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General News Float

In and About the Slocan and Neighboring Camps that are Talked About.

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

The merchants of Nelson have instituted a mid-week half holiday.

Revelstoke is getting up in the world. It has a "Railway Men's Journal."

Service will be held in St. Stephen's church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Sandon clerks are endeavoring to get the merchants to adopt the early-closing fad.

A return match will be played by the local baseball team at Silverton Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Roberts will give another of his popular children's services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

George Aylard has lumber on the ground for the erection of a small addition on his premises.

The Reco-Goodenough is making a shipment of 100 tons this week to the Shelby smelter, San Francisco.

The visitors from New Denver to the Odd Fellows' ball at Sandon Friday night, were royally entertained.

Back again, Prof. Payne, 20th century hypnotist; opera house, two nights, commencing Friday, May 3. Laugh and grow fat.

Al. Sanford, who for two years or more has been employed at the Rosun, left for his home in Nova Scotia Wednesday morning.

The delegates have returned from their lead refinery mission to Ottawa, feeling confident that the government will grant the bonus asked.

Rev. W. H. Gray will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian church until a permanent pastor is provided to take the place of Rev. Alexander.

It is fashionable to carry a cane this spring. You are not well dressed without it. Those just received by John Williams are all the rage—nothing nicer.

A very encouraging strike was made the past week on their Goat Mountain property by Messrs. Young & Murchison. Eight inches of dry ore came into the tunnel being driven on the lower lead.

A social and dance, in aid of the Church of England building fund, will be given in Bosun Hall on Tuesday evening, May 7, beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission, including refreshments, 50 cents.

Eight patients are confined in the Sandon hospital—Harry Payzant, Thos. Barber, John C. Rady, Lewis Gangner, Frank Johnston, Alexander Greno, David Johnston, Otts Nelson and Alex Forrest.

The Sandon baseball team think they can teach the lake clubs how to play ball. Sandon sports always did have a high opinion of their abilities. They couldn't have a better opportunity of showing us how it's done

Prof. J. C. Miller and J. Parsons Smith, known throughout England and Canada as the Emerald Duet, are touring the Kootenays under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. They will be in New Denver May 16th and 17th.

The annual business meeting of the Methodist church was held on Monday last. Reports read showed every phase of the work to be in excellent condition. A cordial invitation was extended to Rev. A. E. Roberts to remain as pastor for another year.

FOUND.—A badly used pocket knife, one blade broken near the hilt, the other tobacco stained from hilt to point; evidently the property of a printer or a parson. Owner can have same by taking it away from this office. We have too many like it now.

McLachlan & McGillivray are building a balcony and making other improvements to the Windsor Hotel. With the improvements lately made to this popular house, outside and in, Dan and Angus can give the public as good accommodations as can be obtained in the Slocan.

A gang of 10 men with horses and scrapers, under the direction of Road Master Moore, is putting Union street in excellent condition at the Carpenter creek crossing. The bridge being erected there will be something of a must substantial nature and will be of permanent value to traffic.

About sixty children and friends of the Band of Hope enjoyed the feast given by Howard West last Thursday evening in the Methodist church. The members of the Band went through a short program of recitations and songs prior to the bringing on of the good things, and the evening was made one long to be remembered by all present.

There being no movement made on the part of the lake towns to get up a celebration for May 24th, the Sunday-School people of Silverton and New Denver have determined to hold a union picnic on that day at the Bosun picnic grounds. Arrangements are not yet completed but the assurance is given that this will surpass any effort made in this line on the lake.

Howard West has recently purchased the assay office and business of C. M. Wilson of Sandon, and left New Denver Monday to take over the business there. Mr. West will retain his office and laboratory here, but will reside at Sandon. New Denver loses and the neighboring town wins by the transaction. Mr. West is a young man of sterling character, and has few equals in the assaying business in the Province. His removal from New Denver, though it may not be of long duration, is to be sincerely regretted in all circles.

The farewell social given Friday evening by the ladies of the Presbyterian church to their retiring pastor, was largely attended and the numbers on the program heartily enjoyed. As an evidence of the high esteem in which Rev. Alexander is held by the congregation the ladies presented him with a letter and purse, expressing sorrow at parting with him and wishing him every success in his new field. In his short residence in New Denver Mr. Alexander has won the respect and esteem of all classes by his earnest, untiring efforts for the betterment of man, and his removal from here will be greatly regretted.

BASE-BALL CLUB ORGANIZED.

A meeting was held last Thursday evening in the Miners' Union hall by the baseball club for the purpose of organizing. The organization will be known as the New Denver Baseball Club. Geo. Long was elected captain; C. G. Taylor, secretary-treasurer; W. E. Mertens, official scorer; with a managing committee of Long, Taylor and Greenlee. The membership fee was placed at $1.00.

It was the unanimous sense of the club that nothing but home material will be played in the team, and that no team made up of "ringers" will be met either on the home grounds or elsewhere.

DEAL ON THE TURRIS.

Thompson, Mitchell & Co., transfered their interest in the Turris group this week to Messrs. Wills & McNaught, the purchase being made on a short bond, with a cash payment of $500. The terms have not been made public, but the price is understood to be in the neighborhood of $4,000. The Turris group comprises five full claims and a fraction, which were located in 1896. Over $5,000 worth of development work has been put upon the property, and the ledge opened up by tunnels in several places. High grade dry ore is showing on the surface for several hundred feet and where the ledge has been tapped by tunnels the quality of the ore continues good. Ten tons of ore has been shipped from the property, netting the owners something over $1300. Messrs. McNaught & Wills are now driving a 300-foot cross-cut to tap the upper lead, from which the richest ore has been taken out. They will crown grant the properties and continue operations, on a modest scale for the present.

SLOCAN POST-OFFICES.

It is interesting to note the great difference between the number of money orders paid and the number issued by the postal money order offices in the Slocan for one year. At the New Denver office for the last fiscal year 613 money orders were issued, aggregating $11,820 Only 157 were paid, aggregating $3,508. At Sandon 930 orders were issued for $15,593, and 235 were paid, At Slocan City the figures show even a greater contrast. There were issued 1,683 orders, aggregating $34,983, and only 153 orders were paid, amounting to $3,810. At Silverton 356 orders were issued calling for $5,327, and only 76 were paid, aggregating $1,801. The gross postal revenue from these offices amounted to: New Denver, $1,055; Sandon, $1,928; Slocan, $889; Silverton, $511. The salaries then paid the Slocan postmasters were as follows: New Denver, $500 per annum; Sandon, $1000; Silverton, $365; Slocan City, $550.

