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School Entertainment

The school entertainment given Friday evening last in Clever's Hall was, in mining camp vernacular, a howling success. It paid from the "grass roots," and realized the promoters double the amount they asked for. Forty-five dollars was the sum wanted and nearly \$100 was realized. The admission fee was placed at 25 cents, and from this alone a handsome sum was realized, but as the entertainment proceeded the paystreak widened until as high as \$3.50 was paid by some of those interested for the privilege of assaying the contents of the pretty baskets of viands offered at auction by the manipulators of the affair. The bids ran from \$1.50 to \$3.50, the average price per basket being \$2.00. Nearly \$80 was taken in from this item; all of which goes to illustrate the proclivities of the men of the camp. They know from experience that the ladies of New Denver can cook almost, if not quite, as well as mother used to, and they were willing to loosen up to the extent of two and three dollars for a taste of the dainties that would tickle the inner man and carry him back to the good old days of boyhood when mother was on shift, doing development work with the slipper and tapping the paystreak of the boys love through the medium of his stomach.

All the seats in the hall were taken and many were forced to stand. Following the trite opening remarks by Chairman Fauquier, Miss Purviance gave, in her customary excellent manner, a recitation entitled, "Flying Trapeze Jim." Then Prof. Millward's orchestra rendered a selection and following this was given by Mrs. Kirkwood and Messrs. Gibbs and Nesbitt the amusing sketch "A Cord of Wood." Mr. Bolander, accompanied by Messrs. Spaul, Nelson and Robie, made a reputation for himself as a coon in Southern melodies. The town quartette gave a selection, and the Curbstone Band put up some music that brought down the house. Mr. Harris amused the audience with a song on Prohibition, and Mr. Kirkwood told of the troubles that befell him at a district candy pull. The rendition of "Here She Goes and There She Goes," by the Dramatic Company was highly pleasing. There was nothing to mar the evening's enjoyment and each and all had a good time.

A financial statement of the exact receipts and disbursements in connection with the entertainment is as follows: Collections at the door \$21.75; from sale of baskets \$73.55; total \$94.40. Expenditures, music, \$8; incidentals, \$1.40, leaving a balance of \$85, which was paid over to the trustees. After liquidating the indebtedness against the school property a balance of \$40 will yet remain, which will be expended in grading the lots and otherwise improving them.

In connection with the entertainment the board of trustees and all having anything to do with it are desirous of expressing their sincere appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Clever in contributing the use of the hall for the evening.

PROVINCIAL MINERALOGIST.

When Mr. W. A. Carlyle resigned the position of provincial mineralogist, it was recognized by all familiar with that gentleman and with the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, that the appointment of a successor would be a task involving more than usual difficulty. The news that the position has been offered to and accepted by Mr. R. G. McConnell, of the Geological Survey, is affording considerable satisfaction to all who have business relations with the important department presided over by the provincial mineralogist. Mr. McConnell, who is a brother of Mr. G. S. McConnell of Vancouver, is a science graduate of McGill University, and has been associated for many years with the Geological Survey, spending a great deal of his time during the last decade in British Columbia where he has been engaged in all the mining centres, the Kootenays monopolizing most of his attention during the past three years.

Fatal Gun Accident.

At noon one day last week W. S. Wiffen of the Land Registry office, Vancouver, went home as usual to lunch. Afterwards he went out in the small kitchen garden, at the rear of his residence, 1672 Haro street, to shoot some rats that had been doing damage. He was out for a long time and Mrs. Wiffen went to see what was detaining him. She had just passed through the

little gate, leading to the garden, when, to her horror, she saw her husband lying at her feet motionless. A closer examination showed that he was quite dead. It was found that there was a bullet wound beside the eye, and that the fatal leaden message was lodged in the brain. The weapon he had been using was an old and rusty one, and it is thought that when he tried to discharge it it did not work properly. He then, it would seem, began to examine it and while he was doing so it went off with the result we have stated.

ON THE ARLINGTON.

Development work on the Arlington has temporarily ceased after continuous working during the winter months. The property is looking as fine as ever, and it is estimated they have \$100,000 worth of ore in sight. Down the incline shaft a drift has been run in a northerly direction to tap the vein. They crosscut the ledge to the footwall, which has been followed 300 feet, the ore averaging from eight to 26 inches in width. The wall is at an angle of about 70 degrees pitch, dipping to the east at a distance of about 275 feet. They then have crosscut the ledge to the hanging wall, which is also well defined with about the same pitch as the footwall. The ledge is 32 feet wide, containing paystreaks at intervals all the way through it. These streaks combined will average 10 feet of solid ore. At the footwall they have an up-rise to the second level, where they have drifted both ways on the footwall. There is a fine showing of ore all the way through it. Then they raise for the second level about 65 feet, where they also drift both ways on the footwall, and have ore every place they have worked.

THE TRAIL SMELTER.

The British Columbia Smelting & Refining company has transferred the smelter at Trail to the C.P.R. company. When the big plant will resume operations cannot be stated. The transfer of the Columbia & Western railway will follow in a few weeks. Rumors of the expected transfer have been rife, and they were twisted into all sorts of shapes. The Rossland Miner, however, is authority for the official announcement that the transfer has been made and dates from March 1, and the property has been turned over to W. H. Aldridge, acting for the C.P.R. The British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company does not go out of existence. It remains the same, for Mr. Heinze still retains large holdings in the vicinity, including the big sawmill at Trail, his logging camps up the river, mining properties, townsites and one-half the land grant.

AROUND NELSON.

A. H. Holdich, analytical chemist of Nelson, says that tungsten, a rare mineral, exists in that neighborhood.

Work on the J. R. C., located on Toad mountain, is being energetically pushed. A shaft is being sunk and the ledge is being opened up.

Work on the Delight group on Toad mountain is progressing favorably. A force of men is engaged in development work and is drifting along the ledge with a considerable body of ore in sight. Owing to the difficulty of getting in supplies the force of men will not be increased until spring, but as soon as the snow goes off, the force will be increased, and shipments of ore to the smelter will begin.

Young & Townsend are making good headway with their contract for tunneling on the Golden Dale, on Toad mountain. The full breast of the tunnel is in highly mineralized quartz. Two feet of this is charged freely with copper and galena, and two feet more almost as much. Specimens of silver glance from the property runs over 300 ounces in the white metal. The Golden Dale has a ledge showing a width of from 40 to 60 feet.

ROSSLAND NUGGETS.

The Velvet shaft is down about 140 feet and two cross-cuts are being run. Fred Linberg has 18 horses rawhiding ore. During the past month 330 tons have been shipped to the Nelson smelter.

On the Cliff the tunnel and shaft have been connected by a 65-foot upraise, and the work of stopping into the tunnel will now begin. The completion of this upraise makes available a good-sized body of shipping ore.

