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BEAUTIFUL SLOGAN

P. A. O'Farrell, the talented writer who is doing the mining region of Kootenay for the eastern Canadian press, writes this excellent description of Sandon, the Slocan lake and surrounding country:

Sandon is a city of 2,000 people in the bosom of the Kootenay mountains, and above it towering into the limits of everlasting snow are forests and mountains that fill the traveller with awe. Sandon has its Mayor, its City Council, its water and fire departments. It has an electric light system, its first-class hotels, (for one can live here just as luxuriously as in the Queen's or the Waldorf. It has churches—Methodist, Catholic, Episcopalian and Presbyterian, and it has saloons and dance halls without number. It is in good sooth, a cosmopolitan hamlet perched in the gorges of the Selkirks, where folks live and thrive just as well as they live and thrive around Milan or Brussels, or Canterbury or Hamilton. The surroundings at Sandon are not like the surroundings of an Ontario or Ohio hamlet. The neat cottages just by gardens and orchards are not seen at Sandon. Here the corn is never seen to grow, the fruit trees never bud, or do the flowers ever bloom. The surroundings are mountains, whose slopes are primeval forests, and whose crests are everlasting snows. And yet in all the wide extended territory of the Dominion there is not a single town or hamlet where plenty and content are so plainly visible as in this same mountain city of Sandon. Two railroads connect it with the outside world and bring thither daily all the creature comforts that wealth can buy. The choicest fruits of California and the richest wines of France have here a ready market. You can see the wares of Ontario, Flanders and New England displayed in the shop windows. The latest magazines, the latest scandals of the Champs Elysees and the newest developments of oriental politics are discussed here in the clubs and cafes before some of the cities around the great lakes or on the banks of the Mississippi catch their significance. And that is so because Sandon is just as cosmopolitan as Venice in its halcyon days. Here Wales and Scotland and Cornwall and Munster and Ulster are fully represented. The German, the Swede, the Frenchman, and the Italian are in force. It seems to me that there are as great a gathering of nationalities and clans as at that debacle which followed the building of the tower of Babel, and they all live and thrive and prosper and they bless the age and the time in which they were born.

And this is no fancy picture. I would not like to tarry long at Sandon. I love the green field, the growing corn, the vineyard and the orchard just as passionately as I love the lake, the mountain and the flood. I could not live forever in the midst of the most sublime forest and mountain scenery, for I would long for the bellowing cattle, the browsing sheep, the flower garden and the orchard. But these folks that live up amid these glorious mountains are just as fascinated by them, and just as attached to them as the sailor to his ship and to the rolling billows of the main. That is one of the mysteries of life, which we Bohemians can never solve. To us Fleet Street and the Strand, the Tenderloin and the St. Rue de L' Opera are elysian fields for rest and recreation. To the miner and prospector there is no spot on earth like the wild mountain regions of the west where the gods have hidden the gold and silver treasures of the world.

Seven years ago this Slocan country was discovered. The Slocan country comprises that extensive district lying in the foot of the Columbia and the Kootenay rivers. On the west are those magnificent lakes known as Upper and Lower Arrow, and on the east of this district lies the no less beautiful and picturesque Kootenay lake

The Slocan country itself is a region of magnificently glorious mountains bearing a hundred glaciers in its bosom and interspersed by ten thousand torrents, creeks and rivulets, and in the midst of all the most supremely beautiful lake upon the Americas,—the peerless Slocan. The beauty of Slocan Lake is so wonderful, so wierd, so unique, so grand that it recalls the words of the English poet:

"Beauth's princely majesty is such,
It confounds the tongue and makes the heart to quake."

I have boated over this enchanting lake. I have gazed upon it from mountain tops 5,000 feet above, and I confess that its beauty exercises over me a fascination and a power that no other manifestation of nature that I have yet beheld can be compared to. And what adds perhaps to my amazement is the fact that all this marvellous natural scenery should have been completely hidden from the appreciation of civilized man till but a few short years ago. I doubt if even the boldest and bravest of the red men penetrated these mountain fastnesses or ever boated on the waters of these lovely lakes. To-day the iron horse of civilization rolls along the shores of Slocan Lake and awakes a thousand echoes along those glorious mountains. To-day Canadian Pacific steam boats ply from shore to shore, and ploughs enchanting waters, which are almost too sacred for the gondola of the artist or the lover. But where are they who gave this Slocan country to Canada and to man? Where are those prospectors—those pioneers of civilization, who first discovered the fabulous treasures stored in the bosom of the mountains of this lovely land?

The first two, Jack Seaton and Eli Carpenter are both reported dead. Carpenter gave his name to the creek which flows by Sandon and Three Forks, and that creek will give him immortality. It was prospecting along this creek seven years ago that they stumbled upon the Payne mine. It was a rich galena or silver-lead mine, and when they found it they hastened back to Ainsworth to have the ore assayed. Some disagreement arose between them and they parted, and Seaton returned to the district with Jack McGuigan, Jack Hennessey and Bill Hennessey. They arrived before Carpenter, and they located the Maid of Erin, the Mountain Chief and the Two Jacks—all extensions of the Payne, and then located the Noble Five, the Last Chance and a number of others. Stephen Bailey bought the Payne from Carpenter and Seaton for $800, and he bought the Maid of Erin, the Two Jacks and the Mountain Chief for $5,000, and these form the famous Payne group of mines of the Slocan.

S. S. Bailey sold his interest in the Payne group for $75,000 to W A. McCune, of Salt Lake. McCune is one of the best known mining men of the west, and is a power politically and financially in Utah. He was one of the old War Eagle stockholders, and he was a firm believer in the great value of that mine, and bitterly opposed its sale to Messrs. Blackstock and Gooderham. He also owned the Nickle Plate and is a stockholder of the Pilgrim and Moneta. When he took possession of the Payne he had the mine opened up in a business-like manner, and the mine is paying $100,000 a month in dividends. I went through it a few days ago with Superintendent Dwyer, and I found about 120 men working there.

The Payne is a bigger dividend payer than the Le Roi. By mining and shipping 100 tons of ore a day it can make a yearly net profit of more than $2,000,000. The Payne is a small fissure averaging not more than two and a half feet, but every pound of galena taken out of that vein will run over 120 ozs. of silver and over 60 per cent. in lead to the ton. One hundred and twenty-five men will break and mine this 100 tons of ore, and no power plant, no air drills, no hoisting or steam or electric machinery of any kind will be needed for years. In fact the Payne justly ranks among the richest mines ever discovered. The original discoverers of the group sold the whole out for about $6,000. That was seven years ago. The present owners can clean up $6,000 a day.

Eli Carpenter and Jack Seaton reaped but small reward from their great discovery, for Seaton lies in an obscure grave, and Carpenter, if rumor speaks true, perished in the Klondike while hunting for another stake. McCune on the other hand derives an income from the Payne which places him among the financial kings of the world.

Sandon like every other town and village that I have ever known has its great man, its king, its village Hampden. J. M. Harris is the King of Sandon. Away back in civil war days Johnny Harris grew up amid the corn and tobacco fields of old Virginia. Those were dark days for the old Dominion, for ruin and desolation followed in the wake of war. The oldest and wealthiest families were reduced to poverty, and there was nothing left for the youth of the country but to seek for fortune in fresh fields and pastures. Johnny Harris while still a mere boy came to the mining regions of Idaho. He was young, inexperienced and of slight physique, and for years worked at odds and ends, and worked the fickle goddess of fortune with a most admirable persistency. Even in those days Johnny Harris was a dreamer. In the gorges of the Rockies, on the slopes of the forest clothed mountains, in the log cabin or beside the lonely camp fire, he was wont to dream of the home of his youth, and he vowed that some day he would return thither and buy himself a home and a plantation, where he would live the ideal life of old Virginia planters. It was in the midst of these dreams and of sore disappointments and distress that Harris heard of the first discoveries of Slocan, and immediately he stampeded for the new country. He secured a third interest in a prospect called the Reco for a few hundred dollars, and the Reco was a bonanza for Johnny Harris. It has made him the king of Sandon. He has a monopoly of the lakes, the light and water plants, the trade, and even the gossip of the city, and he wears his rewards and honors well.

And his day dream is at last accomplished, for away back in old Virginia in the midst of broad acres, gardens, meadows, orchards and corn stands a magnificent mansion, of which J. M. Harris is the lord and master, and thus it has come to pass that the wealth of British Columbia has enabled Johnny Harris to achieve his day dreams and to return to old Virginia to live henceforth in baronial splendour and in luxurious ease.

The Reco has two veins, and in one of these is a band of galena that is fabulously rich. They mine ore that runs as high as $10,000 to the ton. But they can only ship in winter, for the ore must be raw-hided on the snow. The mine has paid about $250,000 in dividends, and it has hardly been touched as yet

The Slocan Star is another of the Sandon mines that has made fortunes for its owners. I am glad to state that discoveries in the lowest tunnel are of such a nature that the Slocan Star is a bigger mine than ever. The Ruth is another fabulously rich mine, and is coining money for its owners, who are an English or else a Scotch company. The Idaho, also principally owned by an English company, is paying big dividends. The Rambler-Cariboo I did not have a chance to see, and I could not get positive information about it, but its manager Mr. D. Shea assured me that it would soon rival the Slocan Star. The Wonderful and the Miller Creek Mines I saw and am satisfied that they will be big producers.