FAKE STOCK COMPANIES.

J. D. Kendall, in the B. C. Review, says: "Let us now glance at a few of the methods of unprincipled promoters and trustees, or directors, of what may properly be called 'fake' stock companies The first object of the dishonest promoter is to procure an invertebrate expert, or one who has an elastic conscience and a profound disregard for facts. It is important, therefore, that the public should see that the properties in which they are asked to invest are vouched for by men of good repute, morally as well as technically. How important the expert's report is to the promoter is partly indicated by the remarks of a London promoter to a B. C. option holder: 'Have you any favorable expert report?' asked the promoter 'No,' replied the man from B.C 'Then I am afraid,' said the promoter, 'I cannot do anything with your property. We never buy mines; we only buy reports, the mines are thrown in.'

"Having launched their company, the promoters perhaps retire. In their place come the trustees or directors. Their object—if they are among those to whom conscience is less than gain—is to boom their stock, regardless of the appearance or prospects of their property, and for that purpose they employ many artifices, some of which may here be mentioned.

"Selected samples of the most valuable contents of a vein are submitted for assay, and the results published broadcast, without the slightest indication that such results merely refer to an infinitesimal part of the vein, the balance of which may be utterly barren. Such assays are valueless, except to the swindler.

"The exhibition in some conspicuous place, of rare samples—especially those showing gold — is another favorite method of booming. Most people who are interested in mining or in mining investments will be able to recall samples of this kind that they have seen in certain office windows, not many miles from Vancouver, and perhaps they have not forgotten the miserable fiasco—from a miner's point of view—that followed these glittering exhibitions. Beware of this kind of show. Men who have found, or otherwise come into possession of, such good things don't want to part with them—least of all, to the unknown multitude.

"The suppression of unfavorable reports from the Superintendent is another way of deceiving shareholders and the public. This breach of trust on the part of directors is now punishable by imprisonment. Had it been so earlier, many people in B. C., and elsewhere, would now have had what rightly belongs to them, but which, unfortunately, is in the hands of a few others, who, it is too much to suppose, will feel they ought to be in prison.

"The proposal to erect, or the actual erection of mills and smelters, are also used as 'springs to catch woodcocks.' It is generally assumed when people propose to erect either or both of such works, in connection with a mine they must have something to justify the expenditure. Alas, there could be no greater mistake. Where was the justification at the Morning Glory, at the Golden Cache, at the Strathyre, at the Lanark, at the Tinhorn and many other mines that might be mentioned in B. C. The erection of mills for which there is nothing to do, is sometimes due to errors of judgment, but in other cases it is part of a boom scheme contrived solely with the object of putting money into the pockets of its designers—no matter from whom that money may be taken. When people talk about putting up mills or smelters, don't rush in and buy stock. Try first of all, to find out from some disinterested source whether there is anything to mill or smelt, or whether the sporting directors are simply fishing for 'suckers.'

"Other snares and traps might be pointed out to the uninitiated, but these will perhaps be sufficient for ordinary mortals. There are some men so foolish that all the warnings in the world will not prevent them committing acts of rashness. For such, these lines were not written. Men of that stamp never profit by the experience of others. They must put their fingers into the fire before they will believe it burns. It is to be hoped they may never know of some of the stock fires that are now being lighted to enable them to experiment.

"Perhaps the most glaring instance of stock booming in B. C. was that practised in connection with the Golden Cache mine, and it may be of interest to look at some of the facts connected with that property as learned from an inspection of the mine, etc., by the writer, after the collapse of the company, when the shareholders had been told some of the truth that had been kept from them so long.

"This mine is situated on the northwest of Cayoosh Creek, 11 miles southwest of Lillooet, at an altitude of about 3,700 feet. The country rock is a schistose argillite, in places much altered, the original rock having been more or less replaced by quartz along the schist planes. It would be misleading to speak of a vein here, for there never was one. What was dignified by that name was a local enlargement of the quartz lenses along the schist planes In places these lenses coalesced and formed aggregations of quartz sometimes reaching a foot across, but the lateral extension of any one lense was not great, so that there never was a continuous quartz rib for more than a few feet. The outcrop of the deposit was in the face of a nearly vertical bluff of rock. When worked, it died out in all directions. A quantity of coarse gold is said to have been found in some of the quartz lenses, and also in the schist. These specimens did yeoman service when exhibited in Vancouver, but the writer could not find any coarse gold in the mine. An average sample taken by the writer from the so-called vein, which was considered the best part in the mine at the time of his visit, yielded on assay—gold, .05 oz. per ton; silver, 50 oz. per ton.

A sample of the quartz lenses alone, that is without any of the country rock associated therewith, gave—gold, .075 oz. per ton; silver, .475 oz. per ton.

Two thousand and seventy-five tons of rock from the mine (the total output) put through the mill yielded on the average—gold, .168 oz. per ton; silver, .036 oz., or $3.37 per ton.

Don't fail to see Prof. Payne on his return engagement here. He will introduce new and special features. A 400-pound rock will be broken on a hypnotized subject while in a cateleptic state Two nights, commencing Friday May 3

If we noticed little pleasures
As we notice little pains;
If we quite forgot our losses
And remembered all our gains;
If we looked for people's virtues
And their faults refused to see,
What a comfortable, happy,
Cheerful place this world would be.

Have you sampled Creameata? It is no relation to Henrietta, but is quite as warm. John Williams has it.

The happiness of the tender heart is increased by what it can take away from the wretchedness of others.

Mineral Act Changes

Some Amendments Recommended in the Provincial Legislature, but Nothing Radical.

Several amendments have been added to the "Mineral Act," but no radical change is noticeable, and there is no reason for believing that the provincial legislature will meddle with the law any further this session. Some of the new sections read:

"'A full-sized mineral claim' shall mean any piece of the waste lands of the Crown located and recorded under section 16 of this Act as a full-sized claim, whether it is full size or not:

"'A fractional mineral claim' shall mean any piece of the waste lands of the Crown, located and recorded under section 16 of this Act as a fractional mineral claim."

