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SLOCAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

A social dance will be held in the Bosun hall to-night.

School re-opened on Tuesday with a fair attendance of pupils.

George Neelands is a candidate for the mayoralty of Nelson in opposition to Mayor Houston.

The thermometer on Tuesday night registered five degrees below zero, the coldest of the season.

Quite a number of the young folk of the town drove to Silverton on Friday evening to attend a ball.

H. T. Bragdon will remove his stock of hardware to Grand Forks, which place, he says, is booming.

New Year's was duly celebrated on Monday, the supply of good intentions becoming limited at nightfall.

Miss Reid, formerly of this town, but now living in Revelstoke, was visiting Mrs. W. Merkley during the week.

The Kaslo & Slocan Railway experienced much trouble with the snow last week, delaying travel considerably.

The usual services will be held in the Anglican Mission room, Sixth street, next Sabbath morning and evening.

The officers of the steamer Minto held a most enjoyable dance at the Arrowhead hall, Arrowhead, on Saturday evening.

Spokane and other financial centres are mad with the gold-copper fever, silver propositions meeting with little enthusiasm.

No appointment has yet been made to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Brouse's resignation of the coronership of the Slocan.

Alta Lodge, A. F. & A. M., is to be instituted at Sandon to-night. Several members of the craft from here will be in attendance.

A. D. Coplen, of Slocan City, is suffering from a badly ulcerated eye, the result of a splinter of rock getting into it while drilling.

Three candidates are enjoying rides upon the Knights of Pythias goat here, en route to the full rank of Knighthood. Others are coming.

The tug Sandon, which is being built at Rosebery, is all but finished. It only remains for the cabin to be set up, and the boat will be ready for launching.

Major Furlong is doing good service to New Denver by writing up for British journals the various properties adjacent to the town. Silver mountain is becoming well known.

The All Star English Specialty Co. will hold the boards at the Bosun hall, on the evenings of January 19, 20 and 21. There are 15 artists in the company, and they are said to be good.

A. E. Fauquier has sent to a New York party an exceedingly attractive display of minerals obtained from various Slocan properties. The specimens were very rich and most neatly arranged.

Rev. Frank Dumoulin, of Cleveland, Ohio, son of Bishop Dumoulin of Niagara diocese, and brother of P. Dumoulin, accountant of the Bank of Montreal here, has received a call to St Peter's church, Chicago.

Li. C Baker, of Walker & Baker, was resi called to Sandon on Sunday, to embalm corp the body of Miss Emily Jones, who had Mr died the day previous of brain fever Deceased was but in her teens and highly esteemed. The body was sent for burial to her home in Pennsylvania.

One of the finest specimens of map work ever seen in the camp is that of the Conder group, on Four Mile creek, drafted by H. T Twigg. Apart from the general outline of the claims is a key, showing the course of the vein from the Vancouver group and the contour of the surrounding hills

MARRIED—At Arrowhead, B. C., on Dec. 27, by Rev Mr Menzies, of Revelstoke, John Fyfe, chief engineer of the steamer Rossland, to Miss Sibyle Anderson Johnston, of Arrowhead After the ceremony a reception and dance was given at the Arrowhead hotel, and a pleasant time indulged in until the wee sma' hours of morning. The presents given to the happy couple were numerous and costly.

Hospital Cases.

There are at present three cases in the Slocan Hospital, two of which are surgical. F. Acerden, a C.P.R. bridgeman, is suffering from typhoid fever; A. Morrison, employed at Genelle's mill, Nakusp, has a badly cut knee; and W. McLeod, discharged some time ago after treatment for a broken leg, is again under the doctor's care, the leg not healing as quickly as expected.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Whitewater Deep has closed down.

Several men have been laid off at the Wakefield.

The Slocan Star has laid off a number of men till next May.

Slides and bad roads knocked out ore shipments last week.

The Last Chance shipped 80 tons of ore during last week.

Fear of snowslides has caused the Idaho Mines to reduce its force.

Ore from the Marion is being brought down to the wharf for shipment.

There is a foot of clean ore in the main workings of the Washington.

G. H. Dawson has closed down the Edinburgh group, on Four Mile, for the winter.

The C. P. R. is making new rates on Kootenay ore to Vancouver and Montreal, for shipment to England.

For the six months ending December 31, the Slocan country shipped upwards of 18,000 tons of ore, valued at close to $2,000,000.

Sixty tons of ore was shipped from Silverton last week, 40 of which was from the Vancouver, and the remainder from the Wakefield.

The owners of the Anglo-Saxon have resumed work on their property. More ore is appearing in the breast of the tunnel, mixed with spar.

The War Eagle Consolidated Co., of Rossland, has purchased the Eureka, Mineral Hill and Summit claims, in the vicinity of the Slocan Star.

Three Forkers expect great things to result from the sale of the Black Grouse group, on the north fork, made by Major Furlong to British capitalists.

Geo. Petty has about a dozen men working on the Monitor, at Three Forks. A second car load of ore has been shipped during the week.

Part of the Idaho Mines tramway has been carried away by a slide. The road to the mine is also in bad shape, it having to be shovelled out for nearly two miles.

W. C. E. Koch has one team hauling ore from the Enterprise, averaging four tons per day. The ore is being mixed, so as to give an estimate of its weight in bulk.

The Trail smelter is most anxious and desirous to obtain dry ores. One of the largest properties on the lake has been offered the advantageous rate of $10 per ton, freight and smelter treatment.

Geo. Hughes has been appointed attorney for the Scottish Colonial Goldfields vice J. Dixon Kendall. The office of the company has also been removed from Vancouver to the Idaho concentrator.

Work is to be resumed on the Queen City group, one mile east of the town, before spring. P. W. Ellis, of Toronto, has purchased an interest in the property. There has been some good ore obtained from the main shaft.

Supt. Seeley, of the Alexandria mine, on Lemon creek, owned by D K. Macdonald, of Spokane, reports the crosscutting of the ledge at a depth of 60 feet. It shows five feet of well mineralized quartz, with good gold and silver values.

P. Lindquist is working single-handed on the Young Dominion, on Ten Mile, owned by himself, D. Weir and A Jacobson. He has driven 35 feet and says the showing has greatly improved The ledge is six feet wide, with a paystreak of three feet of good ore The galena is over 150 oz., with added values in copper and gold.

Wedding at Nakusp.

Married, in St. Mark's church, Nakusp, by Rev. C. F. Yates, on Wednesday, December 28th, George Birkett Taylor, of Greenwood, to Miss Jane Caldwell Mr. Taylor is one of the pioneers of the Kettle River district and is now clerk and assessor of Greenwood. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Dawson, of Nakusp, and for some years past was the popular teacher in the public school at Enderby.

The Great Bosun.

Sinking on the No. 2 shaft of the Bosun is to be resumed so soon as the present cold weather abates. Everything about the mine is in first-class shape, all the main workings being in ore. Twenty tons was shipped last week and 40 more will go out this. The force at present employed numbers 22 men.

ROUND THE HUB.

Bread sells at Cascade for five cents a loaf.

There is not an empy residence in Moyie City.

Gambling is to be stamped out at Greenwood.

Steamer Rossland is tied up for the winter at Nakusp.

J. L. White, Slocan City, is opening a drug store at Niagara.

Work is to commence at once on Cascade's new water system.

Windermere has petitioned the Government for medical assistance.

