cascade hospital last Sunday, having received serious injuries from a premature blast on the work the day previous. It was thought he might lose his left hand, but it is now believed it can be saved. Bradshaw had already lost his right hand some years ago.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Noble Five has resumed shipments.

The Chapleau is looking unusually well at present.

Three Forks is credited with 250 tons of ore shipped last week.

A snowslide on Four Mile, Monday, carried off two pack mules.

New ore bins and ore house are being erected at the Emily Edith.

Four hundred and seventy tons of ore went out from Sandon last week.

A big strike is reported about six miles below Slocan City, on one of the river properties.

Upwards of 1,000 tons of ore has been shipped from the Four Mile properties during the year.

The Wakefield has commenced its season's shipments, by sending out 120 tons of high grade one.

G. H. Dawson is still working the Edinburgh group on Four Mile. The men are getting into good mineral.

Geo. Hughes denies the rumor that he is out of the Idaho or that there is any deal on for the Mountain Chief.

Most of the properties in the neighborhood have shut down for the holidays, but will resume work again next week.

The Dardanelles reports a fine strike of ore at the eighth level, 500 feet from surface. Twenty-five men are employed.

The Marion men returned to work Tuesday after the Xmas holidays. They took up shovels to dig out the trail.

Sixty men are working at the Idaho Mines. Great difficulty is experienced in handling supplies and ore, owing to the bad roads.

Two men are working on the Mowich, the other side of the Mountain Chief. They have got in through the wash and hope to have mineral shortly.

Charley McNicholl claims to have a gold bonanza in the Oma group, on the Galena Farm. As depth is gained the value increases. F. O. Berg, of Spokane, is interested with him.

H. E. Foster, Fred M. Wills and C. C. Woodhouse will immediately incorporate the Blue Grouse Gold Mines, Limited. The property of the Blue Grouse Mines, Limited, will consist of the Millie Mack and Triumph claims, located on Blue Grouse mountain, Cariboo creek camp.

Hunt, Lockland, and partners, all of Vancouver, have commenced work on the Noble Five claim, adjoining the Mollie Hughes. There are two openings on the property, one of which is in 30 feet, with two feet of well mineralized quartz in the breast, from which high assays have been obtained.

A. Tunks and J. Pilon, owners of the Cabin claim, adjoining the Pinto on Goat mountain, have done considerable work on the property. They have run in a number of open cuts across the vein and have started a shaft following down the mineral. There is a good showing of quartz, containing some very high grade ore.

Never Looked Better.

The Bosun mine, New Denver's main stand-by, never looked better than it does at the present time, nor has there been so much ore in sight. A connection has been made from the No. 1 tunnel to the No. 1 shaft, the raise going through three feet of solid shipping ore. In the No. 2 tunnel the main stope is in good ore, while the second raise commenced farther in has opened into pay ore. Thirty feet more will bring No 2 tunnel in the big ore chute tapped by the No. 1 tunnel and shaft. The regular shipment of 100 tons has been made this month and will be continued into the next year. Manager Sandiford estimates there is at least $30,000 worth of ore now in sight on the Bosun. The management is considering the advisability of discontinuing Sunday work.

Service Commenced

Service on the Crow's Nest Pass line will commence at once. The steamer Movie will leave Nelson Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 7 a.m. for Kootenay Landing where the train leaves at 12 o'clock for the east. Cranbrook will be reached at night and through passengers will have to spend the night there, proceeding east on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. No night passenger trains will run over the line this winter. The service west will be on alternate days with that east, arriving at Nelson on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. The passenger rates will be on the basis of five cents a mile.

ROUND THE HUB.

An agitation is on foot to incorporate Fort Steele.

Fort Steele is getting an assistant school teacher.

The C. P. R. are to give Moyie City railway accommodations.

Two Italians have been arrested at Niagara for a stabbing fracas.

Moyie City has been granted a post-office, with F. Moore in charge.

John R. Reavis, the well-known journalist, has started a paper at Republic.

The Kootenay Mining Standard is to be removed from Nelson to Rossland.

There are three candidates in the field for the mayoralty of Grand Forks.

J. B. Wilson, of Kaslo, will open a branch of his business in the Boundary camp.

The Brackman & Kerr Milling Co., of Victoria, are establishing a branch at Nelson.

G. C. Rose has been given charge of the customs house at Cascade, which is now a subport.

There is more building going on at present in Grand Forks than in all the Boundary towns combined.

A miners' association has been organized at Windermere, with W. B. Abel as president and O. A. Brown, secretary.

The Dominion Government are spending $5,000 improving the Kootenay river between Fort Steele and Wardner.

Night Watchman Kennedy, who shot Sullivan, an escaping prisoner, at Cascade, some time since, has been exonerated.

Nels Hanson, a workman on the R. & P. Railway, at Cascade, had his head blown off by a premature blast on Friday.

The outports of Wardner and Fort Steele, which are now attached to New Westminister, have been placed under Nelson.

The Great Northern Railway has two outfits surveying south of Tobacco Plains for a line to the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields.

In a row near Niagara, on Sunday, John Lawler stabbed H. Green several times with a pocket knife, inflicting dangerous wounds. The former was arrested and taken to Grand Forks.

The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate have formed a company to engage in the mercantile business at Rossland. J. L. Pierce, formarly of Kaslo, will be the manager, and he will have $100,000 to back him up.

YMIR.

Advices just to hand from the Salmo Consolidated indicate increased activity now that the hoisting plant is in running order. Sinking is being pushed with all possible dispatch, and important developments are looked for any time now, as the showing is decidedly interesting. A crown grant will shortly be issued.

Andrew Peterson, a miner working at the property of the Salmo Consolidated company, was killed on Monday by being struck by the pole of a horse-whim. The horse used in working the whim broke lose and ran away while the bucket was partly raised. The man in charge of the hoist set the brake and started in pursuit of the animal. Peterson came up, and for some unknown reason set the brake loose. The weight of the bucket swung the pole around, which, striking him, killed him almost instantly.

The first cleanup of the Porto Rico proved even more successful than was expected. Although a number of inevitable delays attended the first trial of the new mill, due to short water supply, yet in 10 days the works handled over 140 tons of ore. Definite values have not yet been learned, but it is evident that the ore has an approximate value of $40 per ton. One of the pleasing features of the cleanup is the discovery that the mill has saved 94 per cent. of the assay values. Most of the gold is recovered on the plates. About 20 tons of concentrates was saved. The Porto Rico is working about 40 men at the mine and mill. Four machine drills are at work in the tunnels and stopes, and enough ore is already in sight to operate the mill at a capacity of 25 tons daily for the next eight months. Development work will be actively pushed.

Christmas Turkey Shoot.