"The Provincial Land Surveyor, when surveying a fractional mineral claim, whether located before or after the passage of this Act, may survey such claim so that it will contain, as nearly as possible, all the unoccupied ground lying between the previously located mineral claims, as described in the affidavit and by the sketch plan made by the locator when the claim was recorded, provided that no side of a fractional mineral claim shall exceed 1500 feet in length; except where a boundary line of a fractional mineral claim is identical with the boundary line of a previously surveyed claim or claims, in which case the said boundary line of the fractional claim may exceed 1500 feet in length. Provided always, that a fractional mineral claim does not exceed an area of 51.65 acres:

"Provided that when a mineral claim or a fractional mineral claim has been located between previously located and unsurveyed mineral claims, if any of the location posts of the claim being surveyed are found to be on a previously located mineral claim, the location of such mineral claim or fractional mineral claim shall not be invalid by reason of the location post of such claim being on such previously located mineral claim, and if any of the location posts are in close proximity to the boundary line of a previously located mineral claim, and the locator intended such posts to be on the line of such previously located claim, the owner of such claim may, by obtaining the permission of the Gold Commissioner of the district, move the posts of such claim being surveyed and place them on the surveyed line of adjoining previously located mineral claim:

"These sub-sections shall apply to all fractional mineral claims located, and to the surveys of fractional mineral claims made after the passing of this Act, and shall also apply to the completed surveys of fractional mineral claims the field-notes of which have not yet been accepted by the Department of Lands and Works, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore enacted.

"If the locator intends his claim to be contiguous to a previously located claim, and it is so stated in the record, giving the name of the previously located claim, if a fraction exists between the previously located claim and the claim being surveyed, the Provincial Land Surveyor shall include the fraction within the claim being surveyed: Provided always, that the whole claim does not exceed an area of 51.65 acres."

Respecting the power of an agent the following amendment is made: "Provided that it shall be lawful for a free miner to appoint an agent, who must also be a free miner, but such agent shall not be entitled to locate or record any mineral claim for his principle unless and until a power of attorney in that behalf has been recorded in the office of the mining recorder for the mining division in which such claim may be situated, and also that no such agent shall locate and record more than one claim each for two principals on each separate vein or lode."

The section permitting the recording of assessment work within 30 days after the expiration of the year in which it was done, has been amended to read: "Provided that if any free miner shall have done the work within the year, and if he shall, within 30 days after the time for obtaining and recording the said certificate has expired, record the same and pay an additional fee of $10, such record shall have the same effect as if recorded within the year, but this provision shall not operate if, during such lapse, the said mineral claim has become the property of another free miner."

B. C. OIL FIELDS.

"The oil fields of California are immense and those of Washington are by no means inferior, but the oil fields of British Columbia are incomparably superior to either."

This is the deliberate opinion of R. C. Woods, a Toronto man who has spent several years gaining a practical experience in oil. He is well acquainted with the oil fields of California and has visited the workings of Texas, being at present specially interested in the new ventures in the state of Washington. He has made trips all over the country lying between Vancouver and Rossland and has found indications of oil nearly the whole way along as far as the gold range. As petroleum is again found in East Kootenay it is not improbable, in the opinion of Mr. Woods, that greater discoveries than those as yet made will be located.

While there will be much work done in Washington this year it is unlikely, said Mr. Woods, that much will be done in this province But he is strongly of the opinion that there will be great developments along the line indicated within the next eighteen months.

"British Columbia with its rivers teeming with fish, its hills and valleys covered with cedar and fir, its mountains big with mineral wealth, gold, silver, lead and copper, and its vast resources in oil, has a brighter future before it than any province in the confederation, or state upon the Pacific coast."

No light thing to say, but Mr. Woods evidently meant every word of it. On being asked as to whether the exploration of these vast fields would not tend to overproduction, Mr. Woods replied that such would not be the case. Petroleum was getting into greater demand yearly as a fuel. It was being put to all kind of new uses, one of the latest of which was the sprinkling of roadbeds to prevent dust Three sprinklings of petroleum would secure a dustless road for a railway. Nor in his opinion was the Rockefeller combination to be feared. It was a big pebble on the beach, but not the only one, and the beach was getting vaster, incredibly vaster, in extent yearly.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons. Since January 1 to April 27, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		1488
Last Chance	60	778
Slocan Star	42	245
Ruth		954
Rosun		293
Hewett		500
American Boy	60	602
Ivanhoe	100	776
Trade Dollar		140
Sovereign		117
Wonderful		4
Arlington	30	1355
Two Friends		60
Enterprise		160
Hartney		190
Black Prince		100
[illegible]		[illegible]
Miller Creek		90
Reco	90	100
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	90	390
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields)		83
Silver King		14
Red Fox		48
Antoine		16
Queen Bess	4	871
Monitor	10	975
Corinth	7	64
Bondholder		83
Rambler		388
Surprise		80
Kaslo Group		30
Chapleau		15
Speculator		30
Ajax		30
Bobs		19
Emily Edith	93	93
Phoenix		20
Alpha	60	60
Total tons	[illegible]	[illegible]

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R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

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, MAY 2, 1901.

Among The Cents

London, in Canada, is a very tidy and prim city. Sunday is a day of penance. About the only things that run on Sunday are buggies and bicycles. The street cars are dead to the world upon that day, and every hotel bar is apparently sleeping. Various brands of religion are openly and freely discussed, and Jesus would receive a warm welcome if he should come into London on the cars. The people are so pious that it is surprising to find a brewery in the city. The Free Press is still published in the burg. J. S. Dewar has worked on this paper for 39 years, while two of the Bremner family have been on the staff 38 and 40 years respectively. Jack Dewar, the city editor, must be a model man to hold a "sit" for 39 years. No one in Kootenay has such a record. London is the home of Sam Grigg, the well-known preacher. At one time he kept a tavern here, but threw up $7,000 per annum to go out in the world and prospect for souls that have rolled down the mountain of sin into the creek bed of wickedness. If all hotel men were like Sam what a planet this would be! Nothing but salvation, and not a single drink in sight. Many would no doubt die of thirst, but in the end salvation would win out. It is much better than boozerine anyway, inasmuch as it may set the world crazy, but keeps people sober and enables them to die with their boots under the bed.