Electric power from Bonnington Falls will be used at the Trail smelter.

Three new townsites have been staked out in the vicinity of Windermere.

An English syndicate is purchasing the townsite of Gladstone for $30,000

One million feet of logs will be gotten out this season by the Moyie City sawmill.

The big chimney at the Trail smelter will be finished in a few days. It is 175 feet high.

Six new Bruckner furnaces for roasting lead ores are being added to the Trail smelter.

H. J. Bourne and F. McCarty are in the field as candidates for the mayoralty of Revelstoke.

F. H. Hughes, a real estate dealer, has been arrested at Cascade for issuing worthless cheques.

Grand Forks is to have a brass band of 21 pieces. The board of trade is back of the scheme.

Ross Thompson has retired from the mayoralty contest in Rossland. Ald Goodeve takes his place.

G. Stobile, an Italian capitalist, is opening a private bank at Grand Forks, with branches at Niagara and Gladstone

J. M. Compton died at Rossland on Tuesday, from injuries received from a car of ore falling on him in the War Eagle mine.

The C. P. R. will begin at once the construction of the R. & P. road through Midway to Rock creek, in order to tap the mines in that locality.

Alex. Lucas, of Kaslo, provincial organizer of the Conservative party, has returned from the east, where he was in conference with the leading spirits of that party.

The commercial travelers of British Columbia met at Vancouver last week and organized an association. T. Gray, of Nakusp, traveler for McMillan & Hamilton, was appointed director for Kootenay.

Several East Kootenay deals of the late Government are to be aired in the Legislature, including the Upper Columbia lake canal concession, whereby 40,000 acres of land were given away for a useless ditch.

BOUNDARY.

Johnston, Taylor and Currie Bros. have struck it rich in the Red Lion tunnel, at Rock Cut

While working the long tunnel on the Jennie May mineral claim, in Seattle camp, a miner by the name of Thomas was seriously injured by a premature explosion caused by using a short fuse. Thomas' skull was fractured and he was cut more or less about the head.

White's camp is rapidly coming into prominence because of the good work being done at the City of Paris. The tunnel on this property is in about 500 feet. The ore gives high values in gold and copper. Mr. White, the superintendent of the City of Paris, expects to have the compressor plant running soon.

Thursday noon J. Cameron, foreman of the John Bull group, at Gladstone, on which development was begun a short time since, brought the news to Cascade of a rich strike on that property made the day before, and showed samples of the new find. They were beautiful samples of peacock copper. The property is under a working bond to a strong syndicate.

Four ledges of high grade ore have recently been cut through on the Bell of Ottawa and Mountain Monarch claims, in Seattle camp, some 10 miles from Grand Forks. While the railway employees were engaged in running a 42-foot open cut through the properties the ledges were crosscut, aggregating in width over 12 feet. The ore exposed to view is a fine grained copper ore, similar to the various ores on Seattle mountain found at great depth.

Lake Shipments.

F. W. Peters, district freight agent of the C.P.R., states that the shipments of ore from the various lake points from July 1, 1898, were as follows: Enterprise mine, to Omaha, 393 tons; Emily Edith, 15; Comstock, 63; Vancouver, 40; Wakefield, 120; Fisher Maiden, 6. The New Denver shipments are not included; but they are double those from Silverton.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The North Star company are working 85 men.

A. W. Bleasdell has purchased a three-quarter interest in the Babylon group

The main lead on the Estella has been struck. The tunnel is now in about 570 feet.

Development work on the Boyer group, on Bull river, will be pushed next season.

E. J. Walsh has a force of eight men at work on the Magnificent claim, on Perry creek.

On Tracy creek development work is being pushed on the Estella and several other properties.

Development work on the Copper Crown is being pushed. The shaft is down 43 feet, with a good showing of copper ore.

E. J. Walsh, of Ottawa, has bonded the Dupont group, on Boulder creek, for $20,000. Five per cent. in cash was paid to the owners on signing the bond.

A big strike of copper ore is reported on the Swansea, at Windermere. The ore body struck in the shaft shows six inches of native copper and three feet of carbonates.

On the Southern Cross the shaft is down 33 feet. Eight men are employed in developing the property, under a contract to sink 100 feet. It is a free gold proposition.

E. C. Smith says that a test pit was sunk on the Sullivan group 150 feet north of the present workings, showing up a large body of carbonates. The machinery lately ordered is now on its way to the mine.

Mr. Griffith, Gold Commissioner, has received applications from the manager of the French Creek Hydraulic Company, operating in the Big Bend, for eight placer leases on the Columbia river, in the vicinity of Surprise Rapids, about 30 miles north of Donald.

The bin at the Lake Shore mine is full to the brim of clean ore, nearly 10 car loads. The chute of ore in the upraise is continually widening and the ore becoming of a higher grade. As soon as the siding is finished the owners will begin shipping and adding to the working force.

C. A. Watt, Windermere, has, on behalf of himself and his partners, bonded the Red Line group, on Horse Thief creek, to Messrs. Stoddart, Collins and Robertson, on behalf of a Spokane syndicate, for $50,000. The group consists of No. 1 and No. 2 Red Line and another claim. It is situated six miles up McDonald creek, a tributary which joins Horse Thief creek 13 miles from the Columbia river There is a fine showing, the main ledge being 20 feet wide. It is a copper property, carrying gold, and has assayed $12 in gold, with 12 per cent. of copper.

YMIR.

The Blackcock is still steadily shipping to Northport.

The Fern mine has shut down temporarily pending changes.

A strike has been made on the Yellowstone property. A force of 16 men is employed on this mine, which is situated next to the Salmo Consolidated.

The new hoist and pumps have been installed on the Tamarac, and work is being vigorously pushed night and day A contract has been let by the company to drift 400 feet on the vein from the 200-foot level.

Regular shipments have been commenced from both the Second Relief and the Arlington over the new wagon road lately constructed from Erie through the country drained by the north fork of the Salmon river. Three teams are at work hauling from the Second Relief, and about five tons per day are being shipped The Arlington is outputting two or three tons per day

P. White will re-open the Wilcox at once and commence shipping ore to the Northport smelter The Wilcox is situated on Wild Horse creek, about a mile beyond the Blackcock. Five hundred feet of tunneling has been done. The lead disclosed is three feet wide, and the average assays went $50 to the ton It is entirely a free milling proposition. A five stamp mill has already been purchased in Montana and is expected to be here within a month, and the lumber for the mill house has been ordered

Boarding House Burned.

Monday evening the boarding house of W. C. E. Koch, in the Idaho basin, was burned down, fire having caught from the stove. The blaze was in full view from this place. The house was an old log affair, and was used by the teamsters employed in hauling the Idaho ore. No one was injured and the loss sustained by Mr. Koch was small. The horses and harness were taken out of the barn, which was close to the burning building, but fortunately it proved unnecessary. Mr. Koch will put up a new boarding house at once.

SAMPLING WORKS

Last spring Rosebery had a short-lived boom as the result of a building being erected for the alleged purpose of sampling ores. It turned out to be a myth, and the building stands as a monument of what can be done to influence real estate sales. However, a definite and bona fide proposition is now on foot, and if all goes well sampling works will be in actual operation at Rosebery by the middle of February.