The one event of Monday was a turkey shoot, which provided amusement throughout the day. The target was set up on the lake shore, north of the C. P. R. wharf. Fifteen turkeys were shot for in all, J. Wigginton providing the poultry. Geo. Long secured 4; A. E. Fauquier, 4; C. W. Greenlee, 2; R. I. Kirkwood, J. Minto, J. Irwin, A. McInnes and W. Thomlinson, 1 each. In the evening G. Long's rifle, a Savage repeater, which had won 10 of the birds, was raffled off in the Newmarket, C. W. Greenlee capturing it.

BOUNDARY.

Twelve men are now working on the Winnipeg, over 1,000 feet of development having been done.

On the Morrison mine the shaft is now down 70 feet, all in ore, and samples run from $30 to $352 in gold.

Over 100 tons of ore are awaiting shipment on the dump of the Mother Lode, and work is being steadily continued.

A bond for $15,000, of which five per cent. is cash, has been given on the Ruby to Alex. Dick. It is located in the Skylark camp and has a 50-foot shaft. It is a gold-copper proposition.

Manager Harrison says there are 20,000 tons of high grade ore in sight on the B. C. claim in Summit camp. This is the property recently bonded to R. G. Edwards Leckie, for the Montreal Goldfields Syndicate.

The Lexington, in White's camp, has been bonded to Jay P. Graves, of Spokane, at $40,000. It has a good showing of copper ore, and is located close to the international boundary line. The venders are George Rumberger and Joe Taylor, of Greenwood, and Marcus Oppenheimer, of Marcus, Wash. It adjoins the City of Paris.

MARVELOUS RECORD

Of the Bosun Mine Owned by the Northwest Mining Syndicate.

On Wednesday of last week the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Northwest Mining Syndicate, now operating the Bosun mine near New Denver, was to have been held in London, Eng., particulars of which are not yet available. It is known, however, that the company is in a position to declare a hundred per cent. dividend upon its investment in the Bosun, as the local manager, W. H. Sandiford, has sent them a cheque covering the full amount. Besides this there are enough funds in the treasury to develop the property. At the present time the Bosun is occupying an enviable position in the London market, but all efforts to secure stock in the syndicate are unavailing, as the shareholders realize they have too good a thing to let go. Several of the directors will be here in the spring to have a look at the situation.

No mine in this or in any other portion of the Province has made the record that the Bosun has, and its successful development is nothing short of the marvelous. It is a five months' proposition, yet it has advanced from being a portion of a ranch to the proud position of an unusual dividend-paying mine. In that short space of time the property has not only been developed, but sufficient ore has been taken out to make the purchase, pay for all expense, and earn a surplus providing for a 100 per cent. dividend. There is no such other record to be found in the camp.

To New Denver, the advent of the Northwest Mining Syndicate has meant everything, as it is the principal backing to the town this winter To it the citizens owe the erection of the beautiful opera house so successfully opened last Thursday, as it was the purchase money of the Bosun that provided Mr. Harris with the funds to build the institution. Mr. Sandiford, the manager, since his residence here, has identified himself with every movement calculated to advance the interests of the town. His employees are, for the most part, domiciled in New Denver, and their monthly wages go a long way towards making up the cash receipts of the various mercantile establishments.

The Bosun has shipped nearly 430 tons of ore to date, and the management starts the new year with a clean slate and money in the treasury. They purpose working their property extensively during the next twelve months, and as sinking goes on and larger and richer will be bodies of ore are met with, employment given to more men and regular dividends will result.

Idaho Mines Dividend.

George Hughes was in town on Tuesday for the purpose of paying another dividend on behalf of the Idaho Mines, this time amounting to $28,000. Three-quarters of this amount he cabled to the Scottish Colonial Goldfields, Limited, Edinburgh, Scotland, that company owning that interest in the property, while Mr Hughes owns the remaining quarter. The Idaho Mines have paid to date in dividends, inclusive of the present payment, the vast total of $292,000. This dividend will give the Britishers additional interest in the silver mines of the Slocan

Death of Henry Gatau.

Henry Gatau died Saturday morning, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, at the Grand Central hotel, Cascade. He had been working for some time at his trade of a carpenter for Ira Black. Early the day previous he was stricken down in the rear of Black's hotel, and was at once cared for, receiving every possible attention, but could not survive the shock. He was well known in New Denver, Kaslo and elsewhere.

BRILLIANT OPENING

The opening of the Bosun opera house on Thursday evening last by the New Denver Concert Band was one of the most brilliant and successful affairs held in the town. The audience filled every seat from dress circle to pit, Silverton alone of the outside places sending up a large contingent. As an exhibition of the dress-maker's skill and creative art, the function was beyond comparison, for no such array of neat and becoming costumes has ever been seen in town. The size of the audience fully demonstrated the advantages of the hall, and New Denver's good fortune in securing so cosy a play house quite disarms any attempt there might be to adverse criticism. What defects there may be are confined to minor details, which can be easily remedied.

It was much regretted by the audience that Mr. Harris, to whose enterpise and push New Denver owes the erection of such a fine hall, was not present. Praises without stint were showered upon him and if good wishes will help him out, his Christmas visit to his home in England will be a happy one. The Northwest Mining Syndicate, with its capable manager, Mr. Sandiford, was not forgotten, for it was its capital paid for the Bosun mine which gave Mr. Harris the start.

So far as the entertainment went, it was carried through without a hitch. The band did well and the town has reason to feel proud of the institution. The program consisted of 12 numbers, no encores being permitted, the audience being treated to a view of the beautiful scenery at the termination of each number. The whole program was confined to the band, and each and all acquitted themselves satisfactorily. A. Sproat, president of the band, acted as chairman, and, in his introductory remarks, stated that he had been at many openings before in the town, but they were mostly hotel openings. He gave a brief account of the early history of the place and contrasted the pioneer days with the present, when the people could assemble in such a handsome building. New Denver had steadily improved as the years passed by, despite the depreciation of silver. And this improvement could be marked by the history of the public halls in the town. First there was the Shannon hall, where the St. James' Hotel now is, but soon social activity demanded a better place and the Clever hall was provided; then a third improvement evolved the present spacious and compact Bosun hall. The growth of the town from year to year must be identified with the New Denver Band, as the improvement of one meant the advancement of the other. Mr. Sproat traced the history of the band from its organization in 1894 to the present time, how, despite great difficulties, it had never disbanded, and had now the honor of giving the first entertainment in the best public hall in Kootenay. During the early life of the band some critics had suggested that they make their practice ground on the flat across the creek, and others had suggested the slaughter house. But criticism had now given place to commendation, and no town in British Columbia felt more pride in a local institution than did New Denver in its band. Mr. Sproat then called upon Mr. Thomlinson, ex-president of the band, for a speech.