To sum up, I saw enough of new development in Sandon to convince the most sceptical that the Sandon district will produce wealth enough to enrich an empire. It is making millionaires of men who build palaces in Spokane, in Salt Lake and in Butte; of men who buy baronial grandeur on the banks of the James River. It looks to me as if it were far easier to achieve a fortune here than in the Klondike, for the richest so far discovered and produced are but a foretaste of the far vaster riches which in course of time these mountains will bring forth.

P. A. O'FARRELL.

IN AND ABOUT THE SLOCAN.

Good ore is showing on the American Boy.

Over 200 men are employed in the mines adjacent to Silverton.

The Wakefield will it is estimated ship 1,600 tons of ore this winter.

Work is being pushed on the Treasure Vault bunkhouses by Folliott & McMillan.

Half a car load of ore was taken out and sacked at the Bosun in one day last week.

Pat Mooney will work the Black Grouse, on the north fork of Carpenter, all winter.

Twenty men are working on the True Blue, near Kaslo. A trail is to be built to the lake

The Pilot Bay smelter will resume operations when the coke supply is available from the Crow's Nest.

Three sacks of ore from the Miller creek property, weighing 700 pounds, were shown in Sandon last week.

A sampling of ore sent to the Halls smelter by the Vancouver, Four Mile, gave an average of 364 ounces silver to the ton.

Work enough is being done on the Pembroke, near Silverton, for a crown grant. Gus Kruger has the contract for the work.

Some fine ore is being shown by A. E. Fauquier from a strike on the Convention, on Convention bluff, Silver mountain.

It is said in London that the price which the London and British Columbia Gold Fields will pay for the Slocan Boy is $50,000.

The Fidelity ground is being thoroughly prospected by experts with a view to starting work on an extensive scale later in the season.

It is difficult to get men in the Slocan to cut wood, and in consequence there is said to be something like a wood famine in Sandon.

A two-foot ledge is showing on the Baby Fraction, adjoining the Noonday, and the ore gives evidence of this being the Noonday lead.

The Silver Cup, in the Lardeau, has 350 tons of high grade ore ready for shipment or on the road to the smelter. The ore will run about $165 to the ton.

As soon as the first snow falls work will be resumed on the Mamere. The shaft, now down 25 feet, will be sunk deeper on the lead and other openings made.

Last week the mines about Sandon and New Denver shipped 560 tons, as follows: Payne 340, Slocan Star 120, Last Chance 40, Ruth 20, Bosun 20 and California 20.

The packing of ore down from the California continues. In another day two car loads, or 40 tons, will be at the wharf for shipment.

The second clean up of the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company's properties on the south fork of the Quesnelle, made a week ago, is valued at $36,000, bringing the total for the season up to $100,000.

Late improvements at the Queen Bess have made that mine the best equipped in many ways of the Slocan. The buildings for the accommodation of the men employed there are the most comfortable and conveniently arranged.

The clean up at the Fern mine on October 5th amounted to close upon $10.000. There was saved in the mill $6,650 in 33 days run, which with a car of shipping ore and the concentrates brought the total up to $9,650.

The Congo is in trouble. A mechanics lien has been levied upon the two-thirds interest held by F. L. Byron, by Gus Kruger, Robt. R. and Geo. A. McDonald. This is for work done on the property in the past month or two.

Since development work on the Noble Five was resumed some months ago that great galena producer has improved greatly. Immense bodies of ore have been struck and it is said the property will be a steady shipper again by the first of the year.

The souvenir edition of the Vancouver Province is as handsome a piece of work as was ever turned out for a like purpose by any paper in the country. It gives, by illustration and otherwise, a flattering description of Vancouver in particular, and is a credit to the Province.

Enough snow has fallen to enable the Comstock to commence rawhiding ore to the wagon road. Several car loads are to be shipped at once; also a test shipment of concentrating ore is being rawhided to the concentrator, which, according to contract, will be in running order by the middle of January.

W. H. Sandiford is pushing work on the Condor group and expects to make of this property, while perhaps not another Bosun, yet a big shipping mine. The property is being surveyed for a crown grant, and everything being done to perfect title, etc., to put it on a permanent, established footing as a mine.

ROSSLAND MINING NEWS.

Five men are employed on the Big Four.

Two shifts are to be worked on the Giant.

The showing has much improved on the Grand Prize.

Excellent quartz and iron are showing on the Alberta.

Two machines are at work in the Virginia. The shaft is down 250 feet.

The Gertrude shaft is being pushed at the rate of a foot a day. It is down 105 feet.

The Deer Park shaft is down 290 feet. Crosscutting will be commenced when the 300-foot level is reached.

The fault in the Mascot ledge has been passed through and ore is again showing in the workings.

The War Eagle shipped 1,063 tons last week. The main shaft is down 700 feet. Ore is in the full width of the workings.

The three compartment shaft on the Centre Star is being sunk rapidly, and Superintendent Hastings expects to have it down 550 feet inside of a year.

Ore shipments last week amounted to 3,833 tons, as compared with 1,145 tons for the corresponding week last year. Total shipments since January 1st 87,108 tons.

The main shaft of the Le Roi is down 800 feet. A station will be cut out at this level and the shaft continued. Preparations are under way to put in 12 stages and an immense amount of ore will be produced.

An important strike was made last week on the Jumbo. In many ways this is one of the most important that has yet been made in the camp, for it proves that the main mineral zone of the north belt extends from Columbia mountain through Monte Christo and Red mountains clear through to Mt. Spokane, a distance of two and one-half miles.

Another K. of P. Ball.

The New Denver Lodge Knights of Pythias will give a social ball in Clever's hall, on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets $1.00, supper provided extra. It is enough simply to say that the Knights are giving the ball to insure a large attendance Millward's orchestra in attendance—everybody in attendance.

Eyes Tested Free.

G. W. Grimmett, the well-known jeweler and optician, graduate of the Detroit Optical Institute, will be in New Denver on October 31st and Nov. 1st, at Robie's tailoring establishment, next to post office. Eyes tested free.

THE MONEY METALS

Washington, Oct 21.—The director of the mint, in his report on the production of precious metals during the calendar year of 1897 just submitted to the secretary of the treasury, deals not only with the production of gold and silver in the United States, but in foreign countries as well, and draws a comparison between the production of the leading producing countries of the world. The value of gold produced in the United States during the calendar year of 1867 was $57,363,000. The South African Republic holds first place, producing gold to the value of $57,633,861. Australia produced $55,684,182 and Russia $23,245,763. There was a notable increase in the production of gold in the world during 1897 over 1896. The United States increased $4,275,000; the South African Republic made the remarkable gain of $13,854,192; Australia increased $10,502,249 and Russia, $1,709,790.

The United States produced during the year 53,860,000 fine ounces of silver and Mexico, 53,503,180 fine ounces, a decrease for the United States of 4,974,900 fine ounces and an increase for Mexico of 8,256,756 fine ounces.

The following tables show the production of the principal producing states and territories of the United States for the calendar year 1897:

State or Territory.	Gold. Value.	Silver. Coin'g Val
Alaska	$ 1,778,000	$ 150,000
Arizona	2,895,900	2,982,082
California	14,300,300	613,166
Colorado	19,014,200	27,974,435
Idaho	1,710,700	6,336,905
Montana	4,437,400	20,257,487
Nevada	2,976,100	1,588,881
New Mexico	376,500	697,535
Oregon	1,853,100	89,212
South Dakota	5,963,900	190,836
Utah	1,726,100	8,171,588
Washington	319,900	138,314

The total production of gold for the United States was 2,774,935 fine ounces, value, $57,268,000. Silver, 53,860,000 fine ounces, valued at $69.637,172.

While many of the most productive silver mines of the past are closed down the increased production from lead and copper ores has offset this loss The total world's production for the calendar year 1897 was: Gold, $237,504,800; silver, 183,096,090 fine ounces (coinage valve), $236,730,300.

The world's production of silver is thus shown to be largely in excess of any previous year, that of 1895, when the production was 167,500,960 ounces, being the largest.

The total value of gold deposited at the mints and assay offices during the year was $87,924,232, consisting of $67,923,535 domestic and $20,000,597 foreign.

The value of silver deposited at the same institution for return in fine bars which were used in the industrial arts or exported was $12,707,718, of which amount $11,847,530 was domestic and $859,598 foreign.

The United States coinage during the year was: Gold, $76,028,485 and silver, $18,487,297, of which amount $12,651,731 was in standard silver dollars coined from silver purchased under act of July 14, 1890, prior to November 1, 1893, the date of the repeal of the purchasing clause of said act.

The world's coinage during the year, including re-coinage, was: Gold, $437,719,342; silver, $142,380,588, or a total of $580,099,930.

The highest London price for silver, 95 fine, British standard, during the year was 29 13-16d per ounce, the lowest 23⅞d and the average price, 27 9-16d, equivalent to $0.60149 in United States money per ounce fine.

