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SLOGAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Business on the N. & S. is improving.

Rossland's winter carnival will be held the end of January.

A. M. Banting, of Whitewater, has been gazetted a notary public.

J. D. Graham, of Revelstoke, has blossomed out as a notary public.

St. Andrew's day is to be celebrated on the 30th. Local Scots will kindly meet.

An effort is to be made to organize the Conservatives in town during the next few days.

Capt. Estabrooks is now in command of the C.P.R. steamer Aberdeen, on Okanagan lake.

Three cases only are now in the Slocan Hospital, and they are rapidly approaching convalescence.

Roderick Robertson, mgr. of the London & B. C. Goldfields, Nelson, was here during the week on mining business.

The Crow's Nest Pass Railway was taken over by the C.P.R. on the 15th, by Gen.-Manager White, of Winnipeg.

H. Clever and family were registered at the Commercial hotel, Vancouver, on Wednesday, on their way to Honolulu.

There is a pernicious habit in vogue in town of helping oneself to his neighbor's water barrel during the midnight hours.

F. J. Finucane has been appointed manager of the Bank of Montreal at Greenwood, and E. Pitts has his former position here.

Advent Sunday, Nov. 27th, services in Church of England Mission Room morning and evening, at 11 and 7:30. All are inaited.

J. H. Millward, mgr. of the Bosun opera house, has definitely fixed the day for opening the institution on the first of December.

F L. Byron, charged with pointing a revolver at Gus Kruger, came before Stipendiary Magistrate Sproat, on Saturday, and was fined $20.

Married—On Monday, November 21st, by the Rev. C. F. Yates, Charles W. Aylwin to Mary Elizabeth Gathercole, both of New Denver.

Geo. McDonald was fined $20 and costs Tuesday, at Silverton, by Stipendiary Magistrate Sproat, for assaulting F. L. Byron. Gus Kruger was discharged.

Howard West returned on Monday after spending several weeks in East Kootenay, in company with R. C. Campbell-Johnston, inspecting several mining propositions.

A pleasant social gathering was held in the parlors of the St. James Hotel, Thursday evening, in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Lomberger. It was in the nature of a surprise, and everybody had a good time.

Tourist cars for St. John, N.B., for connection with Atlantic Steamers pass Revelstoke Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, 9th and 16th. Berth rate on these cars, Revelstoke to St John, is $8. The last steamer from Fort William for Owen Sound will leave Nov. 29th.

The missionary committee of the Methodist church in British Columbia, at a meeting held in Vancouver, made the following appropriations to the districts: Victoria, $702; Vancouver, $1,132; New Westminster, $500; Kamloops, $2,843; Kootenay, $1,862; and $2,614 for moving expenses for the whole province.

ANOTHER DENVER SHIPPER.

Upon on the Marion, adjoining the California, on Silver mountain, there are eight men working, under the foremanship of J. Marino. The two veins uncovered two months ago are now being worked, and the results are proving as beneficial to the town as they are lucrative to the fortunate owners—Messrs. Sproat, McInnes and Marino, of this town, and Alexander, of Kaslo. The two veins are not more than 70 feet apart and have clean ore on the surface. On No. 1 a tunnel is now in 40 feet, with 14 inches of clean ore and carbonates in the breast. From this drift about 10 tons of shipping ore, running about 160 oz. in silver and 45 per cent lead has been taken out. On the No. 2 lead a crosscut is being run to tap the ore chute, but slow progress is being made as the country rock is as hard as flint. Commodious quarters for the men, with ore houses and blacksmith shop have been erected this fall, and the property will be extensively developed this winter. A shipment will be made as soon as possible. There is a foot and one-half of snow at the mine. This adds one more to the list of New Denver's shippers.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

A very small force of men are kept at the Galena Farm.

Work is to be resumed on the Noble Four, on Lemon creek.

The miners around Sandon are organizing a Miners' Union.

More men have been added to the Rambler force, increasing it to 30.

The Dardanelles keeps steadily at it, and their assays are showing 200 oz. ore.

The new strike on the Fisher Maiden runs 295 oz. in silver and 50 per cent. lead.

John G. Devlin has the contract from eastern parties to run 150 feet of tunnel on the Boston, a claim on Murphy creek.

Manager Rimmelmeyer, of the Emily Edith, endeavored to obtain F. L. Byron's third interest in the Fidelity during the week.

Two men are working on the Mollie Hughes putting things in shape for the winter. No word has yet been heard from parties holding the option.

New bunkhouses, to hold 48 men, have just been completed at the Idaho. The old ones were swept away by a slide. There is four feet of snow at the mine.

The White Sparrow group, on Lemon creek, owned by Slocan City parties, promises to turn out a fine property. The surface assays go as high as $50 in gold.

J. Provost will develop the Lorne group, on the Nelson slope this winter. Two tunnels are in on the vein 75 and 49 feet respectively, and the showing is good.

Work on the Palmito, adjoining the Queen Bess and owned in London, Ont., is steadily advancing. Two hundred feet more in the No. 3 will tap the ore chute.

The long raise between Nos. 2 and 3 tunnels in the Vancouver is completed. Ore is being broken down in large quantities and it maintains its high values.

Saturday night the owners of the Anglo-Saxon group were in 20 feet under gound, having made 13 feet in 10 shifts. They had 20 feet more to go to tap the ore chute.

J. Pilon and A. Tunks are working on the Cabin fractional claim, adjoining the Pinto of the Mollie Hughes group. A cabin is being erected and the claim will be developed during the winter.

A car load of ore will be shipped from the Black Grouse as soon as it can be taken out. A recent assay shows 146 ounces of silver. This is one of the properties owned by Major Furlong on the north fork of Carpenter.

Stock in the Viking Gold Mining Co. is to be placed on the market. The property is on Springer creek, close to Slocan City, and is owned principally in Slocan City and here. Several thousand dollars worth of work has been done. Assays give $412.50 per ton in gold and silver.

Fourteen men are at present working at the Washington, pushing forward the tunnels into the Slocan Boy ground. These properties being now under the London & B.C. Goldfields management, the winter's operations will result in large bodies of ore being blocked out. The force will be largely increased in the spring.

ORE CARS FOR B. C.

At the present time the C.P.R., in addition to 300 box cars, is building 60 ore cars in its shops at Perth, Ont. These cars are of 60,000 lbs. capacity and are especially designed for the mineral traffic of British Columbia. They will weigh 24,000 pounds, with frames 22 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 8 feet 7 inches high above the rails. All the cars will have steel axles, rigid trucks, common sense bolsters, Westinghouse air brakes, Hein couplers, Thornburgh draft rigging, M. C. B. standard brakeshoes, brasses, journal boxes and lids and Canadian Pacific standard springs. The cars will have National Hollow brake beams.

Strike on the Convention.

During the past week Al. Behne and A. Murphy have been camping in the snow up on Silver mountain, engaged in tracing the lead from the Marion on to the Convention, in which A. E. Fauquier is also interested. They were eminently successful and opened up the vein for a distance of 100 feet, showing clean ore from two to ten inches in places In fact, they claim to have one of the best exhibits now on the hill. A cabin is to be erected and another property added to the list of Denver's shippers.

LEDGE CROPPINGS.

Mining activity is general throughout East Kootenay.

The hoisting plant on the Tamarac, Ymir, is finished.

More men are being put on at the Tamarac, Ymir camp.

The Erie wagon road is complete to the Second Relief mine.

Supplies are being rushed in to the Ethel, Trout Lake camp, and the force will be increased.

Forty men are working on the North Star, in East Kootenay, at developing the property mainly.

The Lake Shore, near Moyie, will put in a concentrator next spring. They have three feet of solid ore.

The Porto Rico, at Ymir, is erecting a mill, the machinery having just arrived from Sherbrooke, Que.

