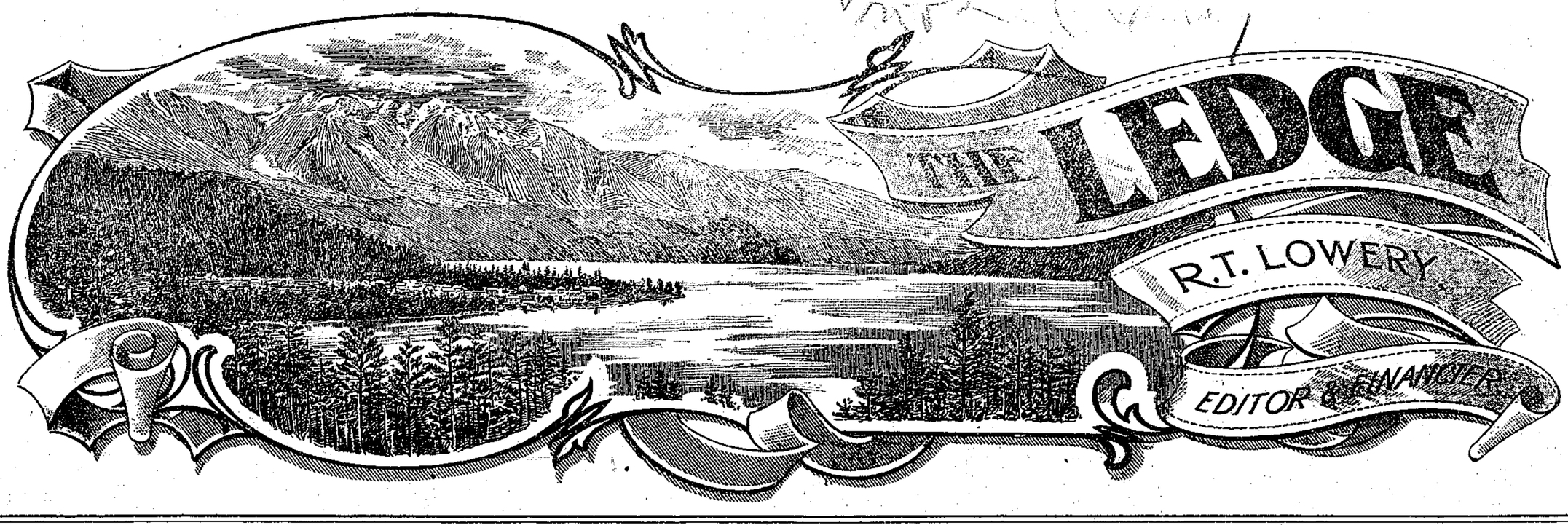

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SLOGAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Sandon's comique closed Sunday night.

G. H. Dawson left on Saturday for the coast.

A late estimate puts the population of Rossland at 8,000.

R. T. Lowery left upon Sunday for the east, to be absent some weeks.

The Kaslo comique has gone out of the business, through lack of support.

Arthur Dick passed through here on Friday on his way to the Atlin country.

Hiram Walker, Canada's princely whiskey man, died last week at Detroit, Mich.

Many New Denverites are suffering from the annual visitation of la grippe epidemic.

Dr. Hartin has been elected mayor of Kaslo, defeating C. W. McAnn by a small vote

George Neelands defeated John Houston as mayor of Nelson by seven votes. It was a bitter fight.

Joseph Irwin left Tuesday morning for the Okanogan country, where he expects to remain some time.

The Canada Powder Co., of Nelson, B.C., will commence the manufacture of dynamite next month.

The steamer Slocan is making nightly trips from Rosebery to Slocan City to handle the freight barge.

David Bremner, who resigned the management of the Wakefield mine, will leave shortly for the Atlin lake.

The Cascade Maple Leaf plant has blossomed out at Columbia, lately Upper Grand Forks, as the Review.

Capt. J. Troup came up from Nelson to superintend the launching of the new tug boat Sandon at Rosebery Saturday.

H. H. Knox has gone to the Boundary country, taking a portion of his jewelry stock with him. He will be away some time.

Hans Madson, well-known throughout the Slocan, is reported to have been badly frozeen near Skagway and his life is despaired of.

Dan O'Rae, the well-known teamster, and Miss Maggie McEwen, sister to Mrs. Forrester, were married in Spokane some days ago.

A phonographic concert will be given in Bosun Hall Saturday night by Prof. Millward. The regular weekly dance will be held Thursday night.

On and after Monday next, John Houston will be editor and business manager of the Tribune His salary will be $166 66 a month.—Nelson Tribune.

A. S. Goodeve has been elected mayor of Rossland, over ex-Mayor Wallace by a large majority. His aldermanic ticket also carried, including Ross Thompson.

Word has been received from Los Angeles stating that Harry Pyman is much improved in health, but he must remain under the doctor's care for some time yet.

W. H. Aldridge, manager of the Trail smelter, was married last week at Rossland to Miss Tuttle. The affair was the most brilliant function ever held in Kootenay.

The English Specialty Company, advertised to appear here on the 19th, 20th and 21st, has cancelled its engagement and is endeavoring to make dates for February.

When Nelson's postal officials can make connections with the train leaving there at 6:30 a.m. for Slocan City, we have a daily mail from the States, Sunday's included.

By the present route of travel over Slocan lake, passengers to the coast save 12 hours over the old route via Robson. Pressure is being brought to bear to keep to the Slocan route in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Delaney have received notice of the marriage of their neice, Miss Nellie Muncaster, at Peterborough, Ont., to A. M. Smith, of the Sadler Leather Belt Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

The union church services, held Sunday in Bosun hall, by Revs. Clelland and Powell, were largely attended and greatly appreciated. Rev. Cleland presided in the morning and Rev. Powell in the evening.

R. S. Gallop reports the Duncan river free of obstructions for a distance of 15 miles, and small steamers can ascend from Kootenay lake for eight months in the year. This is the result of Government work for the past three years.

The Kaslo & Slocan Railway has adopted a change in the time of the arrival and departure of its passenger trains. Hereafter trains will leave Kaslo at 8 a.m. and arrive at 3:55 p.m. Trains will arrive at Sandon at 10:40 a.m. and leave at 1:15 p.m.

Rossland's new municipal officers, elected last Thursday are as follows: For Mayor, A. S. Goodeve. For Councilmen: First Ward, C. O. Lalonde and John Hooson; Second Ward, Ross Thompson and J. F. McCrae; Third Ward, Albert Barrett and John Edgren.

Fred Fraser, J.P. of Revelstoke, was in town on Friday. He is going to join J. D. Graham, in Atlin City, early in March. Politically, Revelstoke is in a bad muddle, and he says J. M Killie's seeing his last session at Victoria, as he will be asked to resign by his friends. The incorporation question is making bad matters worse.

Sandon's civic officers for the ensuing year are as follow: Mayor, H. H. Pitts: Aldermen, Alex. Crawford, E. R. Atherton, C D. Hunter, Eri Thompson, John Buckley and Robt. Macdonald. All were elected by acclamation. As there are only eleven men in the city who hold the necessary qualifications for the offices, it was with some difficulty that a sufficient number was found willing to assume the duties. The competition seems to be rather to evade than to acquire aldermanic distinction.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

A foot of ore is showing on the Convention.

The Madison sent a car load of ore to the smelter last week.

Eight feet of clean ore is showing in the Payne No. 4 tunnel.

Some work is being put upon the R. D. Fraction, situated close to town.

Ten men were laid off at the Treasure Vault last week. F. Langford is now foreman.

Rumor has it that another deal is about to be consumated on the Mollie Hughes properties.

