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SLOCAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Several people in this vicinity have the Boundary fever.

The recent cold weather proved a snap to the wood dealers.

The family of D. M. Crowley removed to Rossland on Thursday.

Navigation on the Arrow lakes has been greatly impeded by ice.

Two Slocan City families have taken up their residence here lately.

Mail from the north and south is now received here every day of the week.

Sandon, Nelson and Rossland are asking the Government for additional teachers.

Mrs. Amos Thompson has returned from an extended visit among relatives in Western Ontario.

Ira Black is running an hotel at Cascade, and is helped out in the kitchen by Curley Robinson.

Several marriages among young people in this town and vicinity are announced for the spring.

W. W. Beaton was in town during the week looking after the welfare of Nelson Miner admirers.

Civic elections in the various B. C. cities to-day. Hot fights in Nelson and Rossland for the mayoralty.

An incipient blaze occurred at the Bank of Montreal Saturday evening But slight damage was done.

There was a fairly large crowd at the dance in the Bosun Hall Thursday night. A good time was spent.

R. B. Kerr reports several transfers of real estate in town recently, and he has a number of others in sight.

J. McKay, representing the Vancouver News-Advertiser, is working the district, having been here Monday.

Fred Fraser of Revelstoke, has been appointed a judge of the court of revision and appeal for that section of Kootenay.

On the 19th, 20th and 21st, the All Star English Specialty Co. will hold sway in the Bosun Hall. Regular prices will prevail.

Sheriff Redgraves has received notice that his services will cease on January 31. He has been 30 years in the Government employ.

By the recent change in the running of the boat New Denver will be benefitted, as passengers both ways will lay over here for several hours.

Three candidates received the rank of Knighthood in the local lodge, K. of P., on Monday night. One application for membership was presented.

Stipendiary Magistrate Sproat went up to Three Forks on Thursday to try the postponed police obstruction cases. Officer Davis withdrew the charges.

Sam Brown came down from Glenora in November and spent Xmas with his friends in San Francisco He will spend next summer in the Atlin camp.

By the recent change of the Great Northern time table, passengers for Kootenay are rushed from the east 20 hours earlier than the former order of things permitted.

Next Sunday morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30, a union service will be held in the Bosun Hall, conducted by Revs. Cleland and Powell. The New Denver orchestra will assist.

Gold Commissioner Sibbald, of Revelstoke, has received an intimation from the Government that his resignation would be acceptable, to take effect on the 15th. H. N. Coursier is after the job.

The Northern Pacific Railway has met the cut made to Kootenay points from Victoria by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and on Tuesday morning all passenger rates to Kootenay points were reduced $2.50. This will bring the rate from Victoria to the same as that from Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle or Tacoma.

The three-cent stamp being no longer required there will be no more issues of it after the present supply is exhausted. The color of the domestic postage stamp, according to the suggestion of the postal union, being red, it will be necessary when the supply of the ordinary two-cent stamp, which is green, is exhausted to change the color to that of the three-cent domestic stamps.

A change was made in the running time between here and Nelson on Thursday last. The train for Slocan City leaves Nelson at 6:30, connecting with the steamer Slocan, which leaves that place at 8:30. Returning the boat leaves Rosebery at the usual time No change is made on the N. & S. Railway, except that the morning train leaves Sandon later. The Slocan will make but one round trip per day.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

Work has been resumed on the Ohio, on Ten Mile.

The Sunshine and Yakima are preparing to ship.

More men have been added to the force of the Comstock.

McGuigan basin exported 195 tons of ore during December.

Dave Bremner has resigned the management of the Wakefield.

Six carloads of ore were shipped by the Last Chance last week, or 120 tons in all.

The Hall Mines smelter is bidding for copper, lead and dry ores throughout the Slocan.

The annual meeting of the St. Keverne Mining Company will be held in Spokane on January 16th.

The Reco will increase its force to 45 men. The management reports an increase of ore reserves.

R. C. Campbell-Johnston, of Nelson, has gone again to England. He has the Bondholder on the string.

On the Vancouver group, 18 inches of clean ore has been struck in the raise between the Nos. 1 and 2 tunnels.

Forty tons of ore went out from the Vancouver group since the first of the month, and 20 from the Wakefield.

Pat Noonan and Norman Sylvester have leased the Get There Eli group, on Twelve Mile, from Billy Harrington.

A small shipment of three tons was sent out by the Fidelity last week to Trail smelter. This property adjoins the Bosun.

The owners of the Mabon, above the big Enterprise mine, will commence work on the claim at once. There is a good camp on the property.

Trail smelter is to close down for a few days to await the accumulations of Rossland ores, the C. & W. being unable to bring it down fast enough.

Several offers to bond the Hartney group, on Silver mountain, have been declined during the past two weeks, the figures offered being too small.

Mine-owners on the lake must place their ores on the boat at their own expense, as the C.P.R. has no facilities for handling cars at any of the ports.

G. H. Dawson, manager of the Edinburgh group, on Four Mile, will winter on the coast. He will resume operations on the property in the spring, and will erect a permanent camp.

The Dalhousie group, on Ten Mile, will be worked for a while after the snowslide season is past. Drifting will be continued in the tunnel on the little lead, which is in 70 feet. This shows good ore and assays well.

ROUND THE HUB.

The Nelson Tribune is now issued as a daily.

East Kootenay is kicking for better mail service.

E. Parris & Co., of Slocan City, are opening a branch in Niagara.

The payroll on the Robson & Penticton Railway is about $125,000 per month.

The residence of A. Johnson, Arrowhead, was burned to the ground, on Wednesday.

Huge quantities of freight are coming into the district by way of the Crow's Nest Railway.

The Dominion Express Company has opened offices at all the stations on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass road.

An eastern syndicate has acquired the Williams and Bell & Duncan stage lines, operation in the Boundary country.

Gold Commissioner Turner, of Nelson, is still minus his $1,000 cheque lost in the mail to Winnipeg some time ago.

A Toronto syndicate has purchased the townsite of Upper Grand Forks, one and one-half miles from Grand Forks, for $70,000.

The C P.R. is accepting telegrams to Cranbrook and other East Kootenay points. The rate from Nelson is 25 cents for 10 words.

The northeast arm of Arrow lake is frozen over, and the str. Lardeau is tied up. Passengers and mail for Trout Lake go in over the ice.

The C.P. R. Telegraph Co. will transmit money from the principal Kootenay points to all of the most important offices in Canada and the United States.

Capt. Seaton, of the str. Lardeau, had a narrow escape from drowning on Wednesday by falling through the ice on the northeast arm. He was rescued by G. Wilson, of Trail.

During the past year there were registered at Nelson Registry office 78 births, 185 marriages and 155 deaths. The Nelson office includes the Trail Creek, Slocan and Nelson division.

Frank Oliver and G. Stobile, who have been running an Italian hotel and private bank at Niagara, have left for parts unknown, with between $3,000 and $4,000 worth of time checks and money belonging to the various Italian railway laborers working in the vicinity of Niagara.