Extensive development work is to be done on the Cariboo, in Camp McKinney, this winter, and more men employed.

The St. Eugene mine, near Moyie, has 2,000 tons of ore ready to ship. so soon as the railway is in a position to handle it.

Copper ore is being found in paying quantities on Bull Dog mountain claims, near Brooklyn, and many inquiries are being made.

On the Elise, on Wild Horse creek, the Lerwick Co. has run into another large chute of ore, giving returns of $160.28 per ton

The Pilot Bay smelter will start operations in the spring, so soon as sufficient coke can be had from the ovens at Fernie.

The Waterloo mine, in Camp McKinney, is developing in fine style, the ledge being six and one-half feet wide, carrying free gold.

Cabins and trails have been completed at the Yellowstone, near Salmo, which will be developed this winter by H. E T. Haultain.

A. Johnson, a Spokane expert, is inspecting various East Kootenay properties. Gold claims on Wild Horse creek are his main hold.

The Golden Hope, Cariboo creek, will use power from the Silver Queen compressor and will work all winter. The ore is a high grade tellurium.

Thirty men are working on the Porto Rico, Ymir, and they have done 1,050 feet of tunneling. The vein is 22 inches wide and averages $40 in gold.

Last week the Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, on Fish creek, sent a trial shipment of a ton of ore to the Trail smelter. The ore chute is prominent and high grade.

It has been agreed among the directors of the Dundee to each take $2,000 worth of stock in the company to pay for the recent improvements of the property.

A large body of ore has been uncovered on the Millie Mac, on Cariboo creek, in tunnel No. 5, 100 feet from the surface. The ore is being sacked ready for shipment.

Machinery for the Dundee concentrator, near Ymir, has arrived from Milwaukee, and is being rapidly installed. The building is completed and it will not be long before the machinery is running.

A. Knowlton, a miner in the Porto Rico mine, at Ymir, while working in a raise was overcome by gas last week, and fell insensible into a small pool of water. Sometime after he was found drowned. He left a wife and three children

HALL MINES SMELTER RETURNS.

The results of the Hall Mines smelting operations during a period of 12 days 12 hours, ending October 28th, were: 2,215 tons of Silver King ore from the company's mine and 507 tons of purchased ore smelted, containing, approximately, Silver King ore, 48 tons copper and 33,400 oz. silver; purchased ore, 7 tons copper, 6,210 oz. silver, and 419 oz. gold.

Denver Had a Share in It.

The Bank of Montreal's half yearly statement, just issued, shows the profits for the half year ending October 31st, after deducting charges of management and making full provisions for bad and doubtful debts, were $629,118, which, with the balance of profit and loss account on April 30th, amount to $1,581,328. Out of this amount a dividend of five per cent., amounting to $600,000 is payable Dec. 1st, leaving a balance of profit and loss to be carried forward of $981,328 against $952,210 for the half year ending April 30th, or an increase of $29,118. New Denver's branch of this flourishing institution contributed no small portion of the handsome profits earned.

ROUND THE HUB.

Nelson is to have a public library.

Cascade City is now the home of two papers.

Cascade City is infested with sneak thieves.

The Thistle Hotel, Silverton, has reopened.

Revelstoke is again agitating for incorporation.

Niagara, Boundary's new town, is enjoying a boom.

The teamsters and packers in Ymir are busy as beavers.

Freighting from Brooklyn to Cascade costs one cent per pound.

The work on the new C.P.R. shops at Revelstoke is almost completed.

The Bank of B. N. A. is figuring on opening a branch at Cascade City.

Three large steamers will ply between Fort Steele and Jennings next year.

C. St. Barbe, of Nelson, is the agent for Crow's Nest coal in this district.

Some $30,000 is to be spent in protection works on the Columbia, at Revelstoke.

Fifty coke ovens have been completed at Fernie. The product is a very superior article.

John Rogers, of Brooklyn, has been given six months, for passing a worthless cheque.

The Exchange & Safe Deposit Co., of East Kootenay, will open a branch at Grand Forks.

Jas. Brereton, a carpenter, formerly of Slocan City, died of fever on Thursday at Cascade City.

The Bank of British Columbia is to open a branch at Rossland, making five banks in that city.

Navigation on the Kootenay river to Fort Steele is to be improved by the Dominion authorities.

One hundred and fifty Nova Scotian miners and their families have been imported into Fernie.

Karl Neitzel, one time an assayer in Kaslo, was married recently to Miss L. Burmaster in Spokane.

The wife of Dr. Gomm, Sandon, died at San Francisco recently, after a short marriage of six months.

Wood at Nelson is sold at $5 per load, and the dealers refuse to sell to any man who insists on measuring it.

W. Erbsloh purposes building a steamer to ply on the Columbia between Revelstoke and the Big Bend.

The survey of the V. V. & E. R. R. has made connections from the west with the C. & W. at Midway.

There is talk of the Great Northern putting on a steamer to run from Northport north on the Columbia river.

Creditors of the C. & K. Steam Navigation Co. must send in their claims to D. M. Rogers, Victoria, by December 7.

It is reported Hugh Sutherland has purchased the Nelson Miner. D. J. Beeton, late of Winnipeg, is the editor.

A "didn't know it was loaded" rifle in the hands of O. J. Vail killed a man named D. McKenzie, at Vernon, recently.

The Hall Mines smelter has acquired the right to 150 inches of water from Sand creek, below Nelson. It is to be flumed to the works.

S. Harklerode was assaulted by A. Lamb, last week, at Cascade City, and died from the effects of his injuries. His assailant was let off with two months for common assault.

It is again rumored that the C. P. R. will commence work on the rock bluff, on the Arm about four miles from Arrowhead, next January, as an initial step to building the railway to the head of Kootenay lake.

Connection has been made during the week by the Canada Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Inland Telephone & Telegraph Co., and messages can now be telephoned direct from Kootenay to Spokane, or for that matter to Mexico.

Temporary Position Only.

Hon. Mr. Hume, minister of mines, has replied to the resolution passed at the citizens' meeting held last week anent the discharge of an employee at the record office and which was forwarded him by the committee. The reply is to the effect that the position was only temporarily filled, and that the present incumbent had been appointed upon the recommendation of the member-elect and a number of leading citizens.

Bosun Ore Returns.

A telegram to the home office of the Northwest Mining Syndicate from Mgr. Sandiford, of the Bosun mine, advises: "Smelter returns for second 40 tons, $2,673 net.; quantity shipped up to September 30th, 120 tons; quantity shipped during October, 100 tons."

RAILROAD BUILDING

The contract has been let for the construction of the Nelson & Bedlington railway, which is Jim Hill's cut off from his transcontinental line at Bonner's Ferry to Kootenay lake and its neighboring territory. Foley Bros & Guthrie have received the contract, and their agreement is to have the road completed and in running order by May 1 It is to be of standard guage, so as to enable cars to be transported from the main line without breaking of bulk. The International Steamboat Co.'s fleet of vessels and scows will handle the business on Kootenay lake, with headquarters at Kaslo.

Work on the Duncan River railway will also be pushed, the contract calling for the construction of 30 miles of roadbed. It is to be ready for business by September 1, 1899. These two roads mean much to Kaslo and the Slocan country, as a most active competing line will be introduced for a share of the growing business of the several mining camps. In the Lardo-Duncan country are scores of fine properties, only awaiting the arrival of a railway to put them on a permanent shipping basis. This will be guaranteed them by the construction of the Duncan River railway. It can be extended so as to tap the Trout lake and Illecillewaet camps, reaching right into the heart of C. P. R. territory. Moreover, Kellie's Tramway Act will be taken advantage of, and connecting tramways will be built wherever deemed necessary, vouchsafing to the camp every facility for rapid development.