At the average price of silver for the year the bullion value of the silver dollar was $0.467.

The value of the net gold export for the year was $512,609 and the value of the net silver export for the same period was $26,287,312.

There was consumed in the industrial arts in the United States during the calendar year 1897 gold to the value of $11,870,231 and silver to the value of $11,201,150.

The world's consumption of the precious metals in the industrial arts during the same period was: Gold, $59,005,980; silver, $40,435,577.

On January 1, 1898, the metallic stock of the United States consisted of: Gold, $745,245,953; silver, $635,310,064; or a total of $1,380,556,017.

JOTTINGS FROM WHITEWATER.

Four of the Whitewater boys had an exciting time last Friday night. They sallied out late in the evening to repel a projected attack by bruin on the peace loving citizens. After waiting some time lying in ambush they distinctly heard the tread of the approaching foe and the patriotic gents prepared to get in their deadly work. The invading force was composed of four good-sized denzens of the forest. The party who defended was also of that number, but half of the number were armed with rifles, the others carrying revolvers. From reports the revolvered men did the damage to the enemy, compelling two of the tribe to bite the dust. Their carcases were on exhibition in the rear of the Jackson House.

Machinery for the Whitewater concentrator keeps arriving, but it is not expected that things will be in running order ere December.

Rev. Dr. Spencer, of Toronto, western organizer and evangelist of the Baptist church, paid us a visit last week. He has secured a building and in a week or two a missionary of that body will be devoting part of his time to the town.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Don't forget the ball on Thursday evening next.

James Gilhooley is somewhere on the Colville Reservation.

Wm. Boston is doing work on some Eight Mile properties.

Dan McPherson has sold his draying business to J. C. Harris.

Hugh Sutherland and wife arrived from Winnipeg this week.

Elizabeth Brown will open an hotel in Three Forks this month.

Martin Clair will reopen the Thistle hotel, Silverton in a few days.

W. H. Brandon and wife will spend the winter in Guelph, Ontario.

Jim Sheeran is thinking seriously of spending the winter in Chicago.

On Friday evening the Oddfellows will hold their second annual ball in Slocan City.

A sidewalk is being laid down the north side of Slocan avenue to the Record office.

Major Reed has finished his annual assessments and will move his camp to Silverton this week.

Church of England services in the Mission Room, on Sunday next, 30th inst., at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wm. Glynn and wife left for Spokane on Tuesday. They will spend the winter in the Sandwich Islands.

The Kootenay Mining Standard, of Nelson, has made its appearance. It "is wholly to supply a long felt want."

Pat Murray has been very ill at Greenwood City for several weeks past from mountain fever. He is slowly recovering.

Mr. McDowell, of Aspen, Colorado, was in New Denver on Monday. He thinks the chances in the Slocan are unequalled in America.

The C.P.R. is exempt from taxation in Vancouver. The by-law carrying with it such exemption was passed by a vote of 523 against 315.

Ed. Shannon and Dan McPherson will work the Arden and Silverite, two promising claims they own just below the Marion, on Silver mountain.

D. R. McLennan is in town for a few days. Dan says he left Dad Black in good condition and that Trout Lake City is bound to be a great town some day.

The Slocan was visited by a mute book agent last week, and several New Denverites are positive now that there is one thing in existence that beats a book agent that can talk.

Palma Angrignon is having a sight surveyed on Carpenter creek for his electrical power plant, it being his intention to use water power instead of steam as soon as possible.

A pleasant social was given last night at the Methodist parsonage to all those who participated in the excellent concert given by the Ladies' Aid in Clever's hall some time ago.

Sandon will have a continuation of the comique. It was so decided last week when a vote was taken and the beer ball supporters won by four votes. At the same polling it was decided to borrow $15,000 to be expended on creek improvements.

John Thorpe, an undertaker from Westchester, Pa., accompanied by his wife, was in New Denver last Friday and had the remains of Wm. Darlington, who died in Slocan City last summer and was buried in the cemetery here, disinterred, and shipped to his mother's home in Pennsylvania for reinterment by the side of the father.

MISS JANE COOMBS.

A rare treat is in store for theatregoers. We congratulate Manager Spencer upon a notable engagement, that of Miss Jane Coombs, one of the world's greatest actresses, who will appear in Sandon in November in a series of her celebrated characters, supported by her fine company. This will be the important theatrical event of the season, and our citizens will turn out en masse to welcome this grand actress.

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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, OCTOBER 27, 1898.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

WE publish this week a list of minerals found in the Slocan. We will be pleased to publish a further list if any more are discovered.

IN the door of the Slocan prosperity can be plainly seen, and before many moons glide past we look for money to be plentiful as turkeys at Christmas.

THE commission that is "investigating" the alleged mismanagement of affairs by the U. S. war department in the war with Spain, is not finding out anything about it, and is developing a fiasco of huge proportions.

THERE are estimated to be at least nine prospects on Silver Mountain that will become mines. This number of mines at the back of New Denver will have a tendency to make it a third Butte, as well as the Lucerne of America.

THERE is a County Registrar in New Denver, but he cannot do business owing to the fact that the government has not yet had time to provide him with a seal. It is to be hoped that the matter will not be overlooked much longer.

SANDON decided in favor of a Comique last week by a vote of the people. The feeling must be very strong in the matter as the element against is generally strong enough to crush anything in opposition. Sandon enjoys the distinction of being a minature Monte Carlo, and is the most wide-open city in Canada.

INDICATIONS point to a general election within a year. Both political parties are busy organizing all over the fat Dominion and there will be a hot time in Canada when the event takes place. As a side-show to the main circus, British Columbia will probably have a home election about the same time. Newspaper men will please get their mitts ready.

DE MOINES, Ia., can turn out more human freaks than almost any other city in America, and this is saying a great deal. The latest is a young woman who committed suicide by deliberately eating live spiders. It should not be difficult to weave a web of interesting circumstances about the body of this unfortunate girl, but what an insane notion, and how like one of Danta's dreams!

IN an interview with a Winnipeg newspaper man, ex-Premier Turner told in his own way his opinion of the present B. C. government. "The new government and opposition have an exactly equal number of supporters," said he, "nineteen each. The government is counting on the appointing of an opposition member to the speakership, but in this it will be disappointed, for none of our men could be induced to accept the honor, great though it may be. We are united and will preserve our full strength throughout the coming struggle. * * * Not many dismissals have taken place yet, but a wholesale clean-up is contemplated, the government being afraid to do much at present, owing to its precarious hold upon the reins of power. Their lean and hungry supporters are clamoring loudly for reward in the meantime, and the axe must soon commence to fall on the heads of many civil servants, or the lives of the new ministers will not be worth living." It is readily seen that the ex-Premier has not fully recovered from the effects of his dismissal from office. He occasionally resorts to the amusing pastime of articulating through his hat.

AGENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE CLOSED.

SPEAKING in a recent interview in London in regard to the closing of the agent-general's office there by the B. C. government, Sir Charles Tupper said: "I consider it of the utmost importance that the government of British Columbia should have a well-informed agent here thoroughly acquainted with British Columbia, and able to give persons interested in this country reliable information, particularly at the present time, when so many events of momentous importance in the development of the province are occurring. The interests of British Columbia demand that there should be some agency for the distribution of accurate information regarding the country. So much British capital is already employed in the development of the Province and Canada generally that it is absolutely indispensable that statistical and other data should be readily forthcoming from some office situated in the city."

All that Sir Charles says is fully realized by the provincial government. It was, indeed, the full realization of the importance of such an office as he refers to being established in London that led to the closing of the office presided over by Mr. Forbes Vernon.

The London Star of Sept. 30, prints a letter bearing directly upon the question, which will give British Columbians a better understanding of the causes that prompted the cutting off of Mr. Vernon's fat office that was so difficult to find, being located far away from the business centre in a fashionable suburb of London. The Star correspondent says, in part:

"I think it is rather rough on the most startlingly progressive province of the Dominion that its accredited agent in London should lead interviewers to suggest that British Columbia is in any sense "retreating" and obtain for the opinion the importance of an expression in the finance column of the Star.

"Mr. Vernon is an honorable gentleman who has done yeoman service for his government in ancient times after the ancient methods, and surely with his shrewd Hibernian instinct he must be able to recognize that in these wide-awake modern days, pushing British Columbians demand value for their money, and he cannot honestly think British Columbia has gained value even to the amount of 5 per cent. on his good round salary by the existence of the office over which he so faithfully presides. When, in 1894, the electors would not find him a suitable appointment at home, he was opportunately pitchforked into the snug little berth vacated by Premier Turner's partner, and instead of seeming aggrieved at the carrying out of a long contemplated policy, he should feel lucky thus to have found active service for his patriotism for so long a time. British Columbia is the young hopeful of Canada, and the alert staff at the high commissioner's offices in Victoria street will not allow information seekers to go away hungry."

THE MINERALS OF SLOCAN.

WITHOUT referring to quantities but simply to show the variety of minerals found in this camp the following list is interesting. Each item is vouched for by a well-known prospector, who has been a resident here for several years:

Silver—Native silver, silver glance, ruby silver, argentiferous galena, zinc, antimony and grey copper.