Work on the Noble Five is progressing favorably. It is expected to tap the Last Chance ledge within 60 days.

Ten men are engaged on the Ajax Fraction. Two car loads of ore were shipped this week from the property.

The Last Chance shipped 840 tons of ore since July 1st, 1898. The mill is now sending 20 tons a day over the tram.

G. H. Dawson has purchased the Fidelity Fraction, adjoining the Fidelity. It has the best timber in the vicinity.

Messrs Hicks and Welsh, of Slocan City, are developing the Mary Durham, adjoining the Mollie Hughes group. They report a good showing.

The interests held in the Antoine by J. C. Ryan and S K. Green, have been sold to H. B. Alexander and M. R. W. Rathbourne. Purchase price not stated.

A car load of ore has been shipped to the Selby smelter, San Francisco, from the Sapphire. The ore runs 160 ozs. silver and 70 per cent. lead. Regular shipments will be made.

Forty thousand dollars has been spent this year by the Minnesota Silver Co. on its Slocan properties. Further expenditures are contemplated to the amount of $60,000, for tramway and concentractor.

The Wakefield and Vancouver, the big shipping mines of Four Mile, together shipped five car loads of ore last week. The late heavy fall of snow has put the roads in excellent condition for ore hauling.

The deal that has been pending in London for the Black Grouse property, owned by Major Furlong, situated on the north Fork of Carpenter creek, is off. The negotiations were being conducted by London agents.

J. Roderick Robertson, manager of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields, reports that the Whitewater mill is working satisfactory and that the output for January will be greatly in excess of that of last month.

A carload of ore will this week be on the wharf from the Marion to be shipped to the Trail smelter. This ore runs 114 ozs. silver and 60 per cent. lead to the ton, and the owners hope to realize a neat sum out of the shipment.

The result of the smelting operations at the Hall Mines smelter for the four weeks ending December 30th, 1998, are as follows: During the 21 days and 13 hours of actual smelting 2,575 tons of ore were treated, yielding 48 tons of copper, and 42,730 ounces of silver.

Last Saturday, at Nelson, Sheriff Robertson sold by public auction the interest of Gaudios Beaudoin in the following mineral claims: Gigantic and Giant on Wild Horse creek; York, in Hall creek; Yellowstone, Beaver Hill, Derby, Golden Grove and Golden Slope, on Murphy creek, in the Trail mining division. The properties were sold under a writ of execution issued at the suit of Nayine Simon against Gaudais Beaudoin. The price paid for the claims was $250, the purchaser being Jos. Sturgeon.

W. H. Sandiford has purchased from Geo. H. Dawson the Fidelity Fraction for the Northwest Mining Syndicate. There is on this ground the best timber for mining purposes that can be secured, and the acquisition of the property is evidence that Mr. Sandiford is looking ahead to the day when the Bosun mine will be operated upon a very large scale.

Col. S. W. Ray, of Port Arthur, spent a few days in town this week in the interest of the company that he represents. While in the Slocan he arranged for extensive operations to be pushed on the Mollie Gibson and other properties he is interested in, and incidentally made an effort to get hold of Silver mountain properties. An effort is being made to form a syndicate to operate all the properties on this mountain.

DAN MANN ON LEAD.

He Advocates Absolute Free Trade in the Article.

D. D. Mann, the well-known railway contractor, was in Toronto recently, and in the course of an interview with a Globe representative, expressed himself thus: "Canada is in a flowing tide of commercial and industrial prosperity. New districts are being opened up, and extensive areas are being developed, and railroad facilities are increasing rapidly. Of course British Columbia takes the lead in mining, but there are big developments going on in the Rainy River district, and the future there is of the brightest promise. I do not say that it will prove a Klondike or a Kootenay district. That is too much to expect, for southern British Columbia stands alone in the mining world. It is not only rich in gold, but it is equally rich in coal, in copper, in silver and in lead. Up to this time the want of railroads and transportation facilities prevent the copper mines of British Columbia from becoming known, but that country will soon take its place as one of the great copper-producing countries. Its vast copper deposits will do just as much to enrich British Columbia as her gold mines.

And her lead mines are almost equally valuable, and while I am referring to British Columbia lead mines I would like to call the attention of the public to the manner in which the lead mining industry is being hampered and crippled by the tariff legislation of the States. Canadian mine-owners are compelled to ship their lead ores to American smelters for reduction and refining. A crushing tax of 1½ cents a pound is levied, and this 1½ cents a pound is charged on all the lead, though the smelter only pays for 80 per cent. on the lead. The duty really amounts to $33 a ton on the lead in the ores of Canadian mines.

In 1887 600,000 was paid by British Columbia miners to Americans for the privilege of having its ores admitted to the United States for treatment. Between $800,000 and $900,000 will be paid by the mine-owners this year for a like privilege. This immense revenue extracted from Canadian industry does not find its way to the treasury of the United States, for the duty of 1½ cents a pound is remitted, or rather never collected, when the lead is re-exported from American smelters to either Canada or England. By this system the Canadian mine-owner is forced to sell his product for about $20 a ton for the lead contained in the ore. It is then taken over to the United States, affords big profits to the American transportation and smelting companies, and large and profitable employment to American labor. And when that is done the Canadian consumer buys back nearly all this lead and pays from $30 to $80 a ton for it. This tremendous crushing tax of $30 a ton should be abrogated. It is crippling the mining industry woefully.

The silver lead mining industry of Canada if properly fostered will give more employment, pay bigger wages and enrich more people than the lumber, fishing and sealing industries of the Dominion combined. It is a far more urgent and important subject for reciprocity arrangement between Canada and the States than any other subject now under discussion before the Joint High Commission. I cannot help noticing how completely this most vital question is being ignored by the newspapers, while they devote column after column and page after page to the discussion of subjects that are small and paltry beside this.

There never was exacted a more perfect contrivance for fleecing industry than this lead tariff, and it is all done to benefit not the American customs but the American lead smelters. They take it all. Surely it is time that Canadian statesmen should take a hand in the game and obtain or make a remedy for so great an evil. America permits copper ore to enter free of duty. She must let our lead ores also enter free of duty, or else the Canadian Government must put up the barriers against American lead, and by bounties and other favors contrive the building of Canadian smelters and Canadian refineries for lead ores.

I am in favor of absolute free trade in lead and lead products between Canada and the United States. Canada produces more lead than she consumes, while the United States is a large importer of lead. Canadian export trade in galena ores amounts now to fully $7,000,000 yearly. It is a growing and expanding trade, and it would be enormous if a reciprocity arrangement were made with the States, by which our ores would go in free of duty, and we would admit their lead products also free. I fear the people of Ontario and Quebec don't understand the magnitude and importance of this silver-lead industry. But if not hampered and crippled by injudicious tariffs and by cold neglect on the part of Canadian statesmen it will rank among the greatest and richest industries of the Dominion.

FULL COURT SITTINGS.

Several Important West Kootenay Cases Disposed of.

At the regular sittings of the Full Court in Victoria, last week, several important West Kootenay cases were disposed of. In the Centre Star vs. Iron Mask case, the Court last month refused the Centre Star appeal, asking for leave to do development work on a vein it claims under the Iron Mask claim. The Court refused leave to appeal to the Privy Council as it would put off the trial, which has already been adjourned.

In Connel vs. Madden, the Full Court dismissed the appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Walkem, who held that the location of the Sheep Creek Star mineral claim was void, as the initial post was planted in foreign soil, viz., in the State of Washington. The opinion of the Full Court is as follows: I agree with the learned Trial Judge, that the initial post of the Sheep Creek Star claim having been planted in the United States of America, instead of within the boundaries of this Province, the whole location is invalid. The Mineral Act of British Columbia does not contemplate the existence of a claim which takes its root, i.e., has its initial post, in a foreign soil, and, as I regard it, the whole location is void ab initio, or, to put it in another way, there never was in law such a claim as the "Sheep Creek Star." The appeal must be dismissed with costs.