Petrolea smells as sweet as would any other name. The trail of the Standard is seen around these parts, but the citizens expect to save their bacon by establishing a pork factory. I ran up against a streak of turkey rhubarb in this locality, but escaped it by having vaseline in my hair. I found many people here willing to board me in return for my company. I have given them a kind invitation to move out west so as to be always near me. Such folks are dear to me, and I suppose in time I would be dear to them. So far my washing has not cost me anything and I am inclined to remain here for life, but my love for America's Lucerne will probably shatter my dream of ease. I have been asked to attend church several times, but up to this minute I have not yielded to the temptation. It is a great pleasure to be home with a mother. I have only one mother, and she thinks I am an angel without wings. Since I have been here she has kept me under the influence of maple syrup, old-time tomato catsup, home-preserved pears and other luxuries until the visions of my boyhood days come thick and fast, and I would fain turn back the hand of time and be again ma's blue-eyed darling boy. Home is ever a sweet spot, no matter how far one may roam from it, and when its memory fades from the heart it leaves a want that cannot be filled by anything right handy.

After editing a newspaper one day Mrs. Carrie Nation was ready to go to jail.

What It Costs

The estimates were handed down last Friday. The total revenue for the year is estimated at $2,140,751, and the expenditures at $2,475,335. Of the receipts the mining industry will contribute something like $560,000, or little more than one-third the total. Of the receipts from this source it is estimated that the revenue from Free Miner's certificates will be $130,000; general mining receipts, $200,000; mineral tax, $80,000; and from the bureau of mines, $1,500,000. Of the expenditures the department of mines will receive $18,740; and there will be expended in the Kootenays upon roads, streets, bridges and general construction, $179,408, divided as follows: East Kootenay—north division, $32,750; south division, $20,850; West Kootenay—Revelstoke riding, $32,250; Slocan riding, $35,958; Nelson riding, $25,300; Rossland riding, $32,300. Of the appropriation for the Slocan riding $17,850 is set apart for general repairs and construction, $6000 for the Lemon creek road; $2,500 for the Springer creek road; $8,000 for the extension of the road up South Fork, Kaslo; $496.60, refund to J. McK. Anderson for work done on Bowser creek trail; $111.50, refund to J. W. Powers for work done on McGuigan wagon road; and $1,000 to the Hewitt Mining Co. In addition to the amounts voted in the regular estimates for the Slocan riding, the sum of $9,900 is provided in the supplementary estimates for the following purposes: $900 for arrears for work performed prior to June 30th last, but paid in the present fiscal year; $5,000 for the road to the Mollie Gibson mines; and $4,000 for supplementary requirements for the present fiscal year for roads, trails, etc. The total expenditures under the head of public works will be $804,641.

The cost of the educational department will be: $217,770 for salaries to teachers, etc., and $16,137 for incidental expenses, a total of $233,907. Of this sum New Denver gets $1,380 salaries to teachers, and $100 for incidentals. No appropriation has been made for the erection of an additional school building here, but this will probably come out of the contingency fund set apart for such purposes.

In Kentucky the other day a colonel that had never smelt powder smoke slipped and fell on the walk, and was seriously lacerated just under the left hip pocket by the explosion of an irrigation plant made of glass with a neck on it like a bottle. Here, at least, is one instance where it would have tasted better to have "got it in the neck."

Reconciliation In Order

Reports have come from Victoria almost daily for ten days past predicting all kinds of trouble for the Dunsmuir government because of its stiff and flexible, double-jointed, much and nothing railway policy. But the crisis is past and the government is doing no business at the old stand just as before. Negotiations are in progress looking to a reconciliation of the differences, and in connection therewith it is stated that there will be an extra session in July or August to award the contract for the Coast-to-Kootenay road, the government agreeing to the striking out of the provision in the railway bill leaving the matter with the governor-in-council. It is also understood the government will consent to the modification of the percentage required out of the road's gross earnings to two instead of four per cent. The dissatisfied section is anxious to come to terms on any fair basis, as the members dread another crisis and possible election. In view of the progress of the negotiations for peace, the sharp debate which was anticipated on the resolution proposed by Mr. Helmcken, pledging the house to the principle of a competitive line from the coast to Kootenay, and on Mr. Curtis' amendment thereto declaring want of confidence in the government for failing to carry out the system of government ownership of railways, did not materialize. On the resolution being reached on the order paper, Mr. Helmcken said he had been requested to have the resolution stand over, and he therefore moved in that direction.

It is told of a local wheelman that he used bicycle cement on his face after shaving, in place of a cold cream preparation. The mixture, however, did not cement the puncture in his face so securely but that there was a hissing sound escaped, accompanied by those things that appear in the shape of dashes in the columns of a newspaper.

Carrie's Medicine Chest

There is a small city in Kansas known as Medicine Lodge. Its citizens have voted to make Mrs. Carrie Nation practical dictator of the town for a period of one year. At the end of that time, if they are not pleased with the running of things, they will vote again, both men and women, and dispense with her services. But one year ought to be long enough for Mrs. Nation to play her hand out. She has already decided what she is going to do. She won't have any saloons, no smoking, no gambling, no police, no dirty streets, no late hours and no ragged children; but lots of public music during the summer evenings. Here is her proclamation:

"I will fire all the police and police officers. I will have a mayor and three city councilmen, they to act as city clerk, city treasurer and sanitary officer. I will have the streets kept so clean that children may play in them with safety and decorum. I will make it a fine for anyone who blows smoke into another's face. That will apply to traveling men who visit the town, as citizens will not be allowed to smoke at all. I will punish lying severely, and the officer who perjures himself will be banished from the town at once. I shall require every one to retire at an early hour. The aristocracy of the town will comprise those who live by the sweat of their brow, and not the one who can count his money by the bushel."

Mrs. Nation is a remarkable woman. Of course, judge by what the world calls intellect and reason, she is crazy; but that makes very little difference. She is a remarkable woman just the same. Dame Justice and others of the W. C. T. U., in Kansas and elsewhere, will miss Carrie when she is gone.

We are now told that the Boers are "worn out" and that the end of the war must come soon. The Boers have been cornered, entrapped, hot-chased, headed off, starved out, and now they are worn out; but they still manage to make it cost England many millions a month.

There is an old saw that says, "Men are at the bottom of women's dislike—for each other," but we haven't heard woman's side of the story.

People are taking their stories in tabule form these days. Here's a "gem"—He,—she,—married:—it.

The human voice is produced by eight sets of muscles only. Babies use all of them.

TWENTY MILLION IN THREE WEEKS

Even a man of such wealth as John D. Rockefeller cannot disregard the increase of his riches by the addition o $20,000,000 in one investment in three weeks. This has happened to his holdings in the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines, which is to be taken in by the steel trust at a high figure at once. Mr. Rockefeller holds about 90 per cent of the stock in the Consolidated and a few days ago it was dull at $65 a share. Now it is selling actively at $150 There are 265,000 shares issued and the selling value makes the property worth not far from $45,000,000.

