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HON. J. H. TURNER

Royally Received with Mr. Retallack.

A PUBLIC MEETING WENESDAY

Premier Turner and John L. Retallack were to have addressed a public meeting in Clever's Hall Tuesday morning, but owing to obstructions on the K. & S. road caused by the heavy windstorm of Monday their special train failed to reach Sandon in time to catch the Nakusp train. The meeting was consequently delayed until Wednesday, when the Premier and Mr. Retallack came in on the ss. Slocan with colors flying.

The band boys met the boat, and the wharf was crowded with citizens anxious to greet the honorable gentlemen.

A large crowd gathered in Clever's hall and the Premier talked of his government policy for one hour and a half. His speech was prefaced by a few remarks by Mr. Retallack, who in consideration of the fuct that Mr. Green would hold a meeting in the evening and it was his desire to meet his opponent on the rostrum he would reserve his address till then, giving Mr. Turner the platform for the meeting.

Premier Turner explained how difficult he had found it travelling on this campaign tour, but he was sanguine that his government would be successful in the present conflict, since in every section he had visited he had met with the heartiest reception, and in hitherto strong opposition strongholds he had found a decided change had taken place, more favorable to the present government.

A large portion of his time was taken up with the discussion of his railroad policy, showing how rapidly the Province had developed under the progressive policy adopted some few years since, and he predicted a still greater increase in population and revenue as the roads now under contemplation are pushed to completion and the undeveloped sections given transportation facilities. He explained the apparent laxity of the government some years ago in the matter of pressing forward and opening up the Kootenay mining region. At that time the country was little known and its resources an unknown quantity, but since it has been demonstrated that great wealth is here waiting development, he claimed that his government had done all in its power with the means at its command to push into the country the roads, trails, etc,, that were so badly needed. True, he thought, the Kootenay had not received as much attention as it should have done, but this was more the fault of the representatives sent to Victoria from this region than it was of the government, in the fact that our representatives had utterly failed to bring to the attention of the legislature the vast resources and needs of the section, and it was not till the people themselves took the matter in hand and interceeded with the government in their own behalf that the government had earnestly taken a hand in giving to the district the support it needed. He explained that while $940,000 revenue had been received by the Province from Kootenay, $600,000 had been expended on roads, trails and public works. Of these receipts more than half of the amount had come in during the past two years, a very large part of it in the past year, and since the great increase in revenue the government had felt justified in increasing expenditures in this region and intended to continue the policy, believing that since the tide of prosperity had turned toward British Columbia, the rapid development of the mining region would tend to still further increase the revenue. In answer to the cry that the Province was being run into debt by the progressive policy of his administration, he showed that while the Province had borrowed $3,396,000, it had expended on roads, highways and public works $4,500,000, which shows that the revenues have been sufficient to pay the running expenses and pay nearly $1,000,000 in public improvements. The good financial condition of the Province in the eyes of the financial world was demonstrated by the fact that its credit was so good it was able to borrow unlimited money at the rate of 3 per cent.

It was the policy of his government to push forward every legitimate scheme that would help to develop the Province: to keep the educational facilities at the highest mark, and to pay particular attention to the administration of justice.

He heartily favored the repeal of the tax on working miners, who do not hold mining property, but thought a tax must be levied on all men privileged to prospect. When the question was brought up two years ago in the house, it would have been repealed or so modified then, but met with strong opposition from several mining sections since there was then 2,000 Chinamen in the Cariboo and other localities, and aliens in Kootenay and elsewhere, from whom the government could not collect a cent of revenue should the tax be removed. He favored modifying the mortgage tax.

Taking up the redistribution question he explained how conditions had so changed by the increase of population in the mainland, necessitating the allowance of 24 representatives from the mainland to 14 from the island, whereas four years ago it stood 14 for Vancouver Island and 19 for the mainland. It was the policy of the government to treat all sections fairly in this matter.

The Premier discussed the curious position taken by the Opposition in that they advocated no new policy and contented themselves with obstructing legislation and threatening to tear down the work of the government and building over again on the same lines.

He was followed by Mr. Cliffe of the Opposition. As we go to press Mr. Green's meeting is in progress.

NEW TOWN BROOKLYN.

A City of Tents and Activity and Big Promise.

Almost opposite Deer Park on Lower Arrow Lake is the new town of Brooklyn. At present it is a city of tents, but to-morrow, figuratively speaking, it will be a bustling little city. The cause of all this activity is the fact that Mann, Foley & Larsen, the contractors for the extension of the Columbia and Western Railway are building their offices, stores, warehouses and shops there, making that point the headquarters. This firm is a combination of the strongest contractors in the United States and Canada and will build 105 miles of road through the roughest country in the Pacific North West, to be completed in the shortest possible period of time. Foundations are laid for several of the company's buildings. The general office building will be ready for occupancy this month, when Mr. B. F. Woodman and his bookkeeper, W. T. Krebbs, will take possession. says the News-Advertiser correspondent.

There are contractors of all degrees of greatness on the ground, and, as is usually the case, the camp follower is bobbing up serenely Across a small mountain stream, a few hundred feet east, is the townsite proper where several foundations are laid for stores and hotels. The first foundation down was that laid by Contractor McDonald for J. P. Petersen, of Peterson Bros., of Trail. It is a two-story hotel 22x50 with an annex 20x30 for a bar-room. Its location is Lot 1, Block 1, fronting on the lake and Pup creek.

Slashing is being done under the direction of the townsite owners as the danger of fire from promiscuous owners is too great to risk.

The greater number of the Company workmen are engaged in clearing and grading the wagon road leading to Cascade City, forty miles inland, on Christina Lake, where the contractors will rush in supplies, making that a point where work will be pushed in both directions. The wagon road will be about forty miles in length. At present there are but few men at work but it is expected that five thousand will be strung along the line in a few months' time. Less than four miles out of Brooklyn the survey calls for a 3,000-foot tunnel. This alone will bring a daily pay roll of over $500 per day to the new town and will consume months in construction. Several of the subcontractors have been let between Robson and Brooklyn, it being the intention of the company to complete this section of the road first. This work is all rock and very difficult. In conversation a contractor, who has a mile of this work, stated that the contract price would not be less than $50,000. Some idea of the cost of the line may be gathered from the above item, and there are many, many miles of this work on the line besides the big tunnel almost a mile in length. When this road is completed it will represent more money in building and less time in construction than any road of equal distance on the North American Continent.

SPECIAL RATES FOR THE FOURTH

In connection with Slocan City celebration on July 4th tickets will be on sale on that date at single fare for round trip from Nelson and Sandon and intermediate points, good to return the 5th. Service from Sandon end will be via regular service going with special service, returning leaving Slocan City at 7 o'clock on the evening of the 4th. Tickets will be good to return 5th if excursionists desire to stop over night.

WILL BUY BREWERIES.

The Trail Creek News is authority for the statement that the British America Corporation will acquire an option for the purchase of the plant of the Kootenay Brewing, Malting and Distilling Company at Trail, and that like steps may be or have been taken with regard to the breweries at Rossland, Nelson, Kaslo and Revelstoke. It is said that the B. A. C. is going to engage in the beer business on a gigantic scale. An immense trust is being launched in Kootenay as strange as it may seem, options on the larger breweries have or will be acquired, through the right sort of middlemen, by the British American Corporation. The directors of this big corporation with a capital ot $8,000,000 have great faith in Kootenay as a beer consuming as well as gold producing country and they are just as willing to pay their shareholders dividends from the profits of brewing beer as developing mines. It is immaterial so long as the interest on the immense capital warrants it.

BADLY NEEDED TRAIL.

On the north fork of Ten Mile creek are located a number of most promising claims, the development of which has been retarded through the lack of a suitable trail to get in supplies. This spring the claim owners have been doing considerable work in cutting out a road, and in order to carry out their project successfully drafted a petition to the Government for assistance. Last week they sent a delegation to Nelson to interview O. G. Dennis, Government agent, on the subject. A few days ago a party in town received a letter from Mr. Dennis stating that the Government had been requested to undertake the building of the trail. This will be good news to the prospectors on the creek, and considerable development will be commenced so soon as the trail is completed.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The closing examination of the New Denver school was held on Friday afternoon, the 24th. A goodly number of visitors being present. The various classes were examined by Mr. Strickland and Mr. Mitchell, and acquitted themselves very creditably. Government diplomas were granted to Herbert Perkins for general proficency; Wm. Vallance, regular attendance; Daisy Crowley, department.

Short addresses were given by Rev. R. N. Powell and W. D. Mitchell, and the boys and girls were dismissed for the holidays. Mr. Strickland will enjoy his holidays by a trip to his old town in Ontario, and it is reported will there lay the foundation for his future happiness.

THE MOLLIE HUGHES.

A trial shipment of ten tons was made this week from the Mollie Hughes to the Trail Creek smelter. The smelter returns have not been received, but from a sample test the shipment will run about $15 in gold, and 150 ounces silver to the ton with a fair percentage of copper.