William was received with applause and, after a few preliminary canters, got down to business. As a former president of the band, he commended its members to the goodwill and support of the town. He was glad to be present at the opening of the hall, as it marked an epoch in the social life of New Denver. Such a building would be a credit to any town, and the Bosun Hall would enable the local talent to display its abilities. Western towns were a surprise to easterners, because of the amount of talent possessed by their inhabitants, and New Denver was no exception. William enthused a little here and predicted the town would not only be the Lucerne of the west, but the Athens as well. Other towns and cities were only now beginning to erect modern playhouses, but New Denver had the start even of such cities as Nelson and Rossland. William concluded by hoping everyone would feel at home and enjoy themselves, which the audience took very kindly

Following is the program:

March, "Washington Post,".....Band
Duett, Two Cornets, "Scotch and Irish Airs,".....Messrs. Aylwin and West
March, "Under the Double Eagle,".....Orchestra
Song, "True Till Death,".....C. E. Smitheringale
Selection "Twinkling Stars,".....Band
Recitation, "Xmas at the Poorhouse,"...H. West
Selection, "Friend and Foe,".....Orchestra
Selection, "Uncle Josh's Husking Bee,"Orchestra
Piano Duett, "Husarenritt" by Spindler, ...Mesdames Brindle and Millward
Overture, "Queen City,".....Band
Selection, "Hot Time,".....Orchestra
God Save the Queen,.....Band

After this the floor was cleared off and the crowd settled down to dancing, which they carried on till almost daylight. A spendid supper was served in the St. James Hotel, while refreshments could also be had in the hall. Friday morning saw many tired but perfectly happy participants in what had been the foremost of the holiday entertainments.

THE YEAR'S GROWTH.

New Buildings Erected in New Denver During 1898.

This past year of 1898 will go down in history as one of the quietest ever experienced in the silvery Slocan, due largely to the Klondyke craze. Despite the general quietude and tremendous falling off of business and population experienced in the several towns, New Denver has managed to hold its own uncommonly well. In fact, the general stability of the place was never so pronounced as at the present time, and the indications are favorable for a very busy season for 1899. This will be caused by the working of the numerous properties on Silver and Goat mountains, all of which promise to become heavy employers of labor. The actual amount of money expended in new buildings during the year has been, at a low estimate, $14,450. The new structures are not confined to any one portion of the town, but are scattered everywhere. If there be added to this other smaller improvements, the laying of new sidewalks, clearing of streets, repairing of Three Forks and the Silverton wagon roads, the amount expended would be close to $25,000. There is not another town in the camp that can equal this good record. But few vacant buildings remain in town and these will be occupied in the spring. The citizens can look back upon the past year with pride and anticipate the spring with increasing confidence. Following is a list of the more marked improvements:

Geo. Williamson, cottage	$ 1,000
N. McMillan, "	600
C. E. Smitheringale, "	500
J. Marino, "	800
A. Wallace, store improvements	400
F. Pyman, business block	900
G. Sutherland, cottage	750
J. Taylor, stable	350
J. C. Harris, two cottages improved	500
" " " opera house	3,000
" " " feed stable	500
R. B. Kerr, brick store	800
" " " office	350
" " " addition to house	150
Mrs. Wereley, cottage	400
J. Moran, house improved	1,000
Bank of Montreal, addition	200
G. Aylard, kitchen and stable	500
P. Burns, small house	250
Record Office, brick vault	600
T. H. Hoben, warehouse	150
C. W. Aylwin, cottage improved	400
W. C. E. Koch, stable	450
	$14,450

County Court Registrar.

Hon. Joseph Martin has written parties in town regarding the establishment of a county court registrarship in New Denver, as promised several months ago. He has given assurances that Gold Commissioner Sproat will be appointed to the office and that his seal of authority will arrive shortly. The Lieutenant-Governor some time since, with a view to expediting court proceedings, appointed a number of deputy-registrars throughout the district. It has since been pointed out to the authorities that this was an error. To remedy this, Hon. Mr. Martin will have all the appointments made full registrars and have them so gazetted. Mr. Sproat's elevation will centre the legal business of the Slocan at New Denver.

In furtherance of this the B. C. Gazette of last week contained the following: To be registrars of the county court of Kootenay: Edward T. H. Simpkins, Nelson; Herbert T. Townsend, vice Edward Schofield, Rossland; Alexander Sproat, New Denver; James E. Armstrong, Fort Steele; John D. Sibbald, Revelstoke; Frank C. Lang, Golden; John Keen, Kaslo. These cancellations and appointments take effect on January 16.

The Ohio Improving.

R. I. Kirkwood and Frank Wells, owners of the Ohio claim, above the Enterprise, on Ten Mile, are spending the holidays in town. They state the Ohio is steadily improving. The tunnel is in 100 feet and fully timbered. The vein is showing more mineral, but shipping ore has not yet been struck, though the evidences point to a chute being approached. There is no pinching up of the vein, which holds its own as the biggest proposition on the creek. The owners will return in a few days and continue working till spring.

After Denver's Bank.

The Silverton people are credited with the intention of having the Bank of Montreal removed from this place to the former town. As a lever they assert the Merchants' Bank of Halifax is ready to come in, and so take the Four Mile accounts from the New Denver institution. That is as far as it goes.

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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 29, 1898.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

A HAPPY and Prosperous New Year to one and all.

NEXT Thursday Victoria will don its best and witness the pageantry at the opening of the Provincial Legislature. The new ministry will meet the House for the first time, but they will do so with confidence. Hon. Mr. Higgins will no doubt secure the speakership.

AFTER their reverses of the week previous, Conservatives are experiencing considerable satisfaction over their victories in Quebec on the 19th. Four bye-elections took place for the Legislature, resulting in the Tories securing one seat against the added power of the Laurier Government, as well as greatly reducing the majorities in the others. Politics are an uncertain quantity, and it does not follow that bye-elections go with the Government.

THE citizens of New Denver can be pardoned for the pride they take in the advancement of their town during the past year. To have had numerous new buildings erected when the sister burgs have been at a standstill owing to the general depression, is ground sufficient for their pride. With the rapid development of Silver mountain and the introduction of British capital, they can confidently expect better times in the future. New Denver has past beyond the experiment stage.

THE Daily Province is not seeing eye to eye with the News-Advertiser upon certain Provincial matters, and has taken exception to Finance Minister Cotton, admonishing him to play fair. The Province had a bone to pick also with Mr. Sword, the Government candidate in Cowichan and a great friend of Premier Semlin. If these attacks are inspired, and there is not much doubt but that they are, then it is evident the cabinet is not as harmonious as it should be. These little incidents are but hastening on the inevitable drawing of party lines.

INFLUX OF CAPITAL.