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Said a gentleman recently: A young lady visited my house the other evening, and I fear she will never return. I was reading a paper and the conversation among the members of my family and their fair visitor turned upon snoring. My eldest daughter said: "If you want to hear anyone snore, you ought to sleep with my sister." Then my youngest boy opened his mouth, and I knew there was trouble brewing. He said: "Oh, gee! if you want to hear anybody snore, you ought to sleep with papa."

Gen. Baden-Powell gained his first ideas of scouting from the study of Captain Mayne Reid's stories. The gallant defender of Mafeking has written a letter, very appreciative of Mayne Reid, to his widow, who now lives in London. He says, in acknowledging a copy of her recent popular life of her husband, "I shall read it with the greatest interest, since he, in his writings, was one of my earliest instructors, and always my favorite author."

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Filled the other boys with envy which they tried not to conceal,
There were many treasured objects on the farm we held most dear,
Orchards, fields, the creek we swam in, and the old spring cold and clear;
Over there the woods of hickory and of oak so deep and dense,
Looming up behind the outlines of the
old
rail
fence.

On its rails the quail would whistle in the early summer morn,
Calling to their hiding fellows in the field of waving corn,
And the meadow larks and robins on the stakes would sit and sing
Till the forest shades behind them with their melody would ring,
There the catbird and the jaybird sat and called each other names,
And the squirrels and the chipmonks played the chase and-catch-me games,
Add the garter snake was often in unpleasant evidence,
In the grasses in the corners of the
old
rail
fence.

As we grew to early manhood when we thought the country girls
In the diadem of beauty were the very fairest pearls
Oft from spellin' school or meetin' or the jolly shuckin' bee
Down the old lane we would wander with a merry little "she,"
On the plea of being tired (just the country lover lie),
On a grassy seat we'd linger in the moonlight, she and I,
And we'd paint a future picture touched with colors most intense
As we sat there in the corner of the
old
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fence.

There one night in happy dreaming we were sitting hand in hand,
Up so near the gates of heaven we could almost hear the band,
When she heard a declaration whispered in her lis'ning ear—
One she often since has told me she was mighty glad to hear.
On my head there's now a desert fringed with foliage of gray,
And there's many a thread of silver in her dear old head to-day,
Yet the flame of love is burning in our bosoms as intense
As it burned in the corner of that
old
rail
fence.

THE BOY THAT SUCCEEDS.

The question is often asked why it is that a so much greater percentage of country lads succeed in life than the percentage of boys of city education. The reasons are not far to seek. It is not that the country boy is intellectually brighter, or stronger of character, than the city boy, but if the life of a country boy is watched it will be seen that he does not waste time. Time is everything in this life. Half an hour wasted is that much loss to some faculty of the body. This truth is bred into the country boy. Take him when he strikes a big town. He gets a job somewhere at any figure and settles down to solitary life in a boarding house. His income will warrant only the renting of a small, cheerless room, generally a hall-room without any fire and precious little light. Existence in this sort of a room is not very rosy, and the young fellow is only too glad to spend his evenings in the well-warmed, well-lighted office, if he is employed in an office, or in the library, lecture or reading room, if he is employed in a shop that closes down at six. So he puts every spare moment that he has into work. After a while there grows out of this necessity a habit, and when better times come and he can afford a brighter and cheerier room, the habit of work is so thoroughly formed in him that he perseveres in it, after the immediate necessity is past. He has formed no taste for parties that keep him out until two or three or four o'clock in the morning, and which unfit him for business next day. If he goes to the theatre now and then, his life has been formed on such regular lines that he goes to bed immediately after, and gets a good night's rest. He has formed no connections that take him out to late suppers afterward, and keep him out until all hours.

The city boy, on the other hand, going into business, continues his close relations with the people with whom he has grown up. He knows all the boys and girls in his neighborhood, and joins in their entertainments after his working hours. His spare time, instead of being given up to work or study, is given up to social distractions.

This is why such an unusually large percentage of country boys succeed, in competition with the city boy, in getting to the top. The outdoor life they have led has given them a good frame to work on, and the lack of opportunity for keeping late hours preserves the full strength of this frame. With such conditions the city boy can rarely compete.

Another thing that in some cases helps the country boy is his freedom from home influences and home conditions. He gets away from his mother's apron strings, and is denied the benefit of her motherly pride and solicitude. This statement was made recently in an assemblage where there were a considerable number of women, and it was met with a gasp of indignation. It is true, in some cases, nevertheless.

Almost every mother thinks her boy the brightest and the best and the most deserving boy to be seen anywhere. *This is as natural as the instinct of* maternal love. If any mistakes are made she thinks the fault is not her boy's but that of his associates and of his employer. This disposition of motherhood, altogether charming in the abstract, is sometimes injurious in the concrete.

A writer in a Toronto paper, commenting on this phase of a boy's life, says: "I heard a story not long ago of an Irish lad and his mother. The son had joined the army, and, as his regiment was ordered to the front, she went to the city to see him off. When she *came* back she was full of the glory of her first-born.

"'Did the soldiers look fine as they marched away?' she was asked by one of her gossips.

"'They did. They looked grand, and my son Jimmie was the finest of the lot. You ought to have seen him. The whole street was filled with people that admired him that much, because all the soldiers were out of step but himself.'

"This is the mother's natural view of it. We had a soldier in our office not long ago who furnished an example of the harmfulness of a mother's pride and devotion when it is of a mistaken character. He was a bright-faced, promising little chap, who did his work well and thoroughly. He attracted the attention of every one in the office by his alertness and the great interest he took in his tasks. One day he disappeared. No word came from him until he came to get the envelope that contained his pay for the two days that he had worked during the week. The head of the department, who had taken a decided fancy to him, asked him what was the matter. It then came out that, on the day before his disappearance, the boy had been put to cleaning out inkstands. Naturally he stained his fingers. When he got home his mother noticed the stains, and asked where they came from. He explained, and the good woman at once gave orders that he should not be humiliated again by being forced to work in an office where his superiors had so little consideration for his worth as to put him to the humiliating task of cleaning out inkstands.