A large body of fine ore has been struck in the workings on the Real Idea, one of the group. While it is not expected that this extensive body of such rich ore will be permanent, the Real Idea ledge has become freer of faults as depth is attained and is very satisfactory. The showings in the workings on the other openings continue good.

K. OF P. MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The memorial services held Sunday by the local K. of P. lodge was largely attended. In the morning the members decorated the graves of their deceased brothers with four beautiful floweral wreaths in the form of triangels. In afternoon services were held in the lodge room for members and visiting Knights, after which they marched from the hall, headed by the band, to the Presbyterian church where Rev. Bro. Yates held services appropriate to the occasion. The church was crowded to the doors. Thirty-five Knights were in line, about half the membership of the lodge.

THE MOLLIE GIBSON.

Colonel Ray, Pope et al have compromised matters with George and Willie and now control their interest in the famous Mollie Gibson. Callanan and partners are still contesting the ownership of the property. The status of the case as it now stands is with all litigation settled between Colonel Ray, Pope et al, against George and Willie, the original locators, and Callanan and partners claiming ownership on a subsequent location. It is reported that the whole matter will be settled without further litigation, a company formed and the property worked in the interest of all concerned.

AN OPTION ON THE COPELLA.

An option was given on the Copella group of four claims and a fraction this week to A. E. Fauquier, for Vancouver capitalists. The option runs till July 15 and was given by Messrs. Thompson and Mitchell, the owners. Copella group is situated on Goat mountain close to the Mollie Hughes, and has a very promising looking ledge exposed.

SILVERY SANDON.

A Short Description of One of Sandon's Principal Attractions.

It is not yet seven years ago since Eli Carpenter and Jack Seaton shouldered their packs on the shore of Kootenay lake, and commenced the journey that ended in the discovery of the famous Slocan. These men pushed their way through the rugged mountains to a point about one mile below what is now the town of Three Forks without finding anything except float Their provisions getting low they had to double back, and it was upon the return trip that Carpenter found the Payne. These hardy prospectors sold it for $2,000. At the present time three millions of dollars would hardly buy this wonderful white metal mine

The story has often been told of the excitement that followed Carpenter's discovery, of how Noble Five hill was staked and the great Slocan Star, Reco, Ruth and other properties discovered.

The town of Sandon came into existence, and to-day it is a bustling city, with water works, electric light, city officials and nearly all modern conveniences. Without going into minute details of this and that mine a few facts are here put in to show what surrounds Sandon. The following mines have paid dividends as follows:

Payne	$1,800,000
Slocan Star	400,000
Ruth	300,000
Reco	287,500
Idaho	240,000
Whitewater	194,000
Noble Five	40,000
Rambler	40,000
Last Chance	37,000
Antoine	35,000
Goodenough	32,500
Slocan Boy	25,000
Washington	20,000
Jackson	20,000
Surprise	20,000
Monitor	15,000

Mines of such great richnesss, all developed in a short time, have attracted and will still attract greater atttention from the mining world Many of the mining men of London and other world centres will be pleased to learn that when they come to Sandon they can find in the Reco Hotel a place to stop at that will surprise them. This hotel contains 75 rooms and has recently been thoroughly renovated and remodelled. It is three stories in height with a tower. The tower is always at night lighted by electricity, and is just now being topped with a beautiful flagstaff.

Travellers accustomed to the rude hostelries of mining camps are agreeably surprised when they stop at the Reco and find within a $80,000 building nearly all the luxuries of metropolitan life. Its dining room can seat 100 persons and is lighted by two arc lights. Meals are served upon the European plan and special attention is paid to private dinner parties. The cuisine is the best obtainable and no guest need complain of dyspepsia.

The fire protection consists of hose upon every floor, including the basement. The hose is always attached to the water system, and the danger of fire is reduced to a minimum.

The bar, office, and dining room are illuminated at night by arc lights. The officecontains a fire proof safe and every convenience for letter writing by guests.

There are call bells, hot and cold water in all the rooms and a bath room upon every floor. The rooms are all hard finished with beautiful tinted walls and can be engaged single or en suite.

The hotel has a cold storage for all perishable provisions, something possessed by no other hotel in Kootenay. An addition was recently built to accommodate the help and separate the kitchen from the main building. The kitchen contains a broiler, ranges and other necessary articles of the most modern kind.

The sample rooms attached to this house are the largest in the interior of British Columbia, a fact that will be appreciated by all knights of the road.

Without going further into details of the Reco Hotel the writer wishes to state that in all his experience he has never seen an hotel equal to this one in mountain mining camps. It not only reflects great credit upon its owners for the enterprise displayed in fitting it up, but is of great benefit, not only to Sandon, but to the entire Slocan country. Mr. J. H. McDonough, the general manager, is an hotel man of long experience. He was in Alameda and Sacremento in California for many years. Leaving the golden state he spent some time in Portland, Oregon, but more recently was connected with the Arlington Hotel, at Trail. He has an extensive acquaintance with mining and commercial men all along the Pacific coast, and if Mac cannot make it agreeable for you when you tarry in Sandon no one else can.

SCHOOL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the residents of New Denver school section was held on Saturday the 25th. Business opened at 11 a.m. A. E. Fauquier was called to the chair. The annual report was read and approved showing as follows: Number of school children, under 6, 30; from 6 to 16, 55; boys, 35; girls, 18; average attendance, 22.05; visits by the superintendant, 3; other visitors, 7; number of examinations, 2.

One trustee requiring to be elected to succeed Mr. A. Thompson, it was resolved that Mr. W. D. Mitchell be elected to fill the vacancy.

EAST CANADIAN NEWS.

Several Canadian regiments are going to the United States on the 4th of July to help our neighbors to celebrate.

W. M. Topping, of Galt, took a dose of liniment one day last week in mistake for his medicine, and is not expected to recover.

Henry Collins, of Toronto, was elected on Tuesday last First Ceremonial Master of the Imperial Council of Shriners at Dallas, Texas.

John Reid, son of Jas. E. Reid of Kingston, is a corporal in the Oregon volunteers, now on their way to to Manilla, on the steamship Australia.

A Hamilton young lady, Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet, is busy preparing a series of illustrated papers on prominent Canadians for an English periodical.

A terrible hailstorm visited Maidstone township, Sarnia county, breaking hundreds of panes of glass, beating down the wheat and stripping the fruit trees of green fruit.

Archibald Blue, director of the Ontario Mining Bureau, has returned from his trip to the big oil well recently struck near Thamesville, and reports that it is the best made in years.

The Most Rev. Dr. Machray, Bishop of Rupert's Land and Primate of all Canada, has returned from a sojourn of a year in England. His health is greatly improved by his long vacation.

A widow, named Mrs. Thompson, living in Cannington, Ont,, was arranged before a magistrate recently charged with burning a barn, owned by one David McIntyre, a former lover of hers, but one who proved fickle and married another.

A report is circulating in Halifax that 600 horses and artillerymen may come here from England, 300 of which will be stationed at Halifax, 100 at Toronto, 100 in Montreal and 100 in British Columbia.

A cablegram was received lated by the Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General of Canada, from the Hon. Edward Blake, confirming the reports of extreme destitution in the south and west of Ireland, and saying that any help from Canadians will be very acceptable.

The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, intends going to British Columbia in a few weeks and will travel through the Kootenay country. He will also visit the great fish canneries on the Fraser river. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, and the Hon. U. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, also intend to take a trip to the Pacific Coast, in company with a party from Nova Scotia.

Lord Aberdeen formally prorogued the Dominion Parliament until July 25th, on Monday last. In his farewell address he said: "I rejoice that during my term of office it has been my good fortune to witness the improved relations that have grown up between Canada and the neighboring republic, and I look forward with much satisfaction to the great benefits that will flow from a settlement of the many questions that have caused irritation in the past."

It has been officially announced that commencing from July 31st, Great Britain and her clonies, with the exception of Canada, will be the recepients of Germany's very best benefits. This exclusion of Canada is regarded as a reprisal for her action with regard to the commercial treaties with Germany and Belgium. The London, Eng., Daily Mail, says: "Great Britain must see that Canada does not suffer for her self-sacrifice on behalf of the Empire."

Last January Geo. W. Parent, of Montreal, bought a house and lot on Drummond St. in that city. The house was old and tenants were scarce so it remained vacant all winter. However, the other day Mr. Parent took a prospective tenant to look at the residence, when lo! it had disappeared. Nothing remained but a hole in the ground. The owner was amazed, and immediately set in to investigate. Soon he ascertained that a well-known firm of contractors had purchased the house from a man, who claimed to be the owner, giving him $450 for it. They then tore it down and removed the materials. The man who stole the house has gone to the States with his booty, and now the contractors have to make good the value of the house.

CARD OF THANKS.

The officers and members of New Denver Lodge, No. 22, Knights of Pythias desire to tender their sincere thanks to the ladies who so kindly denoted towards the decorations for their memorial services on Sunday last, to the members of the various choirs assisting at the service and to the Rev. Mr. Sharpe for the use of the Presbyterian church for the occasion.

C. F. NELSON, K.R.S.

SLOCAN NEWS

Concentrates From Various Points Hereabouts.