An unfortunate accident occurred Saturday, near Fernie, to the regular east bound train, that resulted in severe injuries to Engineer Robinson, Fireman Hogan and T. Hume, the brakeman. A flange on the engine broke, causing it to jump the track and tumble over in the ditch, carrying four cars with it. The engineer was badly bruised and received a severe cut on the forehead. The fireman was badly scalded and the brakeman had one leg cut off.

WORKING BOND DECLINED.

E. Shannon and A. McGillivray, the principal owners of the Neepawa group, on Ten Mile, have refused a working bond of $40,000 on the property. The group is located to the west of the big Enterprise mine, and takes in almost all the ground from the creek to the summit. There is a big vein on the group, which has been exposed on each of the claims. Two years ago, Dr. Bell Irving, of Vancouver, secured the property under bond for his Scotch syndicate, now operating the Comstock, on Four Mile. A ten per cent. payment was made, commodious buildings erected, trails built, and several hundred feet of tunneling driven. At one time there was three feet of clean ore exposed, from which good assays were obtained. The bond was afterwards thrown up. However, the Neepawa is looked upon as one of the most promising properties on Ten Mile.

DEAL ON THE GALENA FARM.

One of the most prominent claims on the Galena farm, just below Silverton, the Noonday, has been leased by its owners, with the privilege of a bond. The owners are C. McNicholl, T. Duffy, G Spencer and V. C. Rackliff, and they have disposed of the property to J. M. M. Benedum and Stewart Bros. The lessees secure the claim to Sept. 1, giving the owners 15 per cent. of the ore shipped. On that date, by the payment of a certain sum, they secure a bond for $35,000. The Noonday has a fine ledge 20 feet in width, showing considerable galena. It has had a great deal of surface work done, mainly exploiting for the vein, which is now traced in place The Noonday adjoins the Currie group, or Galena Mines.

This Man Has Wheels.

In a recent issue the Toronto Mail and Empire contained a special dispatch from Ottawa, announcing that Thos. MacFarlane, chief analyst of the inland revenue department, has just returned to the capital very enthusiastic after inspecting "the smelting works at Revelstoke, Rossland, Northport, Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon and Nakusp, at which gold-bearing ores are treated." There should be a royal commission appointed to enquire into Mr. MacFarlane's sanity, as he has without doubt a revolving sphere in his cranium. At the same time the horse editor of the Empire should be immersed in the overwhelming flood of the Don, until such times as he becomes sufficiently educated to treat B.C. topics

Making a Good Record.

The Marion, on Silver mountain, is making a splendid record, and one that will assist the town largely. Ten men are working on the property and ore is being taken out of both tunnels. The chute on each vein varies from two to 10 inches, but sufficient ore has been taken out to pay all expenses to date, including the building of the camp. Ore is being rawhided daily to the C P.R. wharf, and there yet remains 150 sacks to be brought down.

Outlook Is Brighter.

Hill Bros., operating the big sawmill at the head of the lake, state that the building outlook for the spring is most encouraging, and considerable brighter than last season. They have gotten out 1,000,000 feet of logs this winter, and will commence cutting lumber early. They look upon the Rosebery sampler as an assured fact. The demand for lumber from the mines is increasing.

Convention Improves.

Work is being continued on the Convention, on Silver mountain, and the property continues to steadily improve The paystreak holds its own well and the grade is high. No word has yet been received from the parties seeking to purchase, but the report has been sent in, and a sale is expected.

RUTH MINES.

Heavy Dividends Paid by the Company During the Year.

The directors' report of the Ruth Mines for the year ending June 30 last, presented to the first annual meeting held in London on the 30th ult., states that in the circular to the shareholders, dated the 18th of February last, reference was made to the ore having been cut off in two of the levels by a "slip" in the formation. Subsequent working proved that the "slip" extended nearly to the surface, and thus cut off the ore in all three of the upper levels. It is probable that it also extends downwards, and that it will be again encountered in No. 4, when that tunnel has been driven sufficiently far. In the same circular it was announced that there had been discovered beyond this "slip" a strong vein carrying both clean galena and concentrating ore. This vein was, however, cut off in its turn by another "slip," and tunnel No 2 was driven ahead in the direction of the main strike of the vein, so as to pass through the broken or faulted ground as quickly as possible. This tunnel has now got into settled formation, and the cross-cuts are being run at right angles to its course. The latest news shows that the ground looks very favorable, and the directors hope that the vein will be recovered before very long.

Development work is now being actively pushed in other parts of the mine, but it was, unfortunately, brought to a standstill for two months through the irruption of a large volume of water in tunnel No. 2 This water, with a flow of some 75 or 80 cubic feet per minute, poured down through all the workings, and all energy was concentrated upon the work of getting the water out of the mine. As there appeared to be a prospect of securing a supply of water which would furnish power as well as the quantity required for concentrating purposes, it was decided to postpone the erection of a plant for a few months. A grant of this water has now been obtained, and the concentrator will be erected as soon as possible to treat the large quantity of concentrating ore which is already mined, and which will yield a large profit.

It has been decided to suspend the extraction of ore from the mine pending the erection of the concentrating plant, as the profits per ton of ore taken from the mine will be increased thereby. In the event, however, of the development work opening up large bodies of clean galena, which could be cheaply mined and sent to the smelters, prior to the erection of the concentrator, ore shipments will be resumed. A new ledge has been discovered on the Aurora claim, and ore taken therefrom assayed 288 oz. of silver to the ton. Development work is being vigorously pushed on this claim, and the results will be awaited with interest. It will be remembered that the property owned by this company comprises no less than 210 acres, and only a fraction of the area has been explored.

The chairman has recently returned from British Columbia, where he paid several visits to the company's property, and reports that everything is working soomthly and well, and at the meeting he will be glad to furnish full information on any point. During the 12 months under review 6,074 tons of ore, carrying both silver and lead, were shipped to the smelters, and the operations of the company have resulted in a net profit of £27,934

An interim dividend of 3s. per share was paid in February last, and the directors now recommend the payment of a final dividend of 1s. d., making a total dividend of 4s and 6d per share for the year. This will absorb £23,120, and leave a balance of £4,814 to be carried forward.

BOUNDARY.

John Y. Cole has just bonded the Lexington group of three claims, near the Knob Hill. The bond was given by John Dempsey, the locator of the group.

Geo. B. McAnlay, of the famous Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney, has purchased the well-known Big Copper mine in Copper camp, some 12 miles from Grand Forks. The price paid for this property was $50,000 in cash. This is the largest strictly cash deal ever effected in Boundary or Kettle River districts

The Grand Forks syndicate have bonded the Little Minnie group of claims, on Pathfinder mountain. This group comprises the Little Minnie, Dervinton and Gold Nuggett.

A strike of considerable importance has just been made on the May Queen property, on Hardy mountain. In the main shaft an ore chute was encountered which, on being crosscut, proved to be four feet in thickness.

The B.C. mine, in Summit camp, owned by W Harrison, has been sold to the Montreal Gold Fields, Limited, for $300,000, one-sixth of which was paid by the Bank of Montreal, at Rossland, on Tuesday.

The two-cent letter rate applies to Canada, United States, Great Britain and a majority of the colonies, including Jamaica.