Gold—Free gold in both quartz and placers, gold associated with iron pyrites, pyrrhotite, copper pyrites, galena and its carbonates.

Lead—Galena and its carbonates.

Copper—Native copper, copper pyrites, black oxide of copper, and the carbonates azurite and malachite, grey copper classed with silver ores.

Zinc—Both black and brown varities of zinc blende, the black jack is generally silver bearing.

Iron—Iron pyrites, pyrrhotite, arsnopyrite, limonite, spathic iron and magnetite; the last named as black sand only.

Antimony is found in several places in the camp and manganese in the form of oxides is often noticed on outcrops and with the gangue matter of veins. Small quantities of molybdenite have been noticed.

Native arsenic and sulphur are occasionally seen and graphite is plentiful in many of the veins in the slate and limestone area. Clay suitable for brick making, and limestone for production of quick lime both occur in the camp.

The following spars occur in the veins here: Limespar (calcite) and heavyspar (barytes.) The former commonly and the latter rarely.

As we would like to have a complete list we shall be pleased to hear from prospectors or mine owners who may have noticed any ommissions in above statement. The mine, prospect or particular place of occurrence is requested.

ME AN' JIM.

Where me an' Jim played marbles—Jim Clarke, his name in full—
There's still a village only there, an' passin' days are dull.
But them old times the locust shades re'ched clean acrost the street,
The white blooms hangin' over us—seen nothin' since so sweet,
An' Jim could, I remember well, plump out the middle man
As easy's some wild cowboy now with his good rifle can.
An' seems I hear, "My go this time," as plain as then it rang
When me an' Jim played marbles an' Jim an' me wus young.

The boys, I guess, have wandered off, an' maybe some are dead.
The locust trees have rotted down where once their shadders spread.
The oldlike villagers, no doubt, are seen no more where they
Sot on the fence an' watched the game that they when young would play.
But still I yearn to wonder back, an' under that old sky
Look my last look on boyhood's scenes when I shall come to die
An' rest forever nigh where trees their lovin' shadders flung
Where me an' Jim played marbles when Jim an' me wus young.

—Will T. Hale in Cincinnati Enquirer.

Don't impair your happiness by borrowing trouble or lending money.

GOIN' FISHIN'.

When the crops hez all been planted,
An' the plow 's been put away,
An' you get to feelin' lonesome
An' want to take a day

When you hear the reddies barkin'
In the trees at early morn,
An' the blackbirds callin' loudly
In the green an' growin' corn.

When the air is sweet and fragrant
From the blossoms on the trees,
An' the heat is kind of balanced
By a soft and coolin' breeze

Resurrect your fishin' tackle
From the bottom of the drawer;
Get out your rubber wadin' boots
From behind the kitchen door.

Dig some bait er ketch some minnies,
'N sneak off to the crick,
Git where the grass is highest
An' the alders kind of thick,
'N go a-fishin'.

If yer gittin' cross an' cranky,
An' a-feelin' kinder blue,
On account of business troubles
An' bills a comin' due.

If ye have that "all gone" feelin',
An' are tired of dirt an' town,
An' want to breathe the fresh pure air
An' tramp through medders brown

If ye want to feel real hungry
An' raise an appetite,
So's when you set down to supper
The grub'll taste all right;

Git down your jointed fishin' rod,
Don't forgit your lines an' reel;
Fix up a little luncheon
An' put it in your creel.

Start out early in the mornin',
While the dew is on the grass.
An' make for that secluded spot
Where lays the fightin' bass,
'N go a-fishin'.

—W. F. Rahl.

LIQUID AIR WONDERS.

The company organized to manufacture liquid air commercially is building a $20,000 plant in New York, which will have a capacity of 30 gallons an hour, or 720 gallons a day. This is equivalent to an output of 1,440,000 pounds of ice daily. The cost of manufacture will not exceed 10 cents a gallon. The retail price to consumers will be $2 a gallon—rather a neat profit for the producer. But how does this compare with ice? I pay 40 cents per 100 pounds, or $6 a ton, and am cheated daily. For $6 I can buy three gallons of liquid air, equal to three tons of ice, and get my money's worth every time. Then there is the convenience of handling air, which means much. It is as safe as electricity. The manufacture of liquid air commercially is the most important economic accomplishment we have known since the discovery of the uses of steam. Consider a few of the things it will do: It will, besides refrigerating cheaply residences, ice chests, packing-houses, breweries, hospitals, cars, ships, cellars, etc., supplant powder and dynamite as an explosive, take the place of steam as a motive power, do away with electricity in the propulsion of bicycles and horseless carriages, and forever destroy the usefulness of pressure blowers and fans as ventilators. One volume of liquid air produces 748 volumes of gas So far no vessels have been made sufficiently strong to stand the tension on changing the air from a liquid to a gaseous state, but they will come in time. Liquid air will be used in reducing all refractory ores. Rubber and iron are made so brittle by contact with it that they can be broken like glass, and a flower exposed to its awful temperature, while retaining its perfect form, crumbles to ashes at the slightest touch.

GO SLOW.

Good times will come to a comparatively speedy end if everybody rushes into extravagance. A steady period of activity, based upon solid business, will be far better than a "regular boom" with its inevitable reaction. A large proportion of the American people are quick to take chances, and in their self-confidence to go beyond their depth in both their business and manner of living. The level headed in all occupations, says an exchange, realize that the time is at hand to make money—not so much through extraordinary prices as by activities in buying and selling, close economies in production and marketing, and the wiping out of debts with a consequent saving in interest. Then having gotten a little ahead, the shrewd ones will know how to invest it safely against the hard times which in the natural course of things may be expected to come again at some date in the future. If a man be level head he will recognize value of this caution; if he is not he will rush into some extravagance (that wont do him any good, but that others will profit by) and will be no better off when the next hard times strikes us.

A Few Pointers to Advertisers.

The following are a few of those who stand in the way of the advancement of a town and are a detriment to any community: Those who go out of their own town to do their trading; those who oppose improvements; those who prefer a quiet town to one of push and business; those who imagine they run a town; those who distrust public-spirited men; those who oppose every movement which does not originate with themselves; those who put on a long face when a stranger talks of locating in the town; those who oppose every public enterprise which does not appear of personal benefit to themselves; those who speak to injure the credit of individuals; those who think business can be done without advertising.

Company is Responsible.

Pender, a miner injured while working in the War Eagle mine, was awarded $3,000 damages last week by a jury. Of the decision the Leader says: "Doubtless what influenced the jury more than anything else was the evident loose manner in which certain dangerous expedients were carried on, such, for example, as the throwing of steel down into a level along which men were constantly passing. The present case forms a precedent and clearly demonstrates that a company employing men is responsible for any accident that may occur to them through neglect or failure on the part of the company to observe ordinary safeguards in working."

F. Pyman has again commenced to do business in New Denver. Bring your watches to him when they are out of order.

Bank of Montreal.

Established 1817.

Capital (all paid up) $12,000,000.00
Reserved fund : : 6,000,000.00
Undivided profits : : 896,850.04

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL.

RT. HON. LORD STRATHCONA and MOUNT ROYAL, G.C.M.G. President.
HON. G. A. DRUMMOND, Vice President,
E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager,

Branches in all parts of Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain, and the United States.

New Denver branch

F. J. FINUCANE, Manager.

SHE NEVER WAS A BOY.

When I came home the other night,
With an ugly looking eye
That I had got into a fight,
Poor ma commenced to cry;
But when I told pa how it was,
He clapped his hands for joy,
And told me I done bully, 'cause
Once he had been a boy.

"Boys will be boys," I heard him say,
"They won't be other wise,
And the one that learns to fight his way
Is the one that wins the prize;
When I was his age, fightin' was
My greatest earthly joy——"
But ma kept on cryin', 'cause
She never was a boy.

My golly, but I'd hate to be
A girl with fluffy hair,
And always prim as A B C,
With clothes too clean to wear!
When ma was small I s'pose she was
Red-cheeked, and sweet, and coy—
But, oh, the fun that missed her 'cause
She never was a boy!

To the Trade

THE ALBERTA PRODUCE CO. of Calgary, contemplates sending into the Kootenay during the fall and winter regular carload shipments of Potatoes, and other farm produce. The trade only will be supplied and we solicit the co-operation of the Slocan dealers. For particulars and prices write to THOS. H. INGRAM
Box 258, Calgary, Alta.
Representing Alberta Produce Co., and Manitoba Grain Co., Ltd.

We do what we advertise to do.

This gentleman is evidently having a busy time of it. He is probably one of those Bohemian artists that are masters of no trade or calling, and travel about from place to place. This striking illustration of how tenderly he is loved is presented more for the purpose of attracting your attention to this space, that we may impress upon your mind what we have to say. To begin with, we, too, are busy, but not in this way. We are hard pushed to supply the demand for our upholstered goods, in this and neighboring towns. But we are taking orders for more, and if you want anything in this line, in the way of repairing, making over or making anew, we ask you to see us, examine the work and get prices.