In Davies vs. Le Roi, the Court allowed the defendant's appeal and refused a new trial. The action was brought under the Employers' Liability Act and the plaintiff obtained damages in the Court below. The Full Court held that the plaintiff was not under necessity to use the skip in question and from the rising of which the accident happened.

NORTH FORK SALMON RIVER.

The B. A. C. have obtained crown grants for all their property on the North Fork.

A huge tunnel scheme is talked of to cut the immense ore bodies discovered four years ago on Donadson mountain.

The Second Relief has doubled its ore hauling force and the road is in fine condition for quick trips and heavy loads.

Kane Bros. have disposed of their Craigtown business to R. E. McGanghey and have concentrated all their business at Erie.

The Ontario, on Donadson mountain, has been working steadily all winter, and the shaft is down 40 feet on a fine ore body, three feet wide.

The Belle Singlehurst will resume work on the 1st of February. This property lies to the north of the Relief, and is a valuable gold proposition.

The Arlington, three miles above Erie, continues to ship steadily. The new machinery works smoothly and stoping will soon be commenced on the 300 foot level.

Another permanent shipper has been added to the North Fork, by the recent developments in the Waffer claim, which adjoins the Second Releif on the east. The energetic president and manager of the Lucky Boy Mining & Development Co., S. L. Myers, has been concentrating most of his efforts on this property for a year and is to be congratulated on his success. A new tunnel is to be started immediately below the present workings which will cut the ore body at a depth of 400 feet, thus affording ample stoping ground. Its close proximity to the wagon road ensures cheap transportation.

Get There Eli Working.

W. Harrington, of Sandon, passed through here on Friday, having been down to the Get There Eli group, on Twelve Mile. This property has been leased from Mr. Harrington by P. Noonan and N. Sylvester. Supplies are being packed in and four men will work the property all winter. As much ore as possible will be shipped and the lessees expect to make money.

A BILL TO BAR ALIENS

S. Fred Hume, Minister of Mines, has introduced the following bill into the House, as an amendment to the placer mining act:

1. That every person who is not less than 18 years of age and is a British subject shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free miner under this act, and shall be considered a free miner under this act, upon taking out a free miners' certificate, as long as such certificate remains in force.

2. No joint stock company or corporation shall be entitled to take out a free miners' certificate unless the same has been incorporated and not simply licensed or registered under the laws of this Province, and unless such company or corporation is authorized to take out a miners' license by the lieutenant-governor-in-council the word "person" in this section shall include only such companies or corporations as aforesaid.

3. A miners' license taken out by any person not authorised so to do by this section shall be null and void.

4. This section shall not affect free miners' certificates issued before the coming into force of this section, and in case any person or corporation not allowed under this section to take out a free miners' license has prior to the coming into force of this section acquired any interest or any claim under the provisions of the placer mining act, such license may be renewed from time to time, but such renewed license shall not entitle the holder thereof to hold or acquire any interest in any claim under said placer mining act, except such interest so acquired prior to the coming into force of this section.

5. No free miner after the coming into force of this section shall hold any claim under said placer mining act, or any interest therein as trustee or otherwise for any person who is not a British subject or for any corporation not authorized to take out a free miners' certificate as above provided.

The Legislature has passed the placer mines bill with amendments. An addition was made authorizing the Government to cancel the incorporation of any company found evading the provisions of the act, for instance, by the passage of the stock into the hands of aliens, from British subjects who had only held it for the purpose of securing incorporation. The amendment is to sub-section 2 of section 2, by inserting after the word "council," the words, "such authorization may at any time be cancelled, and in case of such cancellation such company or corporation shall not be entitled to take out a free miners' certificate under the act, but any free miners' certificate, now in force, shall remain in force until its expiry

ON OKANOGAN LAKE.

An important transfer of mining stock was lately made by the Camp Hewett Mining & Prospecting Co. to the Canadian-American Gold Mining Co. These companies are operating in the vicinity of the Okanogan lake. The Camp Hewett company owns twelve claims situated half a mile from the lake shore. The Canadian-American company has purchased $10,000 worth of stock in the Camp Hewett and will open up the properties and push operations. A force of workmen will be put to work in a few weeks. G. H. Muller, proprietor of the Cold Stream hotel, Vernon, is president of the Camp Hewett company, and was in New Denver last week in the interest of his company. Several parties hereabouts are interested in the company.

SMELTER FOR CASCADE.

W. H. Aldridge, manager of the smelter at Trail, has been to Cascade and completed arrangements for building the new C. P. R. smelter for the Boundary camp at that point Surveys have been made and the site chosen. The cost of building the smelter will exceed $500,000, and will give steady employment to upwards of 500 men when completed. The stack alone will require 800,000 brick and the buildings in connection in proportion. The works will have a capacity of 1,000 tons per day. It is the plan to have extensive refineries and factories in connection therewith.

ROBERT JAMIESON SUICIDES.

A despatch from Seattle says: Grown despondent because of his belief that he would lose a $25,000 suit, which he had instituted against Sir Charles Ross for professional services rendered, Robert Jamieson, the noted mining engineer and expert of Vancouver, took his own life.

Room 208 of the Rainier-Grand Hotel one of the first-class hostelries of Seattle, was the scene of tragedy. Lying upon his back in bed and with his head and shoulders slightly elevated by the prop of a pillow on either side, the deceased pressed the muzzle of a Smith and Wesson revolver against his temple and sent a 38-calibre bullet through the brain. Mr. Jamieson was a man prominently known in mining circles throughout the Province.

JUSTICE TO THE DEAD.

To the Editor of THE LEDGE:

SIR:—In your issue of the 5th inst. you chronicle the death of P. A. McDougall." I notice that you are careful to mention his only vice, but you do not speak of his virtues. Pete was generous to a fault. His cabin at McGuigan was always open to anyone—"on the hog,"—and I know of cases where he has kept men for several months in food and clothes. His little cabin was known throughout the Slocan, not on account of its owner, but on account of the hospitality one always found there; in fact, anyone "broke" was always recommended to Pete McDougall's cabin. By publishing this you will not only oblige me, but you will do justice to the memory of one who might still be among us if his friends had helped him in his hour of need, as he has helped them before

I am yours truly,
SAM GINDZBURGER.

McGuigan, B.C., Jan. 10, 1899.

WORK ON THE ENTERPRISE.

Paddy Stratford and Eric Ferguson have been let the contract to push work on the Enterprise. The No. 1 tunnel, now in 25 feet with ore in the face, will be pushed 200 feet further, and the main raise between the intermediate and No. 4 tunnels will be continued to connect these openings. The work proposed and now under contract, will not be finished until late in May. Eight men will be employed.

Enterprise Deal is Off.

The Britishers who have been dickering for the big Enterprise mine, on Ten Mile, have come to a full stop and the deal is off. The reason for this is not known here. So far as the assays and reports were concerned, everything was distinctly favorable. This is only one of several attempts made to secure the property, but the would-be purchasers always flunk at the critical moment. The owners of the Enterprise will work the mine themselves, though with a small force Operations will be confined to the No. 1 tunnel and the raise from No. 3, and these will be extended under contract. Much had been expected of the present negotiations, the successful termination of which would have set the whole creek and vicinity in motion.

Sad Intelligence.