DENVERITES AND NEIGHBORS

New Denver should have a fire hall.

Al Hoyt will open a butcher shop in Brooklyn.

W. W. Merkley returned from the east last week.

There are 100 men working at the Slocan Star.

Of course everyone will go to Nelson with the band to-morrow.

Edward Bragdon, son of H. T. Bragdon, arrived in from Lynn, Mass., last Sunday.

E. J. Howell is looking for a smelter site in B.C. His company has a capital of $1,500,000.

There is a probability of the Bachelor group being again bonded and worked by Scotch capital.

W. H. Sandiford visited the Trail smelter last week and saw the Mollie Hughes ore sampled.

Service will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday next at 7:30 p.m. James H. Sharpe, preacher.

Wm. Hunter has bought a lot in Brooklyn and will open a store just as soon as a building can be erected.

If Frank Roach reads this he should write to 922 Battary street, San Francisco, where he will learn something to his advantage.

New Denver has not been made a court and land registry center yet, which fact should not be lost sight of by our obliging Government dignitaries.

The Minnesota Silver Co. will build a concentrator in Sandon. P. J. Hickey is manager, and is now working the Ivanhoe and Elgin, two of the nine claims owned by the company.

The statement made by an irresponsible Green organ that Ten Mile was not made a polling place by the Government, is like many other Green assertions absolutely false. Ten Mile has been made a polling place.

Service will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday July 3rd. Preacher R. N. Powell. Morning at 11, subject, "Faint, Yet Pursuing." Evening at 7:30, subject, "How to Vote on July 9th." Everybody invited.

Two men have sunk in two weeks a shaft 19 feet deep on the Bosun, and another shaft was commenced this week lower down the hill. This is the property of J. C. Harris' now under option to W. H. Sandiford.

The Government are being petitioned to build a trail from Nakusp to the hot springs about seven miles back of the town. The springs are said to be equal to the Halycon and if they could be utilized it would make Nakusp an important health resort.

Major Furlong, who has been in New Denver for the past few weeks, has been joined by C. J. Alford, his expert from London, Eng., and these gentlemen will examine several mining groups in this section with a view to investing considerable foreign capital here. The Alpine and Alpha are among those to be examined.

Undertaker Baker was summond to Sandon Tuesday evening to embalm the body of Miss Hunter, whose death occurred after three days sickness. The remains will be sent to the home of the parents in Ingersol, Ont. Miss Hunter was visiting her brothers in Sandon; and, in the prime of health and young womanhood, her sudden death has cast a gloom over the community.

Work on the Silverton and Three Forks wagon roads was started last Saturday. Large gangs of men are at work on both roads and these highways will soon be in excellent condition. Work on the Government building was started Monday under contract to Murdock McLean. It will be 8x8, inside measurement, with 20-inch walls.

Archdeacon Pentreath, the financial head of the Anglican diocese of Westminster, will visit St. Stephens' mission, in this town, on July 7, and will preach on the following Sunday. A reception will be tendered the venerable divine by the members of the congregation. Apropos of the visit of the Archdeacon, it may be stated that at the clerical conference held at Nelson last week, steps were taken towards the building of an English church both here and at Slocan City, sites having been presented free of all charges in each place. Funds are available for carrying on the work here and by fall it is expected there will be a third church in this town. Through the kind services of Archdeacon Pentreath, St. Stephens mission has been presented with a complete set of beautifully worked alter linen, the gift of the Misses Steene, of Vancouver.

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TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Correspondence from every part of the Kootenay District and communications upon live topics always acceptable. Write on both sides of the paper if you wish. Always send something good no matter how crude. Get your copy in while it is hot, and we will do the rest.

A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1898.

WE advocate the election of Retallack because he is the best man of the two men in the field to represent our interests at Victoria.

IN order to get what we want from the legislature of this Province we must have a strong man at the capital to represent this riding. Such a man is Retallack, and voters will stand in their own light if they do not elect him on the 9th of July.

WE are sorry to see so many lies published against this paper. We supported the Government at the last election, and we are supporting it now, simply because the Opposition does not contain the right kind of men to run the affairs of this Province.

J. L. RETALLACK has done more to bring Slocan prospects into the market than probably any other man in Kootenay. He is still largely interested in mining in the Slocan, and reasonable people can easily see that with no particular town to pull everything to that he is the proper man to represent the great Slocan at Victoria.

GREEN is a Kaslo merchant. If elected it will be to his interest to build up Kaslo at the expense of the rest of the riding. It is against human nature for a man to do anything else. Voters in the main Slocan should remember this, and work for their own interest even if they favor Green's personality. Amiable men are allright, but it takes more than a pleasant way to make a good legislative fighter.

THE election of Mr. Green would mean the continuance of the do nothing policy that has characterized the terms spent at Victoria by the men who have made an effort to serve this district as M. P. P. of late years. The trouble has been through the lack of force and legislative ability in the men sent from the Slocan, and the same trouble presents itself in Mr. Green. His election would mean very little gain to himself and nothing to the district. In Mr. Retallack we have a man of marked legislative ability and one who would be a great power for good with the government.

IT would be amusing were it not for the ridiculousness of it, to devote a moment's serious thought to the inconsistencies in the argument, and false statements, made by Mr. Green's newspaper whiffits against Mr. Retallack. The voters of the Slocan Riding have known these gentlemen long enough to discover their qualifications for the office they seek without any coarse curb-stone oratory from these irresponsible mouth-pieces. We are confident that Mr. Retallack will be given an overwhelming majority on election day because the voters realize and acknowledge his pre-eminent fitness for the office over Mr. Green.

IT is with the mining men and mine workers that Mr. Retallack is the great favorite in the contest at hand. An extensive mine owner himself, and having spent several years in working properties in the Slocan, he is better fitted to know the needs of the miners and mine owners, and of the district, than any other man that could be selected. In addition to this useful knowledge gained from practical experience in the country, Mr. Retallack has the influence to do something, and the ability as a legislator to command the attention of the government and the provincial law making body to any measure he might put forward.

IT would appear from the argument advanced by Mr. Green and his political organs that he is under the impression that he should be elected for the simple reason that he is opposed to Mr. Retallack, and because he makes an occasional blind stab at the Turner government for the misdeeds of the late lamented legislature. Mr. Green's position is not an enviable one; without a party, without a policy but obstruction, without any good reason for his election over Mr. Retallack other than this, that he wants the office. His platform, deprived of its ambiguity and amiable phrases, is substantially the same as that of Mr. Retallack, and as to ability and influence as a public man, he is a feather-weight as compared with Mr. Retallack.

JOHN L. RETALLACK will be able to do more for the mining interests of the Slocan when elected M. P. P. than a dozen such men as we have had to represent us in late years. He is a man of long residence in the country; knows its needs and resources, and can bring enough influence to bear on the powers that be, in the right direction, to force legislative and governmental consideration of this vast section.

THE political fight now raging in this Province is rather amusing to spectators. The Turner forces are in the fort while just outside the walls is a mob of fellows howling. Get off the perch! Let us run the machine! and other similar expressions. Their howling about working for the good of this great and glorious Province is all rot. They are after perquisites and voters must not think that men are any better than they were when Brutus killed Caeser for a post office job.

SHOULD BE MOVED.

The present B.C. Government office in London, England, is too far away from the Stock Exchange and other monetary institutions. It should be moved into the most prominent part of London, where a large show window filled with ore samples could not fail to attract great attention. The office should be well supplied with maps and pamphlets relating to our mines, and in charge there should be a man capable of talking intelligently upon every mining section of this great Province. Such an office would be a great advertisement for B.C.

IT'S THE GENERAL OPINION.

J. L. Retallack has accepted the invitation to stand as a Government candidate for the Slocan riding. He is a very happy choice, possessing, as he does, all the qualifications which go to make up a successful legislator. Intimately connected with the district, Mr. Retallack is in a position to know its needs, and that he has the ability to present them and the force to press them is conceded by all. He will be opposed by Mr. Robert F. Green, a very popular man indeed, and one against whose honesty and integrity not a word can be said. He is a gentleman whose popularity will secure for him very liberal support, but unfortunately Mr. Green lacks in qualification. He is an amiable, estimable gentleman, but it needs something more than amiability to represent an important constituency in a legislative assembly. Without in the least intending to cast a slur upon Mr. Green, the great majority of the electors will mark their ballots in favor of his opponent.—Economist.

THE SONG OF THE WAVES.

A ceaseless song in mine ear is ringing,
The song of the waves;
When the wind of winter the foam is flinging,
When the birds in springtime are northward winging,
Or when at the time of harvest bringing
The lake its rock-wall laves,
I harken, hush, as I walk a-near it,
And always, ever, my soul doth hear it,
I love it, weep with it, laugh with it, fear it;
The marvelous song of the waves.

Here—where the water is murmuring, crying,
Hear ye the wail of the waves!
List! it is weeping for lovers lying
Down, deep down where no breeze is sighing.
Where sand, slow-shifting, is ever trying,
To cover their unsought graves.
Heart to heart they went down together;
Lovers forever they reck not whether
Fair or foul would have been life's weather,
Nothing their slumber craves.