A change will also be effected on the K. & S. and the guage will be widened to standard measurement, enabling cars to be brought right into the country, and direct transportation provided from the mines to the American smelters. Of greater import to the people in this vicinity is the direct statement that the K. & S. will be extended to the Slocan lake country, the Great Northern meaning to enter into strong competition for the extensive business developing on this side of the slope. It is pretty certain to be carried down to the neighborhood of Ten Mile anyway. One of the leading men in the camp states that inside circles at Rossland are aware of the fact that the Enterprise mine will shortly pass into the control of the British America Corporation. It is pointed out that three of the directors of the latter institution are actively interested with Jim Hill in the management of the Great Northern. Hence it is the statement carries so much certainty, as the extensive ore reserves of Ten Mile's bonanza would furnish considerable tonnage to the new road. New Denver would be tapped by a switchback, and this town and others on the lake will enjoy reduced rates and a chance to exist. History is quickly made in Kootenay.

CONSTRUCTION ITEMS.

What is Being Done Along the Robson & Penticton Railway.

Cascade City is booming, but knowing ones predict for it the same fate as Brooklyn.

Thousands of men—principally Dagos—are strung out along the right-of-way and work will be pushed with vigor all winter.

A new passenger wharf is being built at Robson for the accommodation of the palatial steamers plying upon the Arrow lakes.

Genelle's mill, on the R. & P. Ry, is turning out about 50,000 feet of bridge timber daily, and still has difficulty supplying the framers.

Sandy McDonald, of Sandon, has been in the hospital at Brooklyn for four months, the victim of a rock slide. He is pretty badly battered.

"Walt," Genelle & Co.'s chief culler, has just returned from a trip round the lakes, during which he scaled and accepted nearly a half million feet of saw logs.

Brooklyn, the famous mushroom town opposite Deer Park, has had its day, and another two months will find the place practically deserted. The merchants are selling out their stocks below cost, and are leaving the town.

The fever epidemic has abated, and it is hoped no more new cases will develop There have been a number of deaths, and quite a large number of pale convalescents are to be seen in Brooklyn and Trail, among them being our old friend Dan Dorsey, who has just recovered from a six weeks' siege.

Roberts' patent track-laying machine started work last week at Robson, and already two or three miles of steel are laid on the Robson-Penticton branch of the C. & W. Ry. This machine takes ties from cars at the back of it, lays them in position on grade, then runs out the rails and places them ready for spikes. It is a marvelous invention, and is expected to lay two to three miles of track daily.

SPORT.

STRUCK THE BIG ORE CHUTE.

Friday night the workmen in the No. 1 tunnel of the Bosun broke into the big ore chute showing in the foot of the No. 1 shaft This is over 30 feet from the line of the shaft and is evidence that the chute dips towards the lake. There is four feet in the breast of the tunnel containing galena, carbonates, zinc and gangue, but it will soon be all ore. In the raise in the No. 2 tunnel ore has again come in, making the general appearance of the property 100 per cent. better than last week. Work on the No. 2 shaft has been stopped temporarily and the men put inside. This week Manager Sandiford received returns from three car loads of ore sent to the Chicago & Aurora and the Selby works, giving a net profit over all expenses of $4,015.08. Yesterday the first shipment from the No. 2 tunnel was made. It carries considerable zinc, but the returns are considered highly satisfactory.

AFTER THE ENTERPRISE.

It would appear that the London & B. C. Goldfields was again bargaining for the Enterprise mine, on Ten Mile, in opposition to the British America Corporation. The latter has made two inspections, and the former has had its manager, J. Roderick Robertson, Nelson, here as well as its chief engineer, S. S. Fowler. Mr. Fowler came in on Saturday and it is deemed more than probable that these hasty visits portend a change in management. It was reported at Rossland that the B. A. C. had secured the control, but this new element has suddenly cropped out. Either corporation would be acceptable, as Ten Mile would then come to the front. The present holders are the closest in the district.

THE GREAT LE ROI.

The situation at Rossland during the week has been a lively one, terminating in the Le Roi mine definitely passing into the hands of the British America Corporation. The minority interest of 205,000 shares held by the Turner party, has been purchased at $7.25 per share. This purchase gives the big English company the entire control excepting the scattering possession of 35,000 shares. At present the Le Roi is in better shape than ever before, and the new vein crosscut in several of the levels is of high grade, and gives enough ore to pay dividends for some years to come.

SUICIDE AT M'GUIGAN.

E. Weeks, an Englishman, about 40 years of age, suicided at Brown's hotel, McGuigan, Wednesday evening, by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been drinking a great deal lately, and this was the cause of his rash act. The body was brought down here by S. Gintzburger, but Dr. Brouse, coroner, did not deem an inquest necessary, so the remains were buried on Saturday. Deceased had been foreman in a number of mines, being employed last at the Silver Bell. He had considerable money in the bank.

A QUIET WEDDING.

Monday evening C. W. Aylwin was married to Miss L. O'Neill, by the Rev. C. F Yates, at the latter's residence. The news came as a great surprise to everyone, but their numerous friends join in wishing the newly married pair the longest of happy lives. Mr. and Mrs. Aylwin left by the early train Tuesday morning en route for Spokane, where they purpose remaining some time.

CHANGE IN THE FIDELITY.

F. L. Byron has disposed of his entire interests in the Fidelity group to F. J. Finucane. The latter, with Scott McDonald, of the Payne, now hold the property and they in future will work it. The consideration of the sale was fully up to that of the Holtz and Williamson interests.

New Canadian Stamp.

To commemorate the establishment of Imperial penny postage, on Christmas day, it has been decided to issue a special postage stamp. The Postmaster-General has not fully decided upon the design, but several sketches are under consideration, nearly all of which embody the Imperial idea. It is understood that the stamp will be in use for a limited period only. Mr. Mulock, of course, gets another pull in revenue from the pockets of philatelists.

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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, NOVEMBER 24. 1898.

CANADA WANTS A MINT.

THE agitation inaugurated years ago by THE LEDGE, looking towards the establishment of a national mint in Canada, is certainly bearing fruit, and the end is within reasonable distance. Everywhere the papers are writing up the subject and gradually educating the minds of the people up to the desired standard. Klondyke's millions of gold, backed up by the ever-increasing streams from West Kootenay, Cariboo, Ontario and Nova Scotia, to say nothing of the millions produced by the Slocan and other silver camps, are beginning to weigh heavily upon the public, and the conviction is naturally impressed, that it is better to coin Canadian precious metals into Canadian beavers than to have them exported and made into American eagles.

At the recent meeting of the Banker's Association, held in Toronto, Pres. Wilkie stated Canada did not have sufficient coin and intimated that the establishment of a mint was the only remedy. When the conservative banking interests admit the necessity, it is proof positive that events are rapidly developing towards a memorable epoch in Canadian history. With an ample sufficiency of gold and silver coinage, stamped by her own peculiar emblem and motto, the Dominion could take its acknowledged position among the nations of the earth with confidence and pride. Each year that goes by marks the advancement in mineral development, and who can be blind to advantages resulting from the purchase and manufacture of our own precious metals. As it is now, we have no gold, and not half enough silver, and we are forced to the humiliating position of trusting to the goodwill of the neighboring republic for supplying our wants.

Geo R. Maxwell, M.P. for Vancouver, has just returned from Ottawa, and he states the mint question is growing in importance, and legislation will soon be taken on the matter. This is encouraging. British Columbia should not miss the opportunity of forwarding her claims to the right of the institution. Here is where the storehouse of the Dominion's riches is located and here is where the mint should be. It would be a pleasant feeling to patriotic Canadians to be able to handle a gold fiver or a silver cartwheel and to be able to state, "My Country 'tis of Thee."

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

THE Nelson Tribune is severely ill, which accounts for its pronounced wobbling on Provincial politics during the past few weeks. It is in the air.