R. I. Kirkwood, W. J. Kirkwood and Mr. C. E. Smitheringale received the sad intelligence on Friday, of the death of their sister, Miss Wilda Kirkwood, in the Victoria hospital, Montreal. Death resulted from an operation performed on the brain, which had been injured in a street car accident in Chicago a year ago. The remains were enterred at Kemptville, Ontario, the family home. Miss Kirkwood was an artist of great ability, and at the time of the accident was accounted one of the foremost portrait and miniature painters in Chicago.

The New Postal Rate.

The new two-cent rate of Canadian postage is available to the countries mentioned in this list: Letters addressed to places in Canada and United States, 2 cents per ounce or fraction thereof: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, British India, Newfoundland, British East Africa, Uganda, Jamaica, Bahama Islands, Zanzibar, British Central Africa, the Niger Coast Protectorate and Niger Company's Territory, 2 cents per half ounce All other foreign countries 5 cents per half ounce.

Another Construction Fatality.

Peter Gaetano, an Italian employed on the R. & P. railway construction, was instantly killed in his cabin Thursday morning, by a piece of flying rock from a blast, some 600 feet distant. He was employed by A. Scarpelli, who had a piece of work near McRae's Landing. The remains were taken to Cascade for burial.

The new C. P. R. boat Sandon made her initial trip on the lake Wednesday. The finishing touches are yet to be put upon her.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1899.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

REVELSTOKE is particularly mutinous at present; so much so indeed, that "Let-er-Flicker" Kellie's political career is almost ended.

THE Opposition assert that they will indict His Honor Lieut.-Gov. McInnes before the House of Commons, for wrongful dismissal of the Turner Government and the signing of the Election Trials act.

NELSON DINGLEY, the framer of the Dingley tariff bill, and Republican leader in the House of Representatives, died in Washington last Friday, after a lingering illness following a pneumonia attack.

FIGHTING Joe Martin succeeded in getting his Election Petitions Bill through the House by a comfortable majority, and Messrs. Deane and Prentice are safe in their seats for a short season. The Opposition did well.

WIND is air in motion. But it takes more than air when a man attempts to raise sufficient wind to pay his board bill and satisfy his landlady, and to operate a newspaper in a silver camp with the price of the white metal at zero.

MESSRS. Hall and Tisdall, members of the local legislature for Victoria and Vancouver respectively, have resigned, because of selling supplies to the Government. Mr. Hall is an Opposition man and Tisdall, Government. This sort of business is becoming tiresome.

KOOTENAY will get a member in the Dominion House, as a redistribution measure will assuredly be brought in. The needs of the big Yale-Cariboo district were too extensive for the well-known oratorical and statesmanlike abilities of Hewett Bostock, M.P., to deal with, hence the division of labor.

IT is proposed by some prominent Canadians to make Canada "a Link of Love" between Great Britain and the United States. No serious objection can be raised to this proposition, but if Canada is to be the link then Canadians ought to have something to say about how that link is to be welded, and what this country is to get out of the love match.

VICTORIA got excited last week and held an indignation meeting to protest against the passage of the Election Petitions Bill. It was a huge affair, but it remained for Mr. Speaker Foster to utterly squelch the whole business, and, incidentally, the torchlight procession. Indignation is a cheap commodity in the Province, and attempted coercion of the House won't work.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR McINNES is happy. He and Hon. Jos. Chamberlain are on the same footing. At least the latter said something the other day on a Newfoundland question, and the worthy lieutenant-governor has made use of it, to dispose of the petition presented to him by the indignants of Victoria to disallow the Election Petitions Bill. As Bill Shakespeare, or Mr. Aristotle, or Hewett Bostock has remarked, "Great minds run in the same channel."

IT would appear that the Liberal party were in bad shape in British Columbia. Victoria is to have a new evening paper, in opposition to the Times, and many staunch Grits are supporting the movement. Senator Templeman and Hewett Bostock, with the Times and Province, represent one wing of the party, while would-be-Senator McLagan, with the World, assisted by the new paper and its backers represent the other. And thus the game goes on.

THE revenue of the Dominion for the six months ending Dec. 21 was $22,113,378, compared with $17,033,974 for the same time in 1897, an increase of over $4,000,000. The expenditure increased from $13,488,000 to $14,811,000, an increase of $1,323,000, so that the exact betterment of revenue, taking into account the expenditure, was $2,855,000. The expenditure on capital account was $5,214,829 for 1898 as compared with $2,362,255 for 1897, an increase of $2,850,000.

ANOTHER member of the Legislature has resigned his seat and will stand for re-election. This time it is A. E. McPhillips, fourth member for Victoria, and he gave up his seat because his law partner earned a fee for personally arguing a case in court for the Crown. If Joe Martin's mother-in-law raised hens and sold eggs to the Attorney-General's secretary's wife's brother-in-law we wonder if the Attorney-General would have to give up his seat and stand for re-election, or would the hen that laid the eggs be killed?

THERE may be no connection in this matter, but the situation is somewhat curious. Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Liberal Premier of Canada, is seeking to place himself on a friendly footing with the American powers at Washington by giving them almost everything worth having short of the Dominion itself, and our own brave cabinet in British Columbia, led by two valiant Grits like J. Fred Hume and Joe Martin, are fathering legislation to debar the aliens from sharing the riches of the Province. How Uncle Sam views this may be judged from the fact that Sir Wilfred all but admits defeat. It is no wonder the Americans look with disdain upon the Canucks, for our Ottawa ministers are perpetually junketting to Washington. It is a pity a few of them would not stay there.

THE Toronto Telegram looks with half-hearted approval upon the action of the B. C. Legislature in pushing through the bill to shut aliens out of the benefits of the placer gold fields. It says: "If the proposal of the British Columbia Government to shut aliens out of the benefits of the mining districts makes it harder for the Dominion Government to secure a treaty with the United States, the country generally will not regret the assurance that the Semlin-Martin ministry has a safe majority. This bold mining policy of the coast Government is timely. It comes at a moment when it has federal as well as provincial interest and significance. It is a hint to the Washington Government that Canada is not 'easy,' that a bold national spirit is spreading over Canada, that we believe we can live, and thrive without the grace of the republic, and that we mean to go right along in the way of prosperity, Canada for the Canadians, no matter what Uncle Sam thinks or does. It is plain notice to the United States that Canada is not on its knees to an unneighborly neighbor.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

THE Dominion authorities have written the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, upon the representation of the Mikado of Japan, asking for the repeal of all legislation restricting the employment of the Japanese in British Columbia. In addition to this the Federal Government would also like to see the Chinese similarly treated. As if in direct opposition to this request and as an intimation to the Laurier Goverment to mind their own business and permit British Columbia to run its own affairs, the Legislature adopted the following resolution unanimously, on motion of Messrs. Helmcken and Dunsmuir: "That an humble address be presented by this house to the lieutenant-governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take into consideration the desirability of increasing the per capita tax on Chinese coming into the Dominion, and urging that in the opinion of this House three-fourths of all moneys received in British Columbia ports from the present tax, or (if such tax be increased) three-fourths of such revenue so increased should be paid to this Province, as the chief injury from the presence of the Chinese is sustained by the Province, and not by the Dominion."

There is no doubting the feeling of the people of this Province on the question of Asiatic labor, and the legislators are but voicing the sentiments of their constituents. As citizens and fellow laborers, the Asiatics are not wanted here, and should the Federal authorities permit sentimental reasons and mutterings of unwise missionaries prevail to the detriment of the rights and feelings of the people of the Pacific coast, they will be working to the moral undoing and curse of this fair Province. British Columbia should be permitted the same scope as in the several provinces of Australia. They are nearer the source of immigration and have had ripe experience in the matter. They found a simple but effectual remedy for the evil in high taxation. If the unwelcome Asiatics can not be exclusively debarred, then let them be taxed to the fullest extent, and this system will soon work to the redemption of the situation. The Slocan may be a despised silver camp but it has no Chinese.