ONE cannot but feel hopeful for brighter and better days throughout the silver camps by reason of the marked interest being shown in the country by foreign capitalists, whose emissaries and agents are quietly and slowly, but nevertheless surely, investigating and securing control of the best properties. Those who have a penchant for coincidences state that every decade ending with the figure nine witnesses some great mining excitement, and the evidences are forthcoming that 1899 will be no exception to the rule. Moreover, facts multiply to a certainty that it is British Columbia that will be the seat of the next big upheaval. It so happens that Australia is laboring under a weighty depression, caused by over-capitalization, non-occurring dividends, and lack of confidence. This has obtained for the past eighteen months. In South Africa, Oom Paul is as zealous as ever in his efforts to cripple the mineral development of the Transvaal because of the obnoxious Uitlander. Other foreign fields of investment present local troubles peculiar to themselves, and all calulated to alarm the investing public in Europe. So that, after a careful survey of the situation, the impression amounts almost to a reality that British Columbia must and does afford the desired opening for profit-bearing and dividend-paying investment.

Europe is peculiar, in that it is the chief scene for the mobilization of the forces of capital, and there is no portion of that continent that sways so mighty a power in the world's finances as does that right little, tight little island home of the Britisher. British Columbia and its resources have taken a tremendous hold upon the British public, and less difficulty is experienced now in floating a bona fide mining venture than was experienced some months since. Perhaps the marvelous success of the British American Corporation, London & B. C. Goldfields, Whitewater Mines, and a number of other worthy concerns have had much to do with this. The columns of the financial journals, the great dailies, and the influential weekly organs teem with laudatory articles upon this favored Province, and the result is easy to conjecture.

Money is reported plentiful in London, Paris and Berlin, and renewed enquiries are being made for British Columbia stocks.

While the great copper and gold deposits of Rossland and the Boundary, though low grade and costly to develop, do maintain their ascendancy in the money marts at present, there is no denying that the silver-bearing ledges of the Slocan are claiming an increasing amount of favorable attention. It is noticeable that many of the leading properties are now in the hands of Britishers, such as the Whitewater, Slocan Boy, Ruth, Idaho, Queen Bess, Bosun, Wakefield, Comstock, Vancouver, Emily Edith, and several others, and these are developing to the satisfaction of their owners. No costly machinery is required in the Slocan, and the considerably higher grade ores can be handled much more cheaply by means of the less expensive and popular tunnel. The enormous dividends paid by the Payne, Slocan Star, Whitewater, Ruth, Bosun, etc., etc., are having the desired effect, and it is morally certain the influx of capital this next season will be great. Several large deals are even now on the tapis, and once the ball gets rolling it will not cease for many years. Wet ores and dry ores, so long as they embrace the factor for paying dividends, are alike agreeable to the capitalist, and the Slocan has enough of each to make it the banner district of the Province.

PAX BRITANNICA.

Behind her rolling ramparts England lay,
Impregnable, and girt by cliff-built towers,
Weaving to peace and plenty, day by day,
The long-drawn hours.

In peace Spring freed her flocks and showered her grain,
Summer sat smiling under peaceful leaves,
And Autumn piled on the unwarlike wain
Her sickled sheaves.

And white-winged keels flew fluttering to her shore,
Laden with Eastern bale or Southern fleece;
And from the fields of far-off labor bore
The spoils of Peace.

Then, seeing Her within her waves so blest,
The jealous nations, panoplied alike,
Said: "Look, She wears no armour on her breast,
What if we strike?"

But She, of their base greed and armed array
Haughtily heedless, moated by her main,
Still across ocean ploughed her peaceful way,
In strong disdain.

Then each to other muttered: "Now, at last,
Her splendour shall be ours, and we shall slake
Our envy. She is pillowed on her Past,
And will not wake."

Slowly, as stirs a lion from his bed,
Lengthens his limbs and crisps his mane, She rose,
Then shook out all her strength, and, flashing, said,
"Where are my foes?"

Thus to herself She did herself reveal,
Swiftly, yet calmly, put her armour on,
And, round her Empire, sentinelled in steel,
Like morning shone!

From field and forge there thronged embattled hosts,
And that one struck the anvil, this the lyre,
And from the furnaces of war her coasts
Were fringed with fire.

Dazed and dismayed, they veiled their futile vow;
Some fain would be her friend, and some would nurse
Their hate till they could curb the might, that now
They could but curse.

But they who watch from where the west wind blows,
Since great themselves, proud that their kith are great,
Said: "See what comes when England with her foes
Speaks at the gate!"

Then back to loom and share her people poured,
Chanting peace-paeans as they reaped and gleaned,
While, gazing, worldward, on her undrawn sword
Watchful she leaned.

—Alfred Austin, in London Times.

Taken at Her Word.

They had been sitting at opposite ends of the sofa for a long time in silence.

He loved her madly.

But he feared to "put it to the touch to win or lose it all."

He had come with the intention of learning the worst.

Or the best.

But her manner was cool, reserved preoccupied.

Would it not be better to go away now and await a more propitious time rather than to hazard all on too precipitous action now?

No! Now or never!

With one dexterous slide he was closely by her side; his arm slid round her willowy waist.

"Stay!" she cried.

"Thank you, I will," the youth replied, and the other arm slid round the other way.

Reporters' Patron Saint.

An Anglican clergyman, of London, suggests the formation of an order of journalists, says an exchange, with St. Paul for its patron saint.

St. Paul, he says, was "the best reporter of ancient times," and, therefore, "the best mediator for journalists between heaven and earth."

His plan includes an annual reunion in St. Paul's cathedral, with an address by a bishop and prayer for the benefit of the newspaper fraternity in general.

Doubtless the great apostle to the Gentiles was a good reporter. But so, also was the man who wrote the book of the Acts, generally supposed to be St. Luke. His "stories" of the riot in Ephesus and of the shipwreck of St. Paul are admirable pieces of work from the newspaper point of view.

Smelters Want Better Rates.

A party of smelter men who operate in this section have gone to St. Paul for a conference with Darius Miller, second vice president and general traffic manager of the Great Northern Railway. What the conference is about is a mystery. Among those who have gone from here are Manager Aldrich, of the Trail smelter; David Moore, ore buyer of the same concern; J. E. Jackson, ore buyer for the Everett smelter. The exodus of the smelter men to St. Paul followed a series of meetings that have been held in Spokane among themselves. One explanation given of the meetings and trip is that the smelter men are arranging the matter of division of territory and that of transportation rates for the year to come, contracts being made on the first of each year. It is also asserted by knowing ones that the railroads have recently made some inequalities in rates which seriously affect the smelters and make a division of business upon an equitable basis extremely difficult. It is said that the smelter men have gone to St. Paul to lay the facts in the case before the powers that be, and to urge that matters be arranged more to the advantage of their respective smelting corporations.

Death in Chilkoot Pass.

News has just been received of a slide on the Chilkoot Pass in which six people were killed. Five bodies have been recovered, as follows: Mrs. Darling and two sons, of Lake Linderman; Bert Johns, of Juneau; Harry Shaw, of Skagway. The slide occurred December 8th. Contrary to the advice of old-timers, who realized that the trip was a dangerous one, in view of the recent storms, the party set out with light outfits. It was storming very hard when they crossed the summit, but they succeeded in reaching Crater lake, where the blizzard forced them to camp, although it was but seven miles to their destination. While encamped there, tons of ice and snow, mixed with rocks and timber, swept over them, evidently without warning and went on down the valley, leaving them buried under several feet of hard snow.