ALL WORKINGS IN ORE

Early Saturday morning the workmen in the No. 2 tunnel of the Bosun broke into the big ore chute tapped by the No. 1 shaft. The ledge suddenly gave way to nine inches of the finest steel galena, almost entirely free from zinc, and giving assays of splendid value. This proves the chute at a vertical depth of about 200 feet and of great width, as the breast of the tunnel is 70 feet from the line of the shaft, proving that the ore bulges towards the lake. By this strike the ore reserves are largely increased and the value of the property correspondingly inhenced. All the main workings are in good shipping ore. Work has been commenced again on the No. 2 shaft and bedrock is expected in 15 feet. The management is considering the advisability of commencing a long tunnel from the lake level, and thus bring the ore out to the wharf from the upper workings in course of time. It will take four years years to work out the ground to the lake level before sinking will be necessary. Two car loads of ore were shipped this week, and more is being sacked for shipment.

Details of the annual meeting of the Northwest Mining Syndicate, held in London, are to hand, and will be given fully next week. Everything passed off in an encouraging manner, the speeches predicting great things for the future and confidence in Manager Sandiford. An idea of the worth of the Bosun was given by the chairman, who stated that the mine during September and October had paid its own expenses and given the company £2,000 profit. November and December would do likewise. No dividend was declared, and profits will be permitted to accumulate for an expansion of operations in the district The report has made a wonderful and lasting impression in London.

OPENING OF LEGISLATURE.

Full Text of the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech From the Throne.

Last Thursday the Provincial Legislature opened at Victoria, with all the usual ceremonies. There were four absentees, ex-Premier Turner being among the number. Thomas Forster was elected speaker, on motion of Messrs. Kellie and Baker. A. Henderson, member for New Westminster, who was elected as an independent, flopped over to the Government support, giving them a clear lead over all factions. Following is the speech from the throne:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: In meeting you at the opening of the first session of the eighth parliament of British Columbia it is gratifying to me to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which has been enjoyed during the past year, and on the prospects for the one on which we are now entering.

In nearly all the leading industries of the Province growth and improved conditions are to be observed. The output of the coal mines has largely exceeded that of previous years, and is likely to continue to increase. The development of quartz mines, especially of those in the Kootenay, has been most satisfactory, while a like activity to that which has occurred there, it seems probable, may soon be witnessed in the Boundary Creek district, when, by the completion of the railway now in process of construction, the immense bodies of ore known to exist there can be properly developed.

On the west coast of the mainland and on the island there is also every probability of considerable mining development shortly taking place. There is also likely to be a large increase within the present year in placer and hydraulic mining. Already some large enterprises of this character have been put in successful operation in Cariboo and upon a smaller scale in the Omineca districts while the recent discoveries at Atlin lake have disclosed deposits of auriferous gravel rich in quality and spread over a large area.

In anticipation of an influx of population into this region my Government has already taken steps for the proper administration of the district. In order to conserve the natural wealth in these gold gravels for the benefit of Canadian miners and Canadian traders, a bill will be laid before you prohibiting the acquisition of placer claims by aliens.

After some years of depression, the outlook for the lumbering industry appears more favorable, while the enterprise of those engaged in it, has opened new and large markets for the products of our forests. I regret that the past season has not been a good one for the salmon canning industry on the Fraser river, owing to a combination of adverse circumstances, but since our ocean wealth is so great, I can but hope that our fisheries may, in the ensuing season, prove as prolific and profitable to those engaged in them as they have been in previous years

It is with pleasure that I can refer to the general improvement which has taken place in the condition of our agricultural community. With abundant crops and an ever expanding home market, there is little doubt that in the future, agricultural pursuits will contribute much more largely than heretofore to the wealth of the Province.

A great calamity visited the city of New Westminster in the disastrous conflagration of September last. But the energies and courage of her citizens rose to the emergency, and, encouraged by the sympathy and material assistance of people of all parts of Canada they put forth such efforts as have already caused the city to rise from its ashes. You will be asked to pass legislation to put the civic finances on such a stable basis as will maintain the high reputation of the royal city.

With a view to remove the existing inequalities in the present system of taxation, measures will be submitted to you for remission of that part of the tax of personal property commonly known as the mortgage tax, and for the repeal of the law requiring men working in mines for wages to hold a free miner's certificate.

Realizing the advantages to be derived from an absolute security in the titles to land, and from an easy and inexpensive system of transfers of real estate titles, my Government will lay before you a bill to introduce into this Province what is known as the Torrens system of registration under such arrangements as will make its adoption both convenient and advantageous to the owners of property.

In order to open up the public domain for settlement, while securing to the Province the full benefit which it would derive from such a valuable asset, you will be asked to sanction certain changes in the land act

For the better protection of miners in coal mines a bill will be laid before you prohibiting the employment under ground of Japanese in these mines.

A bill providing for the inspection stationary boilers will also be introduced.

You will be asked to consider a measure designed to afford to prospectors on lands within the boundaries of the grants to railway companies the same freedom to prospect for the precious metals as is accorded to them on crown lands

Bills will be introduced amending the supreme court act, the Provincial elections act, and the act regulating the issuance of liquor licenses, with the aim of bringing legislation regarding these matters into harmony with the present conditions of the Province.

My Government has given much consideration to the present financial position of the Province, and to the means by which important public works can be carried out without imposing undue burdens on the tax payers, and you will be asked to pass legislation to provide for the deficit in the revenue for the last two years and for obligations incurred under the authority of acts already on the statute books. Also to authorize certain changes in the methods of dealing with the Provincial debt and in the management of finances, whereby it is anticipated that both the credit of the Province will be enhanced and important economies be effected.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will shortly be laid before you and will show that they have been framed with a view to economy, whilst providing liberally for the necessary public services.

I now leave you to your deliberations, believing that under the direction of a divine providence, the result of your labors will be conducive to the interests of the Province and to the welfare and happiness of its people.

FIRST SALE IN NEW YEAR.

E. Shannon claims to have made the first sale in the new year, and the starter of many transactions that will take place on Silver mountain. On Thursday he disposed of an eighth interest in the Hartney group to A. Jacobson, of the St. James' Hotel, for $1,000 cash. There are two claims in the group, and are located below the Marion ground. The same lead has been exposed from the Marion to the Hartney. A cabin was erected on the property late in the fall and a tunnel has been driven over 50 feet, exposing a three-foot ledge, well mineralized, and three inches of clean ore on one wall. Mr. Jacobson has made an excellent and valuable purchase.

The Whitewater Hotel Co. has closed its hotel.

All through traffic for Rossland, Nelson and other southern points from the main line of the C.P.R., comes through here now. This will continue till spring, and is due to the freezing of the Narrows below Nakusp.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1899.

LEGISLATURE CONVENED.