Three weeks ago G. W. McDowell, of Denver, Colorado, who has considerable capital at the back of him, came here and sized up the situation. The outlook was favorable and he immediately got things into business shape. On Friday last he, accompanied by a representative of the C.P.R., were at Rosebery selecting a suitable site for the works, away from danger in case of Wilson creek becoming flooded. The works are to be equipped with the most modern machinery obtainable and to have a daily capacity of 100 tons. The supply will be drawn from the principal mines of the Slocan, which look upon the scheme with favor. Ore will also be purchased in small quantities, so that the numerous prospects in the vicinity may have an opportunity to realize at once upon their mineral. The company are prepared to expend $300,000 per month for the purchase of ore, which will permit of considerable scope. For small lots the price of sampling will be in the neighborhood of $2 per ton, with a better rate for large quantities. More than this sum Mr. McDowell claims can be saved by the strict and accurate check that can be secured upon smelter returns. The new works will not be controlled by any one smelter, but all will have the same privilege to purchase the product.

To the thousand and one promising prospects in the lake district the actual operation of sampling works at a convenient point will prove of great benefit and scores of small properties will be able to handle a ton or so in the course of development, which are now deterred owing to the owners not having the necessary capital to work. Cash will be paid for ore so soon as sampled and the tedious delay of smelter returns will be avoided.

The site for the works has been definitely chosen in the cove, close to the C.P.R. ship yard. The machinery has been ordered by wire, and the plans are being prepared for the buildings at Nelson, work on which will commence at once. Mr. McDowell states the Payne has contracted to supply him with ore, and he expects to get a great deal from the other mines. He will personally attend to the purchasing of ores, and Mr. Applethwaite, of Nelson, will have charge of the office. It is the intention of the company to also erect sampling works at some point on Kootenay lake.

FAIRVIEW.

The Fairview Corporation, Limited, is now an accomplished fact.

The Dominion Consolidated are busy with development work on the Black Hawk mineral claim.

Sinking still goes on in the Morning Star mine and the ore is equal to any hitherto taken out of that mine.

The Flora, Western Hill and Virginia Company are doing a considerable amount of development work on their property, which continues to give proof of first class value.

The Smuggler mill commenced crushing this week and will continue for 30 days before a cleanup is made. The mill was made by the Jenckes Machine Company of Sherbrooke, P Q. There are four batteries of five stamps each, with a total capacity of 40 tons per day. The power is given by a 40-horse-power Corliss engine

A Little Stir at Three Forks.

Almost the entire male population of Three Forks was in town on Saturday, either as principals or witnesses in a police court case before Magistrate Sproat On Christmas eve, Provincial Constable Davis, stationed at the Forks, attempted an arrest, and received a black eye Hence the trouble, most of the litigants being summoned for resisting an officer. The case was adjourned till to-day, to admit of the appearance of one of the most principal witnesses for the prosecution

K. of P. Officers.

The new officers of the Knights of Pythias lodge for the ensuing term were installed on Monday evening, as follows: C.C., G Sutherland: V C., J. C Bolander, Prel., A D McGillivray; M of W., J Goettsche: K. R. & S., W P. Evans: M.F., W Callanan: M E. T. Avison: I G., A. McLeod The term starts with bright prospects.

NEW DENVER GROWING.

Julian Durham Says the Town is a Thriving Burg.

In concluding her description of a trip through the Slocan, Mrs. Henshawe, or Julian Durham, of Vancouver, says:

The Nakusp & Slocan branch of the C.P.R. runs from Sandon to Nakusp to connect with the Arrow Lake steamers, and all along its route the scenery is very fine.

All the country bordering on Slocan lake is richly mineralized and though not yet as far developed as are the sections lying to the north, where around Sandon 27 dividend-paying mines have their location, still there are already several small shippers near Slocan City whose output will largely increase now that rail communication has been opened up between the lake and Lower Kootenay river.

Slocan lake affords excellent fishing, and is a favorite resort for camping parties, the small streams in the vicinity being full of brook trout. Near here New Denver is situated, the centre of Government for the district and a thriving town of 1,000 inhabitants, indeed the whole Slocan from Kaslo to Nakusp is being rapidly developed, the silver, lead and galena mines giving richest promise

As railway traveling is necessarily rather slow in this part of the world on account of the tremendously heavy grades, it is more pleasant to ride through certain portions of the country, also up to visit the various mining camps; excellent horse-trails intersecting the mountains in all directions, and ponies being obtainable at reasonable rates in any of the settlements. It would be impossible to over-rate two things in the Slocan—the wealth of the silver mines and the hospitality of the mining camps.

Death of P. McDougall.

On Thursday, Peter McDougall, one of the most widely known characters in the camp, died at the Slocan hospital of inflammation of the brain. This was the first death in the new hospital. Deceased had been kindly taken care of by Dr. Brouse, who did all he could for the poor fellow. The body was turned over to Walker & Baker, who gave it burial McDougall was 41 years of age and came from Ashland, Wisconsin, where his relatives now reside. At one time he was worth considerable money, but he drank it all up. He had been in this neighborhood for years, and every cent he earned went over the bar. At his death he was stone broke.

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES.

United church services will be held in the new Bosun hall on Sunday, January 15th, 1899. The New Denver orchestra will lead the singing and play selections of sacred music at both services. A strong united choir will sing specially chosen anthems both morning and evening. The services will be held, morning at 12 o'clock, and evening at 7:30. Revs. J. A. Cleland, B A., and R Newton Powell will conduct. It is hoped that everybody in New Denver will be present. All seats free. Collection at each service.

AFTER THE CONVENTION.

Spokane parties are negotiating for the purchase of the Convention, one of the most promising properties on Silver mountain, and owned by Messrs. Murphy, Behne and Fauquier, of this town. Geo. Aylard inspected the claim on Saturday for the parties negotiating, and he was much pleased with the showing. Messrs. Murphy and Behne have been working on it for some time. They have a tunnel driven 44 feet on the ledge, and the paystreak shows first-class ore and is widening.

Slides at the Enterprise.

Numerous slides occurred last week in the vicinity of the Enterprise mine, on Ten Mile One came down the gulch and took out a number of buildings and the track at the No. 3 workings and swung round on the dump. Another grazed the barn and a third made things interesting at No. 2 tunnel. The big Neepawa slide also came down, but did no damage.

PURVIANCE-SPAUL NUPTIALS.

On Monday Walt. J. Spaul was married to Miss A. Purviance, by R. N. Powell. The happy couple left next morning for Robson, where they will make their home. Both bride and groom were among the most popular young people of the town. The bride is a sister to Mrs. H. Stege, of the Newmarket Hotel.

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SLOCAN ADVANCES.

Despite the prevailing depression throughout the entire year, the Slocan country did remarkably well in 1898. In the towns general flatness was experienced and many business disappointments were met with. Capital, too, has been somewhat chary of investment, while the amount of prospecting fell far short of the previous year. Fewer new properties have been opened up and less people have come into the country. All this has been through no fault of the camp, or owing to any diminution in its resources and capabilities. Precisely similar conditions obtained in silver camps along the whole Rocky Mountain range from British Columbia to Mexico.

However, notwithstanding all these negative occurrences, there is no disguising the fact that the mining industry of the Slocan is on a more permanent footing than during the preceding year of 1897. Considerable more ore has been shipped and the main properties much more extensively developed. The ore bodies have been more fully exploited, so that there is less uncertainty as to the continuity of the veins. Better camps have been erected, the number of concentrators increased, more trails and roads built, and the communications made more permanent. Added to this there has been a greater tonnage of ore shipped, aggregating for the year upwards of 30,000 tons, at a valuation of over $3,000,000.