WALKER & BAKER,

New Furniture Dealers and Repairers
Denver's Undertakers and Embalmers.
N. B.—We have the only practical Undertaker and Embalmer doing business in the Slocan.

TO LETTER-WRITERS

THE Postal Authorities' advice to all who write letters is to have the name and address of the writer printed upon the envelope. This saves time and prevents letters going to the Dead Letter Office. In order to help out the public in this important matter we will print your name and address upon 100 No. 7 white envelopes and mail them to any part of Canada upon receipt of

75 CENTS.

THE LEDGE. New Denver.

C. S. RASHDALL, Notary Public. A. E. FAUQUIER.

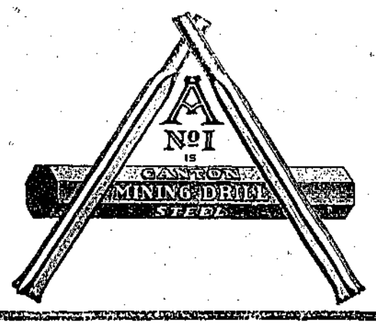
RASHDALL & FAUQUIER

MINES & REAL ESTATE.
NEW DENVER, B.C.

MINING INTERESTS BOUGHT, SOLD AND BONDED. CORRESPONDENCE —INVITED—
Abstracts of Title to mineral claims.

H. T. BRAGDON,

New Denver, B.C.



Heavy and Shelf Hardware
Mine and Mill Supplies.
Pipe and Fittings.
Paints and Oils,
Builders' and Contractors' Supplies,
Stoves and Kitchen Ware,
Agents for Canton Steel.

I carry one of the largest and best assorted stocks of Hardware in West Kootenay, and shall be pleased to quote prices upon anything required in my line.

HOTEL SANDON,

Sandon, B.C.

THIS NEW HOUSE, with the old name, is well equipped to accommodate a large number of Guests. The building is plastered and the rooms are unsurpassed for comfort in the Slocan, while in the Dining Room can be found the best food in the market.

Robert Cunning, Proprietor.

The Clifton House,

Sandon.

Has ample accommodations for a large number of people. The rooms are large and airy, and the Dining Room is provided with everything in the market Sample Rooms for Commercial Travelers.

John Buckley, Prop.

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Will find the
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a pleasant place to stop at when in
Slocan City.
GETHING & HENDERSON, Proprietors.

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Dominion and Provincial Land Surveyors.
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Graduate of American College of Dental Surgery Chicago

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Mining Engineers & Analy-Chemists.
Slocan City, - - - - - B.C.

WANTED.
Industrious man of character to travel and appoint agents. Salary and expenses paid.
BRADLEY-GARRETSON COMPANY, Limited Toronto.

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Assoc. R.S.M. London, Eng
MINING ENGINEER, ANALYTICAL CHEMIST, & ASSAYER.
Properties examined and reported on for intending purchasers.
Assay office and Chemical Laboratory, Bellevue ave, New Denver, B.C.

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We are now in a position to give thoroughly satisfactory service and solicit your patronage. We make a specialty of the finer lines of Cambrics and Linens, etc. All business cash on delivery.

Work Done on Short Notice.
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Rates furnished Hotels, Steamboat Companies, etc, on application.
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NOTARY PUBLIC.
Nakusp, B.C.

THE MINERS EXCHANGE.
Three Forks, E. C. Weaver

LIFE IS A GAME OF CARDS.

Anon.

Life is but a game of cards which each one has to learn,
Each shuffles, cuts and deals a pack and each a trump doth turn,
Some turn a high card at the top, while others turn a low,
Some hold a hand quite full of trumps, while others none can show.

Some shuffle with a practised hand and pack their cards with care,
So they may know when they are dealt where all the leaders are.
Thus fools are made the dupes of rogues, and rogues each other cheat;
But he is very wise indeed who never meets defeat.

In playing, some lead the ace, their counting card to save,
Some play the deuce, and some the tray, and many play the knave.
Some play for money and some for fun, and more for worldly fame,
And not until the game's played out can they count up their gain.

When hearts are trump we play for love, then pleasure decks the hour;
No thought of sorrow checks our joy, in roses beauteous bower.
We dance and sing, sweet music make, our cards at random play,
And while the hearts remain on top, our game is but a holiday.

When diamonds chance to crown the top, then players stake their gold,
And heavy sums are won and lost by gamblers young and old.
Intent on winning, each doth watch his card with eager eye,
So he may watch his neighbor's hand and cheat him on the sly.

When clubs are trump look out for war on ocean and on land,
For bloody deeds are often done when clubs are in the hand.
The lives are staked instead of gold, the days are worn out bread,
Across the broad Atlantic now, see clubs have got the lead.

And last of all when the spade is turned by the hand of time,
It always closes up the game in every land and every clime.
No matter how much a man may win or how much a man may save,
You'll find the spade turns up at last and digs the player's grave.

DEAD ON THE TRAIL.

A sad case is reported from Sanca. About 20 miles north of the place named there are several very promising mineral claims, and a couple of weeks since Joe Hooker visited the district intending to complete his year's assessment work. He was looking for help, and was told that he might possibly secure the services of Ernest Peirie, a native-born Frenchman who has been prospecting and trapping in the Kootenays for the past 10 or 12 years. Going to the cabin, Hooker found the Frenchman in what he considered a dying condition and hastened to apprise the sufferer's friends of the state of affairs. He went to the cabin of another Frenchman, known as Alec, some eight miles distant, and told him that if he would attend to Peirie's wants the case would be duly reported at Nelson. Alec at once proceeded to the sick man's bedside, and Hooker headed for Nelson to report. As soon as the latter represented the case to Gold Commissioner Dennis that official dispatched four men to the scene of trouble, instructing them to bring the man to Nelson for hospital treatment if his condition would allow it. Meanwhile Alec was assidnously attending to the wants of the sufferer. At the head of Peirie's couch was a rifle, always kept loaded, trapper style. Peirie remarked to his friend one day that death was sometimes too slow in calling a sufferer away, and expressed the opinion that one who was in torture and without hope of relief would be justified in expediting the death message. From this Alec naturally inferred that the rifle was too convenient for a man in this frame of mind, and consequently removed it, hiding the weapon behind the cabin door. A few hours afterwards Alec went out to chop some wood and as he proceeded on his journey fancied he heard an unusual noise in the cabin. He returned to find Peirie lying helpless on the floor. The explanation given was that he had fallen from the bed, but the day after this incident Peirie remarked to his faithful attendant, "I told you I fell out of my bunk. I lied. I tried to get hold of that gun, but I could not get there. I have since been troubled to think that if I got it and blew my brains out, what trouble I would have got you into, my friend. You would have been taken for a murderer. Forgive me, my friend."

STARTS ON HIS LAST JOURNEY.

As soon as help arrived from Nelson, Peirie was put on an improvised stretcher, and the party started off for Nelson. With a sick man in charge, the smoothest track was sought and streams were forded rather than take the brush. But all in vain. As soon as Maccarone Basin was reached the men resolved to put up for the night in the old shack which did service as a store during the Grouse Creek boom. They lighted up the fire, put the sick man in close proximity, and proceeded to prepare supper. But poor Peirie's hours were numbered, and as his attendants were preparing him for a night's repose he was called to his last long rest.

Within some hundred yards of the old store, known to so many prospectors, lie mortal remains which will be known by an inscription on a piece of an old biscuit box:

ERNEST PEIRIE,
Aged 36 years.
Died October 12, 1898.
Native of France, R. I. P.

Papers found in the cabin of deceased show that he is the owner of a ranch near Sanca, and that it is in charge of a Frenchman and wife.

LIMITS ON VICTORIA'S POWER.

Chicago Chronicle.

The Queen has no power over taxation and could not create any new office with fees attached to it.

The Queen cannot exclude a member from parliament after he has been duly elected, nor can she delegate the duty of signing laws to any one.

Though Her Majesty can pardon a murderer, she is debarred by an act passed in the reign of George III. from extending royal clemency to Sabbath breakers.

The Queen could sell or give away the royal navy or declare war with Russia, but she could not spend a single farthing of public money without the consent of parliament.

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India though she be, Victoria cannot increase the pay of her own footman unless she does so out of her private funds.

The Queen cannot communicate with her subjects as can the most menial of her servants, nor can she receive presents from her people save through officers of state or friends personally known to her majesty.

Though her decision is absolute after a prisoner has been sentenced she could not interfer with the course of justice before the sentence has been passed. Neither could she interfere in a case of private as opposed to public wrong.

Her Majesty is subject to the laws that she signs, and cannot issue a proclamation contrary to law. If, for instance, it were the law of England that no train should travel at a rate exceeding fifty miles an hour, the Queen could not issue a proclamation exempting a certain train from the operation of the law.

Though the Queen could recall any subject from abroad, she cannot compel a subject to leave Great Britain. This disability does not cease to operate even in time of war, and, though at such a time the Queen could call upon every able man to take up arms, she could not force a single civilian to leave the country, even to carry on a necessary war.