CONTRARY to the expectations and assertions of the Opposition, the Semlin Government has safely passed through the trying ordeal of meeting the House for the first time. Not only have they done so with credit to themselves, but have also elected a Speaker, leaving them still with a majority strong enough to carry on the legitimate business of the Province. Hon. Mr. Higgins did not get the Speakership, the choice falling on Mr. Forster, member for Delta. In his hands the decorum of the House will be maintained, and his knowledge of general routine and parliamentary practice will remove the danger of confusion and disorder. Mr. Henderson, member for New Westminster, has thrown in his support with the Government, thus enabling them to keep the Opposition within bounds. At the same time, it bears out the contentions of the new administration that they would have a safe majority when the House met. All hopes for an early overthrow of Mr. Semlin are now blasted, as he is safe for some years to come.

In the Speech from the Throne, every promise made by the Government has been provided for and legislation is foreshadowed and outlined that will prove of inestimable benefit to the people. Passing over the grounds for congratulation in the continued expansion of the precious metals and coal industries, as well as that of lumber and agriculture, the statement is made that the tax on miners working in quartz mines will be removed, placing them on the same footing as the coal-workers. This is a step Hon. Mr. Cotton has advocated for years, and it must be a source of satisfaction to him to realize the achievement of his labors. Justice has at last been done the Kootenay miner, and a check has been given the grasping power of the Dunsmuirs.

In debarring aliens from holding placer mines, the Government is but conserving to the people the riches of their own country. This step is taken more to protect the Atlin gold discoveries. The enactment of legislation preventing Japanese from working underground will hit the Dunsmuirs hard, but it is a movement for the safety and protection of all white miners. It is not coercive to the Japs as citizens; but it is notorious that they, as well as the Chinese, are careless in their habits underground, thereby imperilling the lives of themselves and hundreds of their white fellows. Mining is at all times dangerous, and the lives of our toilers cannot be too safely guarded. The adoption of the Torrens system of land registration will also act beneficially to the Province. Success has attended its working in the Antipodes and much is hoped for the system in British Columbia.

More liberal land laws and the safeguarding of public domains from speculative agencies will meet with universal approval. The intention also to give the prospector full right to prospect and hold claims within the limits of railway grants is furnishing a remedy to a long-existing evil. The resources of Vancouver Island have lain undeveloped, chiefly through the need of such legislation. This, too, will be a heavy blow to the Dunsmuirs; in fact, the days of their monopoly are about ended in this province.

Economies of an extensive nature are promised in provincial finances, as the need is emphasized of meeting the heavy deficits of the past two years. Public works will be looked after, but in such a manner as to give justice to the sections supplying the bulk of the revenues. Improvements in the elections act and several other statutes are to be brought in, affording the legislators full scope for their abilities and a chance to earn their money rather than to kill time. Altogether the province has reason to be thankful for the outlook before it, and the Government cannot do otherwise than work out the interests of the people in the best manner possible, far removed from scandal and effectual in their aims and objects.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

TRADE journals report the astonishing fact that since Christmas there have been 10 failures in New York reported of concerns that made a specialty of goods intended for holiday presents. Some of these concerns carried large stocks, and were entitled to the designation "big." In one or two instances the stocks were valued at more than $250,000. The noticeable thing about each of the collapsed concerns is that it did not advertise in the newspapers. The stores that did advertise were crowded with customers from the commencement of the holiday season to the hour of closing the night before Christmas. They all report the greatest holiday business in years. There is a lesson in this to Kootenay merchants. It always pays to advertise, no matter how small one's business may be. The locality may be sparsely settled and depression may obtain, but it gives confidence and commands respect when an advertisement is carried prominently before the public. Modern business education lays down the cardinal principle of success through the liberal use of printer's ink, and the marvel is that there should be metropolitan firms seeking to do business in opposition to this well-established practice. No money is wasted which is expended through the columns of a paper, but the urgency of the situation likewise commands that the advertiser should make known his capacities is bright, cheerful and fresh language. Ads. that are permitted to remain in a paper month in and month out are a detriment rather than a help. True business demands as careful attention being paid to one's standing in the the local paper as to customer from behind the counter.

Those who would avert disaster and court success will bear the calamity of the New Yorkers in mind, and turn it to practical use for themselves.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

MR. SWORD, the defeated Government candidate in Cowichan, has resumed his civil service duties, as if nothing had happened.

To the outside world, and West Kootenay in particular, the announcement is again made that New Denver purposes celebrating the Queen's birthday, on May 24, 1899, commencing at daybreak.

LOST.—For the space of at least two years past, one Hewett Bostock, said to have been elected member of parliament for the Yale-Cariboo district. Finder will kindly notify his Kootenay constituents.

WHEN the waves of prosperity begin to beat against this section of country in the spring, the citizens of New Denver should get in and rustle for the wagon road up Silver mountain. A little preliminary skirmishing at Victoria might prove of material advantage at the present time.

W. G. NEILSON, member for North East Kootenay, died on Friday at his home in Ramsay, Ont., of congestion of the lungs. Deceased was a highly espected resident of the district. He was elected at the general election as an independent Turner supporter. The vacancy will undoubtedly be filled by a Semlin man.

PREMIER LAURIER purposes to coerce the Conservative Senate in to doing his commands by turning the forces of his Liberal Commons against them, aud by a joint ballot outvote his peers. This is to be done only in case of conflict, where the Senate refuses to pass legislation advanced from the Lower House. The threat is meeting with a storm of indignant protests.

LAST year was a wonderful one for the development of the mineral resources of the Province, vast increases being noted in each and every section. Coal, too, increased tremendously over 1897, there being an excess for 1898 of upwards of 400,000 tons. It is estimated that the total mineral output of the Province for the past year was $13,000,000, the Slocan contributing almost one-third.

THE Government scored their first victory on Friday by defeating an Opposition amendment to the elections petition act by a vote of 19 to 13. Hon. Mr. Martin introduced the bill, which is to ensure Messrs. Deane and Prentice their seats till after the session closes, when the pending petitions will be tried. The Opposition termed this movement as illegal and subversive to good government.

SAYS the Toronto Telegram: "British Columbia is at last fortunate in the possession of a Government which believes that it is better politics to serve the people than to fool them. The speech of Attorney-General Martin at Alberni gives strong reason to hope that the day is done when dominant politicians on the Pacific coast hold the resources of their Province as a grab bag into which every greedy promoter can thrust his hand."

THE Nelson Tribune last week honored THE LEDGE by selecting numerous items from its columns and reproducing them in its own, though forgetting to state their origin. The Rossland Miner selects the same and gives credit to the Tribune. The Spokane Review, the Vancouver papers and several weekly journals also go in for the same thing. New Denver's leading paper is entirely overlooked in the shuffle. It is a mighty hard deal, with silver so low, for a fellow to have to edit his own sheet, let alone providing the main support to the entire country.

IT is a source of satisfaction to know that bona fide sampling works are to be established at Rosebery, as the real estate bluff worked last spring did much harm. The works at Kaslo also have not proven a success, so that the plant to be installed by Mr. McDowell has to live down considerable prejudice. To New Denver the successful operation of the sampler means much, particularly to the local branch of the Bank of Montreal. Mr. McDowell's operations will put in circulation an immense sum of money monthly, and much of this will find lodgment here, as payments for ore will be made at the Bank of Montreal. The material advantage to small shippers will also be great, enabling the owners to secure cash at once for their ore. Round this town are a number of promising prospects, and anything done to benefit them helps out this place just so much. In this age of small beginnings and mammoth developments, no chance for making a hit should be overlooked by the citizens.