The country bordering on Slocan lake has seen material advancement during the year, and the foundation has been laid for greater things in 1899. Upwards of 2,000 tons of ore has been shipped from the lake properties, which amount will be quadrupled during the next twelvemonths. Events are developing rapidly and the progress of this vicinity should be most emphatic in 1899. There is no doubt that every creek from Wilson to Lemon will be sending out its quota of mineral, and the assertion is made upon good grounds that 10,000 tons of ore will be shipped from the lake mines this year. There was practically little done on the west slope of Silver mountain last season, but so soon as the snow flies things will hum from the Eclipse to the Bosun. On Four Mile the best of encouragement is being met with, and much is expected in shipments. Ten Mile, with its Enterprise and other fine properties, will make a record next season, while the Arlington, Two Friends and other claims will bring Springer creek to the front. Lemon creek's well-known resources will add to the general feeling of security, and along the whole line there is evidence of better things in store. Capital is becoming attracted and more properties will be opened. During 1899, it is a safe assertion that the ore shipments of the Slocan will total fully $5,000,000.

BENEFICIAL DIVIDENDS.

Within the past week or so dividends have been paid by two properties in this vicinity that will go a long way towards reconciling the British investor to silver mines, and also give more confidence to the fortunate shareholders. The properties referred to are the Bosun and the Idaho Mines, both of which are located close to New Denver. With the exception of a quarter interest in the Idaho, these mines are owned exclusively in Great Britain, and the dividends were so substantial as to make a decided impression. In the case of the Bosun, the shareholders receive 100 per cent return upon a five months' investment, a truly remarkable circumstance. As for the Idaho, one of the most extensively equipped properties in the camp, the profits divided amounted to $28,000, three-quarters of which were cabled to the canny Scots who are so fortunate as to be shareholders in the Scottish Colonial Goldfields, Limited. This brings the Idaho dividends to date to $292,000. Were these profits derived from Rossland mines how agitated the financial world would be; but, being obtained from the Slocan silver mines, they are received with cheerful complacence.

Yet these dividends will mean much to the Britisher. It is a pleasant sensation to him to have the surplus shillings dropping into his broad palm, especially so after such dismal spectacles as presented by the Golden Cache, Hall Mines and Galena Mines. One failure hurts more than half a dozen successes will benefit, and to the luckless investor there is no distinction between Lillooet and West Kootenay. A Chicago paper estimates that there are companies in existence in London, with capitalization aggregating close to $400,000,000 that have never paid a penny in dividends. From this it will seen how strong a contrast then is presented by the two profit-making properties referred to above. With the exception of the Galena Mines, which suffered more from over-capitalization than the fault of the property, no British corporation doing business in the Slocan has met with failure, but, on the other hand, success has followed from the very outset. And now that more money is being invested, how great will be the benefits resulting, alike to investor and country. Nothing succeeds like success.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

THE result of the bye-election in Cowichan last Wednesday was the re-election of W. H. Robertson over Mr. Sword by about the same majority as he secured at the general contest over Mr. Herd. Turnerism, apparently, is not yet dead.

The C. P. R. profits for the eleven months ending November 30th were only $9,196,260, as against $9,250,321 for the same period in 1897. Too bad the profits were not greater, but the decline is doubtless owing to the Str. W. Hunter being tied up at Rosebery.

THE Slocan still maintains its ascendancy as the banner camp of West Kootenay, having shipped ore during 1898 of greater aggregate value than any of its neighbors. Rossland, the great and muchly vaunted gold camp, comes in second with $2,804,756.12 as its total shipments for last year. Slocan's figures are about $3,500,000. Score one for silver.

AN action has been commenced in the Supreme Court against D. A. Stoddart, formerly member for East Lillooet in the Legislative Assembly, for $250,000, being the penalty at $500 a day, to which he is liable, for having sat during the last two sessions without qualification. He lost his qualification by supplying merchandise to the Government from his store at Lillooet. This is taken to be a bluff in opposition to the petition now being tried against Mr. Prentice's election in Lillooet.

THE old year is past and gone, with all its disappointments and blighted hopes, while the new year is ushered in with better prospects and more confidence. Let the citizens of New Denver pull together and endeavor to bring the town to the front. Let them seize the many opportunities that will be presented, so that 1899 may go down as the most prosperous year in the history of the town. Set the ball in motion and life, bustle and stir will result.

ONE by one the accessories for making New Denver the centre of the Slocan are being supplied. The appointment of Alex. Sproat, gold commissioner, as county court registrar is the latest evidence of this fact. To the legal fraternity this means much, and with the holding of regular county court sessions here, it will not only save litigants much expense, but will bring to this town an occasional dollar or two that will prove most acceptable.

A ROSSLAND paper remarks that "a write-up of British Columbia without Rossland would be like a wedding without a groom." Noting this, the Nelson Miner begs that the Nelson district should not be overlooked as is done by the Rosslanders. West Kootenay, or even British Columbia for that matter, without the Slocan, would be mighty small potatoes. Silver may be despised, but the Slocan keeps turning out its hundreds of thousands in dividends just the same.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL MULOCK sprang a genuine surprise upon the country by the announcement of a two-cent rate of postage all over Canada, which went into effect on the 1st. This, coupled with the reduced rate to Great Britain, is a blessing fully appreciated by the people. It is to be hoped the revenue will increase sufficiently to make up the difference of the reduction. Hon. Mr. Mulock has made a great bid for popularity and, if he will get postal affairs in Kootenay straightened up, he will deserve Knighthood.

BUDD LYNN'S STROKE OF BIZ.

What's the matter, 'd you say, stranger? Guess
yer must have jest now come.
Jest this mornin'? Yes, I thank yer, I will take
a little rum.
Well, yer see, this's how she started—over there
in Bill Hick's place—
All the boys was playin' studhorse, clippin' off a
lively pace.
Long 'bout twelve in comes a stranger, never
seen him here before;
He war six feet tall er better, an' cou'd jest get in
the door
Without stoopin'. He walks over and sits down
to play a hand;
None the fellers liked him playin', but you bet
they all had sand
And staid with him. Dern the feller, he had won
most all the checks;
All the luck jest seemed like his'n, even though
they changed the decks.
Well, the stranger gits two big kings turned up
there in good plain sight;
Budd, he had a pair of aces—stranger thought he
had things right.
An' he moves 'bout all his chips in: Budd, he
calls an' taps his pile;
Stranger puts in all his money with a darn sarcastic smile.
Then he slowly reaches over, puts his hand around
the stuff,
An' he turns his hole card o'er, "Makes three
kings; guess that's enough."
But Budd says: "Jest hold on, stranger, I've got
aces an' you'r beat,"
Then the stranger pulls a gun out an' he jumps
upon his feet,
"Hands up! all now," says the stranger; "dead's
that moves an inch;"
Well, the boys was unsuspectin' an' the stranger
had the cinch.
He jest pockets all the money, slowly backin'
towards the door—
Dern me, stranger, I'm not tender, never seen it
done before.
Like a streak of checkered lightnin' Budd pulled
out his gun an' fired;
Course the stranger's gun weren't idle—I'll
acknowledge I felt tired
When I see the guns a barkin', but 'twas only
once a piece;
Bud, he got it in the shoulder, stranger got it in
the fleece,
An' was deader'n a door nail 'fore his body hit
the floor.
Budd was game an' kept his gun up, but he
didn't shoot no more;
So you see how Budd's a hummer, an' to day the
town's all his
Dern me, stranger, that one shot there war a
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IRON MASK WINS.