Here by these rocks with the breakers vying
Hark to the chant of the waves!
How they are telling of heroes dying,
Where Death—with a thousand bullets flying,
Death, the Dealer, men's lives are buying,
Whose valor a nation saves.
Now like a wondrous anthem rolling,
Or the roar of a score of iron bells tolling,
They raise to the earth a strain consoling,
A requiem for its braves.

Hush! where the pines o'er the depths are bending
The song of the waves!
A myraid voices are upward sending
Measures of joy and sorrow blending,
Youth and age in a march unending,
Song of freemen and song of slaves,
Love and brightness, and woe and wailing,
Mingling, changing, swelling and failing—
Such is the song mine ears assailing—
The song of the surging waves.

Louise McCloy Horn.

KOOTENAY'S GREAT INCREASE.

The increase of the Government revenue from the Kootenay country in the past ten years; even under most distressing conditions, resulting from the decline of silver, poor development and lack of interest in money centres, is a good indication of the vastness and wealth of the district. From a Government document we take these figures, shwing the yearly increase since 1887.

1887-98	$26,425 08
1888-89	22,995 94
1889-90	48,930 82
1890-91	43 986 88
1891 92	67,465 49
1992-93	91,050 97
1893-94	67,923 64
1894-95	82,106 58
1895-96	140,842 28
1896-97	348,904 03
Total	$940,540 71

An Analysed Man.

A notable object of interest is among the contents of the National Museum, Washington, showing the ingredients which go to make up the average man, weiging 154 pounds. A large glass jar holds the 96 pounds of water which his body contains, while in the other receptacles are 31 pounds of white of egg, little less than 10 pounds of pure glue, 34½ of fat, 8¼ pounds of phosphate of lime, 11 pounds carbonate of lime, 30 ounces sugar and starch, 40 ounces fluoride of calcium, 60 ounces of phosphate of magnesia, and a little ordinary table salt. The same man is found to contain 97 pounds of oxygen, 15 pounds of hydrogen, 3 pounds, 13 ounces of nitrogen, and the carbon in him is represented by a foot cube of coal. A row of bottles contain the elements going to make up the man, these being 3 ounces of chlorine, 3½ fluorine, 8 ounces phosphorus, 3½ brimstone, 2½ ounces each of sodium and potassium, 1 1/0 ounces of iron, 2 ounces magnesia, 3 pounds, 3 ounces of calcium.

I always said that Barlow was an original genius.

What's his latest wild scheme?

He's talking of organizing a regiment of Kentucky colonels to be commanded by a private.

But that will be immpossible.

Why?

The Kentuckians will never consent to go under the command of a man who is not a citizen of their state.

But what's to prevent—by George! I never thought of that.

To the Electors of the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District:

Gentlemen—

At the request of a large proportion of the community, representing every section of the Riding, I beg to announce myself as a candidate for your suffrages in the coming elections.

In respectfully soliciting your votes and support I declare myself a supporter and follower of the Hon. J. H. Turner, as the leader of the only Party in this Province with a defined policy and coherent existence.

During my eight years' residence in this District I have been a consistent supporter of his party in recognition of their attitude in meeting, and in cases anticipating, the requirements and expansion of this great mining region.

I am in favor of the following reforms:

1. The abolition of the Tax upon Working Miners.
2. The abolition of the Mortgage Tax.
3. The distribution of seats in the Legislature in Direct Proportion to Population.
4. I do not approve of the policy of the late Legislative Assembly in using their influence to exclude foreign railroads, such as the proposed railroad to Boundary Creek.
5. I favor certain revisions in the Mineral and Land Acts, particularly of some easy plan by which the holders of claims can advertise out their defaulting co-owners.
6. In filling all Government appointments I am in favor of appointing bona fide residents of the District in all cases where such can be found competent to act.
7. I believe that the Provincial Legislature should bring all the aid and influence at its command to the assistance of the lead mining industry, especially in the direction of obtaining stronger recognition from the Federal Government at Ottawa of the importance of this industry and the disadvantages under which it now labors.

If you do me the honor to elect me as your representative I will at all times endeavor to protect and further the interests not only of the Prospector but also of all those employed in and around our mines, recognizing that our entire community is dependent upon the mining industry. I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
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A SONG OF THE WORLD

"World ain't what it used to be," you'll hear a feller say,
As he crosses his legs an' heaves a sigh,
But it happens she's the best world that she's ever been, to-day,
And she's whirlin'—jest a whirlin' round the sky!

The stores give bigger measure—
The mines a sight o' treasure;
There's more o' love an' pleasure
In the land;
The skies are mostly sunny—
You jingle more o' money,
An' the brown bees bring their honey
To your hand!

"World ain't what it used to be?" Of course it ain't, because
It's cuttin' out a newer kind o' way;
It ain't got time to worry 'bout the kind o' world it was,
For it keeps a-gettin' happy on the way!

Brighter bloss_ms twinin';
Brighter suns a-shinin';
Whats the use in pinin'
An' whinin' thro' the land?
Skies are mostly sunny;
You jingle more o' money,
An' the brown bees bring their honey
To your hand!

—Frank L. Stanton.

The worth of a Dollar

Is as much in the spending of it as in the making of it. Money spent foolishly brings bad results. If exchanged for trashy, poorly-made goods, you'll never be satisfied with your purchase. Cheap furniture is dear at any price. Knowing this to be the case we have made it our aim in business to give our customers the best medium-price goods at as low a figure as is compatible with an honest business. Ever dollar's purchase

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days from date hereof I will apply to the Stipendiary Magistrate of West Kootenay for a license to sell liquor at retail at my hotel in Three Forks, West Kootenay, B. C.

ARTHUR MULLEN.
Three Forks, B. C., June 2, 1898.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Notice to Provincial Taxpayers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that those persons who desire to take advantage of the lower rate for the current year must send the amount thereof to me on or before the 30th June, instant.

JOHN KEEN,
Provincial Assessor and Collector,
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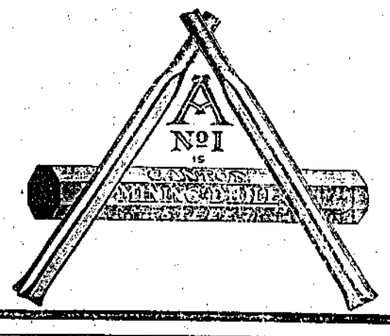

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At The Seventh ...Strike

BY MELVIN LOW.

Until I was twenty-four years of age I had lived a life very foreign to that I have since, and now in my quiet moments, when I think of it, it seems like a dream, and a very cruel one at that, and I do not wonder at poor fellows doing away with themselves under similar circumstances, although I have no intention of following their example.

I had just entered upon my twenty-fifth year and was commencing to feel as though I would like to see a little more of the world, when I was informed one morning by my father that he wished me to go to St. P—— and take charge of, or rather keep my eye on a business in that city that he was considerably interested in. Needless to say I accepted the charge imposed upon me with a great deal of pleasure, little thinking I was going to a city, which in a few short years, would witness my financial ruin.

I arrived on the night of January 18th, 18—, had my baggage sent up to the best hotel, where I engaged a comfortable suite of rooms, to which I retired at an early hour, being somewhat tired from my long journey.

Next morning I started out armed with letters of introduction to one person and another, and met some very nice people all eager to give me any assistance in their power Among them was one young man whom I seemed to take very friendly to, perhaps owing to his easy manners and his apparent great desire to make it pleasant for me. I accepted his invitation to dinner for that evening, kept it, and enjoyed it very much, as I did many others afterwards, sometimes at his expense and sometimes at mine. We became quite chummy and spent nearly all of our evenings together, going to the theatres and other places of amusement, but rarely to balls, parties or receptions. My friend did not appear to be on those lines, and, although I was rather fond of ladies society, he would make such a fuss about it being so slow that I gave in and declined all invitations.

Things had been going on very nicely for about a year and I was commencing to feel quite at home in St. P——, when my father died suddenly, leaving me sole heir to quite a large fortune. This brought a great deal of responsibility on my shoulders and I was kept very close to business, much closer than ever before and to tell the truth much more than I cared for, but I finally succeeded in getting matters into good shape by selling this stock, and this piece of property and that, until I had converted a great deal of it into cash, being content to let it draw a small interest until something better turned up. When I at last found myself free to take a holiday, I at once started again for St. P—— to enjoy a well-earned time with my friend.

During my absence he had spent his leisure hours in seeking out new ways and new places of amusement, and when I met him he was bubbling over with joy, and described a new place he had found as grand and the play as the most exciting way in which to enjoy yourself This place was nothing more than a fashionable gambling house, to which he had gained an entrance through a friend. Of course he promised to initiate me. and as I was eager for something of the kind after my long imprisonment, as it were, I could hardly wait the time when my friend would be at liberty to accompany me, so anxious was I to feast my eyes and to participate in the great game.