THE railway situation in the southeastern portion of British Columbia is approaching an acute focus, for the Great Northern Railway, supported by other American roads, is determined to divide the traffic, present and future, with the C.P.R. Victoria and Ottawa will experience some heavy lobbying, and it is to the interests of the Province to see competition permitted. In this section, there is certain to be interesting developments sooner or later, for Jim Hill wants a portion of the lake trade. The tonnage of ore is rapidly increasing and he knows it. To capture his share he will have to extend his jerk-water road from Sandon, and the momen the commences construction the C. P. R. will head him off from Rosebery. New Denver and her sister towns on the lake have no objection to this competition, as it means to them considerably cheaper rates. An opportunity is here presented for the townspeople to get in and induce Hill to make New Denver his chief point for handling the lake business. With two railways right in the town, and other improvements following in the wake, greater population and prosperity would ensure, and the Lucerne of the west become a city of large dimensions.

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He says I'm gettin' "tough";
He says my face is never clean,
My hands are always rough;
I'm not behavin' like I should,
An' goin' wrong, I 'spose,
But Ma, she takes an' pats my hand
An' smiles, becuz she knows!

My Pa ain't got no use for boys,
He wants 'em always men;
I wonder if he's clean forgot
The boy he must 'a been;
Fer Ma, she says they're all alike
'Bout face an' hands an' clothes,
An' says I'll learn to be a man;
An' Ma, I guess she knows!

My Pa, he says I ain't no good
At doin' anything:
I'd ruther fool away the time,
An' whistle, play an' sing;
But Ma, she smiles, an' says I'm young,
An' then she up an' goes
An' kisses me an' shows me how;
For Ma, you bet, she knows!

My Pa he says I'll never be
A business man like him,
Becuz I hain't got any "drive,"
An' "get up," "pluck" and "vim."
But Ma, she says so solemn like,
A man's a boy that grows,
An' boys must have their play in' spell;
An' Ma's a trump, an' knows!

My Pa, he shakes his head an' sighs,
An' says he doesn't see
Where I get all the careless ways
That seems jes' born in me;
An' Ma, she laughs, an' laughs, an' laughs,
Till Pa's face crimson grows,
An' then she says, "'Tis very queer;"
But somehow, Ma, she knows!

My Ma, she knows most everything
'Bout boys an' what they like;
She's never scoldin' 'bout the muss
I make with kites and bike;
She says she wants me to be good,
An' conquer all my foes,
An' you jes' bet I'm goin' to be,
'Cuz my sweet Ma, she knows!

—Birch Arnold.

SLOCAN RICHES.

Boundless Wealth Stored in its Mighty Mountains.

P. A. O'Farrell, in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe, contributes an excellent resume of the prospects and wealth of the various camps of southern British Columbia, yielding to the Slocan the place for greatest riches:

Kaslo seems to me to be the least affected by the wave of prosperity sweeping over the Kootenays. Things look slow in the city by the lake, and there are numerous idle stores and vacant houses and lots. One misses the elation, pride and buoyancy visible on the countenances of every man and woman that you meet in Rossland. And yet Kaslo is a thriving hamlet of 1,500 people. Here are good hotels, fine stores, neat cottages, large churches and apparently comfortable and happy homes, and a city with telephone, electric lighting and fire departments. It is an up-to-date place, but it lacks the push, the energy, the vim and the esprit de corps of Rossland, Sandon, Greenwood and other young cities further west. Perhaps this is due to the fact that it is the most venerable of all. It is six years old, and all the others are infants in comparison. Seven years ago the discoverers of the silver-lead mines of the Slocan landed here after a moonlight trip over Kootenay lake. It was a wilderness then, and Slocan was unknown to fame. Surely its growth and the growth of the Slocan country in that seven years is a strange and marvellous story of rapid growth and suddenly acquired wealth. But only a part of the marvellous wealth of the Slocan reaches the outside world through the gateway of Kaslo. Slocan has in all, three outlets; by Nakusp up Arrow lakes to the main line of the Canadian Pacific, another to Nelson from Slocan City by direct railroad, and through Kaslo to Nelson or Bonner's Ferry, and by Kuskonook, the terminus of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway on Kootenay lake. This new line of railroad may add to Kaslo's commercial importance, but its influence is not felt as yet.

I have referred so often to the wealth of the Slocan that I must seem tiresome to go on repeating it, and yet I have never yet been able to convey even an idea of the boundless wealth stored in these mountains between Kootenay and Slocan lakes. It surpasses the wildest imaginings of the dreamer. It is true that that wealth is only in lead and silver. It has not the glitter and glamor of gold, but it is just as substantial and just as abiding, and I should like to have a kind of sledge-hammer literary force to drive home the knowledge of it to the minds of the people and statesmen of Canada.

There is hardly a gulch, a creek, a canyon or glen in the most of these noble mountains where the American prospector and the American miner is not delving away for a living, a competency or a fortune. I know hundreds of elegant villas and noble mansions that have risen on the banks of the Spokane, built by men who found the treasures of the Slocan.

You will find magnificent homes among the orange groves of California which have been purchased by adventurous prospectors who chanced to hunt for fortune in the Slocan mountains. I have seen the wealth of this wonderful country making smooth the way to the United States senate. I have seen it used to purchase grand estates in old Virginia, and yet there are Canadians who doubt it!

Now that the Canadian Pacific has reached Kootenay lake over the Crow's Nest Pass, Kaslo folks are expecting boom times with the spring. But I am not at all certain that it will help Kaslo out. Kaslo is the city of a rival railroad, the Kaslo & Slocan, and this same railroad crowd are now building another railroad from Kuskonook to Bonner's Ferry. Both railroads and the steamers plying upon the lakes will be owned by the Kootenay Railway & Navigation Company. This is a London company, but that fact will not prevent the Canadian Pacific from squeezing them just as it suits the great corporation's pleasure. Consequently, I do not look for a very efficient service from either the boats or the railroads owned by this company, and Kaslo to keep its hold, must secure a branch of the Canadian Pacific railroad.

Kootenay lake itself is supremely grand. It is more extensive than the Slocan lake, or even both Arrow lakes, and it has similar characteristics. Its shores are mountains crowned with eternal snows, bearing in their bosoms glaciers of great extent and clothed from shore to perennial snow with beautiful primeval forests. It is a glorious sight to behold these forests and mountains now clothed in a white canopy of snow and ice. They seem to me to be even more weirdly beautiful then when vivified by the radiant beams of midsummer suns. Despite Kaslo's beautiful situation, and despite the fact that behind are mines of fabulous wealth, Kaslo will not attract much attention in the coming year.