Four tunnels are being run on the Good Friday, on different ore veins.

The rock is very hard but men are working steadily. It is not probable that the work of cross-cutting the veins will be commenced for 60 or 90 days.

The Victory-Triumph is also among the fortunate properties, in that the paystreak of ore has widened to 20 inches, and another body of fine ore has been encountered alongside of it. The tunnel is now 195 feet.

Another event of the week was the strike on the Coxey, in which a 15-foot ledge was passed after being in 200 feet. It is thought the main ledge will be reached after about 200 feet more of work. The tunnel is now in 400 feet.

The 700-foot level on the Le Roi has been almost reached, and work is continuing on the various levels. During the past week there were 1,157 tons of ore shipped. A few shares of stock were on the market this week at \$7.60.

On the Sunset No. 2 three eight-hour shifts are at work, and better ore than

of the railway along the shore of the lake, to that point, a distance of 60 miles. The maximum gradients through the Rock and Selkirk ranges of mountains are only 1 foot in 100, or barely one-half the maximum of any other railway crossing either of these ranges.

The Company also announces that it is necessary to move on westward from the Columbia river at Robson, the western end of the Canadian Pacific Railway line, so as to reach the Boundary Creek district, about 100 miles distant. During the present year, authority will be asked to make this expenditure.

The Company also announces the purchase of the Columbia and Western Railway extending from Robson to Rossland, for the sum of \$300,000. Along with this purchase the Company has acquired the smelting works at Trail Creek and about 270,000 acres of land in the vicinity.

The Montreal Gazette commenting editorially on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's annual statement,

CANADA consumes 25,000 tons of lead a year. This can all be produced at home without any extra cost to the consumer.

Canada should break away from the short-panted period of its history and foster the lead business with a high tariff.

One of the greatest blessings that this Dominion could have is a high tariff on lead.

The mining industry of the Slovan is hampered by the U. S. duty on lead.

Let the Government lose no time in raising the duty on lead, and by so doing cause work for thousands in this glorious Canada of Mann & McKenzie's.

When there is money in lead the Slovan will not be dead.

Canada wants the same duty on lead that the United States imposes.

Every low-grade mine in Kootenay could work if Canada had a prohibitive tariff on lead.

Give the home market to the lead miners and smelters of Canada and business would hum in the Slovan even if silver drops to 40 cents.

The mines of the Slovan are paying half a million dollars a year to the United States for duty on ore they ship across the line.

If Canada does not foster the lead business by a high tariff she will be standing in her own commercial light.

has recently been encountered is showing. They are now sinking on the No. 1 shaft. The last three assays showed \$36 in gold, while the ore of the previous week ran \$54.

All interest in mining circles centered last week in the strike of a fine body of ore from 10 to 12 feet wide, on the Jumbo, and no sooner had the report become current than a notable stiffness in the stock resulted. In fact, some of it was withdrawn from the market altogether.

A dispatch from Montreal states that one of the largest mining deals for some time, has just been consummated by O. G. Laberee, of Rossland, in placing 2,000,000 shares of the Big Three Gold Mining Company's stock in Montreal, thereby giving the control of the company to the purchasers, which are composed of some of the strongest financial men in Montreal. The Big Three company owns the Southern Belle and Snowshoe on Red Mountain and the Mascot on Columbia and Kootenay mountains.

ROSEBURY RIPTLES.

Four men are employed grading the site for the sidetrack and buildings for the sampler. The lumber will be on the ground this week.

Mrs. Capt. Seaman has returned to Rosebury after three weeks spent in Nelson. Mrs. Christie has also returned from a visit to the coast.

Geo. Rogers, who has been spending some weeks in Nelson, returned to Rosebury this week to take charge of the store of Thos. Struthers, who left on Wednesday for Toronto and eastern cities on a five weeks visit on business and pleasure.

C. P. R. ANNUAL REPORT.

Montreal, March 2.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Annual Report announces that the Crow's Nest Pass line will be completed to Kootenay lake before the end of August. A temporary connection will be made with Nelson, by means of a train ferry, whereby a through train service may be established, pending the completion

finishes as follows: "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is only 18 years old. When its project was published, people thought it would never be executed. The System to-day comprises 7,676 miles of road, owned and operated, and two steamship lines on the Pacific. It has assets representing a value of \$245,000,000, earns \$24,000,000 a year, and is paying dividends where some thought it would not earn axle grease. Its story is one of the most wonderful in the annals of modern business enterprise.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

A force of men will shortly be put to work on the Last Chance in Smith's camp.

A big strike is reported on the Jennie May claim, up the North Fork. It appears that last week a vein of quartz carrying stringers of gold was struck at the bottom of the 60-foot shaft on this property.

Work will be commenced on the buildings for the Sunset mine in Deadwood camp as soon as the snow leaves. After the buildings have been erected a force of men will be put at work developing the mine.

The boiler and machinery of the Golden Crown mine, Wellington camp, was all in place last week and steam up. A force of men will be put to work at once in the shaft and development carried on much more rapidly with machinery than could be done heretofore. On the tunnel about 290 feet has been run, and it is expected the lead will be tapped at 300 feet.

A hoist, pump, Rand drills and air compressor have been ordered for the Knob Hill, which will be put in place as soon as they arrive. The compressed air will be taken by pipes from the Ironsides, and both properties worked with power furnished by one boiler. Development work will be pushed on this claim as soon as the machinery is in place.

East Canadian News.

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The manager of the Traders' Bank at Glencoe died suddenly of apoplexy on Thursday morning.

C. Amey, of Ottawa, claims to have discovered three placer locations in the Michipicoten gold district.

The Bank of British North America is to open a branch office at Dawson City to compete with the Bank of Commerce.

Alderman Charles Baxter, of Windsor, has resigned his seat in the city council and gone to seek his fortune in the Klondike.

Lady Abbott, the wife of the late Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John Abbott, died on Friday at the residence of her son in Montreal.

Mrs. Richard Rolley, aged 68 years, committed suicide early Thursday morning by hanging herself with a plough line. The reason is unknown.

Roderick McDonald, of Toronto, who has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway for 40 years, was killed by a train on Thursday morning, while attending to the semaphore at the Humber, where he was section man.

The great railway rate war is causing a great deal of talk. The cut ranges from 50 to 75 per cent. of the former rates, and as a result the fares between certain points in Ontario and Quebec are lower than railway men ever remember them.

The Canada Mutual Mining & Development Company, Ltd., which has its headquarters at Toronto, shipped this week its first car load of ore, weighing 23,000 lbs., from the Gladstone galena group, on Silver creek, about seven miles east of Northport.

A boy named James Gates, aged 16 years, who was employed in the law office of Ritchie & Co., Toronto, forged his employers' check for \$100, cashed it and started for the Klondike. He travelled as far as North Bay, when he changed his mind and returned home.