A SEVERE blow to the investing public has been given by the expose in Vancouver last week of the Golden Cache fake in the Lillooet. For two years this property has held public attention by a system of sharp practices. At one time the stock sold for $1.90, but now it is not worth the paper it is printed on. Several hundred thousand shares are held in Great Britain, the poor suckers having been bled in the most approved fashion. This is a sorry blow to British Columbia.

EARLY last summer the fire wardens of this town issued a circular letter to a number of the citizens, requesting them to replace their tin flues by the more solid, safe and lasting brick chimney. There the matter rested and no further attention was given towards enforcing the request. The fire wardens have the law to go by and they should see that their demands are carried out. An expensive conflagration one of these odd days will bring the lesson sharply to them.

CANADA is growing more wicked each year; at least so says the report of the criminal statistics for the year ending September 30, 1898, which, has been issued. During the period dealt with, the number of charges preferred were 8,027, against that of 7,395 for the previous year. The convictions were 5,721, against 5,204. The figures show a decrease in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and an increase in all the other Provinces. Of the convictions, 6.3 per cent. were females.

THE Liberal Government has promised a redistribution bill at the next session of Federal Parliament. County lines will be adhered to strictly in defining the constituencies, but the fear is expressed that the Senate, which is overwhelmingly Conservative, may seriously object to the bill and throw it out, thus placing the Government in a nasty hole. It is believed the Yale-Cariboo constituency will be split up, giving the Kootenays a member to themselves. This would be but common justice to this important section of the largest and most unwieldy riding in the Dominion. Mr. Bostock will not figure here, and the battle royal will be between two local men, with the odds in favor of—the most influence.

CORBIN'S battle before the Canadian Parliament a year ago for a charter for his road into the Boundary country, though resulting in defeat, educated the people in the Dominion to the advantages of competition in railway business. Corbin is out of the running now, but his place has been taken by Jim Hill, who desires the same concessions for his rapidly extending interests in British Columbia. He will have more influence at Ottawa, and it is beyond question that the C.P.R.'s antagonism will not prevail at next session's combat. Slocan lake can sympathize with the Boundary in their desire for a competing line, and both districts will in all probability gain relief from the same source—the Great Northern Railway. Big corporations are often a curse, but in this instance the cloven hoof is surely hidden beneath a thick pad of blessing.

IT is often rather amusing to read the news of Kootenay in the eastern papers. A recent special from Vancouver to the Toronto World says that 60 Chinamen were recently driven out of Silverton, and that all Chinamen entering the Slocan are met and turned back by the miners, who say they cannot compete against Celestials who live on 10 cents' worth of rice a day and pick up the best claims. A correspondent who would send such stuff to a paper is worthy of prominent place among the boss liars of this age. Chinamen have never worked as miners or owned a claim in the Slocan. Not a single yellow boy has ever lived in Silverton, nor is there any likelihood of one settling in that burg. Toronto papers should get their Slocan news direct, and cut down the stock of laughing caused by the idiotic lies of coast scribblers.

THINK NOT AGAIN OF ME.

Dark sorrow's wings brood o'er my soul,
And 'neath their baneful power
My hopes have withered like the dews
Upon a blooming flower.
No more I roam the realms of bliss,
From pangs of anguish free.
Thy love must ne'er, ne'er be mine.
Think not again of me

When in the halls of revelry,
Of music and of mirth,
Oh, I would have thee to forget
That e'er we met on earth!
I would not wreck thy bark of life
Upon an unknown sea,
Go share thy love with some fond heart
And waste it not on me.

The shell that is by ocean cast
Upon the sandy shore
Still in its secret, deep recess
Keeps echoing its roar.
So in my heart, which fate has thrown
Upon love's hidden reef,
Still echoes my lost loved one's tones
Amid my tears of grief.

—New York Ledger.

BUSINESS IS IMPROVING.

John Keen, of Kaslo, provincial assessor, was in town on Thursday, noting the many changes effected in the burg during the past year, and otherwise bringing the assessment roll up to date for 1899. The improvements here will easily reach $25,000. Court of revision will sit about January 15th, and about March he will auction off all delinquent property throughout the country, some of which is in debt since 1893. Mr. Keen's territory is important and extensive, covering all of West Kootenay as far north as Nakusp, and he collects more revenue than any other assessor. Having been now pretty well over the district, he says he notices a great change for the better since his trip in August last. Confidence has replaced doubt and more money is in circulation, while business everywhere is improving

The Whitewater Looks Well.

London advices under date of the 27th ult., state that the Superintendent of the Whitewater reports the resumption of shipments. A foot of clean ore was showing in the breast of the main level, and the whole property was in splendid shape.

Ore has been struck in the new tunnel on the Silver Cup, Trout Lake district, at a depth of 280 feet and is high grade. Seventy-five men are employed.

MOLLY GIBSON CASE SETTLED.

Definite settlement of the noted Molly Gibson case has now been arrived at, and in the last issue of the B.C. Gazette appears the certificate of incorporation of the Molly Gibson Mining Company, Limited, non-personal liability, with a capital of $2,000,000 in as many shares. Victoria is the headquarters, and the objects of the company are to acquire the Molly Gibson, Florence Fraction, Florence, La Plata, Little Fraction, Aspen, Nashville, Charleston and Westminster mineral claims, situated at the head of Kokanee creek, in the Nelson mining division, or any interest therein, and for that purpose to enter into and carry out either with or without modifications the agreements and trust which have been recited in a certain declaration of trusts made by Rufus Henry Pope, executed the 24th day of September, 1898, according to the true intent and meaning of the said declaration of trust.

Geological Survey of Slocan.

R. W. Brock and W. W. Leach, of the Geological Survey, have returned to Ottawa from the Slocan district, after a season of topographical and geological work. Mr. Brock says the season was a bad one for their work. Considerable development has been going on in all the camps and mining is being placed on a business basis. Many new properties are being opened, and the showings on the whole are fine. The raise in the price of silver and lead has caused great activity in the Slocan district, where the ores are principally silver and lead. Mr. Brock considers the general condition of mining in British Columbia is very good, and the prospects bright. The camps are growing steadily.

A Talented Authoress.

Mrs. Henshaw, of Vancouver, known to the literary world as Julian Durham, and a sister of Mrs. Chas. Loewen, of the Alamo Concentrator, is obtaining considerable fame as an authoress. For years she has been a regular newspaper writer, her musical criticisms in the Province especially calling forth much attention. She has recently published a novel, called Hypnotized, and it is a highly spoken of by literary critics, who predict for Mrs. Henshaw a successful career.

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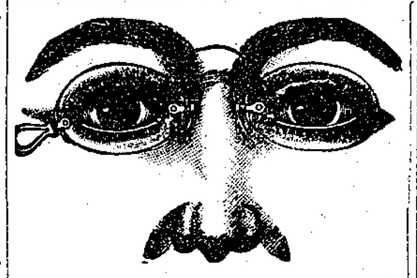

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ELIZABETH BROWN.
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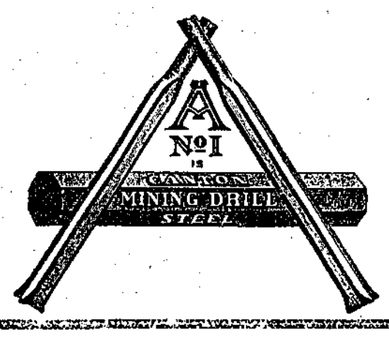

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ME AN' PAP AN' MOTHER.

When I wuz a little chap,
I sat at th' table
'Tween my mother an' my pap;
Eat all I 'uz able.
Pap 'ud feed me from one side,
Mammy from th' other—
Tell ye we wuz chums them days,
Me an' pap, an' mother.

Sundays we'd take great long walks
Through th' woods an' pasters;
Pap he al'ays hed a cane.
Mother an' me'd pick asters;
Sometimes they's a sister 'long,
Sometimes they's a brother,
But they al'ays wuz us three
Me an' pap, an' mother.