More than a year ago I made a prolonged sojourn in the Kettle river country, and I then became profoundly impressed with its magnitude and possibilities. I examined the Republic and then declared it among the greatest gold mines in the world. I made similar predictions about Ironsides, Knob Hill, Lone Star and Washington, Stemwinder, Brooklyn and others. Well, the Republic has already filled the mining world with astonishment, and Knob Hill and Ironsides will amaze the world to-morrow. I say to morrow, for even its principal stockholders do not yet realise the value of these properties. In a recent letter I stated that though the owners claimed the ore will average $20 a ton, I cannot believe it possible of mining higher than $10. The ore body, was so vast, so immense, that I did not believe that nature could have ever placed such stupendous treasure all in one place. Fancy a dyke of solid mineral 300 feet wide, which will run five per cent. copper, and three-fourths of an ounce in gold. An experienced mining man would laugh at such a suggestion. He will tell you that such a mine is contrary to the laws of nature and all that kind of thing. Nevertheless, the Knob Hill and Ironsides vein is 300 feet wide, 1,000 feet in length and already explored to 450 feet deep. And it will produce $20 in gold and copper for every ton of ore mined. Knob Hill and Ironsides doubly discounts the great Anaconda itself. The ore is twice as valuable and the ore body is twice as large. Anaconda pays $3,000,000 yearly in dividends. What are not these mines capable of doing? Three years ago Marcus Daly, the principal owner and manager of the Anaconda, told me that he had spent hundreds of thousands hunting for another copper mine like the Anaconda, and the hunt was in vein. He told me then from his experience of mining no such mine would ever be found again as the Anaconda, and yet Knob Hill and Ironsides and their extensions, will cast it completely in the shade. They will quarry and not mine these Greenwood properties, when they are ready, as they quarry out the most famous copper mine on earth, the Rio Tinto, for it contains the copper values. But Knob Hill and Ironsides are not only the greatest copper mines, but they are also the greatest gold mines on earth.

I have no connection in any shape, manner or form with the people that own Knob Hill and Ironsides. I do not own a share of stock in either, and I know some people that do whom I do not admire or love or like, and therefore in giving the sweeping commendation I am simply stating facts which I trust will be utilized by those who look to the Globe for guidance and advice.

I heard, for instance, that some of these people stated that H. C. Bellinger was about to take charge of the buildings and operate the smelter they are about to build to treat Knob Hill and Ironsides ore. Such statements were false. Mr. Bellinger is a part owner of the Northport smelter, and under no possibility would Mr. Clark Mackintosh buy him out or lose his services. The smelter site for Knob Hill has been selected, and it ought to be in operation by July 1st. I am told that the Canadian Pacific will build their own smelters, however, and in that case the Knob Hill smelter will be at the mercy of rivals. This is a point worth considering for those who are putting their money in smelters in the Kettle river country. F. A. Heinze had a smelter at Trail. It was run by H. C. Bellinger, and no better team than Heinze and Bellinger could be got to handle a commercial enterprise. But Heinze was at the mercy of one railroad, and he was forced to sell, and to sacrifice.

Rossland is keeping up its great developments. The B.A.C. people, in developing the lower levels of the Josie, have drifted beyond the Josie ground and into the Annie, and are now working on two veins in that ground. Rich ore, running as high as $200, has been found, and the entire ore body will average $50. The Annie will be another Le Roi, for it is really the continuation of the Le Roi on the west, and apparently catches all the Le Roi veins except the south, which runs into the White Bear. No. 1, Josie, Annie, and several fractional claims now form a group owned by one London company called the West Le Roi. It is capitalized for £500,000, and immense success is now assured for this company, for Josie, Annie and No. 1 will make dividend-paying mines.

Months ago I urged the purchase of the stock of the British America Corporation. Thirty days ago it was selling on the London market for 12s. 6d. Last Wednesday I heard it was 30s. It will go to £5 a share; not in a month, perhaps, not in a year, but it will reach that point before many seasons. Great developments will now be undertaken on the Le Roi, and shipments will be stopped to allow the smelter to clean up all the ore belonging to the old company. Then operations will be resumed on a bigger and grander scale than ever.

Second Relief, in the Salmon river country, is now shipping to the Northport smelter. This is a shipping mine added to those of British Columbia, but shipping mines are becoming so common nowadays that the beginning is hardly noticed. The Ymir mine has its mill nearly completed. In that mine there are 100,000 tons of ore blocked out and it will average $20 a ton, and I believe it will net the company $10 a ton above all expenses. This mine is owned in London and capitalized at £200,000. It was financed in London by the London and British Columbia Goldfields, and I am glad to state that the operations of this company have been eminently successful. They have just declared a 25 per cent. dividend. It has been more than earned. They bought and sold the Whitewater mine, making a big profit and retaining a large interest. The Whitewater with developments, is proving a greater mine than ever, and is enriching this company. They bought the Ymir for a comparatively small sum of money. It is a million-dollar property to-day. They have groups of prospects in the Slocan and the Kettle river country, and they are being handled and developed judiciously, and I look for a period of great prosperity for this concern. The B. A. C. and the London and British Columbia Goldfields are doing for British Columbia and England what Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock did for it in Canada. And I think the day is at hand when the capital of Europe will be seeking investment in British Columbia mines in preference to any other investment.

When I describe this northwestern country as the richest gold and silver and lead and copper regions on the globe, I want to be always understood that I am describing the country drained by the Columbia above its junction with the Snake on the left and the Okanogan on its right bank. It includes an empire and embraces part of Montana, Idaho and Washington, as well as British Columbia from the crest of the Rockies to the head waters of the Fraser on the coast range.

Geographically, this vast range is one, though railroads and politics have tried to cut it piecemeal. It was the mining men of Montana and Idaho and Washington that opened up the mines of the Kootenays and Boundary. On the other hand, one of the discoverers of the Republic camp was a Canadian prospector, and the mines of the Republic camp to-day are largely owned in British Columbia and in Canada. And the Republic camp is opening up in a marvellous manner. I believe there are many mines there that will eventually surpass the great Republic, and I reiterate a statement previously made by me that the Republic camp will surpass Cripple Creek as a gold producer.

There is another new district in Idaho, called Buffalo Hump, which will have an immense boom when the summer's sun shall melt the winter's snow. I have had facts laid before me about Buffalo Hump which smack of the marvellous and romantic, but I have not yet had time to look the field over. Though I am satisfied in Buffalo Hump another great mining camp has been added to the northwest.

Still I think that Canadians will act wisely in confining their attentions and investments to British Columbia. Republic is all right, and will be a great gold producer, but I would have them recollect that the shrewdest boomers in the northwest are operating there. Republic, Jim Blaine, Butte and Boston, San Poil, Lone Pine, Mountain Lion, Golden Harvest, Princess Maud, Iron Monitor, Balasamo, Ben Hur, Merrimac are, I believe, assured mines, though some, like the Balsamo group and Merrimac are still but bare prospects, yet apparently great prospects. There are other and many excellent prospects in the camp, but there are many of the wildcat order, handled by the wildcat boomer, and of these the public had better beware, or they will assuredly get bitten.

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H. T. BRAGDON.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

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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. 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.

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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. 33225A, 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.

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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.

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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.