One of the heaviest snow-storms of many years visited Ontario and Quebec the beginning of this week, causing traffic to be impeded. In some parts of Quebec city there was absolute suffering as the milkmen and bakers could not get around to serve their customers.

The amateur highwayman, who has been holding up travellers near Stratford, Ont., the last few weeks, has been captured by the local police. He is a young man named Thomas Bell. The two youths, who were his companions during his exploits, have both been arrested.

An avalanche of snow destroyed on Tuesday night, two houses at South Quebec, which were situated directly under the cliff, opposite the G.T.R. sheds. Four persons were killed, Emilie Angers aged 50, his two little boys aged three and five years respectively, and a little girl named Flossie King aged 11 years. Several others sustained serious injuries.

A beautiful service in memory of the late Miss Frances Willard was held in Cooke's church, Toronto, on Tuesday night, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. A large number of people were present, many of whom had met the late leader of the great temperance movement on the occasion of her last visit to Toronto, some few months ago.

Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, died on Thursday. This eminent divine was born in Dungarvon, County Waterford, Ireland, 1828. In 1888, he was appointed by the Holy See, to be Bishop of Kingston, so he was forced to resign his Irish benefice and come to Canada. His insurance, amounting to \$60,000, is nearly all left to Regiopolis College.

A dreadful fire occurred on Sunday night in the township of Rama, three miles north of Schriber, in which Mrs. James Arthur and her two boys, aged twelve and 9 respectively, were burned to death. A daughter, aged 18 years, will also probably die from her burns. It is surmised that the conflagration had its origin in a fire which was left burning in the stove when the family retired for the night.

Stanislaus Francis Perry, M.P. for West Prince Edward Island, died at Ottawa on Thursday. The deceased went to Ottawa some two weeks previous to the recent opening of Parliament, but was taken sick almost immediately of low fever from which he never recovered. In politics he was a stiff Liberal and, if he had lived, it is said by those who knew that he would soon have been appointed to the Senate.

The Government at Ottawa has received a proposition from the Rothschilds offering to construct a line of narrow gauge railway from Pyramid

Harbor over the Dalton trail to Rink Rapids on the Lewes river. They also offer to construct precisely the same railway as is called for in the contract with McKenzie & Mann, for a grant of 1,000,000 acres of land, which is only about one-third of what McKenzie & Mann contracted for.

The knell to the hopes of Canadian oilmen has been sounded by the Government at Ottawa, and coal oil is now to be admitted into Canada at certain ports in tank ships. This means that that octopus, the Standard Oil Company, will now have everything its own way. By the strict rules that the Government imposes, it is evident that the framers of our laws recognize the danger attending the bringing in of such ships. It is too bad that such an important industry should meet with such treatment from the hands of the Government.

Another gold field has been discovered in Cape Breton. Investigations have been made during the last few months in new districts, where heretofore no particular interest was taken. The Whycomoh district of Cape Breton was one of the regions visited by an expert, with the result of finding a vein of quartz in Salt Mountain, Inverness county, which is reported to be almost inexhaustible. The vein exposure on the surface is almost 280 feet broad and three miles long. Samples of the ore taken out of the tunnel have been assayed by Mr. Hersey of McGill University and run as high as \$144 to the ton.

The deputation of representatives from commercial bodies, which waited upon the Ottawa Government with reference to the opening up of a wagon road or pack trail from Edmonton to the Yukon, did not meet with the success they hoped for. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to them said that the matter had already been engaging the attention of the House, and the decision had been arrived at that it was advisable to send out an exploration company next summer to ascertain what the country was like and if it was suitable for farming purposes, so that it would offer inducements for unsuccessful miners to settle there and to farm land. Continuing he said: "The greater part of those going to the gold fields were doomed to disappointment in advance, but they would be able to compensate themselves for their lack of success in mining, by turning their attention to agriculture."

THE PASSENGER WAR.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—To-day's Evening Telegram says editorially: "Good luck to the C. P. R. Canada's sympathies will be entirely with the C. P. R. in the fight which it is making to secure a lion's share of the traffic to the Yukon. It is not in the interests either of Canada or of the C. P. R. that a dollar should go to an American line if the C. P. R. can divert the dollar to its own coffers."

"The Grand Trunk has business interests which encourage it to send traffic to the Yukon via American routes. These interests are entirely opposed to Canada's interests. It would be unreasonable to expect the Grand Trunk to be patriotic and to lose money by allowing passengers to travel over the C. P. R. It would be just as unreasonable to expect Canada to take the business view of the question and to therefore withdraw its sympathy and support from the C. P. R., which in the fight has no interests which are not the interests of Canada."

"Canada, for business reasons is the ally of the C. P. R. in this fight just as the Grand Trunk for business reasons is the ally of the American lines. The Grand Trunk's interests are identical with the interests of American roads, and the interest of Canada will be best promoted by a C. P. R. victory over the whole combination."

IS NOT A VALID LOCATION.

Judgement in a peculiar mining case was given Saturday by Justice Walkem in the supreme court. In August 1897, the Sheep Creek Star claim was located in the West Kootenay district by a man named Madden. In staking it out he, unknowingly, placed his initial post in United States territory, the claim lying right at the boundary line. In June, 1895, Connell staked out Boundary No. 2, covering nearly the same ground. Madden applying for a certificate of improvements, Connell filed an adverse claim. Justice Walkem to-day held in Connell's favor on the ground that as by the mineral act a surveyor has to begin at post No. 1, the Sheep Creek Star is not a valid location as its initial post was in foreign territory and therefore was not a bona-fide post within the meaning of the mineral act. An appeal will be taken.

MAY.

May was fifteen when 'er daddy
Sent 'er to a city school,
N' we all rode to the 'landin',
We upon the old grey mare,
When the red ad 'ugged an' kissed 'er,
I felt 'er lips, 'er face an' low,
'Swar you'll stick to me forever,
An' she smiled, 'Forever, Joe.'

In the lonesome time to follow,
Life wasn't worth the livin' for,
An' there wasn't nothin' 'cep'n
Jest to work an' think 'er,
Spec' I did some growin', maybe,
'Till the days was draggin' by,
'N' I know'd it when my breeches
Got to crawlin' up so high.

When they told me she was finished,
Graduated, so they said,
'N' was comin' home—Jenny,
I was shet upon my head,
'N' we all rode to the 'landin',
Gee! But when I heard the boat
All my knees weak as water,
An' my heart wuz in my throat.

Then it stopped an' 'cross the gangway
Came a fifty city miss,
In 'er man's straw hat an' 'sponders,
N' men's cuffs around 'er waist,
I felt 'er arms through the wood;
Till I saw an' pink sunbonnet,
Hair a-strainin', wild an' free,
She whispered as I grabbed 'er,
'Now, do you believe it's me?'