My first night's experience cost me a few hundreds, but I didn't think much of that, at least it did not put a damper on my enthusiasm, and, like lots of others, I felt sure I could master it and bust the bank

I was on hand again the following night and came off quite a small winner. This went on night after night, my luck varying; still, at the end of the month I found myself considerably out and remarked to my friend, that it was great sport but it came high. He told me that I could have as much excitement out of it if I played smaller amounts, and this I determined to do, but upon second thoughts I concluded to play larger ones in order to reimburse my losses, and it was very gratifying to my judgment to be a winner for the next few evenings, but alas! it was not to be ever thus, and again I took a losing streak. This was kept up night after night with only an occasional exception, which acted as a spur to my thoughts that perhaps I had come to the end of my hard luck and would win again. It got so that I was afraid to make up my accounts and when I did it was only in a slipshod way and I would content myself with the thought that it wasn't quite so bad, still I could not bring myself to let go, so on I went in my mad career until finally my money was nearly all exhausted, and I was compelled to quit. Well do I remember the feeling that came over me that night. For three days I had played incessantly, with the worst luck that ever came to man, but I played gamely on to the end. I arose from the table and started to move away towards one of the other rooms, when a feeling of faintness stole over me, and I must have swooned for the next thing I knew I was lying on a bed, where, I could not tell. I started up, gazed around, but all was strange to me However, as I felt very tired I concluded I would lie there, so I let my head drop down upon the pillow again and was soon fast asleep, dreaming that I was going through this wild life again. I seemed to experience my first sensations and my eager desire to play on and on, as it were forever, and then, as I grew older at the game, I became calmer and played with better judgment, and I recounted many exciting plays and scenes, and especially one scene, which made me shudder and which I can never forget. A young man about my own age, who had played a great deal and lost all, deliberately walked from the table to a deserted end of the room, pulled a revolver from his pocket and holding it close to his temples said in a perfectly calm voice, "Gentlemen, I wish you luck" Hardly had the last words been spoken when there was a report and the unfortunate youth sank to the floor a corpse This little by-play had almost fixed me against playing any more, but I was soon back at it again, keeping at it until forced to quit, which I seemed to do as calmly as though nothing had occurred. I went to the smoking-room, which was in semi-darkness, and was about to throw myself into one of the easy-chairs, when I heard a voice speaking in a peculiar low tone, apparently quite close to me. The speaker was not visible and I seemed afraid to turn my head to look for fear I would break the charm the voice had for me. I felt that it was about to impart some interesting knowledge, which was not intended for me. I stood rivetted, as it were, to the floor, straining my ears to catch every word that was said: "As the clock strikes seven in counting the midnight hour of this day, play the knave. Do not hesitate, for he that hesitates is lost!"

"Needless to say that I was excited, for I felt that I had become possessed of the proper play and time, that would win my fortune back. I stole silently out of the room and down into the street, and with that peculiar voice ringing in my ears, I wandered aimlessly on. It was not until I commenced to feel very hungry, and the shades of evening were settling down, that I fully realized my position and state. I could scarcely recollect when I had last eaten anything so I decided to go in pursuit of something at once, and, if possible, to determine upon the course I was to pursue in order to get money enough to play it on the knave. Looking around I discovered I was on the outskirts of the city, and at the same time noticed what appeared to be a corner grocery a short distance up the street, to which I directed my steps. Upon entering I enquired of the portly old lady who put in an appearance behind the counter, if I could obtain a cup of tea or coffee and something to eat, she informed me that if I had time to wait she could serve me. I agreed, whereupon she asked me to step into a back room, which seemed to be her parlor and dining-room combined. I took a seat and in a much short time than I expected was served with coffee, bread and cold meat. The old lady fussed around surveying me from head to foot and asking many questions about one thing and another, until, seeing I was too absorbed in my own thoughts, she took the hint and started to leave the room, but turned and walked over to an old bureau in the corner, when she commenced to chatter again, causing me to look up at the very moment that she slyly, under pretence of arranging something, tried the top drawer, evidently to see if it was locked, and finding it so, she immediately left the room.

My thoughts were now on what way or where I was to raise the money. I would not go to my former friend as he had long since left me to my fate, and I do not blame him now that I realize how honest he was in his endeavors to pull me away from what was certain to be my ruin. I had other friends in the city, but the thought of going to any of them was full of repugnance to me. I felt I should find another way of getting it.

It was close on to 10 o'clock now, so I arose to take my departure, but as I was reaching for my hat, which I had hung upon a peg on entering the room, my eyes fell upon the old bureau in the corner and I wondered idly, why the old woman had tried the top drawer in such a sly manner before leaving the room. It flashed upon me in a minute and I started at the thought—that's where she keeps her money! But what was that to me? I was not a thief, and the color flew to my face at the thought. Putting my hat upon my head I stepped through the door, when I noticed the old lady standing out on the edge of the boulevard, in the full glare of the electric light, conversing with a friend. Hastily, I stepped back into the room, like one who desired not to be seen, and then I did feel guilty. Something seemed to say, "it is your only chance," and with that I pulled a bunch of keys from my pocket, selected one I thought would fit the lock, inserted it, and much to my surprise it unlocked the drawer. Quickly pulling it open the first thing that met my gaze was an old purse of a goodly size. Trembling with excitement I fairly grabbed it, thrust it into my pocket and locked the drawer I had but a moment to calm myself, for as I left the room the old lady was entering the shop door. In as cool a tone as possible I enquired how much I had to pay, and upon being told tendered her the exact amount, bade her good-night and stepped out on to the street, where I stood for a minute or so, as if undetermined which way to go. Then I slowly walked away, as I felt that to hurry would create suspicion in her mind Somehow I seemed to become possessed of all the cuniingness of the sneak thief in that short time. As soon as I passed beyond the glare of the electric light I quickened my pace and turned down the first street I came to. Every little while I seemed to hear someone shouting behind me, "Thief! Thief!" but upon looking around found it was only my imagination. Still, I felt and knew I was one, but I would repay what I had stolen tenfold to-morrow, and in that way made peace with my conscience.

I had been walking on all this time, paying little heed to where I was going, when I came to a place that I knew was in the extreme eastern part of the city, and as the gambling-house was in the west end, I was very much disconcerted upon looking at my watch to find I had barely an hour and a quarter to make it in. I did not waste any time in turning my steps westward, and hurried along as quickly as I could, but I had forgotten that I had already walked many miles that night, and before I had covered a third of the distance an overpowering feeling of fatigue crept over me. I looked around for something in the shape of a cab, and almost shrieked as I saw one coming towards me. I hailed the driver but he did not stop, and the next moment I saw he had a passenger.

Was I to lose all now within sight of the goal! The thought maddened me, and I dashed wildly on as if infused with new life. The streets were deserted, except here and there an occasional policeman or a group of boon companions.

Finally I reached the entrance to the house, pushed my way rudely past the guard and dashed upstairs. As I entered the room I heard the clock strike and saw it was the midnight hour. Wildly I rushed to the table calling loudly: "What strike of the clock is that?" But no one answered. Again the clock struck and again I cried out: "What strike is that?" Eagerly I looked from one face to another to see if any would impart to me the desired knowledge but no answer came. Again the clock struck and quick as a flash I turned and emptied my purse, as I had not looked at it since that first time in the old lady's back room, but so soon as I had emptied it upon the table I realized that I was playing a goodly amount. For the next moment or two I did not seem to breathe and I stood as if frozen to the spot. The wheel was turned. As it slowly revolved I became calm and my excitement seemed to leave me. The knave won. I took my winnings and placed them on the queen and again I won. From the queen I moved to another and won again. On I played winning right along, never thinking that if I lost once only, I lost all. Never once did I hesitate in my moves, but as quickly as the money due me was counted out I would push it over to another or leave it where it was—it did not seem to matter, I would win.

So great was my luck that the other players stopped to watch me. When I had it all to myself the play became faster and faster, but that did not bother me, I won and won. During all this extraordinary run of luck my thoughts were not upon the play, but upon the old lady from whom I had stolen the purse. Just as I was commencing to feel some anxiety as to whether I would be able to find her again, the banker announced that the bank was broke. I very unceremoniously seized the pile of money and hastily stowing it away into every available pocket, I rushed wildly out of the room and down into the street, possessed only by one thought—how should I find that corner grocery? I hastened on and on for sometime, not knowing whether I was going in the the right direction or not, when I commenced to feel that I was near the place, and much to my surprise, upon turning the next corner found myself at the very spot. I did not stop to think how I would be received, but entered as quickly as possibly: no one was in sight and all was quiet. I listened intently for a moment or so, and thought I heard a sound in the back room. I stepped to the door and looked in, and a sight greeted my eyes, which froze the blood in my veins. There stood the old lady with dishevelled hair and clothes partly torn off her, beside the open bureau drawer, wildly tossing the contents around in search of the purse Suddenly she turned her face towards me, and as I saw the look in her eyes a cold shiver raced up and down my back and the power of speech left me.