PERPLEXITY.

A star once sought to shed upon the night a feeble ray,
But, peeping out, she soon was lost in heaven's pathless way,
Yet on she went, illumining the clouds which darker grew,
Until the darkest came—alas! she could not then shine through;
Perplexed, she hid her face and wept behind her sable veil,
To think, her mission scarce begun, was destined thus to fail.

A little stream did onward wend its journey to the sea,
And bubbling 'midst the pebbled sands sang all so cheerily,
It brushed the ferns, and glided round the curves upon its way,
Until a boulder rock it met, and then it went astray:
Yet urging still its troublous course to plunge into the sea,
In quicksand marsh 'twas swallowed up and sank eternally.

A hawthorn bud essayed to bloom and cheer the pilgrim's way,
And timidly disclosed itself one bleak mid-winter's day,
But unaccustomed to the frosts its leaves unfurled in vein,
For blighted in the morn, at eve it folded up again:
And as it closed its weary eyes and bowed its drooping head,
Sweet Hope, the emblem of its life, forevermore was dead.

Thus, like the star whose first bright ray dispersed the lesser cloud,
Till, too ambitious its aim, 'twas wrapped in deepest shroud;
Or like the stream whose eager flow to reach the mighty sea,
Thus hastened its sad, fatal end into eternity;
Or like the bud whose sweet intent to cheer and to refine,
But quickened its too early birth on to a sweet decline—

So life oft proves its cherished aims its surest, saddest blight;
We wake to find our hopes have been but dreams within a night;
But when at last ambitions ceased, existence finds a close,
Though on this earth we ne'er may know whose blessing and repose,
Beyond all tears there is a God who notes our good intent,
And not alone the good we've done, but, too, the good we meant.

—Mrs. Cornelius Hardy.

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

I find that I am a more important person than I thought.
I make the president, and the governor, and the judge on the bench, and the street-cleaning commissioner.
If the president wishes to declare war, or to make peace, or to keep or not to keep the Philippine islands, he waits to hear what I have to say.
I am the president, and the governor, and the judge on the bench, and the street-cleaning commissioner.
I find that when Ethan Allen captured Fort Ticonderoga, "in the name of Almighty God and the continental congress," and that when "Mad Anthony" stormed the breastworks at Stony Point, and when Cornwallis gave his sword to the great George, and that when Lee surrendered to Grant, I was there.
I was right in it.
I did it.
I find that I commanded the ships, and sighted the guns, and fired the shells, and stoked the boilers, and managed the engines at Manila, and at Santiago the same.
It was I who charged up the hill at San Juan and set the flag a-waving over Ponce.
I am the man who sunk the Merrimac.
I am indispensable and irrepressible.
Nothing can be done in these states and territories and outlying islands without me.
The millionaire can't get his stuff together in such large piles without I help him.
He can't build a house or run a railroad, or open a mine, or start the oil well spouting, or make the electric wires talk, and work wool into clothes, or ideas into bank notes, unless I say so.
The missionary can't go unless I send him
The legislator can't legislate and the magistrate can't enforce the law without my consent.
Not even the boss can boss things unless I let him.
I'm wonderful.
You can't buy anything unless I sell
You can't sell anything unless I buy.
You can't teach anything unless I learn.
You can't learn anything unless I teach.
I'm something surprising.
The Greeks and the Romans, and Nebuchadnezzar and Pharaoh and Xerxes never saw anything like me.
I'm English, Irish, French, Spanish, and Portuguese; German, Dutch, Russian, Polis and Scandinavian; Italian, Greek and Turk; Chinese, Japanese and Hawaiian; Australian and Canuck; Afro-American and just plain nigger; cowboy, Indian and Mexicano and a lot more.
I'm simple and I'm complex.
I may not always be right, but I always come out right in the end: and I'm pretty certain to get what I want.
I always want something, and generally know exactly what it is.
You never heard of me?
Well, you have.
And you'll hear more of me for a long time to come, for I am here to stay.
Who am I?
Whoop!
I'm a horny-handed, kid-gloved, knickerbockered, silk-stockinged, swarthy-cheeked, eye-glassed, literary, yellow-journal-reading, church going, whiskey-drinking, law-abiding, negro-lynching, philanthropic, money-grabbing, sentimental, hard-headed, brave, cowardly, independent, boss-ridden, wise, frivolous, hard-working, fun-loving, steady, silly, white-faced, black-faced, copper-colored, well-dressed, unwashed, gentlemanly, rowdyish, all-round—American Citizen.

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Lay it there in the shadow. For God's sake don't
call that him!
That bundle of frozen clothing we found in the
drift ain't Jim.
Not the Jim as I knew—my partner—Jim, fit and
strong as an ox!
That thing without muscle or movement, and as
limp as my sodden socks!
Leave that alone in the shadow, and pile a log on
the fire,
Jim's gone, I guess, where the sparks go, a-climbing higher and higher.
Not that they get there neither. That log sucked
sunlight and dew
In bygone springs when it budded where the
yellow snowdrops grew;
And now it's goin' to nothin' but ash and a feeble
spark
That wavers away towards heaven an' goes out,
of course, in the dark.
Climbin'! Is that all we're made for? Like the
armies of the silent pine
Which climb an' climb on forever from the gulch
to the timber line?
Not one in a million gets there; when they do
they wither and die.
See them! Whitened, withered, wind-twisted,
corpse-trees in a winter sky!
Prospectin'! that's what they call it; hard labor
an' hunger an' cold.
That's what prospectin' is mate; a hunt for a
devil, Gold!
Gold that buys women and whiskey—hands shaky
an' eyesight dim,
An' a lot of bummers to suck you dry, but never
a pal like Jim.

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That wasn't the way as Jim talked. No! That
wasn't the way Jim thought.
He worked 'cos he loved the labor; he was born
to fight, so he fought.
He loved the hardship, the danger, black canyon
or shifting slide—
I've seen him laugh at the risks he took, at the
very place where he die.

An' it was a game worth playin'! Alone—at the
heart of the world,
Where the mighty snowslides thundered and the
long grey vapours curled,
When we mere pigmies ventured to storm Creation's hold,
Staked our lives on the blindest bluff an' played
World for her gold.
Climbed to the throne of Morning; sank shafts to
the roof of Hell—
Till the hot air scorched our faces an' water hissed as it fell;
Worked like men in the daytime, slept 'neath the
sweet-breathed trees,
Lulled by the drone of the foaming crick an' the
song of the chickadees.
We had Great Things then for our comrades, the
Forces of Ecarth for foes,
There's one of us down in the battle, an' another
don't care when he goes.

They laughed in our face in the cities; the fat
smug cities back east—
Thought we were both of us lany, something half-man, half-beast!
Cities! My God, we built 'em. Do you mind
how Rossland rose?
Do you mind the first log shanty we built among
the snows?
Do you mind how two years later their iron
horses raced
From North and South the boundary line to the
goal that he had placed,
And now there are twice three thousand, where
then there were not but three.
Though devil a one in Rossland town has heard
of Jim or me.

Do you mind the fire at Kaslo or the storm that
drowned her out?
We warmed our hands at the blazing shacks and
rebuilt in a waterspout.
Do you mind—well, of course you mind it, and
that, my God, is the end,
Nerveless, voiceless, sightless and deaf to the
voice of his friend.
No! No! It is not the reason. I see that the
heavens are far,
But I don't believe that the sparks go out—I
know that they reach the star.

—Clive Phillips-Wolley, in Victoria Colonist.