Well, at home it wasn't no better,
All 'er clothes an' ways were strange,
Yet I know'd it was May, an' couldn't
Find the reason of the change,
'N' I moved around in misery,
'Till the lovely sunnier day,
By the creek I burst out, 'Tell me,
What's you done with little May?'

'Stay right here,' she kinder panted,
An' a wonderin' that I stood,
Till I saw my sweetheart comin',
'Conch' breeze through the wood;
Cotton dress an' pink sunbonnet,
Hair a-strainin', wild an' free,
She whispered as I grabbed 'er,
'Now, do you believe it's me?'

—Mary McNeil Scott.

SOME UTE ELOQUENCE.

Warriors and country men.

We are congregated to-day in our
new corral. The pale face has rounded
us up once more and led us one notch
nearer the setting sun.

We are the courageous fragment of
what was once the mighty Ute nation.
Now we are cut out and herded on a
new reservation like a bunch of Texas
steers for the Chicago market.

Warriors. I glory in your powers,
your valor, your wild, untamed thirst
for gore and rest. I see before me the
most ferocious band of beefsteak de-
stroyers that the world has ever seen.
I am proud of your record.

You were told by the white father at
Washington to pack your shawl straps
and move to the new ranch in the far
west, so that Colorado white bean cul-
tivators could have the graves of our
ancestors to raise corky radishes and
water melons on. He told us that we
might go to the new reservation and
die of ennu, if we chose, while the aver-
age Colorado granger dug up the bones
of our people regardless of expense.

Then did you dig up the tomahawk
and bury the pipe of peace?
Did you brandish your meat axe and
plunge it into the liver of your pale face
foe?

Not that I remember of.
Did you sound the war cry of the nation
and warn the American people to
stand back or you would jar the entire
national fabric?

Not if my memory still continues to
wag.
You did not paralyze the pale face.
You didn't walk over him and tramp
him into the dirt very much. At least
if you did the facts have not been cor-
rectly brought to my notice.

Instead of piling up a lot of ghastly
fragments of busted Caucasians, you
simply packed your night shirts and
your tooth brushes and lit out for the
new range.

I gaze upon you with singular pride.
The chunk of swelling pride that is at
this moment agitating my gizzard and
striving for utterance is fully as big as
a cook stove.

If I had a son seven years old who
hadn't more nerve and more sand than
this feeble relic of the Ute nation has
to-day, I would take him out behind the
straw pile and brain him with a boiled
rutabaga.

Do you call to mind the days when
we used to go over into North part and
surprise a convey of prospectors and
scout them up the golden stairs before
breakfast? Have you forgotten the
time when we stole enough grub to
keep house and then sold our rations to
the paleface for the latest style of fire-
arms? I don't think I have ever saw
such a change. It breaks me up and
saddens me.

We are settled here now 500 miles
from anywhere and among total stran-
gers. We are at least 300 miles from
telegraphic and whisky facilities, and in
the midst of the Mormon church. Our
squaws may have crude and at times
erroneous notions about the social rela-
tions, and they may have been more or
less extemporaneous and impromptu, as
it were, in relation to the matter of mar-
riage, still they have never fallen into
the grovelling customs of the oleaginous
Mormon.

We may have led a crooked and
peculiar life in some respects, but we
have never been Mormons.

As I said before, we have come here
without a murmur. We just packed up
the rosewood piano and the household
collection of insects that had become at-
tached to us, and moved like a lot of
sore-eyed emigrants. I see about me
warriors who might be powerful chiefs
of a great nation, but instead of that
you stand around here with your shirt
tails sticking through little rustic ap-
tures in your overalls.

Children of the forest, your race is
nearly run. You will scatter a few pol-
ished soup bones and bacon rines over
this reservation and then die. You will
probably die of gout. If some good,
able-bodied pilgrim would make a
drainage tube out of a length of gas pipe
and tap the whole tribe for laudable
pus, he would win my undying esteem.

I am done. You have heard me
cackle. You have listened to my melo-
dies too. I will now dry up and sim-
mer down.—Bill Nye.

THE CHESHIRE CHEESE.

The Famous Old-Time London Restaurant.

Of course, everybody who does Lon-
don goes to the famous Cheshire Cheese
in First street for luncheon. It is one
of the show places—an ancient tavern
that has retained all an early charac-
teristics, from the plain furniture of its
stuff, little crowded coffee room to the
rough pewter mugs in which is served
your ale or "bitter." If you are in luck

you'll be sure to get the coveted
seat at the head of the table near the
old fashioned fireplace, labeled in
brass tablet as Samuel Johnson's favor-
ite corner. Here, on the straight-back-
ed, hard wooden settee, in the sawdust
and sand amid smoke and dirt and
smell of cookery sat Johnson, with pipe
and bowl holding forth to the clever
gentlemen of his day and association.
Even the sight of the brass tablet and
the big grays spot on the wall that
still bears the impress of his learned
head do not inspire me as I ought to be
inspired; for I cannot appreciate this
fad for dirty surroundings in which to
eat. Perhaps Johnson had no better
place to go in his time, but we certainly
have. The cheese, however, is appar-
ently typical of all of the historic inns
of the older civilization, and one won-
ders why the exquisites and learned of
that time should have preferred such
environment to the elegant clubs and
general decency of life. Was good
wine, cookery and personal freedom
known only to those public hostilities—the
tap room of the sanded floor? Yet all
English literature, from Shakespeare
down to Dickens, reeks with the odor of
the pot-house.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A STRONG DUNNING LETTER.

The following was sent by a contem-
porary upon a postal card to a delin-
quent subscriber:

No draft yet
'What saith the Scriptures?'—Rom.
iv. 3.

'Time to receive money.'—Kings,
v. 20.

'Promise to give money.'—Mark,
xiv. 11.

'I called upon him, but there was no
answer.'—Cant. v. 6.

'What wait for?'—Psalms, xxxix. 7.

'The money was not brought.'—2
Kings, xviii. 16.

'There was no voice, nor any that
answered.'—1 Kings, xviii. 17.

'Either he is talking, or he is persua-
ding, or he is on a journey, or peradven-
ture, he sleepeth and must be awak-
ened.'—1 Kings, xviii. 27.

'We groan within ourselves, wait-
ing.'—Rom. vii. 33.

'All my days will I wait till my
change come.'—Job, xiv. 14.

'Have not read Scripture?'—Mark,
xii. 16.

'Now therefore send quickly.'—Mark
xii. 16.

'Now therefore send quickly.'—2
Sam. xvii. 16.

This appeal brought the money.

The First Railroad to the Arctic Sea.