Appeal of the Centre Star People Dismissed With Costs.

The Provincial full court Saturday gave judgment in the appeal in the Iron Mask and Centre Star case, in which the Centre Star Company claim that they have on their laid the apex of a vein which dips towards and under the land of the Iron Mask. They claim the right to follow this veindown to its termination. The Iron Mask Company on the other hand deny the existence of a vein, and say that if their is one it has been cut off by a flat faut and terminated.

Justice Walkem delivered the judgment of the court, concluding as follows: "The parties here have equal rights, depending, however, on different titles. The Centre Star a right to follow a vein into the adjoining claim. The Iron Mask until that vein is proved, have a right to all the ore within the vertical lines of their claim. I think it should be left to the judgment of the court to say whether or not actual work should be done for the purpose of elucidating any particular point with regard to the issue raised. The chief justice authorizes me to state that in his opinion the Centre Star appeal ought to be dismissed. The appeal will, therefore, be dismissed with costs."

Mr. Justice Martin delivered a dissenting judgment, holding that the Centre Star should have the inspection asked for. Mr. Davis asked for leave to appeal to the privy council, but Mr. Bodwell was not ready to deal with the matter, so it will come up again before the full court on January 9.

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[Being a translation of the song that was made by a Mahommedan schoolmaster of the—Bengal Infantry (some time on service at Suakin), when he heard that the Sirdar was taking money from the English to build a Madrissa for Hubshees, a college for the Soudanese.]

Oh, Hubshee, carry your shoes in your hand and bow your head on your breast!
This is the message of Kitchener who did not break you in jest.
It was permitted to him to fulfill the long appointed years,
Reaching the end ordained of old over your dead Emirs.

He stamped only before your walls, and the tomb ye knew was dust:
He gathered up under his armpits all the swords of your trust:
He set a guard on your granaries, securing the weak from the strong:
He said: "Go work the waterwheels that were abolished so long."

He said: "Go safely, being abased, I have accomplished my vow."
That was the mercy of Kitchener. Cometh his madness now!
He does not desire as ye desire, nor devise as ye devise:
He is preparing a second host—an army to make wise.

Not at the mouth of his clean-lipped guns shall ye learn his name again,
But letter by letter, and many letters, at the mouth of his chosen men.
He has gone back to his own city, not seeking presents or bribes,
But openly asking the English for money to buy you Hakims and scribes.

Knowing that ye are forfeit by battle and have no right to live,
He begs for money to bring you learning—and all the English give.
It is their treasure—it is their pleasure—thus are their hearts inclined;
For Allah created the English mad—the maddest of all mankind!

They do not consider the Meaning of Things; they consult not creed or clan.
Behold they clap the slave on the back and behold he becometh a man!
They terribly carpet the earth with dead, and before their cannon cool,
They walk unarmed by twos and threes to call the living to school.

How is this season (which is their reason) to judge a scholar's worth
By casting a ball at three straight sticks and defending the same with a fourth?
But this they do (which doubtless a spell) and other matters more strange,
Until, by the operation of years, the hearts of their scholars change;

Till these make come and go great boats or engines upon the rail;
(But always the English watch near by to prop them when they fail)
Till these make laws of their own choice and Judges of their own blood;
And all the mad English obey the judges and say that the law is good.

Certainly they were mad from of old; but I think one new thing
That the magic whereby they work their magic wherefrom their fortunes spring—
May be that they show all people their magic and ask no price in return.
Wherefore, since ye are bond to that magic, O Hubshee, make haste and learn!

Certainly also is Kitchener mad. But one sure thing I know—
If he who broke you be minded to teach you, to his Madrissa go!
Go, and carry your shoes in your hand and bow your head on your breast,
For he who did not slay you in sport he will not teach you in jest.

—Rudyard Kipling.

SALE OF THE SULTANA.

Rat Portage's big Mine Sells for Over Two Millions.

The story of the struggles and triumphs of J. F. Caldwell, of Winnipeg, in connection with the famous Sultana gold mine, near Rat Portage, is tolerably well known to Canadian mining men and investors. That after five years of hard work, and the expenditure of thousands of dollars, Mr. Caldwell began in 1896 to get substantial returns from his property, and has continued to do so since, is also known, but not until the present time has it transpired what Mr. Caldwell's actual profits have been. The Sultana is Mr. Caldwell's property no longer. It is now in the possession of an English syndicate, the British Capital Corporation, and it is in connection with the issue by the syndicate of the prospectus of the Sultana mine, limited, that the information which mining investors in the Lake of the Woods district have so long been anxious to obtain as to the amount of the profits has leaked out.

What figure Mr. Caldwell actually gets for his property the prospectus does not say. The total amount to be paid by the new company for the mine has been fixed at £150,000 by the vendors, the British Capital Corporation, who are the promoters, and who are selling it at a profit. Of this sum, £200,000 will be in fully paid up shares of the company, £10,000 in first mortgage debenture bonds, and the balance in cash, the vendors making the requisite provision as to guarantee previously referred to. As to the manner in which the mine changed hands the story is as follows:

Just about a year ago two English mining engineers, A. Crover and G. Neustader, were sent out especially to examine the mine, and spent several days examining the property. The report which they made to their principals, the British Capital Corporation, Limited, is dated January 19th last, the result being that on the 7th of July the corporation acquired the property from Mr. Caldwell, but retained his services as mining director.

The report of the mining engineers says the property comprises about 70 acres. The length of the vein northerly and southerly is about 2,200 feet, and a width of 1,800 feet easterly and westerly represents the area for parallel veins. At the surface the width of the vein matter is about 30 feet. After the first level at 60 feet is passed, it widens out until at 180, the third level, it measures 55 feet between the walls, and at 352 feet, the fifth level it is about 30 feet wide again. From the top to the bottom it is one sold mass of gold ore averaging $7 per ton right across. The tonnage of average class ore, standing in the main shaft above the lowest level, is approximately 25,000 tons, of the average gross value of $11 per ton. At the junction of the Sultana vein and the Crown Reef, 750 feet south of the main shaft, the Burley shaft has been sunk on the water front of the island. The works show the vein to run, a strong and enormous body of gold ore, 750 feet long by 300 feet deep, by 30 feet wide, which, if calculated on the basis of 14 feet per ton, and at the Sultana's net value of $7 per ton, shows gold ore in sight of the net value of £675,000 sterling. This amount, when added to the net value of the ore standing above the lowest level in the main shaft, gives as a result of developments up to date £710,000 worth of gold in sight.

Mint certificates were produced by Mr. Caldwell, which proved that the net profits, after the payment of all expenses, were for the year ending 31st December, 1896, $51,000; ditto for 1897, $59,000. The gross output of the Sultana for 1895, 1896 and 1897, has according to the report of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, averaged $3,000 per week, and this with an antiquated 10-stamp mill. On the 27th of December last, however, a new 30 stamp mill commenced running, and in 144 days a net profit of $75,600 was realized, being at the rate of $151,600 per annum.