The Scots Didn't Need It.

Nothing galls the natural pride of the true-blue Scotchman more than to have Scotland overlooked. A striking instance of this feeling is said to have occurred at the battle of Trafalgar. Two Scotchmen, mess mates and bosom cronies, happened to be stationed near each other when the celebrated signal was given from Admiral Nelson's ship: "England expects every man to do his duty." "Not a word about poor Scotland," dolefully remarked Donald. His friend cocked his eye, and, turning to to his companion, said: "Man, Donald, Scotland kens well enough that nae son o'her's needs to be tell't to dae his duty. That's just a hint to the Englishers."

An Awkward Moment.

A Tioga youth started to take his best girl to Philadelphia one evening last week. The couple boarded a street car, and when the conductor came in for the fare, the young man dived down in his pocket. To his horror, he discovered that his pocket was absolutely empty. Looking up at the conductor, he blurted out: "I've changed my pants and left my money at home." Then he looked questioningly at the girl. She shook her head, and murmured: "So have I." The conductor grinned, the maiden blushed and the young man signalled to stop.

Heinze Again in the Courts.

F. Aug. Heinze, late of the Trail smelter, has entered a suit against R. B. Angus, T. G. Shaughnessy and the British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company, of Trail, for $79,801.48. Plaintiff claims defendants purchased certain property from him, fuel, stores, etc., in connection with the smelting works; that the goods were in due course handed to defendants and have not been paid for. Heinze also reserves the right to sue for $6,000 interest accrued.

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JUST BACK FROM DAWSON.

I've just got back from Dawson, where the Arctic rainbow ends,
An' the swiftly rushin' Klondike with the mighty Yukon blends;
Where the sun on Christmas mornin' in the act of risin' sets,
So that just a minit's sunshine is all that region gets;
An' the rimplin' midnight glories through the moon-tranced heavens fly,
While the guileless sour-dough miners set around the stove an' lie
'Bout the good old times at Circle, 'fore the smooth promoters came,
An' set the country boomin' in a way that is a shame.

I've just got down from Dawson, where the large mosquitos sing,
An' soon as they forsake the camp their small successors sting,
Where 'long about the end of June the sun again surprises
The new inhabitants, an' while it's settin' rises;
Where the price of pay streak bacon is two dollars for a pound,
An' to treat your friends at Spencer's costs an ounce or two a round,
An' they sell Seattle cider, in the guise of dry champagne,
Which institutes a lingerin' drunk that's very far from plain.

I've just returned from Dawson, where the charge for anteek eggs
Makes considerable difference in the length of buyers' legs;
Where our helpful friends in Washington, misled by bad advice,
Concluded they could operate steam engines on the ice,
An' are tryin' now the reindeer, a-feedin' them on moss,
But wherever they've been tried thus far they've been a heavy loss,
The whiles the old trail breakers to their pet traditions cling,
An' still maintain with vehemence—"the dog's the proper thing."

I've just reached here from Dawson, where I seen Bob Slavin spar,
An' also seen his victim a-revivin' at the bar,
While Bob shook hands with all his friends, and loudly did declare
That he could lick Fitzsimmons, too, if he was only there;
An' seen Oklahoma Wilson attempt to instigate
A coup de Colt, but ere his gun became articulate
They yanked him to the barracks in a way he won't forget,
An' to cultivate his harmlessness they're boardin' him there yet.

I've just come out from Dawson, where everybody's health
Is bein' undermined an ruined in a wild-eyed rush for wealth,
An' a score or so of schemers, on evil projects bent,
Are robbin' the community to a terrible extent;
Where the men who dig the treasure are strong an' brave an' bold,
Wrenchin' from the glacier's bowels stockin's full of yellow gold,
While the transportation pirates slyly syndicate their gall
With the criminal intention of absorbin' of it all!

I've just escaped from Dawson, where the ice grows ten feet thick,
An' doods who like their baths served cold don't take 'em in a crick;
Where no one, be he rich or poor, is ever dubbed a "hero"
Till he has done his hundred miles at sixty less than zero;
Where men cut water out in chunks an' pile it on the banks,
An' make their hot-air heaters out of empty coal oil tanks,
An' read back number almanacs by the unobtrusive rays
Of tallow dips and davy lamps—dim lights of other days.

I've just emerged from Dawson, a bad financial wreck,
For instead of gettin' dust galore, I got it in the neck
(Where Adam got the apple in that episode with Eve,
Which led to woe an' stern decree that they would have to leave),
Like thirty thousand other jays, by golden visions lured,
Who climbed the trails, through hardships it' which they weren't inured,
To find that them Dominion knaves, by dastardly deceits,
Had concessioned everything in sight, an' even leased the streets.

—New York Sun.

GOOD TIMES COMING.

British Columbia is on the Eve of Big Things.

The London Outlook, in its financial article, says:

Those who are chary of superlatives tells us that British Columbia is on the eve of big things. We have heard that prediction before, and we have seen it followed by a season of persistent flatness. Not that the mineral wealth of the Province has ever been in doubt, but rather that the moment of a world-wide awakening to its realities has always been deferred by some cause or other. What, then is the new feature in the British Columbia outlook? The accession of the famous Le Roi mine to the London market.

The paper then goes on to deal with the events that led up to the securing of the minority shares of the Le Roi Company by the British America Corporation, and adds:

Let the Le Roi get its proper footing in the minds of the investing public here and the district generally will come into its own. One thing, however, the Le Roi proprietors should do. The dividends which have been paid have, we doubt not, been fully justified, but in conservative hands and with a view to the future the mine should be shut down for six months, or the output be at least greatly restricted, to permit of thorough and proper development. This done, and the future of the mine and the Rossland district would seem to be assured.

But Rossland is, as a study of any British Columbia mining map will show, only one corner of a rich auriferous British province. Rossland is easiest of access and comes first; the rest will follow if British Columbians and their friends here do not spoil their future by making too great haste to be rich. In addition to the mines in the immediate neighborhood of Rossland, there are some 60 or 70 miles to the west with immense deposits of low grade ore and copper in what is known as the Boundary country. There is a great future before that region also. As it is, the Canadian Pacific Railway is tapping its wealth by a line of railway to be in operation next autumn—an extension of the Columbia & Western Railway from Robson to Penticton on Okanagan lake. And where the Canadian Pacific railway company goes the public soon follows.

Pat's Moveable Heart.