The first railroad running to a port on
the Arctic Sea is the continuation of the
Vologda railway, in Russia, which is
now finished to the port of Archangel on
the southeastern corner of the White
Sea, and at the mouth of the river
Divina. This new line, which was
opened some weeks ago, is nearly 400
miles in length. The Vologda-Archangel
Railway passes for the most part
through deserted or sparsely populated
regions, or across "tundras" and
marshes, which are sometimes 50 feet in
depth. The whole nature of the country
through which the new line passes was
unfavorable to its construction. Marshes
and patches of bog and swamp had to be
filled in; the newly made embankments
were continually giving away, and had
again to be built up until the necessary
stability had been obtained. Six iron
bridges and numerous bridges of wood
were required. The wooden bridges are
built upon piles driven in some cases to
a great depth beneath the surface. The
new line is of military as well as com-
mercial importance, for it must play a
leading part in the opening of the north-
ern provinces of Russia. It will furnish
an outlet, for instance, for the deposits of
petroleum which exist in Northern
Russia, but have not been worked on
account of the lack of transportation.

A READY EXPLANATION.

A Washington man is accustomed to
using what he considers a very choice
product of the distiller's art. His pre-
ference for the liquor in question has
been approved by a number of connois-
seurs in such matters, and he began to
suspect that a colored man in his employ
had added his indorsement in a manner
tacit, but sincere.

The compliment was a high one, for
the colored man has long been employed
in the culinary department, and he had
a sense of smell and a keenness of taste
which many a gourmet might envy. The
demijohn which contained the liquor em-
ployed with such surprising rapidity that
its proprietor concluded to adopt radical
measures. In the absence of direct proof,
he decided to try strategy. He allowed
the demijohn to become empty, and, in-
stead of filling it again, put the liquor in
bottles in a cupboard and labelled them
"poison." The word was printed in
heavy black letters, and a skull and
crossbones were added, of a size calcu-
lated to make an impression on the most
stolid. He kept an eye on the cupboard,
too, and one night, as he came home
from the theater, he caught the colored
servant just in the act. Seizing the
bottle in mock terror, the employer ex-
claimed:

"Great heaven! Do you know what
you are doing? Don't you see that what
the bottle contains is marked poison?"

The colored man held it off and looked
at it. Then he smiled it, and, with a
look of melancholy replied:

"Taint poison, sah. I's done been
fool'd ag'in."

"How dared you tamper with it,
whether you knew it was poison or not?"

"Boss, it was dis-a-way. P'm de way
you acted about dat demijohn in de cel-
lar, I done thought yoh had yoh 'episodes
on me, an' it made me melancholy, for
sho'. I's been tryin' foh mos' two weeks
now ter commit suicide out'n dat dar
bottle!"

Prospect Wasn't Pleasing.

An aged citizen of a rural neighbor-
hood who could never rid himself of
chills and fever, but went shivering
through the hottest days of summer,
came at last to his deathbed. He did
not seem particularly pleased as to the
prospect of relief, and to comfort him
his good wife said:

"John, you've been a-shakin' an' a-
shivering all your life but you'll git
warm there."

"For the Lord's sake, Mary," said the
shivering man, "don't talk so. 'Which
way does yer think I'm a-goin'?"

Pickings From the
Mother Lode of Wit

Who is that military-looking chap?
That sir, is the hero of a rumored war.

Reggy—Miss Guance, you're always
in my mind, dutcher know.
Miss Grace—Goodness! that is worse
than living in a fat.

Tommy—A lighthouse is a sign of
rocks isn't it, paw?
Mr. Figg—It depends on whether you
are referring to the seashore or the
drama.

Tommy, aged 4, had been taken with
a slight attack of prevarication, and his
father, wishing to impress upon his in-
fantile mind the sin he had committed,
related the story of George Washington
and the cherry tree, concluding with
the remark that little George was a
good boy and never told a lie. Tommy
sat in deep thought for a few moments,
and then said: "Say, pa, toodn't little
George talk?"

Teacher—Come, come Dick; what
comes after ten?
Dick—Eight, nine, ten—er—I dunno.
Teacher—Bobby, can you tell Dick
what comes after ten?
Bobby—Yes'm, jack, queen and king.

"Mamma, have I any children?" asked
little 5-year-old Ella upon her return
home from Sunday school. "Why, no,
of course not? What put that idea
into your head?" replied the surprised
mother. "Because," answered the little
lady, "our lesson to-day was about
people's children and their children's
children."

A clergyman was in his library one
day preparing his sabbath discourse.
He paused frequently to review what
he had written and would often erase a
word or sentence and substitute another,
and his 5-year-old son, who was watch-
ing him asked: "Papa, does God tell
you what to preach?" "Certainly, my
son," was the reply. "Then why do
you scratch it out?" queried the little
observer.

UNLICENSED INSURANCE COM-
PANIES.

There has long been complaint among
Canadian fire insurance agents that
business is being taken away from them
by the representatives of American
companies that are not licensed to do
business in the Dominion. These com-
panies have not made the deposit at
Ottawa that is required by law, and yet
they have men in Canada "pilfering"
business, as one agent in Vancouver
said yesterday. In the Kootenay this
"pilfering" is marked. There is one
American company especially that has
no license to do business in the Domi-
nion which is complained of. It has
agents in Spokane, who go into the
Kootenay and get good risks by quot-
ing a lower rate than licensed compa-
nies. These agents are not local men,
and, as they live in a foreign town, it is
difficult to reach them through the law.
The Insurance and Finance Chronicle,
of Montreal, referring to this matter in
its last issue says:

"The open defiance of the law of
Canada by a certain disreputable class
of American fire insurance companies
calls for more severe measures being
taken to suppress this evil. A case was
recently heard by Judge Denys, pre-
siding at the Special Sessions in this
city, which will serve to make the law
better known to the public. It is fully
known to those companies, by whom
the law of Canada is audaciously set at
naught. The case was reported as fol-
lows: Wm. Labrecque was fined \$25
and costs for delivering fire insurance
policies of an unlicensed insurance com-
pany. It appears that Labrecque rep-
resented an American insurance company
which had not made a deposit with the
Canadian Government in order to be
allowed to carry on such a business in

The
Windsor
RESTAURANT

In NEW DENVER is always ready to do
business. It has never closed its doors
on account of the little financial breezes
that blow adversely occasionally in the
Silvery Slocan. The weary and hungry
pilgrim has always been able to get his
wants, and in consequence they call again
when in town. Keep your eye on the
Sunday dinners.

JACOBSON & CO.

Canada. The charge was preferred by
Mr. Harris Cohen, who had taken out a
policy for \$1,200. If Mr. Cohen's prem-
ises had been burned, the policy was of
questionable value, as the company
had not a license for Canada. The
Judge said it was a very serious case,
but as the accused had apparently acted
in good faith, he would reduce the fine.
After this public warning, there will no
longer be any excuse for this class of
law-breakers, and we shall expect the
full penalty to be imposed. The Judge
said "it was a serious case." It is cer-
tainly very serious for foreigners to be
setting the law of Canada at defiance.
It is also very serious for some of our
citizens to be running the risk of being
unable to collect their insurance in the
event of a fire. The old saying, "Penny
wise and pound foolish," applies with
special force to a man who, in order to
save a few cents in the cost of his fire
insurance, buys a policy which is
absolutely worthless—except as an
exhibit of foolishness and a warning to
others.