With the addition of 70 stamps to the 30 now running, it is estimated upon the basis of the present profits that the net profits per annum will be not less than £103,740, which is more than twice the amount required to pay interest and to provide for the redemption of the debentures.

It is proposed with the working capital of £50,000 to increase the stamp mill to 100 stamps; to sink another shaft 300 feet south of the present main shaft on a large outcrop of the vein near the centre of the property; to continue the sinking of the main shaft to the depth of 700 feet; to drive distances of 750 feet on each of five levels running south, and to drive 200 feet on each of four levels running north, the latter work being for the purpose of intersecting the underlay of the newly discovered Pasha vein. The cost of making a shaft is given at $30 a foot, and of drifting or driving at $12 per foot.

Taking the result of the workings of the mine for the past three years as a basis of calculation, the prospectus says, the result of the projected developments will be to put in sight a body of gold ore whose net value would exceed £1,000,000 sterling, and this in addition to the £750,000 already in sight.

NORTHWEST MINING SYNDICATE.

Report of the Directors Presented to the Various Shareholders.

Attached is the directors' report of the Northwest Mining Syndicate, who are operating the Bosun mine and whose headquarters are in New Denver. The report was presented to the shareholders at the first ordinary general meeting of the syndicate, which was held in London, on Dec. 21. It covers the time from June 18, 1897, the date of incorporation:

"The directors have pleasure in presenting to the shareholders the first annual report with the auditing accounts of the company from the 19th June, 1897, the date of incorporation, up to the 30th of September last, being for a period of about 14 months.

Shortly after the formation of the syndicate, and following upon a visit of the chairman to the British Columbia mining district, the directors arranged with W. H. Sandiford, M.I.M.M., a mining engineer, previously well known to the syndicate's managers, and upon whose knowledge and ability they place great reliance, to proceed to British Columbia, and to visit the different mining centres and to inspect and advise.

Accordingly, and in pursuance with the objects of the syndicate, certain options, interests and properties have been acquired, some of which have not been proceeded with, some are held with a view to re-sale or future development, and one property, of which the syndicate have acquired the entire rights, is being actively developed.

This property, now named the Bosun by Mr. Sandiford, and first called the Harris property, was secured by Sandiford for the syndicate on very favorable conditions. It was at first acquired upon a time option, during which preliminary work and investigation showed such excellent promise that it was decided to purchase the property. This was completed on the 11th July last, when sinking upon the lode was at once commenced, with the result that almost immediately a rich chute of ore was met with, and 340 tons have already been shipped (up to 30th November) from this mine.

The ore is an exceedingly rich galena, containing on an average about 60 per cent. of lead and upwards of 100 ozs. of silver, and which has yielded net smelter returns of about £13 10s. per ton.

Though such ore is extremely rich, the returns are not otherwise than in keeping with what is obtained from other neighboring mines in the district, where, in many cases, extraordinary results have been, and are being obtained upon the capital invested.

The Bosun property is of considerable extent, consisting of nearly two full claims of about 50 acres each, and Mr. Sandiford estimates that the lode within the property is 1,500 feet long, and that its height, above the Slocan lake to which it runs down, makes it probable that no sinking below water level will be necessary for years to come.

Active work is being proceeded with in order to properly develop the property, and it is satisfactory to advise that ore has been met with in both of two tunnels which are being driven to intersect with the shaft at respectively 79 feet and 162 feet below the head of the first shaft, and advices are just to hand that in driving in No. 1 tunnel, the ore chute in the shaft above has been cut into.

The situation, also, of the mine abutting on the Slocan lake (where a wharf has been built), gives the important element of the cheapest possible shipping facilities.

Ore is being delivered from the Bosun mine to the wharf, where steamers call regularly, at under $1 per ton, and it is expected that this will be reduced in the future.

Mining wages are somewhat high in British Columbia, but are being arranged for on the best terms possible, and Mr. Sandiford advises that mining and shipping at Bosun can be carried on without stoppage all the year round."

GALENA MINES, LIMITED.

Unsatisfactory Report Issued by the Big Property.

The report of the Galena Mines, Limited, which is operating the Currie group, on the Galena Farm, below Silverton, has been issued. It covers the period to October 15th last, and states that at the meeting held last year the directors were sanguine as to the prospects of the mine, but as work progressed disquieting rumors reached them. They therefore decided to dismiss Mr Callahan and to procure the best obtainable independent opinion on the property. Accordingly Messrs. Hand and Griffiths, gentlemen of great mining experience in British Columbia, were commissioned to report fully, and in September, 1897, a very able, exhaustive, but disheartening, report was received from them. They recommended the continuance of operations; their advice has been followed, these operations being carried out by the then existing staff.

In the meantime the directors took active steps to place the management of the mine in able hands, and they were very fortunate in obtaining the services of E. B. Fraser, who has since been in charge of the property. Mr. Fraser was in possession of Messrs. Hand and Griffiths' report, and, his views coinciding with theirs as to the advisability of continuing the development work, developments were continued in the hope of recovering the lode. A great deal of practical work has been done; unfortunately, the results so far have been disappointing. It seems to be the general opinion in the district that a large body of good ore exists within the boundaries of the property; the claims are strewn in many places with large blocks of galena, and there is an outcrop of galena for some distance along the surface. This ore, containing silver, lead, and zinc, lives down to a depth of about 100 ft.; below this depth they have not been successful in finding it, the country being very much broken and disturbed.

The working capital of the company is exhausted; the question arises whether it is better to stop operations and await developments in the adjoining mines, or whether the company should be wound up and efforts made to dispose of the property. The properties are practically freehold, and can therefore be retained by the Company at a comparatively small annual expenditure. The position has been very carefully considered by both the board and the engineer in charge, E. B. Fraser; expenses have been reduced to a minimum, and work on the mine is now confined to crosscutting the country at the 100-ft. level in the hope of finding payable ore. The directors are anxious to have the position fully discussed at the coming meeting, with the object of deciding upon the course of action to be taken.

NOTICE.

All accounts due the undersigned must be paid by the 15th of January, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

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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.

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.

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Dated this 22nd day of December, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Continental Mineral Claim.

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

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

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Dated this 17th day of November, 1898.

W. S. DREWRY.

United Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free miner's certificate No. 74,000, as agent for the Echo Mining and Milling Co. Ltd., free miner's certificate No. 11,904A, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 28th day of October, 1898.

nv3 GEORGE ALEXANDER, Agent.

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

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

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Dated this 30th day of September, 1898

nv17 G. ALEXANDER.

Nancy Hanks No. 2 Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Alfred Driscoll, acting as agent for H. E. Graves, F. M. C. No. 5464A, Kate Scott, F.M.C. No. 41367, W. B. Dennison, F. M. C. No. 610A, and Frederick Rowbottom, F. M. C. No. 629A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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" 4.30 am	Ainsworth	" 7.30 pm
" 5.00 am	Pilot Bay	" 6.45 pm
" 5.30 am	Balfour	" 6.10 pm
Boat ar 6.40 am,	Five Mile Pt	" 5.23 pm
" 7.15 am	Nelson	" lv 4.45 pm
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" 6.20 pm	Ainsworth	Boat ar 11.40 pm
" 7.00 pm	Pilot Bay	" 11 00 pm
" 10.00 pm	Kuskonook	" 8.00 pm
" 12.00 pm	Goat River	" 6.00 pm
" 1.00 am	Boundary	" 5.00 pm
" ar 8.00 am	Bonner's F'ry	" lv 2.00 pm
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" 8 55	"	South Fork	"	3 05	"
" 9 45	"	Sproule's	"	2 10	"
" 10 00	"	Whitewater	"	2 00	"
" 10 08	"	Bear Lake	"	1 50	"
" 10 20	"	McGuigan	"	1 38	"
" 10 34	"	Cody Junction	"	1 25	"
Arr. 10 45	"	Sandon	Leave	1 15	"

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Silver and Copper	2 50
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Coal (Fixed Carbon, Volatile Matter, Ash, and percentage of Coke, if Coking Coal)	

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June 20th, 1895.