There was a story told of a loquacious Irish waiter, who was filling up a military guest with a most remarkable account of the dangers he had been through while in the service. "Why, sor," said he, "I was standin' up agin a three in the Soudan desert, when a bullet sthruck me here (indicating his left breast) and whint roight thru' me." "But," said his listener, "that would have killed you, as your heart is there." "Shure sor, but me heart was in me mouth at the toime."

Camp McKinney lots are selling rapidly.

THE BAKER'S DOZEN.

TWO ACCOUNTS GIVING THE ORIGIN OF THE PHRASE.

One of Them Is Disappointingly Prosaic. The Other Has Enough of the Superstitious In It to Commend It—Jan Pietersen, the Baker, and the Old Woman.

Everybody knows that 13 is a "baker's dozen," but everybody does not know why. The origin of the phrase "baker's dozen" is commonly attributed to a custom that prevailed among British bakers in the days when severe penalties were inflicted upon tradesmen who cheated their customers with short weight or short measure. A dozen cakes or rolls or loaves might easily fall short of the standard weight, so in order to guard themselves against the risk of inadvertently incurring the penalties of the short weight statutes, without going to the trouble of weighing everything they sold, as a make weight, to every dozen cakes, or rolls, or loaves delivered to a customer. This explanation is unsatisfactory. It is disappointingly prosaic, and it utterly fails to account for the fact that the "baker's dozen" is also commonly known as the "devil's dozen."

A better explanation is to be found in a legend that gives the phrase an American origin. It is not wholly devoid of picturesqueness. It suggests the reason why "baker's dozen" and "devil's dozen" are synonyms, and it carries rather a good moral with it.

The story is somewhat as follows: In the middle of the seventeenth century the most famous baker in the New Netherlands was Jan Pietersen, who had come to Fort Orange from Amsterdam and was the first man in the new world to make those flat, oblong, ornamentally stamped, with caraway seed liberally besprinkled, crisp, toothsome cookies, familiar in the days before all the old Dutch customs sank into disuse under the name of "New Year's cakes." Pietersen was a just man, but his justice was never tempered with liberality. With him a dozen was a dozen, neither more nor less; also a pennyworth was worth a penny, and he parted with no pennyworth of his save in consideration of a penny had and received in exchange.

On the night of Dec. 31, 1653, Jan Pietersen sat in his shop, well stocked with New Year's cakes provided for the expected demand of the morrow, when a little old woman, bearing all the marks of age and poverty that in those days marked women out as witches, entered, demanding a dozen New Year's cookies. Pietersen carefully counted out 12 cakes. "Here are but 12. I want a dozen," remonstrated his customer. "Twelve is a dozen," said Jan. "On New Year's eve, between rich and poor, 13 is a dozen," shrilly insisted his queer customer. "Give me 13." But Pietersen would not. He argued that nobody ever heard the like; that at all times and on all occasions a dozen was a dozen. Finally, finding argument of no avail against the beldame's persistence, he told her to go to "der tuyfel" for the extra cooky. Probably the old woman took his advice, for she left the shop, and from that instant Pietersen found himself pursued by some supernatural and malevolent power. All his New Year's cakes turned stale and moldy before morning, he lost his skill as a baker, all his dough was so light that it flew up the chimney or so heavy that it fell through the oven, his journeymen robbed him, his wife developed a critical disposition and a tongue hung in the middle, his children went wild, and his trade went elsewhere. Few men could have fought against such a combination of misfortunes, but Pietersen had money laid by, and Pietersen was the most obstinate and phlegmatic of Dutchmen. So he kept his shop open though nobody came to buy, and the scant, ill made and ill baked stock he was able to provide for it molded on his hands.

During three years, on each successive New Year's eve, the old woman reappeared in Jan Pietersen's melancholy shop, demanding the thirteenth cooky. Each time she was sent anew to the devil. Jan Pietersen was no fool. He could see as far into a millstone as any man in the New Netherlands. Almost from the first he had been convinced of the connection between his refusal to count 13 to the dozen and his misfortunes. But he would not violate his life creed: "A dozen is a dozen. A man has done his whole duty toward God and toward his neighbor when he has kept strictly to the letter of the law." But at last, when his savings were all gone, he broke down and appealed to St. Nicholas to help him. Instantly the venerable guardian of all good Hollanders appeared. The saint sternly rebuked the trembling baker for the hard narrowness and self righteousness that had given the foul fiend power over him, admonished him to be more careful in the future, and concluded by promising him one more chance to redeem himself. The saint departed. In walked the old woman with her demand for the extra cooky to make up her dozen. It was handed to her, and she vanished, crying: "The spell is broken; from this time on 13 is a dozen." Jan Pietersen never forgot his lesson. Through a long and prosperous career he always gave 13 to the dozen and ascribed his success to that practice. So his custom became the custom of his trade, and 13 was the "baker's dozen." — Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

At Waterloo.

It was just previous to the battle of Waterloo. The Duke of Wellington was eating. Before he finished his repast he remarked: "I enjoyed that meat, especially the Bonaparte, and now of Corsican go some pastry. Bring me a Napoleon."

After the battle was over he said of the opposing general, "Waterlooser he was."—Twinkles.

"THE LITTLE GIRL AND ME."

When all of childhood was a song
And all of life was May,
When all of sorrow and of wrong
Was sunk in yesterday,
We walked together hand in hand,
True comrades, I and she.
Oh, life was set in summer for
The little girl and me!

Then came a time when sky and air
With snow were all astir.
She went away—so far, so far
I could not follow her.
And somehow all the woods and fields
As wide as I could see
Went grieving for the little girl
And had no smile for me.

Long years have come and gone since then,
And time has touched my hair,
But I am just as young as when
Those fields were fresh and fair,
And often as I watch the sun
Kiss field and hill and tree
It seems to shine again upon
The little girl and me.

One day when snows no more fall cold
Nor autumn's shadows chill,
Where leaves hang always red and gold
And silver runs each rill,
I'll go myself to look for her,
And there, somewhere, maybe
There may lie other playgrounds for
The little girl I am one.

—Post Wheeler in New York Press.

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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. 10922 A, Arnold E. Fauquier, F. M. Cert. No. 5737 A, and Edward Stewart F. M. Cert. No. 33864 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. 13006 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.

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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.

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

Dated this 17th day of 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. 11,804A, 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.

nv8 GEORGE ALEXANDER, Agent.

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

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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. 41367, 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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" 4.30 am		Ainsworth	"	7.30 pm
" 5.00 am		Pilot Bay	"	6.45 pm
" 5.30 am		Balfour	"	6.10 pm
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" 7.15 am		Nelson	" lv	4.45 pm
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" 11 20 am		Rossland	"	12.05 pm
" 3 10 pm		Spokane	"	8.30 am

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		Kaslo		
" ar 3.45 pm			" lv	8.00 am
Boat lv 5.00 pm		Mo&T Boat	ar	1.00 pm
" 6.20 pm		Ainsworth Boat	ar	11.40 pm
" 7.00 pm		Pilot Bay	"	11 00 pm
" 10.00 pm		Kuskonook	"	8.00 pm
" 12.00 pm		Goat River	"	6.00 pm
" 1.00 am		Boundary	"	5.00 pm
" ar 8.00 am		Bonner's Fry	" lv	2.00 pm
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" 9 45	"	Sproule's	" 2 10	"
" 10 00	"	Whitewater	" 2 05	"
" 10 08	"	Bear Lake	" 1 50	"
" 10 20	"	McGuigan	" 1 38	"
" 10 34	"	Cody Junction	" 1 25	"
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June 20th, 1895.