A Grub Famine Threatened.

The recent blockade on the Kaslo and
Slocan railway proves to have been a
more serious affair than was generally
thought. The line was practically tied
up for some ten days, and the rotary
snow plow broke down, necessitating
the use of the ordinary pick and shovel
to clear the road of the impediments
caused by snow slides. Along the line
a "grub" famine was threatened. At
Whitewater there was nothing left.
The Whitewater mine was forced to lay
off 50 men on account of the shortage of
supplies. The Charleston was on the
point of closing while at Bear Lake and
McGuigan the situation was serious.
Railway business in the mountains is not
all that it is cracked up to be.—Nelson
Economist.

Just received, a large consignment of
Men's, Youth's and Boys' Ready Made
Clothing. Prices compatible with the
present financial depression.

BOURNE BROS.

Klondike
Start from VANCOUVER
Because

1. VANCOUVER is the best outfit-
ting point on the Coast; goods
considerably cheaper than in the
United States.
2. VANCOUVER is the nearest port of depar-
ture to the Yukon District.
3. VANCOUVER is the terminus of the C.P.
Railway, whose steamers will start from
Vancouver direct spring.
4. All north-bound steamers call at VAN-
COUVER.
5. Direct steamers to Yukon ports have now
commenced to run from VANCOUVER.
6. VANCOUVER is the only Canadian port
where passengers transfer direct from train
to steamer.
7. KLONDIKE is in Canada. Outfit in VAN-
COUVER and save 30 per cent. Customs
Duty.

W. GODFREY.

President Board of Trade, Vancouver, B. C.

SLOCAN CITY TOWNSITE.

TAKE NOTICE that Messrs. Suckling Brothers'
Agency has expired, and that no person
other than the undersigned, has authority to
make contracts, receive payments, etc. All
communications and payments, with refer-
ence to a Certificate of Improvements, for the
Townsite should be forwarded to the
Trustees, who will sign all agreements and
deeds.

FRANK FLETCHER, Trustee.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 90 days after date
of this notice, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works for permission to purchase
the following parcel of land situated on the
east side of Slocan Lake, Slocan Mining Division,
West Kootenay District, commencing at the
southwest corner of A. M. Wilson's pre-emption,
thence running north 40 chains, thence running
west to the Nakusp & Slocan Railway right of
way, thence running south along the line of the
Nakusp & Slocan Railway right of way to the
northwest corner of the townsite of Rosebery,
thence east to the point of commencement, con-
taining acres, more or less.
Dated, Nov. 26th, 1897.

A. M. BEATTIE.

NOTICE.

As we will go out of business in the Windsor
A. Restaurant on the 10th of April, all accounts
due the firm must be paid at once.
All the restaurant and hotel furniture will be
offered for sale.
JACOBSON & CO.
New Denver, B. C., March 10, 1898.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Kaslo Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District. Where located: About
one mile east of Cody on the south fork of
Carpenter Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. D. McKay, acting
as agent for D. E. Sprague, free miner's cer-
tificate No. 9731, and John S. Parker, free
miner's certificate No. 7729, 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-
tion 37 must be commenced before the issuance of
such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

Oro Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District. Where located: About
one mile east of Cody on the south fork of
Carpenter Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. D. McKay, acting
as agent for D. E. Sprague, free miner's cer-
tificate No. 9731, and John S. Parker, free
miner's certificate No. 7729, 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-
tion 37 must be commenced before the issuance of
such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

Alma No. 2 Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District. Where located: About
one mile east of Cody on the south fork of
Carpenter Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. D. McKay, acting
as agent for D. E. Sprague, free miner's cer-
tificate No. 9731, and John S. Parker, free
miner's certificate No. 7729, 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-
tion 37 must be commenced before the issuance of
such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

Comiskey Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District. Where located: On
the Helena Farm, an extension of the Peerless
mineral claim or the north.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Francis J. O'Reilly of
Silverton, B. C., as agent for the Helena
Mining Co. (Oregon) Free Miner's Certificate No.
7295 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-
tion 37 must be commenced before the issuance of
such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 5th day of November, 1897.

Humboldt Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District. Where located: On
the Helena Farm, an extension of the Peerless
mineral claim or the north.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. S. Andrews, agent
for W. H. Hellyar, Free Miner's Certificate
No. 4158, 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-
tion 37 must be commenced before the issuance of
such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1898.

F. S. ANDREWS,

Agent for W. H. Hellyar.

Mammoth Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District. Where located: Near
the town of Sandon.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free
miner's certificate No. 7400, 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 is-
sue of such Certificate of Improvements.
Dated this 4th day of January, 1898.

NOTICE

DIETS BROS., of Silverton, Three Forks and
Sandon, having assigned for the benefit of
their creditors, all accounts due the estate and
not paid forthwith will be proceeded against in
the courts for recovery of same.
Signed—HOWARD CHAPMAN, Assignee.

INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION
& TRADING CO., LTD.

On Kootenay Lake and River.

Time Card in Effect Oct. 1st, 1897. Daily
Except Sunday. Subject to Change without notice.
Close connection at Frye Mile Point with all
passenger trains of the N. & F.S.R.R. to and from
Northport, Rossland and Spokane.

Through tickets sold at Lowest Rates and
Baggage checked to all United States Ports.

Lv. Kaslo for Nelson and way points. 5:45 a.m.
Ar. Northport 12:15 p.m.; Rossland 3:40 p.m.
Lv. Spokane 6 p.m.

Lv. Nelson for Kaslo and way points. 4:45 p.m.
Ar. Spokane 8 a.m.; Rossland, 10:20 a.m.;
Northport, 1:50 p.m.

BONNER'S FERRY AND KOOTENAY RIVER
SERVICE.

The Alberta awaits the arrival of the Inter-
national before leaving for Bonner's Ferry.
Lv. Kaslo, Sat. 4:00 p.m.; Ar. Boundary, Sun.
midnight; Ar. Bonner's Ferry, Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Lv. Bonner's Ferry, Sun. 1 p.m.; Ar. Bound-
ary, Sun. 5 p.m.; Ar. Kaslo, Sun. 10 p.m.

Close connection at Bonner's Ferry with
trains East bound, leaving Spokane 7:40 a.m.,
and West bound, arriving Spokane 7 p.m.

The last trip this season on the Bonner's Ferry
route will be on the 6th and 7th November after
which date the Bonner's Ferry service will be
discontinued.