Pap he never gabbled much,
Held 'is head down, thinkin'
Didn't 'pear to hear us talk
Ner th' cow-bell clinkin';
Love streaks all 'peared worried out
'Bout one thing ernuther;
Didn't al'ays understand
Pap—that's me an' mother.

I got big an' went away,
Left th' farm behind me;
Thinkin' o' that partin' yet
'Pears to choke and blind me;
Course I'd be all safe and good
With my married brother,
But we had t' part, us three.
Me an' pap, an' mother.

Hurried back one day; found pap
Changed, an' pale an' holler;
Seen right off he'd haf to go
Where we couldn't foller.
Lovin' streaks all showed up then—
Stuck right to each other,
Talkin', just to keep back tears,
Pap an' me—an' mother.

Pap he's dead, but mother ain't;
Soon will be, I reckon;
Claims already she can see
Pap's forefinger beckon;
Life hain't long—I'll go myself
Some these days eruther,
Then we'll have good times agen,
Me an' pap, an' mother.

Purtier hills we'll have t' climb,
Saunterin' 'long, old fashion,
Hear th' wild birds singin' 'round,
See the river splashin'—
'F God nd only let us three
Be 'lone, like we'd ruther,
Heaven'd be a great ol' place,
F'r me an' pap, an' mother.

TALES OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Aside from the mountaineers and the few prospectors and sportsmen who have penetrated its fastnesses, the eastern portion of the state of Tennessee is a veritable terra incognita. It embraces that portion of the state which is occupied by the Cumberland plateau, and is as wild and primeval as were the hills of New England when the Pilgrim Fathers first landed on the shores of Plymouth Rock. Great forests stretch away in every direction, so vast that a two days' journey on horseback will not carry one beyond their confines. In these trackless woods are still to be found deer, bear, wildcat, the moonshiner and the maker of counterfeit. There are also several varieties of fish, but as they have the bad taste to choose to live in the water, not much is known of their habits or their habitants.

The native of these mountains is sui generis. He thinks he lives in the only country on earth, and he flies into passion if any one attempts to inform him that there are others. He is hospitable, unsuspecting, unless he derives his living by making concentrated extract of corn, generous to a fault, simple in his tastes, lazy to a degree that prohibits anything like harder work than hunting coons, and republican in politics. How he manages to keep in touch with the events that are happening throughout the world is one of those mysteries that will probably never be unveiled this side of the great beyond; but he does it, and can talk intelligently on almost any of the topics that are discussed at the clubs or in other places where men congregate either for business or pleasure. His land is so poor that it doesn't pay to clear it; but it is all he has, all that he knows about, and it is good enough for him. If others don't like it, they are at liberty to settle somewhere else.

From Rugby to Jamestown is 18 miles by the only road leading from one place to the other. It was about three o'clock in the afternoon when I left the former place, intending to ride through before it became dark. For an hour everything was as pleasant as could be desired. There was a coolness in the deep woods bordering either side of the road that was most grateful, and the fresh breeze that was blowing across the plateau had in it the scent of rain. Soon the black clouds began to loom above the tops of the mountains, and the dull roar of the thunder away off the western horizon told that a storm was coming. I decided to ride on as fast as the road would allow and ask for shelter at the first cabin I could find.

A gallop of about a mile brought a small cabin to view, and as the western sky was growing momentarily blacker and the lightning flashes were becoming more vivid, I decided to try and secure shelter for myself and my horse from the storm. Accordingly I alighted and knocked on the door. It was opened by a woman, evidently past 40 years of age, lank and tall, after the fashion of the women in these mountains, and chewing vigorously on the inevitable snuff stick. When I made known my request she stood for a moment evidently studying the proposition, then spat vigorously and replied.

"Sorry to refuse you, stranger, but the fact is I kain't do hit, nohow. Ef I did, I'm feared hit would ruin all my prospects, an' I reckon you wouldn't like to hev me do that, would you now?"

I hastened to assure her that such a thing was not to be thought of for a moment and turned to mount my horse.

"You'll find another cabin erbout a half mile furder on an' I reckon you won't hev any trouble thar in gittin' hep'," she went on. "Fact is, I'd like mightily to hev you stop here an' so would my darter, but hit kain't be done. I don't like ter seem appish, leastwise to them as is strangers, but I've got so much at stake at present that hit won't do ter risk hit. I reckon you don't know Bill Sikes, stranger?"

"I haven't that pleasure," I replied.

"Well, Bill ain't no great shakes, nohow, and I don't suppose you've missed a whole heap by not bein' acquainted with him. He's a kind uv a meek critter, but he owns a good house and 50 acres of land, two mules, three cows, an' he's got lot o' real sto' furniter' in his house. His wife died erbout three months ergo, an' sence then he's been comin' around here an' I know what's on his mind jest ez well ez ef he'd told me. I'm a widder woman myself, an' I know that even a sort of no account man's a heap sight better than none at all, but I'm too much of a lady to ask any man ter splice with me. I don't keer ef he hez got a right smart of prope'ty. He wuz over here last Sunday night, an' I'd hev been his promised wife right now ef it hadn't been fer my darter's comin' inter the room where we two wuz settin' jest as he hed grabbed holt uv my hand and wuz all ready to pop. She skeered him off fer the time bein' but afore he went away, he hinted thet he might be aroun' this a-way ergin ter-day, an' ef so be it thet he wuz, he'd call. He's sure ter come all right, even, no matter ef hit do rain, an' thet's why I kain't allow you to stop. Bill's a shy feller, an' he don't like strangers, nohow, an' ef he wuz ter come and find you here, he's likely ter git up an' fly the coop, an' I'd hev ter struggle along alone until some other woman around here took a notion ter die, an' they don't seem ter do thet very fast. I've been waitin' here fer the past two years for one of 'em to snuff out, an' Bill's wife wuz the only one thet hed accommodation enough ter do hit. Now thet I've got him on the line an' am almost ready to land him, I ain't goin' ter do enything ter scare him erway till I get him hooked. You don't blame me, do you stranger?"

I hastened to assure her that I did not and wished her success with the wily William. As I mounted she called out:

"I knew you wouldn't mind hit the least bit. I kin tell a real gentleman ez fur ez I kin see him, an' I spotted you fer one uv the sure enough people the minute I seed you. Ef so be hit thet you're lookin' fer a partner yourself, I've got a darter in the house here thet kain't be beat on the Cumberland mountains. You'll find the house erbout a half mile furder on, an' ol' man Briggs 'll be glad ter take you in. Stop when you kem back, mister, an' ef things turn out the way they're pointin' at the present time, I'll give you an invitation ter the infare."

I reached the Brigge house just as the storm broke. For two hours the rain fell in sheets and the air was filled with a mist so dense that it was impossible to see a dozen feet away from the spot where one was standing. It was, in fact, the edge of a cloud trailing through the woods and veiling them from sight. The water ran a turbid torrent along the ditches at the side of the road, eddying and swirling around the stones that lay in its path, then plunging hurriedly on, as if to make up for the time it had lost in getting by the obstruction. It was the only thing that I had ever seen in the south that seemed to be in a hurry.