NORTHWEST MINING SYNDICATE.

Results of the First Year's Operations Eminently Satisfactory.

The first ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Northwest Mining Syndicate, Limited, was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., London, Eng. Mr. E. L. Heatley, chairman of the company, presided. The secretary, George F. W. Pipe, read the notice calling the meeting

The Chairman: There are a few items in the balance-sheet to which I would like to refer. You will see that our nominal capital is 20,000l. At the date of the balance-sheet, Sept. 30, 5,100 shares were fully-paid and 5,335 shares were 10s. paid, making altogether a total issued capital of 10,435 shares. At that time the unpaid calls amounted to 695l., but these arrears have since been wiped off. Of course, on the 5,335 shares, which formed our second issue of capital, there was still a liability of 10s., but this has since been called up. The bills payable on Sept. 30 amounted to 1,314l. 18s. 3d.; they represented drafts from the mine which had been accepted by this company and they have since been paid. On the other side of the balance-sheet you will see that the cost of properties, options, and development work is put down at 324l 13s. 8d.; and, in connection with this item, you will notice the remark which has been made by our auditors. They state—and they do so with the sanction of the board—that the title to the Bosun mine is apparently clear, and that the property is vested in the company. I can tell you now that the Bosun mine is absolutely in possession of the company, and that the title is entirely clear. With regard to the other options, some of the titles were in the names of individuals at the time the accounts were made up; but they have since been transferred to the company, and are in course of being placed in the syndicate's name.

I may state that I also been out to British Columbia and have incurred considerable expenses in travelling about the country, but I have not charged these, because I did not think that the present time was the proper opportunity to charge the company with more expenses than were necessary.(Hear, hear.) The agent's salary, you will observe, we have paid in 100 fully-paid shares. It was arranged when the company was formed that there should be a certain number of shares at the disposal of the directors to be given as fully-paid shares to people who represented the company, in order that they should be remunerated in a manner that would give them an interest in the welfare of the concern. The 100 shares I have mentioned were given to a valued friend of ours in British Columbia, who, at an early period of the company's existence, rendered us very considerable assistance. Unfortunately, his other affairs did not permit him to continue to take an active part in managing our affairs in the colony. The expenses in London, I think, speak for themselves—I believe you will consider they are very moderate. For office rent, salaries and general expenses there has been paid 155l. 10s. 70d., and I would remind you that this is for a period of 15 months.

Beyond this nothing has been paid for the management of the company's business in London, which has been conducted, in accordance with the arrangement made, by my firm, Messrs. Heatly & Co. This arrangement was made in order not to burden the company with any heavy expenses until there was something to represent them in the results, but, of course, the future remuneration of those in charge of the management will be arranged by the directors. Then we come to the deductions which have to be made from the expenditure, and the principal one is that of 1,642l., the value of the ore shipped from the Bosun mine up to Sept. 30. You will see that this item appears again below in order that we may show the result of our operations up to that date. Our work has not been on a sufficiently extensive scale before Sept. 30 to make it desirable in our opinion to issue a profit and loss account. Therefore this item is placed in the balance-sheet as stated, and will be carried to the profit and loss account in the coming year. Well, you will understand from our report that in accordance with the intentions of those who formed the syndicate, operations have been carried out in British Columbia which have resulted in several options being taken up, and money has been spent in investigating their merits. Some of the options have already been abandoned, others we are holding and considering what we shall do with them; and one property, about which you have received information from time to time, is being actively proceeded with as a mining operation, the Bosun mine.

This property was originally called the Harris mine, but it has been renamed the Bosun by Mr. Sandiford. In justice to Mr. Sandiford, I should like to make some observations as to how this property was acquired, because I do not think it would be proper to consider that it was merely by chance that we secured it. While in British Columbia certain properties were placed before me, and on my return I discussed the apparent merits of them with my colleagues. One of these properties was known as the Fidelity, which, so far as it had been opened up, had a very good showing. We then discussed at our board meetings what our future course of action should be, and I told my colleagues that I must confirm the statement which had been made to us that British Columbia was full of opportunities, but that the most important matter undoubted was to have the right person to represent us in the Colony. I told them that we wanted a person of large mining experience, and a person in whose integrity we could absolutely rely. They concurred with me in the opinion, and we had the opportunity of obtaining the services of W. H. Sandiford.

I had known Mr. Sandiford for many years in connection with mining operations, and I considered we were fortunate in securing his services. After being appointed he went out with general instructions to report upon any properties that might be offered to us, and we especially called his attention to those which had already been mentioned to us, among them being the Fidelity mine. In due course he inspected the Fidelity mine, but he reported that he could not advise us to take the property up. He said it was a very promising mine, but he considered that the price asked for it was excessive. About two months afterwards he wrote to us that he had obtained the option on a property lying below the Fidelity. He stated that he had always believed that the ore body found in the Fidelity mine was tending downwards into the adjoining property. Consequently, he had been quietly examining the adjoining property, with the view of discovering whether the same lode that was being worked in the Fidelity existed in this ground as well. Finally, he came to the conclusion that such was the case, and I very well remember what he wrote upon the subject when he recommended us to take up this option. He also stated that the Bosun property was most admirably situated for mining operations, as it abutted absolutely on the lake, and, therefore, the transport of the ore would cost the company a very small sum; while, in addition, shipments of ore could be made all the year round.

We agreed to take up the option, and the mine opened up so well during the first month that we decided on Mr. Sandiford's further advice to complete the purchase. Mr. Sandiford then proceeded to continue the work of sinking upon the lode, and on Aug. 1 he reported that he had two ft. of strong ore in the shaft; while on Sept. 1 he advised us that he wss sinking in four ft. of strong galena. He then commenced to run two tunnels from the surface, at right angles, of course, to the shaft. One of these is 76 ft. below the top of the shaft, and the second is another 75 ft. below that point. I have the satisfaction of informing you to-day that the first tunnel has been driven into the rich ore chute which Mr. Sandiford found in sinking the shaft. In the No. 2 tunnel he has had in various places ore, but he has not sufficiently advanced this tunnel to cut the rich ore chute met with in the shaft and tunnel above. However, the appearance of the No. 2 tunnel is most promising, and probably Mr. Sandiford will soon meet with the ore body there as well. In the meantime it looks very likely that there are other ore chutes to be found as has been shown by the ore that he has discovered in driving the No. 2 tunnel.

You will have seen from the returns that the ore is exceedingly valuable—probably the most valuable ore that is found in any part of the world. We have obtained from 300 tons of ore which have been shipped to the smelters $20,577, or about a net return of 13l. 10s. per ton. From this amount we have to take off the cost of transporting the ore from the mine to the lake, and also the cost of mining and the management expenses. The cost of transporting the ore to the lake is extremely moderate, about $1 per ton, I think, and no doubt that amount will be further reduced. The cost of mining I cannot exactly tell you at present. We are now spending about 600l. per month, and we have been obtaining 100 to 120 tons of ore in the same period, worth from 1,400l. to 1,600l. But the 600l. has included the management charges at the mine, driving the tunnels, erecting dwellings for the men, and other works which cannot be considered to be actual mining costs. Later on we shall know the exact amount, and we shall then be able to advise you as to what the mining costs may be in the future. Wages are, of course, high in the district. I have seen it reported that in the Rossland district the cost of mining, pure and simple, is about $2 47½ cents per ton, or in other words 10s. per ton. Our lodes are not as wide as those in the Rossland district, but on the other hand I know from a very long experience that our mining operations are likely to be conducted by Mr. Sandiford as economically as by any other manager in British Columbia. As to our future policy in dealing with our properties, our first intention is to proceed energetically with the opening up and working of the Bosun mine. At the same time we shall continue to consider other propositions as they come before us; but in the Bosun mine we have a good thing to apply our energies to, and therefore we are inclined to be a very conservative in anything else we may take up, as we do not wish to prejudice the results obtained from the Bosun mine by embarking into other adventures which may or may not turn out as well.