FRANK DICK,
Assayer and Analyst

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 21—May, Galena Farm, Mrs J Clement.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

DEC 22—Morning Star No 7 to J F McCrae.
Quebec to Wm Harrison.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 20—Conder, Slocan Bell, Iron Mask, Baltimore Fraction.
DEC 23—Starlight Fraction.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 20—Hemlock ¼, C Faas to W R Will, June 1, 1897.
DEC 21—Sligo Fraction ¼, W D Mitchell to W R Will, Oct 13.
Copella, Newery, Turris and Wallace ¼, Amos Thompson to same. Oct 14.
Dawn Centre ¼, G A McLean to D A McDonald, Sept 29.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

DEC 20—Extension, Alex Grant; Tilley Fraction, W Houser.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 16—Murry Creek.
DEC 22—Canadian Chief, Paris 1,900.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 16—Silver Wreath ½, Albert Lind.
Mansaneta, J Stinson to S H Leany, G Walker, W Blanchfield.
DEC 17—Col Sellers, Senator Teller, W J Bryan, R P Bland; H Brady to C Brady.
DEC 19—Egalete Fraction ½, H C Tomlinson to H Sheran.
Blizzard, release of action, J A Turner to the Kootenai Air Supply Co.
DEC 20—Harrison, Silver Bell 2/5, L J McAtte to G Le Moine.
Glen Ellen 2/5, C F Clough to same, $5.
Big Bob ½, B F Nesbit to J W Gallagher.
DEC 21—Fraction Fraction ½, A Asselin to J Blanchard, $250.
Hermenia ½, J Max Somprey to W E Mervan.
DEC 22—Iron Hand ½, John Hastie to A L Romer.
Hermenia ½, J M Somprey to P Dissell.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

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

	Tons.
From Sandon.	
Payne	8,410
Ruth	1,739
Slocan Star	1,817
Last Chance	430
Sapphire	18½
Coin	13½
Wonderful Bird	1½
Sovereign	80½
Wonderful	8
C M Wilson	2
Treasure Vault	40
Reco	59
Miller Creek	40
Blue Bird	45
Noble Five	20½
From Concentrator Siding	
Idaho Mines	2,315
Queen Bess	1,038½
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	427
California	49
From Silverton.	
Comstock	64
Emily Edith	20
Fisher Maiden	5½
Vancouver	60
Wakefield	120
From Enterprise.	
Enterprise	400
Total	17,857½

FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

Julian Durham Describes Her Trip Into the Slocan Over the K. & S.

Mrs. C. Henshawe, of Vancouver, the talented authoress of "Hypnotism," and known in literary circles as Julian Durham, thus describes a trip made by her from Nelson to Sandon over the K. & S. Railway:

The trip down Kootenay lake from Nelson to Kaslo is superb, such a change of scenery after the rugged, ragged loftiness of the Arrow lake surroundings, for here the conifers give place to the alder, the birch, and the hemlock, and gently sloping banks, small villages nestling on level stretches of grass-grown fields, and the general air of cultivation have changed the whole aspect of the country, reducing it from the magnificent to the beautiful.

The ss. Kokanee, a smaller edition of the C. P. R. steamers that ply on the Arrow lakes, is an exceedingly comfortable vessel, and aboard her we ran past numerous settlements, stopping only at a few of them, such as Balfour, where two stores, one house and a church grace the landscape, and the tents of anglers adorn the shore. The most intense curiosity possessed me to learn how many people generally attended divine service in this isolated little church, but the record was not forthcoming, and all the information I could gather respecting the history of the building was that an elderly maiden lady in England had bequeathed the money for its erection. What the ulterior motive of this worthy old dame's generosity in so doing may have been, who can tell, but doubtless the inhabitants of the one house and the two stores profit by the unusual luxury of having a private chapel!

At Pilot Bay smelter all was quiescent, and the other stopping places along the lake, though picturesque in their way, were not particularly interesting, beyond the fact that a circumstance, which first attracted my attention on Okanagan lake, was here re-called to memory by the actions of the Kokanee on her arrival at each succeeding small village. Instead of rounding up beside a wharf built out into the deep current, the steamer was simply beached beside some planks, that is to say, drawing very few feet of water, the captain ran her bow foremost into the sandy shore wherever a halt was to be made, and when he wished to start again the big sternwheel back-watered furiously, and hey presto! the Kokanee was once more gaily afloat. This method struck me as being unique, but it worked all right.

At the town of Kaslo we entered the great silver mining district of the Slocan. Here at the dock everything runs into the lake, even the express carts that come down to meet the steamers go out axle-deep into the water, as if in flattering imitation of the railway cars that at Arrowhead and Robson run down on a partially submerged track to meet the boats.

The route from the lake shore to Sandon over the Kaslo & Slocan Railway runs through some of the most enchanting scenery imaginable, or that can be met with anywhere in British Columbia, for here the mountains begin to appear more thickly timbered all the way up to their summits, whilst in the valleys the obeisance of the rich bunch grass to each subtle breeze discloses half-hidden amongst the roots the upturned faces of flowers upon whose petals still lies the kisses of morning dew. When you enter farther into the woodlands, enveloped at dawn in a luminous haze, it is to find the ground flecked intermittently with patches of bright-hued blossoms and flowering shrubs, forming a color scene that at once catches the eye by reason of its strong contrast to the grey-green aspect so prevalent in other parts of Kootenay, where flowers are more rare, though scarcely less exquisite in the few localities that give them birth.

To the botanist each season is marked in this sourthern portion of the Province by the predominant color in nature, every succeeding month bringing with it a new series of shades of one particular hue. First in early spring upland and dale are decked with snowy blossoms the syringa, spirea, lily-of-the-valley, and ox-eye daisy, blending with palest yellow violets, evening primroses and aconites; which in their turn are replaced in June by summer's rosier flowers, the wildfire, gentian, salmon berry, cockscomb, wild rose, and poppy, all running the gamut from palest pink to dark magenta. And then August, what lovely mauve tints follow fast upon the heels of the glow of the hot sun—Michaelmas daisies and heliotrope pansies, velvety iris and delicate blue bells. Finally September comes, and all the majesty of autumnal decaying splendor overspreads the land—golden browns and russets reds, vandyke shadows and purpling tones—it is the approach of winter, it is the end of the flower queen's reign.