Slowly she closed the drawer, without taking her eyes off me, then moved towards me. I tried vainly to speak, as, with the look of a tigress about to spring upon its prey, she slowly approached me. Not until she was within a step of me did I make a move. Then in some unaccountable way I pulled the purse from my pocket and held it toward her. She grabbed it viciously and pressed it to her bosom, and for a moment, only a moment, her eyes were off me; when she looked again I fancied she did not look so savage. I took a handful of money from one pocket and held it out to her, this she seized in a like manner and placed in the bosom of her loose dress. Again her look was upon me, and again I offered her more money which she took in the same manner. In this way I kept on, as it seemed to be having the effect of bringing her back to her orginal self. Finally, I drew the last lot from my pocket and again held it toward her; this time she took it quietly, smiling sweetly upon me, and I saw again in her the kindly old lady, but it was only for an instant, for as I stood gazing at her she seemed to be fading away from me, she was apparently dissolving before my eyes; at last she vanished entirely from my sight and a heavy darkness enveloped me. I was greatly alarmed and strove to cry out, but in doing so I awoke to find that it was all a dream and I was still lying in the room that I knew not, but which I discovered later on was above the gambling-room.

PROCLAMATIONS.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and to all whom it may concern—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, We have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of British Columbia, to dissolve the present Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, which stands prorogued until summoned for dispatch of business.

NOW KNOW YE that We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly accordingly, and the members thereof are discharged from further attendance on same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: Witness, the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

[L. S.] THOS. R. McINNES,

CANADA,

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the Unite Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c

To whom these Presents shall come.—Greeting.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, it is advisable to establish the following polling places in the several and respective Electoral Districts hereinafter named.

NOW KNOW YE that, by virtue of the authority contained in the "Provincial Election Act," the Lieutenant-Governor in Council declares that the following polling places shall be and they are hereby, established for the several Electoral Districts, the names of which are set opposite such polling places, respectively, that is to say:—

Kaslo	west Kootenay Slocan Riding
Ainsworth	
Pilot Bay	
Argenta	
Sandon	
New Denver	
Silverton	
Slocan City	
Robson	
Jubilee Point, Houser Lake	
Whitewater Station	
Three Forks	
Cooper Park	
Slocan Junction, C. & K. R'y	

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

AGENTS—Never before has the death of any man caused such profound sensation throughout the world as that of Mr. Gladstone. It is therefore a real luxury to canvass for the memorial edition of the "Life and Work of Mr. Gladstone," because the public is ripe for it, and the work will sell on sight. Big book; low prices; liberal terms; freight paid. Send 75 cents for Prospectus, which we return with first order.
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CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come—Greeting—

A PROCLAMATION.

ARTHUR G. SMITH, Deputy Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, It is desirable to establish Ten Mile, Slocan Lake, as an additional Polling Place in the Slocan Riding of the West Kootenay Electoral District:

NOW KNOW YE that by virtue of the authority contained in the "Provincial Elections Act," and of all other powers and authorities in that behalf enabling, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council declares that the place known as Ten Mile, Slocan Lake, shall be and is hereby established a Polling Place in the said Slocan Riding of the said West Kootenay Electoral District:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused these Our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, the Honourable THOMAS ROBERT McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this twenty-first day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-second year of Our Reign.

By Command.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS, We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature, We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Legislative Assembly of our said Province; and do further declare that, by the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a new Legislative Assembly for Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on the seventh day of June, instant, and to be returnable on or before the thirty-first day of August next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, the Honourable THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

NOTICE.

[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To the Returning Officer of the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District:

WHEREAS, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia has, by a Proclamation bearing date the 7th day of June, 1898, been pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province; and whereas it is necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution, We command you that, notice of the time and place of Election being duly given, you do cause Election to be made, according to law, of One Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of Candidates at such Election to be held on the 25th day of June, 1898, and do cause the name of such Member, when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to Our Supreme Court, at the City of Victoria, on or before the 31st day of August next, the Election so made, distinctly and openly under Our Seal duly endorsed upon this Our Writ.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused there Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our said Province of British Columbia: Witness, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, at Our Government House, at Victoria, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

By Command.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
Registrar of the Supreme Court.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Cinderella, Medford and Keyser Fraction Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the South Fork of Carpenter Creek about one mile and a half east of Three Forks.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George B. Dean, acting as agent for Leonard B. Keyser, free miners' certificate No. 6010A, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

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

Dated this 9th day of June, 1898

GEORGE B. DEAN.

Apex Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: North of the Mountain Chief.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T Twigg, agent for George W. Hughes, free miner's certificate No. 61975, 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 2nd day of June, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Convention Fractional Mineral Claim.

Lot 2288.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About 1½ miles east of New Denver, and adjoining the Marion and Clipper mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Robt. E. Palmer, as agent for Albert Belne, of New Denver, B. C., free miner's certificate No. 8910, 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 13th day of May, 1898.

R. E. PALMER, P.L.S.

Willa Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: Joins Little Daisy, on Eight Mile creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Ludlow Estabrooks, as agent for The Willow Gold Mining Company, Foreign, free miner's certificate No. 84,882, 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 18th day of April, 1898.

G. L. ESTABROOKS.

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SANDON
Train lvs Daily, 1.00 pm | Train ar daily 10.50 am
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Daily exc Sunday	Boat lv 3.30 am	—Kaslo—	Boat ar 8.30 pm		Daily exc Sunday
	" 1.30 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	" 5.28 pm		
	" 7.15 am	Nelson	" lv 4.45 pm		
	Train ar 10.05 am	Northport	Train lv 1.55 pm		
	" 11 20 am	Rossland	" 12.05 pm		
	" 3 10 pm	Spokane	" 8.30 am		

SS. ALBERTA.

Read down. | Read up.

Sandon
Daily train lv 1.00 pm | Daily train ar 10.50 am
Kaslo
" ar 3.45 pm | " lv 8.00 am

Wed & Tues Sun	Boat lv 5.00 pm	Mo&T	Boat ar 1.00 pm	Sunday Wed
	" 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	
	Train lv 11.40 am	"	Train ar 1.15 pm	
	" ar 2.45 pm	Spokane	" lv 7.50 am	

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Commencing June 20, 1898.

On Monday, Thursday and Friday ss Alberta will leave Kaslo 5 p. m. for Ainsworth, Pilot Bay, and Nelson. Leaving Nelson at 8 a. m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, calling at Pilot Bay, Ainsworth and Kaslo, and all way points.

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" 10 03 "	Bear Lake	" 1 48 "		
" 10 18 "	McGuigan	" 1 33 "		
" 10 38 "	Cody Junction	" 1 12 "		
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Silver and Copper	2 50
Gold, Silver and Copper	3 00
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Coal (Fixed Carbon, Volatile Matter, Ash, and percentage of Coke, if Coking Coal)	

Terms: Cash With Sample.
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.

JUNE 21—Mary Sinclar, south fork Carpenter, F H Sheppard.

JUNE 22—Robin Fractional, Wild Goose basin, R A Hilton.
Rosemarie, Carpenter creek, Jas N Noran.
Lion, Bear lake, Howard Williams.

JUNE 23—Alice G and Big Roll, Cody creek, F H Sheppard.

JUNE 24—Ironclad, Eight Mile creek, Albert Thompson.

JUNE 25—Ophir, Carpenter, Jos B Cliffe
Delhi, Payne mountain, John Baugh.

JUNE 27—Occidental, Seaton creek, Godfrey Adams, W H Dowding.

ASSESSMENTS.

JUNE 21—Boss-of-the-Mountain, Sarnia, Edinburgh, Phœnix, Deloraine.

JUNE 22—Kiles, Reserve, Grand Stand, Home Run, Ingersoll.

JUNE 23—Silver Tip, Big Timber, Robin.

JUNE 24—Archie, Adirondack, Black Fox, Verne, Milton, R W T.

JUNE 25—McAllister, Rouse Fraction, Oskosh.

JUNE 27—Shoshone, Badger State, Condore, Cordiss, Prentice Fraction, Standard, Hustler, Silver Bell, Florence No 5, Emily Edith Fraction, Ferry No 2.

JUNE 28—Topeka.

TRANSFERS.

JUNE 20—Bismarck ¼, King Oscar ¼, John Eindal to P O Swanson, June 20.
JUNE 24—Virden Fraction ½, John Gray to John W Switzer, June 11.
Same, John Gray to Charles B McCluskey, June 11.
Same ¼, same to Wm H Todd, June 11.
Same ¼, same to Fred I Donaldson, June 11.
Emily Edith, B Leather to Charles E Hope, June 11.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

JUNE 13—Lady Bird, Wm Ginol; Orillia, D Dartough; Havanah, S Denomie; Cuba, Jas Anderson; St John, C H Goodwin.

JUNE 20—Roy, H Holland; Circle C, Standford, Paul Fuller, M Tait; Mountain Fraction, Wm White, J A Otto; Comstock, G D Reid.

JUNE 21—Tywysog, S C Richards; Jose Fraction, O M Harris

JUNE 22—Diamond Hitch, John Elliott; Snowbank, Geo McFarland; Little Maude, C R Bell, Henrietta, G C Spearing; Big Baby, Otto Johnston; Rosellee, Eug Montresell; Catherine, J L MacPherson, C W Martin; Pretty Girl, R Pollick.