FRANK DICK,
Assayer and Analyst

MINING RECORDS

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

LOCATIONS.

DEC 27—Azra Fraction, re-location of 4th of July, by H T Twigg.

DEC 30—Holiday Fraction, north fork Carpenter, O W Rafuse.

ABANDONMENTS.

DEC 29—Empire, adjoining the Prescott, by J Brandon.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 27—United, Dominion No 2.

DEC 28—Everett, Texas Boy Fraction, Bostock No 2.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

DEC 29—Starlight Fraction.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 27—Kingsley ½, F Hansen to J R Cameron, Oct 15.
Dominion No 2, bond, D McCuaig to A L McLean, Oct 26, $200.
Empire, Reco and Texas Boy Fraction ½, J E Barrett to J Bandon, June 21.
Le Roy and Madie, same to same, June 21.

DEC 30—Cody Fraction and Joker ½, F H Lantz to W M Botsford, Dec 27.
Kingsley ½, W S M Cantler to J W Sweeney, Dec 1.

DEC 31—Summit ½, E S Kinney to War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development Co, Oct 31.
Mineral Hill and Eureka ½, J A Finch to same, Oct 29.
Same, J S C Fraser to same, Dec 29.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 22—Canadian Chief, Paris 1900.

DEC 23—Fair Play.

DEC 27—Francetta, Tam Rak 4 years.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

DEC 22—Panama to H Giegerich and Mary MacKay.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 21—Fraction Fraction ½, Arthur Asselin to Joseph Blanchard, $250.
Hermina ½, J Max Somprey to W E Maroan, $50.

DEC 22—Iron Hand ½, John Hastie to A L Hemer.
Hermina ½, J M Somprey to Peter Dressell, $100.

DEC 24—James McKian's declaration as to interest conveyed in Lucky Edd and Fairview.

DEC 27—Royal, E J Warren to Slocan Mines, Limited.
X Ray ½, Stephen Brooks to Elmer Coy.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

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

	Tons.
From Sandon.	
Payne	8,460
Ruth	1,739
Slocan Star	1,817
Last Chance	510
Sapphire	18½
Coin	15½
Wonderful Bird	1½
Sovereign	80½
Wonderful	8
C M Wilson	2
Treasure Vault	40
Reco	59
Miller Creek	40
Blue Bird	45
Noble Five	20½
From Concentrator Siding	
Idaho Mines	2,315
Queen Bess	1.038½
Manitor	30
From Whitewater.	
Whitewater	225
Jackson	65
Whitewater Deep	39
From McGuigan.	
Rambler	95
Antoine	111
Native Silver Bell	30
From New Denver.	
Beaun	447
California	40
From Silverton.	
Comstock	6
Emily Edith	15
Fisher Maiden	6
Vancouver	40
Wakefield	120
From Enterprise.	
Enterprise	393
Total	17,994½

MODERN EXPERTS.

An English Paper's Opinion of the Man With Yellow Leggings.

The recent history of mining, says the Mining World and Engineering Record, of London, Eng., has not advanced the reputation in which experts are held. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that it has done quite the reverse. It must be admitted that the task set them is extremely difficult. They are asked to describe the value of a property, sometimes partially developed, and sometimes not developed it all. In the majority of cases we would fain believe they do their duty conscientiously and well, but in too many instances they deceive their employers, and not unfrequently involve them in heavy loss. What has struck us about many of the experts we have seen has been the positive way in which they speak about what common sense ought to show them can only be surmised We have also been struck by the manner in which they take credit to themselves for whatever happens. If the mine is a success they are ready to declare that they said it would be, and if the mine is a failure they were equally positive in saying it would be. We have scarcely known a manager to return from a property who was not sure—quite sure—that if his plan of operations had been carried out, dividends would have been paid and calls would have ceased. Even in a case quite recently, where a certain manager was discharged for drunkenness, he had the assurance to say to us that, by his plan of operations—we suppose drinking at the nearest refreshment bar—the mine would have been a greater success than it was. In justice to these experts, as distinguished from managers, it has to be admitted that the program they lay down as conditional to success very often is not carried out, and here, not they, but the directors and shareholders are to blame. The money has either not been forthcoming, or it has been spent in some other way.

As to managers, we have rarely known one to succeed another who did not proceed to make much of the difficulties his predecessor left him, and to totally alter the plan of operations. When he has been superseded the same thing has occurred again At the meetings of shareholders in mines that are not realising prospectus promises you will be certain to hear this remark: "We want an independent report upon the property" Exactly, but that is very difficult to obtain. Your choice may fall upon the wrong man. He may be more incompetent than the manager, whose work he is supposed to overhaul, or, worse still, he may have some private object of his own to serve. At the recent Sherlaw's Gold meeting Dr. Alexander told the story of how he employed an expert to furnish an independent report upon a mine in which he was interested. The expert condemned the mine by bell, book and candle, but at the same time he recommended another property which he was very anxious (of course, for disinterested motives!) that Dr. Alexander and his friends should buy. The result was that they lost the good mine which this man had condemned, but they were saved from purchasing the bad mine which he recommended. It is much easier to talk of an independent report than to get one, and most mining directors will say that this is so.

There is a fashion in experts as in other things. There is a run after a certain man, and while the sun is shining on him he usual makes hay, not for those who employ him, but for himself. There was a so-called expert in the early days of Westralian mining, whose name appeared upon nearly all of the earlier prospectuses, who was feted at one of the London hotels, and who carried great weight with investors until he was found out. At the present time the mere mention of this man's name upon a prospectus would be sufficient to render its issue abortive. How this man acquired his brief reputation no one knows, but that he could command a price for his scandalous reports is quite certain. Perhaps what bowled him out finally was his own extravagant language. One can only suppose that he was excited by liquor when some of his reports were penned. Each goldfield has produced his prototype, and sometimes several of them. There are men walking about the city of London to-day who pose as "experts," who talk with the utmost assurance of this property and of that, who speak as if they were the Great High Priests of mining, and who, yet, to our certain knowledge, were never associated with a single success, but always with failure. These are the men who will pull you up a gateway, buttonhole you in the street, keep pace with you on the pavement, and pour their predictions into your ears as long as you choose to listen to them. In fact, those apparently who know least about mining speak the most positively against some properties, and in favor of others. It is possible in the former case that their connection with these properties has been terminated against their will, and in the latter you may be quite sure they have an axe to grind. If they think they are making any impression upon you, it will not be long ere they produce the inevitable prospectus, and ask you if are are willing to underwrite on terms, of course, that make the success of the company almost impossible, even if the property were passably good, which it most probably is not. What we most want in mining is a race of experts, that by dint of hard study and practical experience are really entitled to give an opinion upon mining ventures. We do not want the uneducated, illiterate expert that has done duty too often in home mining, or the schoolmaster, the draper's assistant or counter-jumper that has too often been in evidence in foreign mining, but persons of experience, such as, for example, are being trained in the mining schools of Camborne and Redruth, who will value their reputation and who will seek advancement in life by honest and reputable means, and not by the reports that give common sense the go-by, and slap truth in the face.