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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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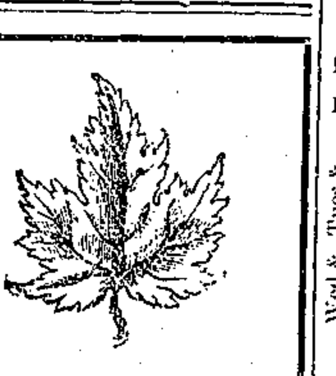

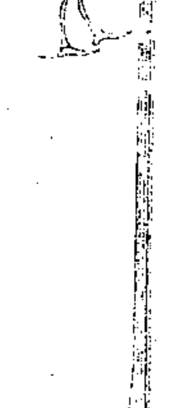

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" 10.00 pm	Kuskonook	"	8.00 pm
" 12.00 pm	Goat River	"	6.00 pm
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"	9 45 "	Sproule's	"	2 10	"
"	10 00 "	Whitewater	"	2 00	"
"	10 08 "	Bear Lake	"	1 50	"
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June 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:—

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

JAN 4—Toothpick Fraction to A W McCune, W L Hoge, E Vivian, J McCune and J Graham.

JAN 5—Rio, to E A Bielenberg, D Cosgriff and S F Cosgriff.

ASSESSMENTS.

JAN 7—Medford.

JAN 9—Ponobscot, Lorna Doone Fraction, Hoodoo, Big Cedar.

TRANSFERS.

JAN 3—New Gething, ⅓ each to C M Gething, C Teasdale, and T R Blackwood, by John Kinman, on Sept 21.

JAN 5—Pauline G, ½, S Gintzburger to D A Ross, August 27.

JAN 9—Midnight, C F Caldwell to M E Rammelmeyer, Jan 6.

Red Fox ½, Red Fox Fraction ½, and Central 1/6, J K Clark to George H Aylard, Sept 16.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the ore shipments from the Slocan from January 1, 1899:

	Tons.
From Sandon.	
Last Chance	120
Slocan Star	40
Reco	20
From Concentrator Siding	
Idaho Mines	61
Queen Bess	61
Monitor	20
From Whitewater.	
Whitewater	45
From New Denver.	
Bosun	40
From Silverton.	
Vancouver	40
Wakefield	20
Fidelity	3
Total	470

LONDON & B. C. GOLDFIELDS.

Highly Encouraging Report Presented to the Shareholders.

Attached is the report of the directors presented to the shareholders of the London & B. C. Goldfields, Limited, at the annual meeting in London. It is the most gratifying report made by any of the big corporations, and the shares have advanced over six shillings in consequence, being looked upon to-day as the best thing in the London market:

"The principal interests and properties held by the company are shares in the Ymir, the Whitewater and the Ruth Mines, the Yukon Goldfields, and the Pyramid Copper Syndicate. The Ymir Gold Mines, Limited, was formed, with a capital of £200,000, to take over the mines named, which had been purchased and developed by the London & B. C. Company. They comprise seven claims and fractions amounting to 163 acres, together with mill site and sufficient water rights. The whole of the plant for a complete 40 stamp mill has been shipped, and it is expected that the mill will soon be running. Reliable estimates state that 93,000 tons of ore, of a value of $1,123,200 (£232,000) have been actually blocked out. Since then development work has steadily advanced, largely increasing the reserves, and most satisfactorily proving the value of the mine at greater depth. As this mine has sufficient ore already blocked out to keep the mill supplied for several years, and is particularly well situated for exceedingly cheap working, the directors consider this mine will in a short time rank amongst the leading dividend-paying gold mines in British Columbia. The company sold a quarter interest at a large profit, retaining a three-quarter interest.

The Whitewater Mines, was issued by this company, with a capital of £125,000, in February last for taking over and working the well-known Whitewater Silver Mines To ensure economy in working, it was considered adviseable to mine the ore body in its entirety rather than to select the clean ore for shipment first. The shipments have therefore been small, consisting only of clean ore recovered whilst driving tunnel extensions and other development work. Great efforts were made to get the necessary concentrator erected in the least possible time, and it commenced working on the 30th of last month. The capacity of this plant is 100 tons per day. The reserves of ore have been doubled, and are sufficient to keep the concentrator supplied for several years. The directors have confidence that the profits to be derived therefrom will be sufficient to yield a very large return on the small capital of the company. Since the Whitewater Company entered into possession the principal or Whitewater vein has been proved on the surface to run right across the properties from the portion now being worked on the east to the Myrtle R. on the west. Two other reefs have also been found, one on the Irene, north of the Whitewater vein, and the other 150 feet from the Whitewater vein on that claim. This company's interest in the Whitewater is a large one, and has recently been increased.

The Ruth Mines, Limited, is a company with a capital of £120,000, owning a group of 10 claims, known as the Ruth, Ruth Fraction, Wyoming, Hope, Despair, Aurora No. 2, Aurora Fraction, Yuma, Yuma Fraction, and Suburban Fraction. These claims cover an area of about 210 acres, and are situated close to the railway at Sandon. The principal work has been carried out on the Ruth and Ruth Fraction, but another ledge has lately been discovered on the Aurora, and development work upon this claim, as well as in the principal working, is now being actively prosecuted. During the twelve months 6,074 tons of ore, carrying both silver and lead, were shipped from the mine to the smelters, and the operations resulted in a net profit of £29,734. An interim dividend of 3s. per share was paid in February last, and a final dividend for the year under notice will shortly be declared. A concentrating plant will be erected during the coming spring, and a large quantity of concentrating ore only awaits treatment to yield good returns. This company's [illegible] on the Ruth Mines is a large one.

The properties owned by the Yukon Company [illegible] to prove themselves of considerable value and consequently the large [illegible] preferred or founders' shares held by the company are looked upon as [illegible] of great value. The principal [illegible] owned by the Yukon Company [illegible] No. 4 Bonanza below Discovery, [illegible] being worked throughout this winter by a full force of 30 men. This claim is one of the most favorably situated [illegible] the Bonanza creek, and will, it is estimated, produce this winter sufficient gold to give a very satisfactory return.

The Pyramid Copper Syndicate, Limited, was formed for the purpose of taking up and developing a large number of claims situated in East Kootenay, at no great distance from the Crow's Nest Pass system of the railway. These claims contain a number of silver-lead and copper ledges, which there is every reason to believe will, upon development, prove themselves to be extremely valuable.

The Alma group of claims, composed of the Alma, Inkerman, Alexandria, and Gibraltar, adjoins the Ymir gold mines on the western side, and is owned entirely by this company. Only a small amount of exploratory work has been carried out, but, judging from surface indications, the directors believe that they have a property of considerable value.

The Norfolk claims consist of two adjoining claims situated in Atwood, or Central camp, Boundary Creek district, and is owned by this company. As a railway will shortly be completed to within some seven miles of these claims it was considered advisable to limit development work for the present. The manager assures the directors that the Boundary creek district is one which is rapidly coming to the front. He is already in negotiation for the purchase of others, being fully alive to the wisdom of this policy.

The Washington and Slocan Boy mines are situated in the Slocan district about four miles from the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, and embrace eight claims and claim fractions, and are a combination of two properties adjoining each other; thus the cost of extracting the ore becomes very much reduced. The option on these properties has been secured upon very favorable terms, and it has every prospect of proving an exceedingly valuable acquisition.