JUNE 23—Red Ochre, D Cosgriff; Gold Reef, J P Redding; Snowbird Fraction, H W F Pollok; Bluebird, G E C Martin; Tennessee, W L Parnell; Vandyke, R H Truman.

JUNE 24—Silver Reef, D F Strobeck; Goldyke, same; Copper Tip, O Strathearn.

ASSESSMENTS.

JUNE 18—Josephine, North Star, Bob Ingersoll, Come by Chance, Johanna, Maggie Porkens, Talisman, Panama, Giant, Midge Tin Cup.

JUNE 20—Teuro.

JUNE 21—Royal Sovereign, Majestic, Yukon, Camperdown, Trafalgar, Copper Star.

JUNE 22—Wonderful, Silver Queen, Homestake, Cliff, Vulcan, Gold Bug, Fisher, Minnesota, Cora Bell, Tryumph.

JUNE 23—Great Western, Extension, Mascot No 2, Security, Agge, Gold Boy, Hicke Plate, Crescent, Cyclops, Black Prince, Grand View, Sunrise.

JUNE 24—Valpraiso, Birthday, Granite, Golden King.

TRANSFERS.

JUNE 18—Hope, J L Pierce to E H Tomlinson.
Hope, E H Tomlinson to J L Pierce.
Kaslo 1/10, A B Morris to Gus Keuster.
Howard 1/10, W E Hodder to same.
Salem, Antonio, 1/16, A D Jones to Geo P Cragin, $100.

JUNE 20—Ruth ½, W Ryan to T E Cronin.
Hi Ore ½, T E Cronin to Jno Laden.
Ruth ½, W Ryan to Jno Ladean.
Hi Ore ½, T E Cronin to W Ryan.

JUNE 21—Spokane-Kaslo ½, Francis Vint to A W Blaney.

JUNE 23—Mortgage of ½ int in Homestake and Yosemite between Robert McDonald and Neil McDonald and E M Sandilands, $1,500.
Sunsie, Elliott V Byrne to Maple Leaf Manufacturing Company.

IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

Interesting Facts Showing the Importance of This Neglected Mining Section.

The Boundary Creek country has many promising mining camps, principal among which is Greenwood. Speaking of its present and future possibilities, S. T. Wood in the Toronto Globe, gives some interesting matter. The successful town site is located on the broadened base of a tree-covered mountain, and slopes down rapidly toward Boundary Creek. It is rapidly filling up with houses, and is the distributing centre for a rich mining district. Greenwood has a saw mill and a charcoal pit, and up on a ledge of the mountain, the district hospital for miners. There is a Presbyterian mission in town, and the Anglican and Roman Catholic denominations have selected sites and are preparing to build. Although less than three years old, the municipal organization is in good working order. The first Provincial school grant has been received, but it has been decided to wait a year, that a more suitable building may be erected. The stores and hotels have lined up regularly on the central thoroughfare, parallel with the line of the mountain ranges.

Across the creek from the town the Copper Camp road climbs upwards across the face of the mountain and disappears up the gulch leading to Deadwood Camp. In that camp the Mother Lode mine has a tunnel of about 210 feet, crossing an ore body, and a winze of 100 feet, with a cross-cut at the bottom. At this mine they are awaiting the arrival of additional plant. Further up, the Sunset has a shaft 100 feet deep, with a tunnel about 300 feet, the two not yet connected. The other properties worked in this camp are the C.O.D. and the Hidden Trace. The road leads westward to Copper Camp, where everything is now quiet. The mines developed are the Big Copper, the Copper Queen, and the King Solomon, all copper properties, with but little gold. The mines of the West Copper Camp are arsenical iron ore, carrying gold, worked by the British Columbia Kettle River Company, an English concern with considerable capital. In the same camp the Republic, None Such and Last Chance, all freemilling properties, are worked under bond by the Kootenay Development Company. They have two tunnels on the None Such, aggregating 400 feet. Turning down the creek toward the falls, the Golconda group is passed, now idle, but formerly worked. They are deposits of arsenical iron. On the east or town side of the falls the Central Camp is awakening into activity. The Lincoln and City of Paris mines shipped ore at one time, but have since been idle. They are now in the hands of a Philadelphia corporation. A French company is working No. 7, which has a shaft about 150 feet, with considerable drifts, in all about 600 feet of workings. The Oro, Mabel and Cornucopia have shafts about 25 feet deep, with cross-cuts.

Up the divide between Boundary Creek and the north fork of Kettle River the rumbling of the steam compressors and drills give an air of activity to the Wellington camp. The Winnipeg mine has a steam plant and some 200 or 300 feet of drifts. The Golden Crown has also a steam plant and a 400-foot tunnel. This mine has a shaft about 100 feet deep and surface work.

Further north along the divide and east from the town of Greenwood is Greenwood camp, in which the ore is copper pyrites and iron pyrites, with talcite and quartz. The Snowshoe has been bonded to the Kootenay Development Company, and has a shaft 130 feet deep, with a 40-foot cross-cut. The Gold Drop has a dump of ore at the mouth of a tunnel 130 feet long. There is a shaft further up the hill 50 feet deep and a winze about the same depth from the tunnel. The Stemwinder has two shafts, with drifting at the bottom, and a tunnel. Work has started under new management, which also controls the the Brooklyn, with a 40-foot shaft. There is machinery on the way from Marans, Wash., in freight wagons, for these mines. At the Ironsides there is a steam plant, with compressor drills and a shaft and crosscut, aggregating 200 feet. It is owned by Montreal and Quebec capitalists. The same company owns the Nob Hill, and will soon have a plant in operation there. Down the side of the hill, toward the town, is Skylark camp, with silver ores bearing gold. The Skylark mine is owned by Butte people and was once a shipping mine, but has done nothing since last fall. On the Last Chance the sinking of a shaft has been stopped by water.

The claims of the Providence camp crowd right around the north end of the town, and they include the property of the Boundary Creek Mining and Milling Company. The San Bernnrd has a shaft down 120 feet, and is stoping ore. The mines of this camp which have been developed are nearly all silver, with gold values. The Elkhorn and Idola are silver, with copper glance.

To the westward across the divide between Boundary Creek and the north fork of the Kettle river and north of the valley is Summit camp composed of copper bearing properties. The B. C. has a steam pump, hoist and compressor at work crosscutting at the 120-foot level of a shaft, and has it is estimated, 1,200 tons of 10 per cent. copper ore on the dump. The R. Bell has a shaft down about 100 feet. Three other copper mines with about the same amount of development, the Oro-Denoro, Emma and Mountain Rose, have been sold, it is said, to Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. North of Summit camp is Pass Creek camp, in which the gold properties developed are the Rambler and Side Hill Star.

The camp around Long lake is composed of quartz mines, the Jewel having a shaft 150 feet deep, with right and left drifts. This mine has a steam hoist and is stoping ore. The Enterprise has a shaft over 100 feet and the North Star has a tunnel 175 feet, intended to connect with a 64-foot shaft. On the other side of Long lake the C.O.D. has a 60-foot shaft, the Eclectric a 90-foot tunnel, the Roderick Dhu about 50 feet of underground working, the Lake View a 35-foot shaft, and the Lady of the Lake a 40-foot shaft and a 105-foot tunnel.

The list by no means exhausts the mining operations of the Boundary Creek district, but it serves to show the importance and the pressing need of some more efficient means of transportation than the freight wagon, and to explain the feeling regarding the defeat of the Corbin railway charter.

MAIN KETTLE RIVER.

The next section of British Columbia to attract the attention of the mining world will, in all probability, be what is at present known as the Canyon Creek camp, on the main Kettle River, about 35 miles above Rock Creek. From a gentleman just returned from there it is learned that the first claims were located about a year ago. What has attracted attention to this section was the bonding of the Silver Dollar claim for $35,000 by Mr. Harison and Dr. Hatch of the B. C. mine in Greenwood.

Scores of prospectors are now going in, and that section of country for 10 or 12 miles in almost every direction is now being prospected. There is a first-class trail from Rock Creek for nearly 40 miles up the Kettle, which, for this distance, is an almost level velley, well timbered, and with excellent pasturage; in fact it is one of the prettiest spots in the Province. A good deal of the valley has already been taken up for farms and townsites, in fact there is a prospective townsite every two or three miles.

The mineral belt on the west side of Kettle River about two or three miles back in an altitude of from 3,500 to 4,500 feet. It is well timbered with good pasturage in most places. The section is at the head waters of Canyon, Cedar and Beaver creeks; Beaver creek runs into the west fork of the Kettle, and Cedar into the main Kettle, about 10 miles below Canyon creek. The formation is diorite and quartsite, with very strong trachyte and dykes running north and south. There are two series of ledges, one running north and south and parallel with the trachyte dykes, and the other east and west, the latter generally carrying a larger percentage of quartz than the former, and a good deal of copper, whereas the north and south leads do not carry much copper, the surface showing being strongly stained iron caps which can easily be traced for miles on the surface.

So far but little work has been done, but what little has been done has been attended with very encouraging results. In every instance almost clean ore has been uncovered at a depth of two or three feet, and very often much closer to the surface than that.