As to the prospect of earning dividends, I can inform you that Mr. Sandiford has financed his operations during October and November out of proceeds of ore from the Bosun, besides having remitted 2,000l. to this side, and I believe that on the 120 tons of ore that we shipped in November, we shall make a net profit of over 1,000l., and judging from the appearance of the mine at present, there is every prospect that we are going to continue to obtain good ore, but, of course, I cannot to-day tell you what we have ahead of us. We have only been working the mine for some six months, and until there is a large quantity of ore blocked out and ready for stoping, it would not be business-like to say that we know what we have got for the future. However, if in the future the developments are as good as they have been in the past, there is no reason whatever why our prospects should not be very bright.

The accounts before you show the financial position up to Sept. 30, but I should like to tell you what our position is to-day. We have about 5,500l. of our capital still unexpended, and we also have our properties. You will see that none of your directors retire this year. No remuneration has been received so far by the directors, because we framed our articles of association in such a way that this matter should be left in the hands of the shareholders, and a proposition will be laid before you to-day in regard to it. As to the latest information we have with regard to the Bosun mine, we have received what, perhaps, may be considered the usual telegram which comes on the day of a company's general meeting, but I think it is of a very different character. I have noticed that managers are very apt to say in their cables that every thing is extremely promising.

Mr. Sandiford, in his telegram, however, rather deals with facts. He states that up to Dec. 20 he has shipped 60 tons of ore, so I think we may assume that we shall have a good return this month. I, myself, was not quite sure as to what return we might expect for this month, because Mr. Sandiford is now connecting the No. 1 tunnel with the shaft. Hitherto he has been drawing the ore up the shaft, but as this has involved the drawing up of a considerable amount of dirt as well it has been an expensive method of getting out the ore. Therefore, we quite approve of Mr. Sandiford's intention of rather reducing the quantity of ore shipped in order that he might connect the No. 1 tunnel with the shaft and thereby reduce the cost of getting the ore out, as by this means the ore would be taken downwards instead of being hauled up the shaft. I now beg to propose that the report and balance-sheet to Sept. 30 last as presented be, and are hereby approved and adopted.

L. Seeling seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

John Wate: I think that the clear statement made by our chairman shows us that our directors are fully in touch with the business they have in hand, and this is of great importance in mining operations, which, as we all know, are of rather a precarious nature. Our directors have had considerable experience in this direction, and therefore it is a very pleasant duty for me to have in suggesting that we should in some way remunerate them for the services they have rendered this company during the 15 months under review. The resolution I propose is: "That the sum of 300l. be, and is hereby voted as the remuneration of the directors for the period from the formation of the company to Sept. 30 last."

F. Butler seconded the motion, and it was agreed to

Mr. Cheney: I have to propose that Messrs. Gane, Jackson, Jeffreys, and Wells & Co. be, and they are hereby appointed auditors for the ensuing year at a fee of 10 guineas.

H. C. Oswald seconded the motion, and it was carried

Mr. Waite: There is one other matter I should like to say a word about, and that is in reference to our manager, Mr. Sandiford. I have known him for some years, and I have always found him to be a wonderfully hard-working man. He is not only most energetic himself, but everybody who works with him is encouraged by his efforts to be equally as persevering It is of great importance to have such a man to manage our business, and I think we should express our appreciation of his services.

Mr. Cheney seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

Mr. Roberts: I think before we separate we ought to tender our thanks to the chairman and his co-directors who have piloted the company with apparently such great success.

C. J. Morgan seconded the motion, which was heartily accorded.

The meeting then terminated.

Reciprocity in Postal Matters.

Superintendent Metcalf, of the Money Order Bureau of the United States Postoffice Department has returned to Washington from Ottawa, Ont., where he made arrangements with the Canadian Government for the mutual reduction of money-order rates. "Under this arrangement," said Mr. Metcalfe, "this government will issue orders payable at any point in Canada at the same rate as required for any order payable within this country, and vice-versa This makes the domestic rates of each apply reciprocally for these International orders. This arrangement contemplates the transaction of money-order business between Canada and all our territorial acquisitions on the same domestic basis as is to apply to the United States proper. The arrangement also provides reciprocally for raising the maximum amount of orders from $50 to $500. The latter will take effect very shortly. Other matters will require some correspondence before going into operation, which will probably be by April 1st."

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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:—

ASSESSMENTS.

JAN 12—New Kohinor.

Work done on the Shunia and Rushford to apply on the General Sherdan and Snowstorm Fraction, to enable owners to obtain crown grants for all.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

JAN 10—Dorothy, to the Ruth No 2 Mining Co, Ltd.

JAN 12—Alligash, to the B C Gold Trust, Ltd.

TRANSFERS.

JAN 10—Noonday Group, Chas McNicol. Thos M Duffy, G Spencer, Jackson Radcliff to N J Stewart, A Stewart, J M M Benedum, lease and option, 15 per cent. of value of ore shipped, Jan 4.

JAN 11—Alberta 1/6, E Shannon to John Lind, Jan 2.

Fidelity Fraction, Geo Campbell to G H Dawson, Jan 11, $1,000.

Sunnyside Fraction, V H Behne to The Pacific Prospecting Co, Ltd, Nov 21.

JAN 13—Isis ½, James Black to O T Stone and John F McIntosh, six month's option, $2 000.

Torpedo ½, K Morrison to Frank Ryan, Nov 14.

JAN 16—Fidelity Fraction, Geo H Dawson to The Northwest Mining Syndicate, Ltd, Jan 12.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 31—Selkirk, Jennie.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 31—San Antonio and Salem, ¼ in each, E T Steele to G W O'Dell, $1,500.

JAN 3—Joker and Derby, 3 months option, G W Labert and A G Lambert to H H Finshaw, $250.

THE WORLD'S OUTPUT.

Great Increase in the Production of Minerals Last Year.

John J. Valentine, president of Wells-Fargo & Company's Express, has issued the usual annual statement of the production of precious metals in the states and territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and North-West Territories, for the year ending 1898. The aggregate valuations are shown as follows:

Gold, $78,461,202; silver, $39,016,565; copper, $46,200,547; lead, $13,844,251; total gross, $177,022,666. The commercial value at which the several metals named have been estimated is: Silver, 58 cents per ounce; copper, 12 cents per pound and lead, $3.65 per cwt.

Classified, the production of gold dust and bullion in the several states and territories, based on shipments handled by the express company and other conveyances is shown as follows:

California, $15,402,653.
Nevada, $2,798,785.
Oregon, $2,142,369.
Washington, $320,590.
Alaska, $3,153,991.
Idaho, $2,487,000.
Utah, $2,168,280.
Montana, $4,630,680
Colorado, $23,177,262.
New Mexico, $304,866.
Arizona, $3,167,625.
Dakotas, $657,520.
Texas, $5,200.
British Columbia and North-West Territories, $11,975,000.
Total, $78,461,202.

The production of silver, copper and lead in the several states and territories during 1898 was divided as follows: California, $18,106,351; Nevada, $3,595,542; Oregon, $2,215,119; Washington $457,956; Alaska, $3,321,491; Idaho, $11,648,205; Montana, $43,898,090; Utah, $10,484,888; Colorado, $41,316,644; New Mexico, $1,704,866; Arizona, $15,575,820; Dakotas, $6,704,420; Texas, $281,100; Wyoming, $52,275; British Columbia and North-West Territories, $17,663,200; total, $177,022,666.