GEORGE ALEXANDER, Gen'l Mgr
Head Office at Kaslo, B.C.
Kaslo, B.C., Oct. 1, 1897

KASLO & SLOCAN RY

TIME CARD

Subject to change without notice
Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

Leave 8:00 A.M. Kaslo. Arrive, 3:50 P.M.
" 8:30 " South Fork " 3:15 " P.M.
" 9:30 " Sprague's " 2:15 " P.M.
" 9:50 " Whitewater " 2:00 " P.M.
" 10:05 " One Lake " 1:45 " P.M.
" 10:18 " McGuigan " 1:35 " P.M.
" 10:38 " Cody Junction " 1:12 " P.M.
Ar. 10:50 Sandon Leave 1:00 " P.M.

ROBT. IRVING,

MINING RECORDS.

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

ASSESSMENTS.
MARCH 4—Paw, Mountain Boy.
MARCH 5—O K Fraction.
TRANSFERS.
MARCH 3—Bell View No 2, Henry E. Sharpe to Otto Bremer, Jan 2, \$1,500.
Sandor, Lone Star all interest. The Dominion Developing & Mining Co. to The British Columbia Gold Trust, Jan 11.
MARCH 7—Oro 14, Kaslo 14, Alma No 2 14, Keweenaw 14, J. S. Parke to D. E. Sprague, Feb 12.
Keweenaw 14, Alfred Lemieux to Geo. Baker, Feb 7.
Joseph 1, L. B. Best 1, Orest 1, S. R. Fredrick 1, Frank Johnson to Geo. Baker, Oct 25.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.
MARCH 1—O K, Joe Blanchard, C. & S. Mike Johnson.
ASSESSMENTS.
FEB 28—Last Chance.
MARCH 1—Indication.
TRANSFERS.
FEB 19—Globe, D. Graham to J. McPhie.
Agreement of C. H. Green to pay J. McPhie \$250 if he succeeds in disposing of Eureka, Yosemite, Homestake, Scotch Chief, Echo and Parrot claims for \$14,000.
Agreement of J. McPhie to pay to E. H. Tomlinson \$500 in event of disposal of Eureka, Yosemite, Homestake, Scotch Chief, Echo and Parrot claims for \$14,000.
Klondike, W. W. Harris to Jennie Harris.
Copper Star, D. W. Harris to same.
FEB 28—Hewitt, Agnes and Lulu 1, B. F. Shields to Mrs. M. L. Martin, \$1,300.
Last Chance 1, Angus Benton to Andrew Thibed.
Power of attorney from Barbara H. Kerr to Thos. Harris.
MARCH 2—Last Chance 1, Jacob Nelson to Andrew Thibed, \$75.
Total Wreck 1/2, Wm. Anderson to Frank Alstrom.
Grey Copper, Thos. Harris for B. H. Kerr to Jennie Harris.
MARCH 3—Henry Chas. Fowler to H. Williams, \$500.
Hazel, declaration of H. Williams, of Toronto, that he holds the above claim in trust for the subscribers until such time as a company is formed.
MARCH 4—Bilthurst 1, Ronald McLaughlin to Alexander McFarlane.
Power of attorney from C. Aspland to Alfred Stalberg.
Ainsworth 1/2, Jacob Nelson to Thos. Harris.
Spokane Kaslo, Spokane Kaslo No 2, Acme and American all int. (under Execution Act), Sheriff Robinson to H. Giegrich.

NEWS IN PLACE

Jacobson & Co. will close the Windsor Restaurant on and after April 15th.

Cashier Beer of the Bank of Montreal is spending a few days on the coast.

The force on the Emily Edith has been increased to 30, with no Sunday work.

Mrs. Hill, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting her brothers, the Messrs. Aylwin.

Work on the Wakefield was renewed last Friday, and will be pushed as fast as possible.

J. C. Bolander is putting in a variety of fruit trees and berry bushes on his residence property.

Wharton's sawmill is to be refitted with modern machinery and its capacity increased to 20,000 feet a day.

A. W. Bowlby, formerly of Alvinston, Ontario, will hear of something by writing to Box 20, New Denver.

Palma, Angriçon will turn on the electric light some night this week. A good service can now be depended upon.

Patrick Gallagher has sold his outfit for bridge and railroad building to the C.P.R. and contemplates leaving for the north.

The face of the lower tunnel on the Ruth is full of ore. It was struck last Monday and is pleasant news for the owners.

Pete Linquist and Danny McCuiga are doing work on the Woodstock, Black Eagle, Mayflower and Sabbath, all Ten Mile claims.

Services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday, as follows: Morning at 11 and evening 7:15. Preacher R. N. Powell.

Bourne Bros. have a large stock of fresh butter. Their stock of provisions never pinches out and is constantly being added to.

Divine service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, March 13, at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. All are invited to attend W. J. Booth, preacher.

The Newmarket hotel will be reopened on the First of April by H. Stege and Thos. Avison, who have leased the building for a period of two years.

J. A. Miller, of the firm of Miller & Jefferys, tinmiths, arrived from New Westminster this week, and will assist in the business of the firm here.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Athletic Club to make the coming entertainment on St. Patrick's day a success. Bills are out and are circulated in all the neighboring towns.

The Ottawa group, on Springer creek, owned by T. Mulvey and partners, has been bonded to an eastern syndicate for a good figure. A force of men has been employed to develop the group.

Miss Mary McQueen, after a few months absence, has returned to New Denver and will take charge of the C. P. R. telegraph instrument here. Her many friends gladly welcome her return to New Denver.

The Payne mine commenced loading ore on the C.P.R. over its new tram last week, and henceforth one-half of its output will go over that road, while the balance will be shipped by the Kaslo & Slokan railway.

Fire Warden Aylwin is greatly improving his premises on Slokan Avenue. The house is being set back from the street, the whole property will be fenced and a great variety of fruit trees, berry bushes, and flowers planted.

Sandor has sent a delegation consisting of Messrs. Harris, Grimmett, Christie, Hunter and Mayor Atherton to Victoria to interview the legislature regarding Sandor's wants. It would be profitable for New Denver to do likewise.

A well attended and successful missionary meeting was held in the Methodist church last Tuesday evening. The Rev. J. Woodworth, Superintendent of Methodist Missions in British Columbia and the North-West Territories, was the great attraction. The choir and New Denver orchestra rendered special music.

Messrs. Kneebone & Co., who leased the Fidelity and have been pushing the work of drifting across the swamp to the mountain beyond, have thrown up the lease, owing to the difficulties experienced in the work. The ore showing is as good as usual and it is probable the owners will continue the work.

Policeman Mountain, who has been identified with the Slokan since its inception as a mining section, has been appointed chief constable for the Kootenays under Inspector Hussey. Policeman Jarvis, for many years on the Mounted Police force in the Territories, will take his place at Three Forks.