I had stayed in the cabin for over two hours, and was just beginning to think I would have to remain all night when the storm ended as suddenly as it began. Almost as if by magic the mists were dissipated, and through the little cabin window there was unrolled such a panorama as one travels thousands of miles, even across the ocean to witness. The house stood on a little hillon the top of the plateau, and the cleared space around it afforded an opportunity for an unobstructed view of 50 miles around. It was as if one was looking out upon an ocean of livid green. Against the lighter foliage of the oaks, the dark colors of the pines stood out in bold relief, with occasionally a splotch of somber black that marked the location of some yawning ravine. The western sky was a mass of dull red clouds, and the horizon was circled with a belt of lurid flame. While I looked the clouds parted close to the mountains, and a sky of pale yellow leaped into view, through which the sun, a great globe of saffron-hued flame sank slowly from sight behind the purple mountains. Then as if the disappearance of the sun were the signal, the clouds melted away, and for a half hour there was such a display of colors as I have never seen before and never expect to see again. The mountains lay sharply cut against a sky of yellow, shading through all possible gradations of color to a cold, steely blue in the north. Gradually the yellow light faded away, and in its place came a warm rose tint that slowly deepened again into a red as livid as fire. Again this faded slowly away and gave place to the deep blue that is never met with outside a southern latitude. The gray twilight fell apace across the mountains and slowly veiled the wondrous scene. The night birds began to call from their haunts in the forest, and the evening star stood above the dark horizon, shining like the jewel in the hilt of an oriental scimitar. Then the slender crescent of the new moon came into sight and added the beauty of its silvery sheen to the magic scene. It was as if the gates of paradise had been thrown open and a glimpse of the beauty of the city of gold allowed to escape.

Even the old mountaineer was touched with the impressive beauty of the scene, for he turned to me as I started as if from a dream to resume my journey, and said:

"I reck'n you all don't hev sech sunsets ez thet thar one up nawth."

And I was obliged to admit that we did not.

H. TIMS.

BEFORE AND AFTER.

Three bachelors slept in their shuttered room—
In their shuttered room when the sun shone high:
Not one of them felt he must rise till noon,
Or take his breakfast till by-and-by;
For single men may happily sleep—
A pillow is good and breakfast will keep
Till 10 o'clock in the morning.

Three fair maids smiled on these bachelors three—
On these bachelors three when they came to town:
They waltzed, they sang, they made high tea,
And had their accomplishments quickly known:
For it matters not if bachelors sleep,
The maids are awake quite soon in the week,
And sometimes rise in the morning.

Three married men jumped when the sun arose,
And left their pillows in swift dismay;
They felt for their shoes, they seized their clothes,
And thoroughly realized it was day;
For women will never let men sleep
When there's breakfast to get and a wash for the week,
Though it's only 5 in the morn.

—Vanity Fair.

THE PROSPECTOR.

The prospector's life is no great snap,
It is mostly vexation and care,
In his tatters and rags and pack on his back
He is a horrible picture of despair.

He climbs the hills from bottom to top,
Through brush and old logs without ever a stop;
First over a canyon and then a cliff,
Till his legs are tired and sore and stiff

He lays down at night on brush for a bed,
His pack-strap and boots placed under his head;
He stakes his pile on good or bad luck,
With hemlock and beans and bacon for chuck.

Thus he plods on year out and year in,
Trusting in luck his fortune to win:
Toil, exposure and hardship leaves their effect,
He becomes old and stiff and a physical wreck.

Have you left a home of comfort and ease,
To seek your fortune and troubles like these?
Take my advice and give it up quick,
For it is few that strike luck with a prospect pick.

Geo. Nichol.

Slocan City, Nov. 14th, 1898.

Rawhiding in the Lardeau district has commenced.

STRUCK IT RICH.

The Vulture Group has a Fine Showing of Ore.

There is one Vancouver company at least doing business in the Slocan, that is going about its business in a thorough way and is meeting with success—the Financial & Mining Trust of Canada, Limited. This company acquired during the summer the Vult and Vulture claims, situated on the south fork of Carpenter creek, one and one-half miles above Sandon. They had a small stringer of galena and carbonates showing on the surface and a number of cuts traced the vein up the mountain, almost through both claims. A tunnel was started in at one of the showings, and a few days ago 14 inches of solid ore was struck, assaying 150 oz. silver and 60 per cent. lead. F. H. Lantz, a practical and experienced miner, has charge of the property, with seven men working. Development will be pushed all winter and in the spring shipments will be made. The new strike adds another to the shipping properties of the camp, and it will be steady as the vein is pronounced to be a true fissure.

This company also owns two properties on the north fork. They have had a representative here all summer sizing up the country, and their operations will be extensive. The claims last mentioned are about three miles from Three Forks and will be extensively worked next season. They are now prospects and nothing has so far been done beyond a little surface scratching. Both claims have galena mixed with carbonates showing, and they will readily bear further exploiting.

But it is in the Duncan district, where the company hopes to make a decided name for themselves, as they have one of the biggest propositions in that camp. There are seven claims in all in the group, situated not more than one and a quarter miles from navigable waters on Kootenay lake. This is known as the Giant group and joins the Lavinia combination. There are no less than four veins on the group, two of which are exposed across the full length of five claims. One of these they state to be 30 feet in width and is a huge concentrating proposition. On the others there is from six to 10 inches of galena mixed with carbonates, which has given most satisfactory returns. During the summer surface work was done sufficient to warrant a general development, and this will be done so soon as the snow goes off by a force of 10 men, which will be further increased to 25.

Besides these properties, the company owns three copper prospects on the mainland of British Columbia, just above Valdez Island, in the Gulf of Georgia. However, the operations of the Financial & Mining Trust will be confined mostly to this section, where the returns are more certain, and where they seem to be assured of success.

Let the Work Be Thorough.

Road improvement in this country means road construction. We have to begin at the beginning, put in a proper foundation and lay down an enduring surfacing, under the direction of a skilled road engineer. Anything short of this gives us, after a little while, something like an old, neglected turnpike that is actually worse than a dirt road in its natural condition. It is better to concentrate resources in a small area, giving each section of the state its share in its due turn, and do thorough work while we are about it.—St. Paul Globe.

Wouldn't Do In Kentucky.

"Now," said the lecturer on natural science before a Kentucky audience, "we will suppose a region in which nothing existed but water."

"No! no!" replied a dozen indignant voices at once. "We will suppose nothing of the kind."

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

United Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free miner's certificate No. 71,000, as agent for the Echo Mining and Milling Co., Ltd., free miner's certificate No. 11,934A, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 28th day of October, 1898.

nv3 GEORGE ALEXANDER, Agent.

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

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Alexander, free miners' certificate No. 71,000, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

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

Dated this 30th day of September, 1898

nv17 G. ALEXANDER.

Nancy Hanks No. 2 Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Alfred Driscoll, acting as agent for H. E. Graves, F. M. C. No. 5361A, Kate Scott, F.M.C. No. 51367, W. B. Dennison, F. M. C. No. 610A, and Frederick Rowbottom, F. M. C. No. 629A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 21st day of October, 1898. or27

Quebec Mineral Claim.

Situated in the Slocan City Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where Located: About two miles up the North Fork on Lemon Creek on north side of creek

TAKE NOTICE that I, Dan Hanlon, acting as an agent for William Harrison, free miner's certificate No. 26617A, 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 27th day of September, 1898.

s29 DAN HANLON.

Western Forest Fires.

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

Reefing the Washing.

"Christmas!" said the old salt as he looked out of the back window of the tenement he inhabits ashore at the washing flapping on the pulley line in a heavy gale. "Why don't you reef 'em?"

And when Mrs. Salt had the next lineful ready, he hung them out. He folded everything double before putting it over the line, so that everything was close reefed, so to speak, but in that wind the things dried quickly enough so folded, and they were far less likely to be torn or blown away.—New York Sun.

Why She Liked Hypnotism.

A young woman from Washington has discovered a practical use for hypnotism and declares that at last she sees its value. She was visiting a young artist, who, with her chaperon, observes all the proprieties, in a studio up town in New York city. The Washington young woman was called on by her physician, who happens to be skilled in the ways and wiles of hypnotism. The chaperon was eager, as many women seem to be, to be hypnotized when the conversation turned on that subject and the doctor's skill with the art.

The doctor was a trifle chary about showing his powers, but the two younger women begged him to gratify the elder woman's curiosity. The chaperon smiled to herself and bubbled with delight when the doctor finally consented to experiment on her. In 15 minutes it was the turn of the two girls to bubble with satisfaction. Under the doctor's persuasive power the chaperon was lost to the world and all but the M. D.'s power.