With unswerving devotion the railway line follows the course of the river for some distance after leaving Kaslo, now mounting up high upon the hillsides above the foaming torrent that swirls along in its narrow, rocky bed, now dropping to the bottom of the dense ravine, until Whitewater is past and a wilder panorama opens up. Then the track commences to rise rapidly over a 3½ per cent. grade and the crags overhang the line, whilst round the verge of dizzy heights the little narrow-gauge creeps and curls, here over trestles that span the gullies, there past gigantic boulders that jut out over the stream dashing along hundreds of feet below.

Thus we approach the celebrated Payne Bluff where the train follows an acute angle across alternate rockspurs and trestles over 1,000 feet up in the air, and the traveller standing out on the rear platform of the car may look straight down the absolutely sheer precipice that drops away from the railway track to the river's edge. It is a sight unparalleled anywhere else in the world, for during the moments that it takes to round the point, the cars with their human freight are literally suspended out like Mahomet's coffin in mid-air, on a scaffolding pinned to the face of the Payne Bluff itself at the giddy altitude of 1,050 feet.

Almost before you can realize the awful chasm that yawns beneath your feet, the sickening sensation is past, and in a short while the train steams into Sandon, the gulch town in the heart of the Slocan silver mining district. In common parlance, and with a certain amount of truthful foundation, the Slocan has been called the "poor man's country," as there a miner with small means will probably find more openings than in the Trail district.

Sandon itself is a truly marvellous settlement, situated at the bottom of a ravine between two ranges of tremendously high mountains, and so narrow is the townsite that there is only room for one street to run along it with houses on either side, the back premises of which slope up against the hillsides, the actual level ground in the valley covering an area scarcely 20 feet in width. Should you chance to take a drive along this main street of Sandon, you cannot turn your rig until you have gone the total length thereof, and reached the sand and gravel beds at the farthest end, over which the river runs in a dozen intersecting streams only a few inches deep; or if you happen to meet with another carriage en route serious discussion will assuredly arise as to who has the right-of-way! Behind this row of houses that borders the street (please remember the accent of the "the") there are numerous dwellings scattered over the mountains, to the right hand, and to the left, looking in their perilous positions like birds of prey perched in downward flight. Yet in this curious elongated town there is a remarkably good hotel, the Reco, so named after the well-known Reco mine. Of course you must not expect to enjoy too many luxuries in a three-year-old place. For instance the butter may be a little old-fashioned, or the meat a trifle advanced, or again having gone to Slocan principally in order to secure rest and change, you may find that the hotel-keepers get your change and the express drivers all the rest—still the traveller who is not ultra-pernicketty generally fares very well in spite of such minor drawbacks.

During the space of three months the sun shines not at all in Sandon, for so low-buried is the town betwixt the enormous surrounding hills that in winter no warm rays can penetrate into its depths. Altogether it is rather a dreary place, yet so unique withal that it exercises a certain curious, if depressing, fascination entirely its own over the minds of visitors. At times the scenery waxes almost oppressive, so closely are the mountains banded together, so dark the fir trees, and so dense the foliage; for even where the rocks break through the forest, and escarped peaks jag the line of the horizon, they bear more the appearance of bones protruding through the soil-covering than an actual resemblance to the stony cliffs of the Kootenay. Here the tragedy of loneliness might fitly be enacted.

Sandon has been rightly named, for it is built upon the sand of the dry river bed, and those who on first arrival marvel at its extraordinary location soon find out the why and wherefore of the establishment of this eccentric settlement in a spot so forsaken by God that it would be a paradise of safety for God-forsaken men, for all around it are the wonderfully rich silver mines that in the year 1896 attracted considerable attention as the money-making possibilities of very high-grade silver-lead veins became more apparent. The increased output of the Slocan during 1897 speaks for itself, whilst the records of some of the mines for the past year are excellent. One significant feature characterizing 1898 has been that despite the fact that gold is the favorite, and silver has fewer friends, several of the larger and developed properties have passed under the control of British capital, whilst others are now being examined with a view to purchase, as the public commences to realize that this high-grade Slocan silver-lead ore is exceedingly profitable.

Within an incredibly short space of time a boom began, and towns sprang up in every direction throughout the district, but amongst them all Sandon still holds its own.

Close by are the Slocan Star, Payne, Ruth, Reco, Idaho, Noble Five and Queen Bess mines. At the Slocan Star, which was discovered in 1891, and has declared dividends aggregating $300,000 up to date, the concentrator is kept busy, the lower tunnel having struck the ore chute, which so far proves to be concentrating stuff.

A visit to the Payne mine is very interesting. There the three-railed gravity tramway used for transporting the ore to both the Kaslo & Slocan and the Canadian Pacific railways is the longest one ever completed in the world, being 6,000 feet in length, with a vertical drop of 2,500 feet. The ore cars which have a capacity of five tons, make the descent in an average time of eight minutes, and when the traveller comes flying down clingling to one of these trucks the hair fairly stands on end. Thenceforward he deems tobogganing slow sport!

In Sandon there are no Chinese, indeed there are very few Mongolians in the Slocan at all, and should a fresh Chinaman dare to invade the locality he would be promptly hoisted out of town, and that, too, with no gentle petard. Yet it was here that I fell in with more cosmopolitan travelling companions than anywhere else in British Columbia. Of course there were the ordinary capitalist, prospector and miner, but then one saw so many new varieties of these classes, as well as numerous other tourists, that life proved vastly entertaining. For instance the mining expert is a sort of man quite apart from the rest of creation. Really it would be most useful were some one versed in such matters to continue Mark Twain's definition of a "mine" and an "investor," and write a dictionary of Kootenese; much interesting information might thus be promulgated for the benefit of "tenderfeet." It would be so instructive too. But let us give the devil his due—mining men do not as a rule unnecessarily don overalls and pick-axes as frequently as ranchers do their riding-togs and spurs—when they go up to the city of Vancouver.

It was in Sandon that I first encountered the genus "rubberneck." Enquiry one day as to what a certain man was doing in the neighborhood elicited the laconic response: "Rubbernecking round." It took me a little time to find out the exact definition of this curious phrase, and when I did it was edifying. Another instance of the public boon, and labor-saving device, a Kootenese encyclopedia would be!

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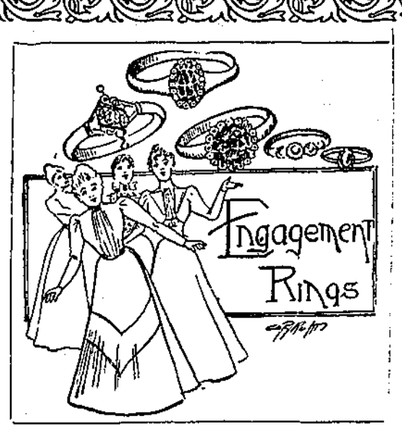

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