VARIETIES OF GOLD.

Naturally, it might be supposed that there is only one kind of gold, and it is true that there is only one metal of that name; but it is found in many shapes, some of which are decidedly curious. For example, there is moss gold, which is occasionally discovered in masses nearly a foot in diameter. If a bit of rock be thickly interlaced with gold veins and the rocky substances be dissolved away, the metal is apt to be left behind in this strange form. What is called "wire gold" is formed in much the same manner. In the famous Cripple Creek region gold often occurs in little crystals composing fern-like pieces. Once in a long while a gold crystal of considerable size, say half an inch in diameter, and a perfect octahedron, is picked up. In the Snake River, Idaho, regular mining is done for "flour gold," so called because it occurs as a very fine powder mixed with the sands at the bottom of the stream. These sands are attacked by stern-wheel flat-boats, which are floating dredges propelled by steam. The flat-boat anchors in a suitable place, and the gravel is hauled aboard with buckets attached to an endless chain. The gold is caught on copper plates with the aid of quicksilver, and the refuse is carried overboard by a stream of water. The beach sands of the Oregon seacoast are quite rich in gold, which is very pure, though finely divided. There has been a good deal said lately about the gold in ordinary sea water, which actually does amount to about a cent and a half per ton. But the water of the Caspian Sea, which is very salty, contains from 16 to 18 cents worth of gold per ton, and it is there that the proposed works should be set up for the purpose of separating the yellow metal from its saline solution by electrolysis. Unfurtunately, separation by this process is expensive, a powerful current being required. The characteristic placer gold of the Yukon takes the form of fine dust with little bits of nuggets mixed. Experts confess that they do not know how nuggets are formed. The most plausible guess seems to be that they are accidental accumulations of grains of gold washed out of the rocks.

UNCLE HENRY.

Uncle Henry lives wiv us,
An' sells buggies down in town,
An' he ain't got no use, he says,
Fer little boys bein' roun'.

An' he don't talk like mamma duz
An' say: "George, be good boy, now,"
But he jes' says: "Git out the way!
What you good fur, anyhow?"

An' he don't call me "little man,"
Ner laugh at nuthin' 'at I say,
But he calls me "Judge" an' "Buster," too.
An' things 'at's funny thataway.

An' wunst he put me on a hoss
Down at the creek, an' I rode thoo;
An' wunst he let me smoke his pipe,
'At ma an' pa don't want me to.

An' way out yonder 'hind the woods
One day, he let me shoot his gun
At a rabbit; an' says to me:
"When you get big I'll buy you a one."

I 'spect 'at Uncle Henry is
The goodest man 'at ever wuz;
I whist' 'at folks 'ud allus do
Jes' like Uncle Henry duz.

—Atlanta Constitution.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Special Train and Steamer service for July 1st, over the C. P. R. from Sandon and intermediate points to Nelson, as follows:

Nakusp & Slocan Branch—Special train leaves Sandon 6.45 a. m., arriving at Rosebery 8.00 a. m.

Slocan Lake Route—Special steamer leaves Rosebery 8.05 a. m., arriving at Slocan City 10.05 a. m.

Columbia & Kootenay & Slocan Branch—Special train leaves Nelson 7.45 a. m., arriving at Slocan City 10.00 a. m. Special train leaves Slocan City 10.10 a. m., arriving Nelson 12.20 noon. Above includes service from all intermediate points.

Tickets on sale June 30th and July 1st, by all agents at single fare for round trip, good for return until July 4th.

Purchase tickets before boarding trains or steamers.

Service as above (for July 1st only) will be in place of the following regular service: N. & S. Branch train leaving Sandon 7.45 a. m. and arriving at Rosebery 9.05 a. m. Slocan Lake route, s r, leaving Rosebery 9.25 a. m., arriving Slocan City 11.35 a. m.; C. & K. and Slocan Branch, train leaving Nelson 9 a. m., arriving at Slocan City 11 20; leaving Slocan City, 12 noon and arriving Nelson, 2.20 p. m.

SPECIAL SUNDAY RATE.

The C.P.R. Company has put in a rate of 50c. from Three Forks and 75c. from Sandon to Rosebery and return, good going Saturday and Sunday, returning until Monday. This will be of great advantage to our Sandon and Three Forks neighbors who would enjoy a weekly trip to the lake.

There's trouble brewing in the teapot. On Tuesday the U. S. Congress imposed a 10 per cent. duty on every pound of tea imported from foreign countries. When the American merchants heard that the tax was to go into force at once they immediately telegraphed to Montreal and Toronto, and as a result 15 car loads of tea left Montreal on Monday evening, reaching Malone, N.Y., at 11 o'clock the same night. A smaller cargo left Toronto in the same manner. This sudden shipment has left the Canadian market almost empty of the social beverage, and consequently the price will advance two cents and probably go a great deal higher before many days.

Sometime ago the Woman's Art Association of Canada produced a jubilee, or historical, dinner set of china, which was on exhibition throughout the Dominion and was greatly admired. The set contains 204 pieces, and was decorated by 16 successful exhibitors of the Association chosen from all parts of the Dominion. This historical set was purchased recently by some hundred or more members of the Senate and Parliament, and presented to Lady Aberdeen on Monday last, at the close of the prorogation ceremonies of the House, as "a memorial of their esteem and affection in recognition of the signal devotion of your Excellency to the promotion of all good work in Canada, and your invariable kindness to the members of the Dominion Parliament." Her Excellency was much surprised, and assured the givers that their thoughtful action had "strengthened and beautified" her whole life.

Gents' Furnishings, Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes are selling at cost at Mrs. Merkley's.

F. Pyman has again commenced to do business in New Denver. Bring your watches to him when they are out of order. Pyman's new building, Sixth street.

Mother (to Bobbie)—You must not put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

Bobbie—Then let us finish the plum pudding.

Spring stock of Hats, Feathers, Veiling, Cheffon's and other goods for ladies just received at Mrs. Merkley's.

The latest novelties in Millinery and Dress Goods, etc., just received at Mrs. Merkley's.

H. H. Knox,

Has removed to the

Newmarket

Block and is prepared to repair every description of

Disabled Watches.

THE SELKIRK HOTEL

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Is a new three-story hotel situated near the wharf. The house is plastered and the rooms are furnished in a manner calculated to make travelers call again. Mining and Commercial men will appreciate the home comforts of this hotel.

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Specials in new Suitings

I have lately received a stock of well-selected, handsome suitings for Spring make-up, and I earnestly invite your inspection of them. Some excellent qualities and patterns, and at especially low prices—lower than ever put upon the market in this section before.

I guarantee a neat, natty fit, and satisfaction in every particular. Are you wanting a Spring suit?

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New Spring Goods, Latest novelties in Dress Goods for Spring and Summer wear; ready-made Clothing, Neck wear, Hats, and Caps, Boots and Shoes — the most complete stock in the lake section—at prices as low as it is possible to make them. We invite your inspection. Look into our show-window. We are displaying a fine line of novelties.

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Full Line of Suitings and Trouserings always on hand.

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STRAYED.

ON JUNE 7TH, a bay saddle horse, black mane and tail. Finder will be rewarded by applying to—
PALMA ANGRIGNON,
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BRICK FOR SALE.

JOHN GOETTSCHE, NEW DENVER.

NOTICE.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
8th June, 1898.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint Fletcher S. Andrews, Esquire, to be Returning Officer for the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District; and

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint and declare the Government Office, Kaslo, to be the place for the nomination of candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly in the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District.

The Newmarket Hotel,

NEW DENVER, B. C.

Provides ample and pleasant accommodation for the traveling public. Telegrams for rooms promptly attended to.
STEGE & AVISON, - - - - - - Proprietors.

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When in Silverton, especially if you have a thirst with you.

The beer is kept on ice, while the whiskey has that flavor and power so much appreciated by the traveller when he is weak and weary.

THOMAS CLAIR, Proprietor.

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Boots and Shoes

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Rooms in Reco Hotel, Sandon.

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BRADLEY-GARRETSON CO., Limited.
Toronto.

NOTICE

TWO months after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and work, Victoria, B.C., for permission to purchase the following described lands. Commencing at a post planted about 400 feet north of Kuskanook creek and about eight miles from the mouth of said creek, in West Kootenay district, said stake being marked G.L., N.W. corner. April 29th, 1898, running 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north to point of commencement and containing 160 acres of land more or less.

GEORGE LESTER.

Nakusp, B.C., April 28th, 1898.

Slocan Hospital

NEW DENVER, B.C.

An office of the Slocan Hospital has been opened at Sandon under the medical superintendence of DR. P. H. POWERS. Subscribers on presentation of their orders or tickets at the Sandon office will receive medical or surgical treatment and the necessary medicines free of charge.

All serious cases will be admitted to the Hospital for treatment.

Miners in regular employ, subscribing through their payroll, can secure all the privileges of the above.

For further information apply to—
J. E. BROUSE, M.D.,
New Denver, B.C.

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Large And Comfortable Rooms

Fitted with every modern convenience. Special protection against fire. Rates $2.50 and $3 per day.

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