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" 10.00 pm		Kuskonook	8.00 pm
" 12.00 pm		Goat River	" 6.00 pm
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June 20th, 1898.

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.

Nov 15—Red Mountain Fractional, south of Silverton. Jno Tinling.

Nov 18—Storm, Galena Farm, Charles McNicholl.

Nov 21—Marco Polo, same, E B Fraser.

Sunnyside Fractional, Four Mile creek, V H Behn.

ASSESSMENTS.

Nov 16—Eastern.

Nov 17—Edna Kate.

Nov 18—L H C.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Nov 17—Noonday, Gray Eagle, 4th of July, to Byron N White.

TRANSFERS.

Nov 15—Province 3/16, J D Ryan to R Taylor, Sept 28.

Nov 16—Broken Lock 1/6, Cracker Jack ½, F L Byron to F J Finucane, Nov 15.

Edinburgh, P D Ahler to Scottish Colonial Gold Fields, Ltd, Aug 24.

High Ore No 1 ½, Charles Faas to George W Hughes, Feb 18.

Same 1/6, same to Scottish Colonial Gold Fields, Ltd, Feb 18.

Nov 17—Continental 1/6, G W Hughes to same ov 13.

Nov 18—Phoenix, Alhambra and Lilly B, ½ ach, E G Schmidt to F Soutar, Oct 25.

Emma Fractional ½, N D McMillan to A Tunks, Nov 7.

Charles W Greenlee to E L Beer, power of attorney revoked, Nov 18.

Mikado Fractional, A Erickson to A C Vanmoerkerk.

Nov 21—Prince Alexander and Two Dutchmen, J Macquillan and J F Carroll to the Financial and Mining Trust. of Canada, Ltd, Oct 30, 1897.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

Oct 19—Midnight and Starlight, C Brand.

Oct 20—Glendale, P Lorentzson; Flat Head, W Brasch; Nix Fraction, D B O'Neail, J M McGregor, J Radcliffe, M Merritt and P Nolan; Morgan, D Arnot, N F McNaught and G Millar.

Oct 21—Topas, V C Radcliff.

Oct 22—High Bluff, W Clough and J Guthrie.

Oct 24—Chapleau Fraction No 2, D Arnot.

Oct 25—Golden Key, M Mullan.

Oct 27—Lannark, J T Tipping, J Law and J P Atchison.

Oct 28—Snow Flake, J W Kyle.

Nov 1—Pe Ell, J Kowalaski, and J Sangalo; Wanda, J Gremscon; Riga, J Sangalo.

Nov 3—Kilo No 2, N F McNaught; Fairburn, W Brasch.

Nov 8—Clyde, G Millar.

Nov 9—Ralph Fraction, Mrs T Sloan and R A Cameron.

Nov 11—Arena, J Smith; Snow Bird, J T Tipping.

Nov 17—Ranger Fraction, H J Robertson.

Nov 21—Legal Tender No 3, J M McLaughlin.

ASSESSMENTS.

Oct 19—St Lawrence, Anson.

Oct 20—Spring Valley.

Oct 25—Black Horse, Bonanza.

Oct 26—Better Still.

Nov 4—Denver Fraction.

Nov 8—Portland.

Nov 14—Moonlight.

TRANSFERS.

Oct 18—Grand Trunk ½, J Blanch to W Stubbs. Northern Pacific ½, T Blanch to same. Great Northern ½, A E Hillman to W Stubbs.

Oct 20—Samson ½, R Bradshaw to F S Andrews, $10.

Oct 22—Robie 5/15, J E Robie to J Fleischmann.

Robie ⅕, J Fleischmann to A Radsky.

Oct 24—Kilo 1/6, Rather Fraction ½, W Harris to H J Robertson.

Rocky Fraction ½, W H Crawford to M M Heckmann.

Kilo ½, R J Robertson and J Wolff to N F and J McNaught.

Oct 25—Power of Attorney, Chas Martin to J S McFarlane, cancelled.

Oct 26—Hoodoo ½, Detective ½, Earl ½, P Schonberg to G T Gormley.

Hoodoo ½, G T Gormley to D Sloan.

Oct 28—Great Western and Northern Pacific 5/12, Grand Trunk and Northern 1/6, W Stubbs to E R Stubbs.

Oct 31—Sligo 3/32, M S McDowell to Mrs T W Grahame.

Nov 2—Berdan ½, H C Thomlinson to M E Young.

Fram ½, W Thomlinson to same.

Nov 4—Chilkat 1/6, B E Sharp to O V White.

Delphian 1/6, C Culver to same.

Sundown Fraction 1/6, H Bunting to J R Stitt, $166.66.

Wanda, T Gremscon to J Kowalaski.

Tip-Top 1/12, Pe Ell and Rigo ½, J Sangalo to J Kowalaski.

Nov 7—Assignment of mortgage, Arlington No 2 and Burlington No 2, F Watson to Ross Thompson.

Elk, J T Beauchesne to H Clever, $250.

Nov 11—Tip-Top, Martha, Wanda, Riga, Pe Ell, ½, option, J Kowalaski to J Michael.

Sam, J Sangalo to same.

Kootenay Pass ⅕, Gno ½, W H Crawford to C Faas.

Kootenay Pass ⅕, H Clever to H Stege.

Rocky Fraction ½, W H Crawford to H Clever.

Copy of judgment Standard No 5 and Erin. Judgment in favor of Erin.

MINING ROUND SANDON.

An English Description of the Great Galena Camp.

In the last number of the British Columbia Review, published in London, England, occurs the following excellent article descriptive of Sandon and the great mines adjacent:

The ideal mining town of the Kootenays is Sandon. Squeezed in by towering mountains, 3,500 feet above the level of the sea, it presents to the stranger the correct characteristics of a mining gulch town, often heard of but rarely seen. Yet it is unfair in writing of the place to infer that the town of Sandon, by reason of its situation, is simply small. Certainly it has little room to grow, unless its citizens go higher and higher up the mountain side, as they have already started to do, or, on the other hand, build up to Cody and down to Three Forks. Nevertheless, Sandon is the centre of the greatest and richest silver-lead camp known to the world to-day, heralded near home as the "Silvery Slocan." Sandon's situation as the terminus of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway and the Sandon-Nakusp branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway gives it ample shipping facilities, and starting within the limits of the townsite, spreading out for a radius of many miles around, are its mines—rich mines, dividend-payers, shippers, and prospects that go on increasing in value in course of development and as depth is attained. As these claims pour out their wealth it all passes through Sandon to the smelters and refineries. These mines have paid more dividends and shipped more ore than any other section of the favored Kootenays, and to-day, while silver is at a low figure and a heavy duty upon shipments of lead into the United States has to be reckoned upon, they are producing a larger amount of ore and paying more profits than ever in the history of the district.

Much of the building up of Sandon and the starting of many of its leading enterprises, such as the electric light plant, waterworks, and a recent acquisition, the Hotel Reco, is to be placed to the credit of a Virginian, John M. Harris. Fortune has favored him from the time he acquired an interest in the Reco until now, when his many carefully-planned investments are returning to him a comfortable income as a reward for his enterprise and business sagacity.

For its size, Sandon boasts of as fine a lot of mercantile, hotel, and public buildings as any town of twice its size in the southern section of the Province. Its main street, typical of a gulch town, has barely room enough for two teams to pass each other. There is little fear of a fire spreading, however, as there is a sufficiency of water, good pressure, and an excellent fire department. The town last year was incorporated, and since it has passed into the care of a mayor and aldermen they have continued bettering its appearance in the way of levelling roads and building sidewalks.