"In my own career, there was a time when a mother's advice might have proved my undoing. I came to the city and fell upon hard times. I could get nothing to do except the most severe manual labor. My hands were blistered and my back was almost broken. Month after month and year after year this went on. My job was shoveling gravel on the night gravel train. I was fearfully discouraged and almost ready to give up. Had my mother given me the least encouragement to throw up my job and go back home I should have done so. Fortunately, she was an exceptional woman. She was more concerned in the kind of life that I led after working hours, and what my surroundings were in the place I called home, than she was in the class of work I was doing. Thanks to the knowledge that she had that hard work hurts nobody, I kept on. When I see how many young fellows are encouraged at home in the belief that they are being overworked, I can realize better than I ever did before how fortunate I was in my mother."

WOMAN AT CHURCH.

Ah, isn't this beautiful! So restful; so uplifting! How could anyone help being better in this atmosphere of purity? I'm so glad I came. Fred almost persuaded me to stay at home.

I'm glad those decorations look so well this morning. I was half afraid we had too much green. Another lily on the organ, though, would improve the effect.

Why, there's Mrs. Brown with a new hat, and she told me positively last Thursday that she couldn't afford one this spring. Well, I'm glad I got mine anyway for I just thought she was trying to deceive me, so I'd wear my old one. But I must be more attentive to the service so as to gain the proper Easter spirit.

"The Lord is Risen!" What a beautiful and inspiring hymn! Well sung, too. What makes that soprano put on such airs? I wonder if she and the tenor are really engaged. He could certainly do better.

Wonder why Rev. White always prays so long—but I mustn't find fault, today, of all days. Now, I must listen closely when he gives out the text, so that I can tell Fred, because he always accuse me of lack of attention as well as devotion.

Well, if there isn't Miss Pride coming late on Easter Sunday. Suppose she wanted everybody to see her new outfit, and, I declare, if that isn't her old brown silk colored black and made over, with white satin and lace. It looks fairly well, too, but she always was clever and ill-natured. How horrid of me to think such evil thoughts on this beautiful morning.

Wonder how long they practiced that anthem. I'll bet the soprano is mad because the alto has such a long solo. Isn't that tenor and alto duet enchanting. How can anyone help being influenced for the better by such music?

I wonder who'll get those cut flowers on the pulpit. The minister's wife, I suppose.

I do hope Fred won't forget to put the chicken in the oven at 11 o'clock. There, I forgot to get the text, but, of course, it's about resurrection. What a good face Rev. White has and such a deep, nice voice. It don't seem as if he'd ever be cross with his wife.

I should think Mrs. Elder would wear something beside those bright roses next to her face. She's too sallow for pink.

Wonder who those strangers are in Nelson's pew. Suppose they came just to see the Easter decorations and to hear the special music. How vulgar such curiosity is—but I must listen to the sermon. Yes, that's a good thought. We should be more charitable in judging each other. I will do better. In fact, I'll tell Nellie Barry that I'm sorry the very next time I see her. Perhaps I'll write her a little note this afternoon.

I believe I can fix my lace waist just like Mrs. Soul's. I've got old velvet enough for the bolero, and I'll just have to buy a little more lace. I'll try that tomorrow.

Gracious! *why can't I listen to the* minister! How true his words. This day does teach a great lesson and how beautifully he expresses it in poetry. I feel ashamed of myself. I have so many faults, but it's awfully hard to live up to a minister's standard.

How few new hats there are this morning—not more than fifty altogether. Nearly all flat and covered with flowers. I'm glad I had a turban, the pancake shapes are so common. I think mine looks just as well as any of them and a good deal better than some. Those red roses make Mrs. De Style look as gaudy as a peacock. A woman of her age ought to wear something more sedate. Why, her hair is quite gray. I never noticed it so much before.

What! Is the sermon over? How short!

There! Mrs. Neary put in only a quarter in the Easter contributions. She might have had one flower less on her hat and saved its cost for the Easter offering.

What an affecting hymn! I shall remember that all week. Such soft, sweet melody.

A half hour later.

O, Fred, you should have gone! It would have made you feel so much better and nobler. It was all about resurrection. I'll never miss going to Easter service. It leaves a lasting impression for good. I wished all the time you could have been there to be benefited by it. The music too, was grand. You must surely go next year. You didn't forget the chicken, did you, Fred?—Toronto Town Topics.

TELLING THE EXACT TRUTH.

A great many impractical people have tried to figure out what would happen if everybody told the exact truth. There is a saying that "the truth never hurt anybody," but people are not so free to believe this as might be expected. The category of white lies is a very large section in some people's minds and is said to be particularly useful in society and business. On the other hand there are people so particular about the truth that they even strain a point. After Tennyson wrote his line

"Every moment dies a man, every moment one is born,"

the mathematician Baggage wrote to him to complain of his statistics. The line ought to read, said Mr. Baggage,

"Every moment and three quarters dies a man."

The Palmyra, Mo., Spectator attempted to apply exact truth to a wedding notice. After giving the names of the parties the Spectator continued:

"The church was decorated with flowers and plants, borrowed promiscuously from over town from people who didn't want to lend them. The decorating was done under protest by some of the members of the church who were asked to do so by the bride and couldn't well refuse. The ladies are of the opinion that if the couple were so bent on having a stylish wedding they should have been willing to have paid somebody to chase all over town for a day getting the flowers together and then taking them home again. The young couple took the morning train for St. Louis, where they will spend more money in a few days than Willie can earn in three months. Willie says that now that he is married he's going to settle down. Some of the merchants think it would have been better if he had settled up first. The groom gets a salary of $27 a month, which is about the allowance Bettie has been used to for pin money. We wish for Willie's sake that the old saying that it takes no more to support two than one wasn't a lie."

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TAKE NOTICE, that I, B. W. Bull, have done and recorded the annual assessment work as required by Section 24 of the Mineral Act, on the above claim for year ending July 15, 1900, and that your share of expense of said work is now due. Should you fail to contribute your share of expenditure for above work together with cost of this advertisement I will at expiration of said 90 days apply to Recorder to have your interest in above claim transferred to me, pursuant to section 4, Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900

B. W. BULL,
Fire Valley, B. C., March 28, 1901.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To V. H. BEHNE, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Miner Boy mineral claim, situate on the north side of Carpenter creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and recorded in the Recorder's office at New Denver, B. C., on July 4th, 1899.

YOU or any of you are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents in labor and improvements upon the above mineral claim, under the provision of the mineral act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures, together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of an Act entitled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900.

Dated this 23d day of March, 1901.