The Queen is the only person who cannot arrest a suspected felon. No action can be taken against her for breaking the law, and therefore she is precluded from making an arrest as, supposing the suspected prisoner were innocent, no action for false imprisonment could be taken against Her Majesty. The law, indeed, assums that the Queen can do no wrong.

JEFFERSON HOODWINKED.

The part that one Wah Lee, an humble Celestial, played in founding the great Astor fortunes is told in a story concerning the original John Jacob, which is little known on Manhattan island to-day. It shows the old German trader in the new and brighter light of a diplomat with a "pull" and relates to the ruinous times of the embargo.

The worthy merchants of New York, who were watching their fine fleets slowly rot at the docks during the year 1808, rose on the morning of Aug. 13 to see a notice in the daily paper to the following effect: "Yesterday the ship Beaver, Captain Galloway, sailed for China." Everybody knew, of course, that the Beaver belong to John Jacob Astor, and they also knew that her being allowed to leave port when no other ship could, meant an enormous profit for her owner when she returned laden with a rich East India cargo. From indignant surprise the doughty old New York merchants speedily passed to open anger and interrogation. The matter was investigated, and it was found that Mr. Astor had obtained from President Jefferson a special permission for his ship Beaver, with a crew of 30 men, to proceed to Canton for the purpose of returning to his native home in China a mighty mandarin of that country who had been sojourning here. The scheme was perfect, but a rival house wrote to Secretary of State Madison that the Chinaman in question was not only not a Mandarin, but nothing more than an outcast whom Mr. Astor had found and picked up for the purpose along the docks. The rather large scandal which resulted blew over in time, however, and a profit of $200,000 went to the credit side of Mr. Astor's ledger when the Beaver returned the following year.—Penny Magazine.

ALL ABOUT YOUR WATCH.

Open your watch and look at the wheels, springs and screws, each an indispensible part of the whole wonderful machine. Notice the busy balance wheel as it flies to and fro unceasingly day and night, year in and year out. This wonderful little machine is the result of hundreds of years of study and experiment.

The watch carried by the average man is composed of 98 pieces, and its manufacture embraces more than 2,000 distinct and separate operations. Some of the smallest screws are so minute that the unaided eye cannot distinguish them from steel filings or specks of dirt.

Under a powerful magnifying glass a perfect screw is revealed. The slit at the head is one-fiftieth of an inch wide. It takes 308,000 of these screws to weigh a pound, and a pound is worth £317.

The hairspring is a strip of the finest steel, about 9½ inches long, one-hundredth of an inch wide, one four-hundredth of an inch thick It is coiled up in spiral form and finally tempered.

The process of tempering these springs was long held a secret by the few fortunate ones possessing it, and even now it is not generally known. Their manufacture requires great skill and care.

The strip is gauged to one-fifth of an inch, but no measuring instrument has as yet been devised capable of fine enough gauging to determine beforehand by the size of the strip what the strength of the finishing spring will be.

A one-five-hundredth part of an inch difference in the thickness of the strip makes a difference in the running of a watch of about six minutes per hour.

The value of these springs when finished and placed in watches is enormous in proportion to the material from which they are made. A ton of steel made up into hairsprings when in watches is worth more than 12½ times the value of the same weight in pure gold.

Hairspring wire weighs one-twentieth of a grain to the inch. One mile of wire weighs less than half a pound. The balance gives five vibrations every second, 300 every minute, 18,000 every hour, 432,000 every day and 157,680,000 every year.

At each vibration it rotates about 1¼ times, which makes 197,100,000 revolutions every year. Take, for illustration, a locomotive with six-foot driving wheels.

Let its wheels be run until they have given the same number of revolutions that a watch does in a year, and they will have covered a distance equal to 28 complete circuits of the earth.

All this a watch does without any other attention than winding once every 24 hours.

A Lesson in Boiling.

For all green vegetables use soft water, salted and freslily boiling. Cook rapidly until soft. The time will depend upon the age or freshness of the vegetable.

With green peas, shelled beans, green corn, asparagus, celery and spinach, use as little water as possible, and let it boil away, leaving just enough to moisten, and thus save all the desirable soluble matter that may have been drawn out. Cook cabbage and cauliflower uncovered in a large kettle of rapidly boiling water, salted, and with a saltspoonful of soda in it. Onions, scald and change the water twice. All others cook in water enough to cover, and drain it off after cooking. Green summer squash, cabbage and other watery vegetables should be pressed in a cloth or strained, and well drained.

Many people who attempt to cook are apt to forget that there is a wide distinction between boiled water and boiling water, and that the freshness is lost by long boiling, so that the sooner water is used after it has reached the boiling point the more satisfactory it will be. If water stands after boiling, it loses its vitality and cannot be used with good results. That is why tea and coffee are so frequently flat and lifeless, without sparkle or flavor; not because the leaves and berries are not good, but because they are improperly made with boiled water, instead of freshly boiling water.

A Train Load of Silver.

A train load of silver, amounting to 10,000,000 ounces, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, is soon to mark a new era in the government's method of transporting the precious metals between the mints. It has been known for some time that such a shipment was in contemplation, and the appearance of Assistant Secretary Vanderlip of the treasury department in Chicago a few days ago, was for the purpose of making arrangements for the necessary transportation.

Mr. Vanderlip was in consultation with several managers of western roads, and it is learned that the shipment will be made on a special fast train, guarded by federal soldiers and detectives.

It is supposed hereafter that freight and not express will be the method of shipment. The Philadelphia mint is being run to its full capacity coining gold—both foreign and domestic—which has been pouring in at a surprising rate, and the intention is to transfer 10,000,000 ounces of silver to the Pacific coast. This amount means over 300 tons, or over 15 ordinary car loads. The express charges on any such quantity at anything like schedule rates would be an item which even the United States treasury could afford to figure on saving.

The movement of the silver by freight instead of express is considered altogether feasible. The danger of robbery, it is believed, could be practically eliminated by having the silver put up in 1,000 ounce bars and by the employment of a detail of soldiers to accompany the train. An ordinary wreck would cause no loss with 1,000 ounce bars, even if fire resulted.

About the only awkward contingency which officials think could arise would be for the train to go through a bridge into a western river. But that chance is too remote, of course, to be generally considered.

Courtesy Toward Women.

Young gentlemen, be men, and admirers of woman. Be true to your mothers, loyal to your sisters, faithful to your sweethearts, and manly in your conduct toward and treatment of any that bears the name of woman. Even to the erring woman be tender. Don't dispise her. Reserve your hatred for the villan who ruined her, or the villains who have since abused her. Speak not slightingly of those feminine dispositions that may appear to you weak, but would make you stronger did you but possess them. Let others say what they will, act as they will, you stand out like a man, and be tender and courteous and loyal and pure in all your relations with woman. Nothing next to the love of God, which ought to be the law of your life, is more important to the true development of your character and more conducive to your permanent success than your right estimate and devoted love of a pure, good woman. Most of their faults women owe to men. For most of our virtues we men are indebted to women.

SYRINGA.

Peace, pale syringa, with your star-like eyes,
Peace, flower of death;
Along the evening breeze is floating sweet
The perfume of your breath.

Pale, cold syringa, with your shroud-like leaves
That chill the soul.
For every leaf-like fluttering in the breeze
Reckons a toll.

Your perfume brought the sorrow back to-night,
The heart-break and the pain.
I dreamed the wound might heal, but now I know
'Twill evermore remain.

Pale, cold syringa-blossom—yet how sweet;
I touch my lips to you;
The tears are starting now that failed before.
If she but knew!

We made a wreath of your white wax-like leaves
To lay upon her breast;
The flowers she ever loved in life should pay
Their honor to rest.

Peace, pale syringa, with your star-like eyes,
Peace, flower of love;
You brought the pain again, but it will cease
In heaven above.

—M. Tisdale.

WANTED.—A First-Class pant and vest maker, at once. H. J. Robie, The Tailor, New Denver.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Nancy Hanks No. 2 Mineral Claim.

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

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

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. oc27

Quebec Mineral Claim.

Situated in the Slocan City Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Wh———rle About two miles up the North Fork of 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. 20647A, 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 24th day of September, 1898.

sp29 DAN HANLON.

Dominion, St. Keverne, O. B. H., Exeter, Felix and Payne Fractional Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Payne mountain, on the north slope.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Charles Moore, of Kaslo, B. C., and acting as agent for the St. Keverne Mining Company, Ltd., free miner's certificate No. 12,136A, 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 5th day of September, 1898.

CHARLES MOORE, P.L.S.

Rio Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In Best Basin, McGuigan Creek, near Okanagan mineral claim.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William S. Drewry, acting as agent for E. A. Biedenberg, free miner's certificate No. 25867A, Daniel Cosgriff, free miner's certificate No. 4762A and T. F. Cosgriff, free miner's certificate No. 4763A, 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 August, 1898

W. S. DREWRY.

Jeanette Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Four miles east of Rosebery, east of Wilson creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for Frank Kelly, Free Miner's Certificate No. 12087A, 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 25th day of August, 1898.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Silver Bell No. 2 and Dump Fraction Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the Surprise, Keno and Gladstone mineral claims, in Best Basin, McGuigan creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Native Silver Bell Mining Company, Limited, of Rossland, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 13145A, 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 August, 1898.