CROW'S NEST COAL.

Extensive Improvements to be Effected at the Fernie Mines.

Robert Jaffray, who is a director of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, has just returned to Toronto from the west, accompanied by W. Blackmore, the company's general manager. Mr. Jaffray's trip west was made for the purpose of another inspection of the corporation's mines at Fernie. From all accounts, the company's operations have so far been attended with marked success, and it is understood to be the intention of the management to increase the scale of their undertaking as fast as possible.

At present 50 ovens are at work near Fernie turning out coke; materials are on the ground for 50 additional ovens, and Messrs. Jaffray and Blackmore will advise the board to erect another 100 ovens the coming year. The present plant turns out 80 tons of coke a day, and, with 200 ovens, the management would have a daily capacity of over 300 tons.

At present the company is furnishing the Trail and Nelson smelters with fuel, but with the increased capacity it will extend its operations across the international boundary line and furnish coke to the Northport, Wash., and Great Falls, Mont., smelters. The company, moreover, anticipates supplying the Boundary country and other parts of British Columbia.

Aside from its coke business, the company has a big field to supply with coal. Some 300 tons of coal are turned out at the mines every day, and all of this and much more will be required, as stove and steam fuel, in the various towns and camps of the Kootenays and other parts of southern British Columbia.

As to the quality of the company's coal, it is described as being a very high-class bituminous coal, containing over 80 per cent of fixed carbon, 3 per cent. of ashes and about one-half of 1 per cent. of sulphur. Mr. Blackmore knows of only one place in the world where an equally good grade of soft coal is to be found, and that is North Durham, England. Ordinary bituminous coal contains about 50 per cent. of fixed carbon, and as much as 25 per cent. of ash material, and very much more sulphur than the Fernie coal. The valuable constituent in any coal is its fixed carbon, and of this the British Columbia coal contains very nearly as much as most of the hard coal sold in this country. As a soft coal its superiority is evident from the fact that its percentage of fixed carbon is greatly in excess of that of the ordinary soft coal, while, at the same time, its percentage of ash is very considerably less. The Prospect mine at Michel is in course of being developed, and before very long it is expected to have a yielding capacity of 100 tons per day. The coal of this mine is almost exactly similar to the Fernie coal, but for domestic purposes it is considered even better.

The board of the company will shortly meet at Montreal to consider the extension of its operations. The corporation now employs 200 men at the mines.

Crow's Nest Coal Company's stock, which a few weeks ago sold at $16 per $25 share, is now quoted at $28 to $30.

HALL MINES COMPANY.

Heavy Mortgage to be Placed on the Silver King Property.

The report for the year ended September 30th last states that the balance-sheet shows a gross profit amounting to £28,861. The directors (on April 21st last) appropriated the sum of £12,500 to the payment of an interim dividend of five per cent., being 1s. per share on the ordinary shares and £1,750 to the payment of a dividend of seven per cent. on the preference shares. After deducting these two amounts there remains a balance of £14,659, from which the board has thought it advisable to write off the sum of £6,052 for depreciation on buildings, plant, and machinery, and £7,361 for cost of prospecting work prior to October 1st, 1897. and on a copper claim since abandoned, leaving a balance of £1,345 to the current year.

Although the result of the year's business is disappointing, in view of the expectations entertained last year, the board has reason to believe, from indications shown by the development work which has been in progress for some time past, and from the report of the mine superintendent, as also from the report of John E. Hardman, of the Canadian Mining Institute, who has recently inspected the company's property, that the output will shortly be increased in quantity and value, although temporarily diminished during the last few months. Hithorto, as the shareholders are aware, the object of the board has been to so work the mine that it should be practically self-supporting; that is to say, that development and output should be carried on concurrently, and so long as the ore continued of a fairly high grade that course was possible, the yield being sufficient to meet the working expenses and pay dividends; but the loss of connection with the richer deposits in the mineral zone, temporary only though it is believed to be, has for the present made the continuance of that plan impractieable, and rendered it necessary to adopt the course which Mr. Hardman recommends, viz., to make the output for the time being subservient to a more extensive development of the mine. To do this, however, more capital is needed, and in order to provide this the board have decided to issue first mortgage debentures to the amount of £50,000, bearing interest at six per cent.

The insufficiency of copper in the ore in the new south ore body has been a disappointment; but the board have reason to expect that in the property called the True Blue mineral claim, situated at Kaslo, and within easy reach of the company's smelting works, they have secured a property carrying a high percentage of copper which will serve as a useful flux to the Silver King ore. Owing to the difficulty of keeping up a full supply of ore from the mine while there was so much development work going on, the large blast furnace was in blast for 1261 days only; but its working continues to give great satisfaction. The second reverberatory furnace and roasting-oven, which were in course of construction at the date of the last meeting, were completed in January, and the refining works have continued to give satisfaction. With a view to still further economies in the cost of tramming ore from the mine to the smelter, the board have adopted improvements which, when the mine is more extensively developed, and a full and continuous supply of ore obtainable, will reduce the cost to about 25c. per ton, as against the present cost of 44c.

CONSTRUCTION ITEMS.

Happenings Along the Line of the Robson & Penticton Road.

The steam yacht Myrtle, on Christina lake, is tied up for the winter.

Ice is forming on Christina lake, and a good harvest is already assured the residents of Cascade.

John McDonald, formerly of Nakusp, Slocan City and Brooklyn, has established his boat-house at Robson.

Want of snow makes freighting and travelling difficult on the Bossburg road, which at present consists chiefly of mud.

Christmas passed quietly and pleasantly all along the line. Turkeys were in abundance, and each camp had its quota.

Joe Laflamme, or "French Joe" as he was more familiarly known, the well-known fat cook, of Sandon, Silverton and Nakusp, has died at Cascade City.

Cascade appears lively, but business is quiet. Two sawmills are in operation there and a third is to be erected at the head of Christina lake, about two miles from town.

Genelle's mill, at the framing yards, has been closed down during the past two weeks, to enable the owners to place new machinery in the tug Fawn The mill will resume work at New Year's with increased energy.

A cave-in at McLean's tunnel has caused an extra amount of work there. This tunnel is to be about 3,000 feet long, and is expected to occupy the space of nine or ten months to complete A large compressor plant is being placed in position, and the work will be pushed from both ends

Gladstone boasts four hotels The Hotel Gladstone is a rather handsome log structure, and the other three are built upon lines of shanty architecture Two general stores do business there, Grant Bros and Mr. McOrmond They carry a fair stock, considering that freight charges from Brooklyn are 1½c per lb Some excitement exists in this burg, owing to the discovery of supposedly rich ore up in the Burnt Basin, on top of the mountain facing the town

Deal in Greenwood Camp.

Byron E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, Senator Cox, Robert Jaffray, William Mackenzie and Dan Mann, of Toronto, put through a deal by which they get control of the Idaho, Brooklyn, Stemwinder and Rawhide mines in the Greenwood camp.

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