THEODORE F. ADAMS,
A. F. ADAMS.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To E. J. MATHEWS, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Hattie E mineral claim, at Glacier creek, a tributary of Wilson creek, nine miles from Three Forks, and recorded in the Record Office for the Slocan Mining Division:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim, in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under Section 4 of an Act entitled, "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

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Events Just Passing By

Perfect respect for freedom of opinion! How well this sounds, and when uttered slowly and with ease, how pleasantly it rolls off the tongue. And such a flavor it leaves in the mouth! But how few of us have it. It is a human attribute that is certainly rare. Most of us understand the value of the principle and profess unbounded respect for it. But when an opinion differs from our own, we are ready to confess at once that even the best principle has a limit, and, although we will not confess it, we nevertheless feel that "freedom of opinion" should cease when it has reached the line that we have drawn. Let a question arise which thoroughly arouses our prejudices and passions, and toleration is at an end. The most injurious and insulting epithets are hurled at people whose characters and motives cannot be questioned, but who, in their particular belief, are sincere and bold enough to oppose our views.

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Some time ago a New York paper criticised Count Tolstoi's "Resurrection," in a very unfavorable fashion, referring to that great and good man as a "mountebank and trickster—a poseur, calling attention to himself by linking his own name with the name of Christ—professing to live the Christ-life." The same paper years ago said that Wm. Lloyd Garrison was a blatant and dangerous infidel. At that time it expressed what was the opinion of the best of society—the elete, as it were. Garrison was a dangerous man—dangerous to tyrants, hypocrites and slave-owners. Yet the sons of several of the men who led Garrison through the streets of Boston at the end of a rope contributed to the fund to secure the monument which perpetuates his face and form in bronze in the most aristocratic avenue in Boston. It will be so with Tolstoi—when he is dead. The world will understand him then. Now his light is too brilliant.

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It is not strange that a professing Christian paper should revile this old man, who, according to his best light, is a Christian. Infidels do not speak as hatefully of Christians as Christians do of their own. Let a man, especially in a small town, attempt to apply the principles of Christ, and do it without the aid of the local clergy or church societies, and he will speedily find himself kicked swiftly from behind by those who should be helping to hold up his hands. Thus it was when Christ was upon earth, and we may be sure that things will not change so long as man remains the same. Every life is what we try to make it and no life should be such that an excuse is necessary for its being. And it is an error in judgment for you to attempt to refute the evil that is said of you. Wrong recoils upon the doer, and the man who makes wrong statements about another is himself to be pitied, not the man he vilifies. It is better to be lied about than to lie. As Elbert Hubbard puts it: "I prefer a man should steal my purse, or good name, than for me to steal his."

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In a recent speech Mr. Clergue took Canadians to task because, as he put it, they do not show faith in their own country. There is, perhaps, good cause for a complaint of this character, but, coming from Mr. Clergue it sounds funny. How much faith has Mr. Clergue shown in Canada? It is true that he and his associates have developed some great iron mines in Ontario, and have established an industry that will bring millions of dollars into the Dominion. And they are entitled to all they can make out of their enterprise. But has he not demanded a bonus or donation from the Dominion and the Province of Ontario before he ventured a dollar in any of the lucrative enterprises carried on in his name? His company has not constructed a mile of railway without large donations either of land or money. On every ton of iron and steel he turns out he receives bounties from the Dominion and Ontario governments. It is estimated that Mr. Clergue will take 1,000,000 tons of iron out of his Ontario mines in the next eight years, on which he gets $1 a ton bonus. This sort of enterprise requires more nerve than faith. And recently Mr. Clergue proposed organizing a marine insurance company, but even before its incorporation the inevitable subsidy was applied for. Men like Mr. Clergue can not be blamed for getting all they can out of the country. They are deserving of all the glory and ducats that they can get out of their enterprise. But they are not in a position to lecture others on their lack of faith. A faith like Mr. Clergue's that must be sustained by bonuses in one shape and another is unquestionably better than the faith that will not move, but there is a faith that beats that all hollow. It is a faith that is willing to pay its own way, instead of relying on public hand-outs.

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There are indications that another political disturbance is at hand in this province. For more than a week past reports have been coming from Victoria that trouble was brewing in the Premier's cabinet and a split is almost assurred. The reason of the whole difficulty is in the inability of the members to agree upon a railway policy broad enough for all to stand upon. It is, in short, the old, old story of lack of confidence. "Confidence" when applied in this way, is sometimes taken to mean money. It is usually the case that when funds are low, confidence goes low also. And then the split comes. The great trouble at Victoria seems to be that some of the Government members are listening to the chink of ducats and at the same time attempting a grand stand play to gain popularity. The Coast-Kootenay railroad scheme is receiving the most attention. It is on this that the split has come. One side contends that it makes no difference whether the C. P. R. builds the road or whether it is built by the government or by an independent company, so long as the government has control of the rates and a per centage of the receipts. The opposition on the Government side, headed by Helmcken, demand that the road must be built independent of the C. P. R.

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A great deal has been said lately by some newspaper critics, because a Methodist minister was taken to task by his church superiors for indulging in the moral weakness of smoking. The smoking parson lives in Victoria. The newspaper editors that would pat him on the back are not confined to any one locality. They are to be found in the Slocan. They are the same class of pencil pushers who occasionally diverge from their regular line of telling kings, princes, and worldly rulers how the conduct the affairs of state, to the easier task of telling the Almighty how to run the affairs of Time, Infinity and Eternity. It is difficult to conceive anything more to be pitied than this kind of mental being. For, since he has already gained knowledge sufficient to dictate to rulers of this world, and suggest to the Almighty about the affairs of the Infinite, he must, yet, with all his ponderous wisdom, die. What then? He can't take the world with him, and without a world to rule over, or a newspaper through which to shape the destiny of Eternity, he will, indeed, be in hell.

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But, let us view the case from the moral standpoint of right and wrong. We cannot all have wisdom sufficient to dictate to the rulers of this world and the next. Nor to the ministry. Nor to the church. But we all have our ideas of right and wrong. Smoking is evil so far as it works evil upon the physical nature of the individual. It is recognized as a narcotic by men of all shade and colors and intellects, and is confessedly a weakening habit. When a man enters the ministry he is supposed to have reached the point of mastery over self. If he hasn't he cannot minister to others and has no right to be there. If he is master over himself he should not allow himself to indulge in a vice that is so injurious to others. Then there is another view to be taken of it. When a common soldier enters the army he must obey the discipline laid down by the commander. When a man enters the ministry he should be compelled to recognize the discipline of the church or get out—and mighty fast, too.