Wm. Tomlinson, who has been taking a few lessons at the School of Mines in Kingston this winter, will return to New Denver about the end of March. Billy, who is one of the Slokan's best friends has allowed his hair to grow lengthy since he went east, and he now resembles very much a Professor in any of the arts.

A petition praying for a protective tariff on lead is in the hands of Messrs. Rashdall & Fauquier, and is at their office, where it can be seen by all miners who desire to sign the same. This is a matter that should receive the attention of every man of the Slokan, and ought to be signed by everyone having the interests of the section at heart.

Messrs. Colter, Ash and Brown left New Denver Monday morning for Edmonton, on route for Peace river country. They will be followed by Messrs. Kirkwood and Gibbs who leave next Monday. The party will explore country that has not been touched or thought of in the wild Klondike stampede, and all expect to return to civilization in the fall with well filled sacks of the dust that glitters.

Since the matter has been more liberally considered the general expression of opinion in New Denver is that the celebration proposed for May 24th ought to be called off to allow Silverton to do the right thing. It is now proposed that New Denver assist in every way possible to make the Silverton celebration a thorough success. This is in consideration of the fact that Silverton has ever been so liberal in its patronage of any event held in New Denver. It is suggested that the celebration be held here on the First of July.

Four men have been added to the force at the Excelsior, making altogether 15 men at work on that property. They are stopping, sorting ore, searching for new ore bodies and prospecting the group in a thorough manner. They expect shortly to make two car load shipments, one composed of high grade and the other lower grade ore. A recent assay of average rock taken from the upraise showed 277 ounces silver and \$99 gold; a second gave 155 ounces silver and \$18 gold, and a third went 150 ounces silver and \$16 gold.

A petition is in circulation and is liberally signed, asking the minister of education to authorize the increasing of the salary of the school teacher in New Denver to \$65 per month. Heretofore the salary has been \$50 per month, which is entirely too small for the number of children in attendance at the school. Mr. Strickland, who has so successfully taught the school the past few months, contemplates leaving and it is the desire of the school board and patrons to offer this special inducement to secure his services. The petition will probably be favorably considered and Mr. Strickland persuaded to continue in the good work here.

Monday an election was held in New Denver, and it was a lively affair. True, it was only for fire wardens, but the interest was quite as great as if the offices to be filled were those of big salary and long pull. Six candidates were placed in the field and 65 votes were cast. In previous years it has been difficult to get 10 men out to vote, and considerable pressure had to be brought to bear on three citizens to persuade them to stand as candidates. The candidates nominated on Monday, and the votes received were as follows: H. T. Bragdon, 45; C. W. Aylwin, 44; J. Millward, 28; Amos Thompson, 27; T. H. Hoben, 27; H. Clever, 15. Messrs. Bragdon, Aylwin and Millward receiving the highest number of votes, were declared elected for the ensuing year.

AN AMERICAN'S VIEW.

Canada Justified in Prohibiting Aliens From Locating Claims.

Wm. H. Heath, who returned from the frozen north by the steamship Cleveland, reports that the steamer had a very rough time of it on her trip. More than two days were lost in snow storms, and on Thursday at Seymour narrows, the vessel for an hour and a half was almost stationary trying to make headway against the tremendous tide. Indeed, Mr. Heath states that the steamer was gradually being carried back little by little towards the rocks by the tide until it was decided to turn her round and wait until the tide changed. Mr. Heath predicts some terrible disaster yet owing to the fact that all sorts and conditions of vessels are going up from the United States ports, some of which are utterly unfitted for standing the least rough weather.

"It looks," he said, "as if any who choose to attach a tow of wild tubs to a tug could get them all filled with passengers, so eager are people to try their luck after gold."

However a little experience of the trail has had the effect of curing the gold fever in a great many instances, for on the Cleveland alone were 40 men who had sold their outfits for what they could get and abandoned all idea of getting over the trail, owing to the enormous number of people who were trying to get through. There is a great deal of sickness at Skagway, Mr. Heath reports, and numerous deaths, for on the same night that young Grant died there were eight deaths reported, one of those only a few tents away from Heath's camp. The trouble is that men who do not understand cold weather go there with an enormous amount of warm clothing, and when toiling along the trail the exertion causes them to perspire so freely that when they stop to rest a chill sets in and sickness results.

Though an American, Mr. Heath says that the unneighborly restrictions which the United States have put in force should be met by Canada's simply refusing to allow aliens to take up mining claims until the Americans come to terms and give Canada fair treatment.

AROUND GRAND FORKS.

The McIntosh syndicate have secured options on several well-known North Fork properties.

Jacob Paulsen and others have crossed the lead on the Old Faithful which lies near the Surprise on Lone Ranch creek on the Reservation.

The English syndicate which had an option on the Grand Forks townsite holdings in this city which expired on Feb. 2nd, have paid \$1,000 for an extension of time until March 5th. A representative of the company was expected to be in Rossland on the 24th inst.

A big strike is reported on the Jeannie May claim up the North Fork. It appears that last week a vein of quartz carrying stringers of gold was struck at the bottom of the 60-foot shaft on this property. The Jeannie May is one of a group of three claims owned by John Joyeaux and the Shannon Bros.

J. F. Hemenway, manager of the Old Ironside mine in Greenwood camp, reports everything running smoothly at the Old Ironside, and the result of the crosscut which was commenced some time since is proving very satisfactory, having struck the ore chute again which they have been out of for some time. The lead is five feet across and covers the entire breast of the crosscut.

ALMOST A MILLION.

Collector of Customs Johnstone reports the following exports and imports in the Nelson district for the month of February. The exports are not up to the million and a third mark of January, but it is claimed that they would have equalled that sum were it not for the blockade occasioned by snow on the Kaslo-Slokan railway, which prevented the marketing of considerable ore.

Exports—The mine, ore 8,001 tons, \$370,925; matte, 667 tons, \$578,213; total, \$949,138. Animals and other produce, \$310; manufactures, \$6,558; total exports, \$956,006.

Imports from the mines were divided as follows: Gold, \$489,450; copper, \$109,878; lead, \$65,531; silver, \$284,278; total, \$949,138.

Imports, dutiable goods, \$60,635; free goods, \$4,751; total, \$65,386. Duty collected, \$17,422.41.

The duty was collected at the following places: Nelson, \$7,317.77; Rossland, \$5,191.39; Kaslo, \$3,161.38; Trail, \$891.89; Nakusp, \$430.52; Waneta, \$412.91; Sheep Creek, \$16.55.

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ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX ACT.

Nelson Division of West Kootenay District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax, and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act, are now due for the year 1898. All the above taxes collectible within the Division of Nelson, West Kootenay District.

Assessment taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:
If paid on or before June 30th, 1898—
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and less than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely: Upon such excess when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and less than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

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