The year's combined production of the metal named is the greatest in the history of the countries—United States and British Columbia and North-West Territories—that of gold, $78,461,202, being above any previous record officially reported, and the world's output of gold for 1898, approximately $280,000,000, is amazing.

The most notable increases have been in South Africa, $25,000,000, the British possessions of the northwest, $6,000,000, Australasia, $6,000,000. and the United States of America, $3,000,000.

The exports of silver during 1898 to Japan, China and the Straits Settlements were as follows:

From London, $27,404,623; from San Francisco, $5,217,000, making a total of $32,622,032. The total for 1897 was $48,412,009.

RAILROAD INTO TROUT LAKE.

The Topic Correctly States the Great Need of it.

Commenting upon the pressing need of a railroad into the Trout Lake district, the Topic says:

Trout Lake is to-day in substantially the same condition in which Slocan was before the N. & S. Ry. was built. * * * Were a railroad in running condition to-day in the Trout Lake district, twice the present amount of ore from the whole district would be shipped by the Silver Cup alone. Then there is the Broadview with 800 tons of ore lying on the dump, the Great Northern with 200 and the Bad Shot with 30. The True Fissure has an immense ore body in sight but until a railroad is built there is no possible chance of its ever being worked. The reason being simply that it is too low grade to be able to stand present transportation charges. Thousands of dollars have been expended on roads and trails in the neighborhood and every year the maintenance of these is becoming more burdensome with the same chance now as years ago, of their being results sufficient to balance this expenditure. If a railroad were built now, this country would be in condition to use these trails to advantage and to pay back, in taxes on the ore shipped, the money expended to build them But so long as the railroad remains at the distance of 40 miles from the mines then just so long will the development of this district consist of yearly assessments conducted by the original owners.

MONOPOLY OF COPPER MINES.

The New York Herald says: Negotiations looking to the consolidation of the copper mining interests of the United States have been in progress in this city for a week. With the reputed backing of no less a powerful company than that of the Standard Oil, the copper mining company, in its combination of six plants, expects to revolutionize the copper mining industry of the world. The Boston and Montana and the Butte and Boston mining companies, the old Dominion Copper Company, of Arizona, and the Arcadian, Tamarac and Osceola mining companies of Michigan, are named as the component parts of the new organization.

It is understood that the American company will reach into Canada and absorb important copper mines there, thus making the combination international, but the Calumet and Hecla company, the largest producer in the Lake Superior region, has so far declined to enter the combination. Interested observers of the transactions in mining stocks in 1898 declare that a small coterie of men have added $50,000,000 to their wealth through this channel. The combination springs from the recent upheaval in copper, and the prices have soared to the highest figures known in face of unprecedented consumption. The increased employment of electrical energy has caused an enormous demand for copper. European countries alone last year used 456,769,760 pounds and it is considered that the American mines supply most of the foreign requirements in addition to home demands. The possibilities in the copper situation become apparent.

BETTER TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

The British Columbia Weekly, a trade paper published at Vancouver and Victoria, has many good things in it relating to trade between the coast cities and the interior. As proof that it understands the condition of things we quote from it: "Probably the greatest movement necessary in business circles in the Province of British Columbia to day is towards establishing a better and more intimate trade relationship between the Kootenays and the coast. That both are in one province and that the whole lies isolated—to an extent—from the rest of the Dominion, is one cause making for a community of interests. Natural loyalty to the Province in which we live should be a strong incentive to all to work together to build up the banner Province of the whole confederation, as is fairly possible, for nowhere else in Canada are the natural resources and capabilities of the farm, forest, fisheries and mine so well combined, and generously, not to say lavishly, disposed. Loyalty to our country should also operate to incline the people of the Province to trade the one part with the other, in preference to buying in other countries what can be supplied as well by our fellow-citizens. It is well-known, however, that patriotism cuts very little figure when dollars and cents are under consideration, so that in the case of extending trade between the coast cities and the towns of the interior, the competition of trade centres across the border must be met."

POINTS ABOUT ADVERTISING.

Economy is to be preached in advertising. Economy is to be preached in everything. Advertising need not have all the economy.

The only business maxim, that "that which is worth doing is worth doing well," applies in its full strength to advertising. Better not advertise at all than to botch it. No sensible merchant would think of providing 40 cubic feet of goods in 30 feet cubic feet of storage, yet the same merchant often attempts to draw trade into his $50,000 business with advertising space a $5,000 man would be ashamed of.

One may advertise too little and lose money. One may advertise too much and lose money. Advertising expenditure should be followed and regulated and every advertising experiment tested and re-tested. Every dollar put out in advertising should be watched from the time it goes out until it begins to come in again.

Let your advertising space be as large as your business. No more think of crowding your advertising space than of crowding your salesroom space. Customers are much more important than spacious warerooms. Better have plenty of wareroom space and plenty of advertising.

The successful advertiser invarably has plenty of space, and uses few words in it; and what is more, he never cuts his advertising seriously during the alleged dull times. Experience has taught him that about the best time to advertise is all the time.

CANADIAN FAILURES IN 1898.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Financial Review states that Canadian failures in 1898 have been 1,305, or 28 per cent. fewer in number than in 1897, or in either of the three previous years. The amount of liabilities was $4,336,000, or 31 per cent. less than in 1897, or in either of the three previous years. The decrease of liabilities was about 42 per cent. in Ontario, and 26 per cent., but little less than the average decrease, in Quebec, while in New Brunswick and British Columbia some increase appears. The decrease in manufacturing failures is considerable in number, but far more striking in amount, being 39 per cent. compared with last year, 61 per cent. compared with 1896, and 62 per cent compared with 1895 or 1894. The decrease in trading failures is relatively smaller, as might be expected, in amount of liabilities 25 per cent. compared with last year, 35 per cent. compared with 1896 or 1894, and 24 per cent. compared with 1895.

Cosgrove Concert Co.

Last Wednesday night the Cosgroves, the well-known entertainers, held forth in the Bosun Hall. At the commencement, Mr. Cosgrove congratulated the town upon the possession of such a beautiful hall, characterizing it as the neatest, most compact, and best fitted-up of any place of its size he had ever been in. He trusted the management would have unbounded success. The entertainment was confined chiefly to kinetoscope views, with a number of musical selections between, and ending with an exhibition of Delsarte posing. Only part of the troupe was present, as one of the ladies is in the Spokane hospital undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The Cosgroves have just finished a tour through the Boundary camp, and report huge success.

Uncommonly Rich Ore.

The Rat Portage Miner of Dec. 30 states that the screws have been put on the employes of the Mikado mine and any one who is known to blab is to be discharged without ceremony. It is stated, however, by very competent authority, that, notwithstanding the ban of silence and secrecy imposed by the management of the Mikado, $300,000 worth of ore has now been taken out of the rich chute, which is carefully broken and sacked, and is being as carefully milled by being dumped directly into the battery, so that no loss is liable to occur. The miners are also stripped and carefully searched so that none of the rich ore is stolen.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for the North-West Mining Syndicate, Limited, F. M. Cert. No. 32676 A, Charles A. Rashdall, F. M. Cert. No. 10922 A, Arnold E. Fauquier, F. M. Cert. No. 5797 A, and Edward Stewart F. M. Cert. No. 33364 A intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Slocan Sovereign Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for the Slocan Mines Exploration and Development Company, Limited, F. M. Cert. No. 13096 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under Sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Continental Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, William S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Scottish Colonial Gold Fields, limited, free miner's certificate No. 33325A, and George W. Hughes, free miner's certificate No. 64975, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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.

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

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free miners' certificate No. 71890, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

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

Dated this 30th day of September, 1898

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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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