GOVERNMENT'S RAILWAY POLICY.

The government has introduced by message a bill defining its railway policy. The bill authorizes the lieutenant-governor-in-council to borrow any sum not exceeding $5,000,000, to bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, the money so borrowed to be used for the railway subsidies and the construction of a bridge across the Fraser river

The railway subsidies will be in aid of the construction of the following railways, in a sum not exceeding $4000 for each mile of railway, of the uniform gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches, viz.:

1. For a railway from the Coast, in the neighborhood of English Bluff, near Point Roberts, via Chilliwack and Hope, to Midway, Boundary Creek district, approximately three hundred and thirty miles.

2. For a railway from the present terminus to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway to the northern end of Vancouver island, approximately two hundred and forty miles.

3. For a railway from Rock Creek to Vernon, to connect with the Shuswap & Okanagan railway, approximately one hundred and twenty-five miles.

4. For a railway from the Coast, at Kilimat, to Hazelton, approximately one hundred miles.

5. For a railway from Fort Steel to Golden, approximately one hundred and fifty miles.

Section 15 of the bill reads: "It shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor-in council to cause to be built a bridge across the Fraser river in the neighborhood of New Westminster, at a cost not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, for the purposes of railway, vehicular and passenger traffic, and for the purposes aforesaid to enter into such contracts for the construction of the said bridge as may be deemed expedient, subject to submitting same to public competition, and after construction to enter into any agreements that the lieutenant-governor-in-council may deem expedient in connection with the user of said bridge by any railway or other companies, persons or firms, with power to fix a tariff of tolls."

Section 10 reads: "The lieutenant-governor-in-council may enter into all agreements with any persons or company undertaking the construction of any railway to which a subsidy is hereby attached, which may be necessary or convenient for the due construction and operation of such railway, which agreements shall, in every instance, in addition to other matters therein provided for, contain the following provisions, viz.:

(a) That unless work is commenced on the railways mentioned in subsections a, b, c, d and e of section 8 hereof on or before the first day of July, 1902, and is duly and diligently prosecuted to the satisfaction of the lieutenant-governor-in-council, all right and claim to the aforesaid subsidy granted by this act shall be cancelled and forfeited.

(b) That the aforesaid subsidy shall not be payable until the railway is completed and in running order, to the satisfaction of the lieutenant-governor-in-council, nor until security or guarantees, satisfactory to the lieutenant-governor-in-council, is deposited for the continuous maintenance and operation of the railway, and no subsidy shall be payable or paid until after such completion, and the giving of such security or guarantee.

(c) That four per cent per annum of the gross earnings of the railway shall be paid to the province, and such sums of four per cent shall be a first charge upon such gross earnings.

(d) That the railway obtaining the benefit of any such subsidy shall be constructed wholly and as a continuous line within the province.

(e) That the lieutenant-governor-in-council shall have absolute control of the freight and passenger rates or the charges by the railway and that, notwithstanding in the event of the railway being or becoming subject to the jurisdiction of the Dominion government, the same shall be deemed a contract between the province and the company.

(f) That the railway may be acquired at any time by the province at a valuation to be determined by arbitration under the provisions of Arbitration Act, provided, however, that in considering the valuation no sum shall be entertained by the arbitrators for the franchise belonging to the company.

(g) That the conditions of this section may be varied at any time, and from time to time, and as often as the lieutenant-governor in council may deem advisable, always provided that control of the subject matters referred to in this section by the government of British Columbia be not abrogated.

(h) That in the event of a charter being granted by the Dominion government for a line of railway over or parallel to the route proposed in this act, that the foregoing conditions shall be assumed and carried out by the company so incorporated as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon.

(i) That such terms and conditions for the proper carrying out of all the clauses of any such agreement and penalties and forfeitures to arise upon failure of the railway in respect thereof shall be imposed as the lieutenant-governor-in-council may deem advisable.

(j) That such other terms and conditions may be imposed as the lieutenant-governor-in-council may deem advisable.

From the above it will be seen that a long step in the direction of government control and ownership of railways is made. The bridge at New Westminster is to be owned by the government, and the rates on all the railways bonused are to be controlled by the government, and a percentage of the gross earnings paid into the provincial treasury.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

There are 6,100 stars visible to the naked eye in the northern hemisphere. If the statement is doubted you may count them and see.

It was the philosophical Josh Billings who said: "Before you decide to become a scoundrel, examine yourself closely to see if you are not better adapted for a fool."

A French statistician has calculated that the human eye travels over 2,000 yards in reading an ordinary sized novel. The average human being is calculated to get through 2,500 miles of reading in a lifetime.

When pins were first invented, in the fourteenth century, the maker was allowed to sell them on the 1st and 2nd of January only, and upon these days the ladies flocked to buy them. It was customary to give as a wedding present a certain sum of money to be used as "pin money," hence the term.

Zulu women sew with sinews instead of thread. The best sinews are taken from the neck of the giraffe, soaked in water to be made pliable, and then pounded between stones to separate into filaments of different strength and thickness. The needle used is a polished bone sharp at one end and blunt at the other.

Probably the oldest book for home lessons was recently unearthed in Egypt. The papyrus, which was in excellent condition, dates from about 1700 B.C.—that is 100 years before the time of Moses. It proves that the Egyptians had a thorough knowledge of the elementary mathematics almost to the extent of our own. The papyrus has a long heading, "Direction How to Attain the Knowledge of All Dark Things."

The career of Mr. Gatling, of gun fame, as an inventor covers over 70 years, for it began when he was 12. It is singular that, while his first boyish invention was a machine for sowing seed, the latest product of his brain is an automobile plow which is to do the work of a dozen horses. Mr. Gatling is one of the most domestic and peaceful of men, and is especially devoted to his son and grandson, a little boy of four.

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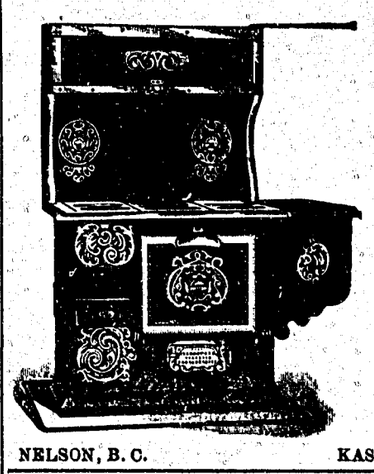

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