The Toronto group, comprising five claims, or thereabouts, is situated in close proximity to the Poorman Gold Mines, in the Nelson district. As this option has only been taken up a short time, the work has not yet sufficiently advanced to enable the directors to give full information as to its value.

The accounts show that with a paid-up capital of £96,181, a profit of £84,805 has been made. An interim dividend paid in March last absorbed £4,997, leaving a net balance of £83,465 to be dealt with at the end of this financial year. With cash at bank, the amount due from sundry debtors and unpaid calls (the greater part of which have since been received) make a total of £55,993. In arriving at the amount of £140,612, appearing as investments in various companies, the directors have adopted a most conservative and cautious policy, every care having been taken to state the value of the shares at a figure which, in their opinion, is considerably below their intrinsic worth. The item of £5,701 is the actual amount expended in mining claims and options, and does not represent the improved value following upon the development work carried out.

The directors recommend that a further dividend be paid on the ordinary shares, which will make a total cash distribution at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum for the past year. It is also recommended that 20,000 fully-paid shares in the Ymir Mines be distributed by way of further dividend, which will be distributed in two moieties, one to the ordinary and one to the deferred shareholders, the balance of the profit being carried forward."

IF WE ONLY UNDERSTOOD.

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better,
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motiver,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the while we lothe the sin;
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's error
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts, all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim, external roughness
Seem—I wonder—just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder,
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source,
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grain of good;
Ah! we'd love each other better,
If we only understood.

—Kipling.

A Welsh Minister's Dilemma.

A touching story of a parson's dilemma comes from Wales. A Welsh minister who had preached with great edification to English hearers on the text, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard," seated himself on a grassy bank while waiting for the train that was to take him home. He nearly missed it owing to his absorption in a book, and had to hurry to the station. He had scarcely taken his seat in the carriage when he felt a tingling sensation. The bank must have been alive with ants. With the help of a sympathetic fellow-passenger he managed to clear his coat and waistcoat of the intruders. And when at length he was quite alone he took off another garment which was equally infested with them and shook it vigorously out of the window. Unfortunately, he relaxed his hold of this garment just as he neared the station, and it disappeared—perhaps to follow the course of Elijah's mantle and fall with inspiration on another preacher. He was now in a piteous plight, and he drew the blinds of his carriage in a futile attempt to obtain privacy. The screams of two ladies who tried to enter alarmed the stationmaster, and he advanced boldly to the compartment with a view of securing a supposed lunatic. But the stationmaster, after receiving explanations, lent the indispensable garment from his own wardrobe, and the reverend gentleman got safely home.

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KATE O'HARA?

Is there anything bates for vexation,
The state av not knowin' yer mind,
One minute to put yer fut for'ard,
The next one to drag it behind,
Divided 'twixt laughin' an' cryin',
In smithers to love or to hate—
'Twixt makin' a fool iv Kate Bryan,
Or bein' made a fool av by Kate
O'Hara, O'Hara, O'Hara.
There's a fool somewhere, as I'll agree
An' Och! may I never sup sarra,
But I doubt av that fool isn't me

Is there anything bates for vexation,
The sittin' down 'twixt two stools;
When yer heels fly up to the ceilin',
An' yer head goes whack in the mools—
An' the colleens all laugh till they're cryin'.
Av there's aught I hate,
It's whin mid the colleens Kate Bryan,
Half cryin' is laughed at by Kate
O'Hara! O'Hara! O'Hara!
There's fools wid us, I will agree—
An' Och! may I never sup sarra
Av the fools is Kate Bryan an' me.

Is there anythin' bates for vexation,
The laugh of the colleen ye'd fain
Be makin' the queen av yer cabin—
The laugh that true love wud restrain,
The laugh whin true love wud be cryin'
To see yer deplorable state—
It's I'll make a wife av Kate Bryan,
Nor heed av I'm laughed by Kate
O'Hara! O'Hara! O'Hara!
That there's fools in the worl' I'll agree,
But, Och! may I never sup sarra,
Av them fools is Kate Bryan an' me.

Western Forest Fires.

It is not generally known, says John Muir in The Atlantic, that, notwithstanding the immense quantities of timber cut every year for foreign and home markets and miners, from five to ten times as much is destroyed as is used, chiefly by running forest fires that only the federal government can stop. Travelers through the west in summer are not likely to forget the fire work displayed along the various railway tracks. Thoreau, when contemplating the destruction of the forests on the east side of the continent, said that soon the country would be so bald that every man would have to grow whiskers to hide its nakedness, but he thanked God that at least the sky was safe. Had he gone west he would have found out that the sky was not safe, for all through the summer months, over most of the mountain regions, the smoke of mill and forest fires is so thick and black that no sunbeam can pierce it. The whole sky, with clouds, sun, moon and stars, is simply blotted out. There is no real sky and no scenery. Not a mountain is left in the landscape; at least none is in sight from the lowlands, and they all might as well be on the moon as far as scenery is concerned.

A Disastrous Phrase.

What great consequences sometime result from the quick wit of a man who sees the full bearings of an event is illustrated by an incident in the life of the late Colonel John Tracey. In 188- he was a reporter on the New York Star and did work for the Democratic national committee. He was at the Fifth Avenue hotel when the delegation of clergymen called upon Mr. Blaine. He was listening carelessly to the addresses which were being made, when his ear caught the phrase, "party of rum, Romanism and rebellion," which the Rev. Dr. Burchard uttered. He knew that it was the intention of the reporters to give small space to the speeches and thought the chances were good that the now famous expression would not be quoted. Seeing the use to which he could put it for the Democratic party, he rushed to a telegraph office and sent a short dispatch to several papers and to the party headquarters. There was time enough before election for the remark to do its work and not enough for any sufficient antidote to be applied. It is admitted that the expression had a marked and perhaps decisive effect upon the election. Tracey's alert mind had affected the future of the country in a thousand ways.—Buffalo Express.

Curious Errors In Titles.

A publisher handed me, not long since, a postal card which he had received from California. It read thus: "Have you any Treties on The Edable Frog?" Another treasured card in his possession, coming from South Dakota, asks for a price list of his books, "especially the one that treats of Pharo." The last word was at first spelled "Faro" and then "corrected." At the same time that the publisher showed me this card he told me that he had recently received an order for a copy of "The Fair Rose of the Bondage." As you have guessed, the book referred to by the last two writers quoted above was Dr. Charles S. Robinson's "Pharaohs of the Bondage."—Critic.

Coldest in Six Years.

The recent cold snap has been the most severe in six years. The effects were general and from the coast to the far east came word of exceptional frost and heavy snowstorms, the coast cities receiving zero temperature and over a foot of the beautiful. Even California has been treated to two feet of the fleecy. At New Westminster the Fraser was frozen across, as also the Kootenay at Nelson, and the Narrows and Lower Arrow lake below Nakusp. At New Denver five degrees below zero was the coldest, with 12 at Sandon, 15 at Nelson, 18 at Rossland, 18 at Revelstoke and 21 in the Boundary. There is no ice on Slocan lake.

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