W. S. DREWRY.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty 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.

ELIZABETH BROWN.

Three Forks, October 27th, 1898.

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" 3 10 pm	Spokane	"	8.30 am	

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" 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	
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June 20th, 1895.

FRANK DICK,
Assayer and Analyst

MINING RECORDS

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

LOCATIONS.

OCT 18—Tyler, Carpenter, T M Gibson.
Filmore, same.
Margaret Fraction, Tributary creek, G H Wright, M L Grimmett.

OCT 19—Aunt Lena, Carpenter, D McCuaig.

OCT 20—Moncton, Cody creek, A B Docksteader.
Edith Louise, Carpenter, C F Yates, L R Forbes.

OCT 21—Norma, Mowich slide, Chas F Nicholson.

OCT 22—Cupond, Carpenter, J R Cameron.
Kid, relocation of Wisconsin, Cody, George A Simmon.
Jimmy, Cody, W J Tretheway.
Lake Frational, Dardanelles basin, same.

OCT 24—Georgia, north fork Carpenter creek, E G Schmidt.
Chico, south fork Carpenter, Jas O'Brien.
Irene Fractional, Tributary creek, H B Alexander.
Profeshenal Fraction, New Denver, J C Butler.

ASSESSMENTS.

OCT 18—Black Hock, Banshee, Polo.
OCT 19—Last Link, Sunrise No 9, Mansfield
OCT 20—Braid, Jumbo, Evangeline, Rosedale.
OCT 21—Red Fox Fraction, Minnie, Jewel, Omega, Twilight, Eloria.

OCT 22—Amazon, Laughing Waters, Ben ($500 worth of work transfered from Ottawa No 2), Hope.

OCT 24—Arab, Black Eagle.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

OCT 21—Willa, to Willow Gold Mining Company, Ltd

TRANSFERS.

OCT 18—Big Timber ½, Jas Brown to T M Gibson, June 7.
Same ½, T M Gibson to M R W Rathborne, Oct 14.
Chetopa, Opatunka, John G Steel to Frank A Steel, Oct 14.

OCT 19—Bristol, Commander, Congo, mechanics liens filed against ⅔ interest held by F L Byron by Gus Kruger, Robt R McDonald and Geo A McDonald.

OCT 21—Ethel Fraction, H T Ewin to Robert Ewen, Oct 13, $50.
Lancaster 1/10, Drunmore ½, J R Cameron to E J Smith, Oct 19.

OCT 22—Power of Attorney, Northwest Mining Syndicate to W H Sandiford, Oct 7.
Zoroaster ½, Chas S Rashdall to Northwest Mining Syndicate, Oct 22.
Ashurst Beacon ½, M A Sandiford to Northwest Mining Syndicate, Oct 22.
Forget-Me-Not ½, same to same, Oct 22.
Nanoni ½, A E Fauquier to same, Oct 22.
Romola ½, Edward Stewart to same, Oct 4.
Phœnix, Alhambra, Lilly B. ⅔ in each, Frank L Christie to E G Schmidt, July 16.

OCT 24—Black Fox ½, Wm Farney to Geo M McLean, Oct 5.
Dawn Centre ½, Geo McLean to Frank Ryan, Oct 24.
Hartney ½, D D McGillivray to Edward Shannon, Oct 13.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

SEPT 27—Black Dick, James Galbraith; Ancient, J Pilon; Modern, M Murchison.

SEPT 28—Perth, C E Smitheringale; Granville, R I Kirkwood.

SEPT 30—Heather Bell, J H Currie; Katie, A McWhirter; Olympia, A Stewart.

OCT 1—Keystone, Dan Hanlon.

OCT 3—Michaelmas Fraction, J C Gwillim.

OCT 8—Dry Weather, D F Shobeck; Wet Weather, J F Collom.

OCT 10—Porto Rico, F G Carlisle; Cuba, Jeff Baty.

OCT 11—Radnorian, R C Cameron.

OCT 13—Aerolite Fraction, C Reidlinger; Pythian, D A McDonnell; Maysie, Mrs Jeanie Clement; Bertha B, H M Walker.

OCT 14—Carrie Fraction, C S Moss.

OCT 15—Leslie, J Komalski; Stayner Boy, S Whittaker.

ASSESSMENTS.

SEPT 28—Zulo.
SEPT 29—Pine Log, Bondholder.
SEPT 30—Little Club.
OCT 1—Boulder, Hidden Treasure, English Rose.
OCT 4—California, October, Nevada.
OCT 5—Transfer.
OCT 6—Rosebery.
OCT 7—Native Silver Fraction.
OCT 8—Silver Plate.
OCT 10—Wizard.
OCT 14—Kootenay Pass, Para.
OCT 15—North Exchange Fraction.
OCT 17—Bulko.

TRANSFERS.

SEPT 27—Plebiscite and Martha, J W Horn to J Kowalski.

SEPT 28—Neepawa, mortgage ½, A D McGillivray to O J Marino, $800.
P of A, C H Brindle to A S Brindle.
Dominion, C H Brindle to Mount Mable Mining Company.

SEPT 30—Dufferin ¼, W Thomlinson to D O Lewis and C S Moss.
Owl ¼, W H Crawford to same.

OCT 5—Eagle Fraction, ¼ each, W Glynn to J H Moran and C W Greenlee.

OCT 6—Katie 1/16, Geo T Gormley to T Madden.

OCT 7—Agreement between Slocan Lake Gold and Silver Mines Co and B C E D & J Co re Howard Fraction group.

OCT 12—Two Flags ⅓, D G McCuaig and P Hauck to R C Campbell-Johnston, $20.
Notice of lis pendens re Gold Rock and Gold Bank.

OCT 14—Berne ½, M Heckmann to C Faas.
Kootenay Pass ½, H Clever to C Faas.
Meteor, Ottawa and Cultus, ⅓, H Hoffman to E J Dyer.

OCT 17—Sundown Fraction 1/20, H Bunting and J R Stitt to W B Wilcox, $50.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

OCT 12—Oscar Fracrion, F W Bauer; Ballina, M McAndrews; B A, J S Anderson and S C Boswell; Black Patti, H Roy Stovel; Iceland Empire, Scotland, S M Anderson; Best, Geo Arbo.

OCT 14—Silver Monarch, T Johnson; B C, Geo Walker.

OCT 15—Cumberland, J A Gillis; York, W S Drewry.

OCT 17—Three Muskateers, H A Hankey; Sentinel, W O Robinson; Cody, J W Livers; W J, T Harris.

OCT 18—Addie D, C O Wese; Emerald Fraction, D F Strobeck; B A Fraction, O E Bolling.

ASSESSMENTS.

OCT 12—Bimettalic, Dead Medicine, King Rose, Burnt Hill, Red Dirt, Iron Mountain.

OCT 13—Pluto Fraction, Franklin, Humboldt, B B B, Florence H, Bunker Hill, Red Brick, Silver King Fraction.

OCT 14—Bryan, Japan.

OCT 15—Brickeye, Kate.

OCT 17—Frisco, St Pancras.

OCT 18—Free Silver, American.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

OCT 15—Heba, Hera, Pluto, Oppollo to M Bucke and C D McKenzie.

TRANSFERS.

OCT 12—Morning Star ½, A Swanson to George Matthews.

OCT 13—Pluto Fraction, A O Johnson to Maurice Bucke.

OCT 14—Kilmarnock, T Stevenson to Mary E Owen.
Summit and Wishbone, C N Owen to Mary E Owen.
Hero and Heba ½, C R Garland to M A Bucke.
Iron Cap, Lavina and Ruthie ½, W J White to L E Booker.
Iron Cap, Lavina and Ruthie Bell ⅓, N McLeod to same.
Same ½, J A Otto to same
Same, all interest, A Booker and G M Booker to F Viets.

OCT 15—Victoria, W A Clute to Chas A Fleming.
Alberta, D J Munn and D W Moore to C A Fleming.

OCT 17—Virginia Dare and Gold Bug ½, G A Becken to G C Spearing.
Iron Chief ½, John Hastie to A L Homer.
Admiral Dewey ½, same to same.
Dedication 1/5, David Good to Dave Clark.
Indication 1/5, same H Mawdsley.
Othello, Golden, Etta J, Black Patticon, H Roy Stovel to J M Anderson.
Allan, D Tuomey to Jim Anderson.

OCT 18—G W Roche and J M Moore, release of certain bonds in Albion Mining Co.
Mable C ½, A O Moores to J D Cook.
Clearwater, Lennet, Sewall, Carbonet No 2 and Congress ½, F J Donaldson to J E Jones, $700.

THE BOS'N'S STORY.

We borrowed some nails from the jointer's bench
A hammer and cross-saw, too.
And sadly reduced McCarthy's fence
As the good ship Rover grew.
Her lordly mast was the old pear tree,
Her flag was a pinafore gay;
And we built her and launched her, and sailed to Feejee
On a Saturday morning in May.