Before going into a description of the surrounding mines it is of interest to note the following figures as being the approximate amount of profits or dividends paid by some of the mines near Sandon:

Payne	$1,800,000	Last Chance	$90,000
Slocan Star	400,000	Goodenough	32,500
Ruth	300,000	Slocan Boy	25,000
Reco	287,500	Washington	20,000
Idaho	264,000	Jackson	20,000
Noble Five	40,000	Surprise	20,000
Rambler	40,000		

One of the leading properties of the camp, and noted for the fact of its being the first location in the Slocan, is the famous Payne Mine, situate on Payne mountain. This property has paid in profits at a most conservative figure, for the exact amount is unknown, not less than $1,800,000 to its fortunate owners. From Sandon to the mine, a distance of three and a half miles, a good wagon road is built, but the ore after being crushed at the mine is brought down by tram directly to the ore bins on the line of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, a distance of 6,000 feet. The mine is developed by a series of tunnels connected by raises, and has an immense ore chute capable of producing 40 or 50 tons per day. The lower tunnel is in a distance of not less than 1,400 feet. The property is owned by Salt Lake and Anaconda people, who a little over 18 months ago bought out the half interest owned by S. S. Bailey, of Seattle, for $87,000.

The St. Keverne group, comprising six claims, lies south of and adjoining the Payne mine. The property is owned by the St. Keverne Mining Company of Spokane, of which John A. Finch is president and Sidney Norman secretary. During the past two years about $5,000 has been spent in development. The property is said to have a continuation of the Payne vein, discovered last fall, and upon which as yet very little work has been done. Another vein crosses the ground 700 feet further south of the Payne vein, and has been developed for a considerable extent. This vein shows an average width of from three to four feet, and the ore taken out so far has a value of 170 oz. silver and 75 per cent. lead.

On the north slope of the same mountain is the Washington mine that in the early days of its development, 1892-4, shipped a large quantity of ore, and has paid in profits $20,000.

This mine has the distinction of erecting the first concentrator in the Slocan, having a capacity of 50 tons per day. The concentrates yielded 95 oz. silver and 10 per cent. lead per ton. The property is shortly to be operated again.

The Slocan Boy, near by, has recently been bonded for $50,000, and is considered one of the coming mines. Ten cars of ore have been shipped.

The Sapphire and Jem claims, owned by the Ramsdell Mining and Milling Company, of Tacoma, lie beyond the Payne and Slocan Boy. A small force of men is now taking out ore from the raise and face of the tunnel, which is in 104 feet. Three cars of ore have been shipped, returning $120 per ton net.

The R. E. Lee is owned by Lorenzo Alexander, who is running an 800-foot crosscut tunnel. The property is a shipper, and the ore runs 130 oz. silver and 75 per cent. lead per ton.

The Last Chance Mining Company, composed mainly of California people, owns the Last Chance mine. The property has been extensively developed by tunnels, and has not only paid its owners handsome dividends, approximately $90,000, but has also paid for its own development from the start—a mine that is aptly termed "a grass root proposition." Recently a fine body of ore was encountered in the lower level that adds greatly to its value as a producer. The company proposes putting in immediately a tramway to bring the ore directly from the mine to the railway track.

Directly below the Last Chance mine, and having the same lead, is the American Boy, owned by a Spokane company of a similar name. This property has shipped about $10,000 worth of ore and is undergoing systematic development work for the opening up of a new ore chute to be tapped by a crosscut at a depth of 565 feet from the upper tunnel. The tapping of this ledge, the same one on which the Last Chance recently made its strike, will give a depth of at least 1,000 feet, below the workings of that mine, and will make the American Boy a permanent producer. It is expected to get into this chute within a few weeks, as steady work has been done for some time past.

The property of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining Company lies about three and a half miles northeast of Sandon, on the southern slope of Payne mountain. The ore consists of both solid galena and carbonates. While the property has been extensively worked, and is reported to have yielded over $125,000, it has been found necessary to expend a considerable sum to place it on a footing for steady and continuous shipments, and recently a sum of $100,000 was laid aside for such a purpose. At Cody, on Cody creek, the company has a concentrator, and the ore is brought down from the mine to the mill by a Finlayson double rope tramway, with an hourly capacity of 20 tons.

RICH PLACER DISCOVERY.

Late arrivals from the Atlin lake country report an important discovery on McKee creek, some 10 miles to the south of Pine, which stream the new contributor promises to more than rival in richness. The discoverer of the new ground was Robert McKee, an old Arizona miner, for whom the creek is named, and his find was made fully two months ago, but kept secret until friends could reach the scene. The discovery claim was formally recorded on October 29th and a stampede at once followed with the staking of 120 claims. The discovery property prospected coarse gold on the bedrock at five feet, and an expert from California, Mr. Loy, was introduced as adviser. At his suggestion work was commenced about 200 feet from the original location on a projecting dyke, and at three feet from the surface five pans of dirt were washed, returning $5 in dust and a 17-dwt. nugget, worth very close to $17. Bedrock was got at from six to seven feet, and even richer returns were obtained from test pan. After the stampede the ground was prospected for a full mile along the creek, and colors were everywhere obtained that could be heard as they dropped into the pan. The richest ground at present known is about two and a half miles from the mouth of the creek, and here upwards of a dozen Victorians are among the owners of claims.

WORK ON THE WAR EAGLE.

Manager Hastings Makes his Report to the Shareholders.

At the recent meeting of the shareholders in the War Eagle, one of Rossland's biggest properties, J. B. Hastings, general manager, submitted his annual report. He stated that 100,000 tons of shipping ore are now in sight in the War Eagle, and the value is estimated at $1,700,000. The value of shipments of the year have amounted to nearly $700,000.

During the period between Oct. 1, 1897, and Oct. 1, 1898, 3,480 feet of tunneling, at an average cost per foot of $21.15 has been done; 451 feet of raising at $29.78; 185 feet of sinking at $96.25, making a total of 4,116 feet. In driving these headings, 2,316 tons of ore was produced and shipped. The work done during the year added to the foregoing is represented in the following,

Tunneling, feet	8,305
Raising, feet	850
Sinking, feet	665
Total	9,820

This does not include 250 feet of the main work shaft timbered through the stopes from the 250-foot level to the surface.

There was produced and shipped from the stopes 26,550 dry tons at an average cost of $3.24, the total shipments for the year aggregating 28,875.

WORK ON CARIBOO CREEK.

On Cariboo creek the Silver Queen Mining Co., under the management of E. C. Finch, is installing a compressor plant, to cost about $10,000. The company has eight claims in the group, and the work done on the property is considerable. A 26-inch water pipe has been laid 750 feet to a five-foot double nozzle Pelton water wheel, which operates a four-drill compressor plant, and the company pipes its air a distance of 7,700 feet through a four-inch pipe up to the mine workings. During the installation of this machinery there have been employed 20 men, but this force will be reduced to 12 miners. The property is developed by a series of tunnels. The main tunnel run in on the lead, with the crosscuts, totals 202 feet in length. This tunnel gives a depth of 110 feet. There are three short crosscut tunnels and a further tunnel opening up a parallel lead, which is now in 45 feet on the vein. Two men are sorting out a shipment of ore, which is a high grade sulphide, carrying gold, silver, copper and lead. So soon as the snow permits rawhiding will commence and regular shipments made from Burton City.

Galena Mining in Cape Breton.

The Chetaicamp-Galena Mining Co. has just started up its new concentrating plant in Cape Breton. Galena mining is a new departure in Nova Scotia mining. The company is composed chiefly of Halifax men. S. M. Brookfield is president. The vein, which is 10 to 12 feet wide, has been traced for some 2,000 feet. The ore varies in quality; average sample sent to Swansea, is said to have averaged in gold, silver and lead about $40 per ton. From 1,000 to 1,200 tons are now on the deck ready for concentration. The company intend to ship the ore to England. The present plant and opening of the mine has cost $30,000.

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