And all that summer, come rain or shine,
To the wide world's ends would we sail,
Loading with gems from the Kaffir mine,
Harpooning the polar whale.
And the pirate and savage cannibal climes
We slaughtered in many a row.
Oh, the gallant ship and the glorious times!
And where are my shipmates now?

The captain, a chief of renown is he,
Though the dullards may fear or sneer;
When duty calls o'er the untried sea,
He is skillful and swift to steer.
Oh, stainless and strong, with the glad heart of yore,
Sail forth on the shoreless tide,
Onward and godward forever more,
With the star gleam of truth for your guide.

The cabin boy, oh, his merry eyes!
And the stir and the fun he made!
Ah, the coolies know where the sahib lies,
With a bullet hole in his head.
Wandered far from the track, you see,
Yet kingly of heart and hand,
He went to the devil so gloriously
That the down-hill road was grand.

And at work by his father's bench the mate
Looks out on the old-time street,
Where grown folk pass with placid gait,
And the children's lively feet.
"But the world is growing old," says he,
"We have no such boys to-day
As the madcap rogues who sailed with me,
That holiday morning in May."

—Maggie Clark in N. Y. Sun.

THE FISH CREEK CAMP.

Comadlix.—The Beer Bros., of the Beatrice mine, have advertised for bids on a contract to build a rawhide trail and have ore shipped during the winter.

A fine specimen of galena ore weighing about 50 pounds has been brought in by W. J. Girard from the Mountain Boy, a close neighbor of the Beatrice.

The Silver Dollar, adjoining the Mountain Boy, is at present being developed by Joe Best, the lucky owner, and is more than fulfilling his sanguine expectations. The large body of ore revealed has assayed $113 in silver and as high as $50 in gold.

A new discovery in the same vicinity has just been made by Messrs. Burke, McKenzie and Allen. If the specimens which they brought in prove half as good as they look, something further will be heard of the Canadian Belle.

Mr. Smith Curtis, of Rossland, representing the Lardeau-Goldsmith Mines, Limited, has just concluded a deal with the original owners for the Brunswick, which, I understand, is to be stocked and worked this coming winter.

It is gratifying to be able to say that no man looking for an investment in mineral property has failed to find what he sought for this summer, the only drawback is that so few have come to seek.

W. M. Bennett, of Sandon, has been up to the Silver Tip basin to see the Copper Cliff, and seemed thoroughly satisfied with the property.—Revelstoke Herald.

A MOTHER'S AWFUL CRIME.

A despatch from Toronto tells the following gruesome story of a mother's awful crime: Eliza Burrrell, wife of E. Burrell, marble polisher, living at 559 Logan avenue, in the north east end of the city, murdered her three infant children while apparently in a state of insanity. Her husband returned from work about 8 o'clock, and his wife, who presented nothing unusual in her appearance, began to prepare dinner. Her husband asked for the children. She said they were sleeping up stairs. After a while her husband said that he would go up and see them, and after a slight attempt on the part of his wife to stop him, he went to their bedroom, where he found the three little ones lying dead on the bed.

The frantic father rushed for a doctor, but the medical man, on coming, said they had been dead for some hours. The unhappy woman talked freely about her act, not apparently realzing the enormity of the deed. She had smothered them with cotton rags about three o'clock in the afternoon. She had killed them because she did not want them to grow up wicked. "They are angels now," she said, "and I shall soon be with them." She said that she had killed the baby first and the elder children had looked on laughing, supposing that she was playing with the child.

A. L. POUDRIER SUICIDES.

In the wilds of one of the northern islands of the Queen Charlotte group, A. L. Poudrier, a well-known surveyor of Victoria, deliberately took his own life. The act was undoubtedly committed while he was suffering from a fit of despondency, caused by the isolation of his position, and the physical exhaustion due to the nature of his work. A. L. Poudrier was well-known in the Slocan. Two years ago he ran a survey line via Woodbury and Four Mile creeks to Slocan lake for the K. & S. He was employed for sometime in the summer of '97 about Kootenay lake, locating and surveying land and timber limits for the same company. Later he was brought into prominence for the glowing accounts he wrote of the of Ashcroft trail and the route to Klondike from Spokane.

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVES.

Alex. Lucas is now in the Slocan organizing Liberal-Conservative associations. In New Denver Joseph Millward has been appointed secretary and other officers will be appointed in a few days. At Three Forks A. C. Abbs was elected president and F. J. Brennan secretary. In Sandon the following officers were appointed: F. L. Christie, president; Dr. Power, 1st vice-president; A. C. McArthur, 2nd vice-president; F. C. Sewell, secretary. The executive committtee consists of D. R. McLean, S. A. Mighton, A. Stirrett, Jno. Switzer, E. M. Sandilands, C. Cliffe and L. Doolan.

CASSIAR VOTING.

The official returns of the voting in the Cassiar election shows that Clifford received 179 votes, Irving 159, and Tavish 54. There were also 10 spoiled ballots. These figures give an effective answer to the arguments advanced by the ministers in the late government, that Cassiar was deserving of two members because there were several thousand voters in the district. When Cassiar was given two members there were just 296 names upon the voters' list, and instead of there being thousands of unregistered voters, there were less than 100, in addition to those so listed.

MINING NEWS.

The biggest silver producer in the world at present is the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, in New South Wales. The output of that company's mines for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1898, was 6,122,370 fine ounces of silver. The Anaconda Copper Mining Company in Montana came second, with a production of 5,074,036 ounces of silver. It is worth noting that in both of these mines the silver is produced in connection with other metals, at Broken Hill with lead and at Anaconda with copper. The latter is principally a copper mine, since the metal forms the greater part of the value of its ores. The Compania Huanchaca de Bolivia, has had the operation of its mines seriously interfered with for the past two years by water and other mishaps. Its production in 1897 was 4,886,673 ounces of silver. This is not much more than one-half of the maximum output, which was reached in 1893, and was 9,034,385 ounces.

According to the Fort Steel Prospector, the extensive development work that has been done during the past year on Pyramid and Alki creeks and on the North Fork of St. Mary's river, has shown beyond doubt that one of the great mining centers of East Kootenay will be established in that neighborhood. The most extensive operators there are Pyramid Kootenay Company. Captain T. D. Petty has had from 30 to 40 men constantly employed on the claims owned by that company and on each of them from $500 to a $1,000 worth of work has been done.

A Big Silver Ledge.

Kenneth Williams, lately returned to Vancouver from the Omineca and Cassiar districts, brings particulars of a recent interesting find, a big ledge of silver, in the Omineca country. Of course, silver 350 miles away from Hazleton is good for nothing at the present time, but the fact that silver exists there at all is interesting in itself. Mr. Williams says that men on the Liard are making $4 and $5 per day during the season of low water panning out gold on the bars. The silver find was made in August by the two sons of a Hudson's Bay store-keeper on the Edmonton trail. The young fellows outfitted in Vancouver and going up the Skeena struck out across the country from Edmonton. The ledge runs from a stream up the side of a mountain and on the other side of the river it takes up its course distinctly traceable. They staked off a claim apiece, but though it is as rich as the average of ore in the Slocan they cannot make anything out of it.

Bonds Secured on Lardeau Properties.

The Lardeau district is receiving considerable attention this fall from mining men. J. H. Berry, of Rossland, has secured a couple of options on Lardeau properties On the America, a claim owned by Abrahamson Brothers and Thomas Taylor, he has secured an eight months' option. The terms call for the payment of $2,000 on December 1st, and the balance—$4,000—on June 1st, 1899. He has also a 12 months' option on the Morning Star, owned by Abrahamson Brothers. The payments under this bond aggregate $15,000, and are spread over the 12 months. The Morning Star is supposed to have the Silver Cup lead. It is two claims distant from the Silver Cup, and has a very fair showing, the result of four assessments.

Another Republic Dividend.

The Republic company declared another dividend last week. The amount is $30,000, which is at the rate of three cents per share. The payment will be made November 10th, and transfer books will close November 1st. This is the second monthly dividend, and will make a total of $60,000. There is every assurance that the dividends will continue at this rate every month, with a bright prospect of larger monthly payments when the mill is running at its full capacity.

Has $5,000,000 Worth of Ore in Sight.

The resources developed this summer in the Iron Mask, at Rossland, have not been surpassed by any of the sensational developments in the No. 1, Columbia & Kootenay and Le Roi. Outside of the disputed vein very large bodies of ore have been opened up. A conservative estimate places the amount of ore in sight at $5,000,000. The Iron Mask has been making very satisfactory profits all summer. No smelter returns have been received of less than $30 per ton, and the average is well over that.

Mr. Doolin—I'at.
O'Houlihan—Yis, Mike.
Mr. D.—I'm dying?
O'H.—Yis aire, Mike?
Mr. D.—Without revenge on Terry Googin for what he said about me whin Bridget threw him over to be me bride
O'H.—Thrue for you, Mike.
Mr. D. (silence)—Pat!
O'H.—Yis, Mike.
Mr. D.—Aire yiz still me friend?
O'H.—I aire, Mike.
Mr. D.—Whin I'm gone will yer see that me Bridget marries Terry?
O'H.—I will, Mike
Mr. D.—Sind fer th' priest, Pat.—Philadelphia Times.

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