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General News Float

News of Local Color for and of Mining Men and the Busy World.

The Rosebery postoffice has been reopened.

A C Baine of Silverton has gone to Calgary to look up land.

A daughter was born to the wife of D. S. Herdie, of Nelson, on Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Spaul and children, of St. Paul, are visiting Mrs Henry Stege.

Miss Hilda Coburn has taken the Silverton school, vice Miss Shannon, resigned.

The tug Sandon has been tied up, the coke shipments from the coast having ceased.

Through service to Ferguson by the new Lardo road, will be started in a day or two.

Throw out that old furniture and buy some new from D. J. Robertson & Co. in Nelson.

If you want to retain your youth eat fruit in the morning and buy it from Williams.

Miss Shannon of Silverton has gone to her home at Cloverdale, having quit teaching school.

The Carpenter creek road is being repaired to enable the bringing down of the Hartney ore.

If Carpenter creek is not dammed New Denver will be damned when the water gets real high this spring.

A limited supply of choice, newly-imported Lily of the Valley roots now in stock at Nelson's Drug Store.

A carload of cattle came in Monday evening for H. Clever, and the townsite is assuming a bucolic aspect.

A large crowd attended the Methodist social in Clover's hall last Friday evening. It was a financial and social success.

Fresh beer is easy to get around these parts. Locate the New York brewery at Sandon and the problem is solved.

The fire wardens of New Denver should take a look at the chimneys in the city. Prevention is much cheaper than cure.

W. A. Thurman, Nelson's popular tobacconist, is always looking for the latest things out in his line. It's boy baby this time.

Mrs. Matheson has received her first invoice of millinery and spring waist goods You must see them to appreciate their beauty.

Knowles & Petrequin will be the new landlords of the Arlington hotel in Slocan. Neil and George are going north to do pioneer work.

The first baseball game of the season was played on the Slocan ave. grounds Friday afternoon. Games are to follow every Saturday afternoon.

A few days' work with horse and cart are necessary to fill the holes where the earth has settled in the approaches to the Carpenter creek bridge

A large number of dancers, intending to take in the dance at Rosebery, were detained at New Denver Monday evening on account of the rain.

D. McLaughlan, who was seriously injured in the Molly Gibson snow slide last Christmas night, has recovered sufficiently to appear on the street

H Byrnes is going to give the luscious watermelon a thorough test this year. He has planted all the best varieties, but he keeps his melon patch out of sight.

The C. P. R. has put 39 Italians to work on the Nakusp and Slocan branch, and about 40 around Nelson. The fine Italian band can easily be seen along the section.

A number of workmen were put to work on the dam and site of the New Denver Electric Power company this week. It will be at least three months before the lights are turned on

The Bosun is again working double shifts On the 1st of May O Oetby will give up the boarding house, which will be run by the company. Chas Shawford and wife moved out to the mine this week.

Right and Just, for over thirty-three years characterizes the Mutual Life of Canada for square dealing to her policyholders, impartial in treatment, just and prompt in settlement of claims. The best company for policy-holders is the company that does the best for them. To the intending insurer, I wish to remind you, before placing your application elsewhere, ask William J. Twiss of Kaslo to submit you his plans and rates. I only wish you to inspect, consider and then choose which meets your condition and views best. Give the Mutual Life of Canada an opportunity before choosing. That's all. You'll feel better.

PROVINCIAL MINING ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held in Clever's hall Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a New Denver branch of the Provincial Dining Association. The meeting was well attended and much interest taken in the proceedings.

W. S Drewry was elected president and H M Walker, secretary.

The constitution, by-laws and rules of order of the head organization were adopted section by section, and a committee composed of Chas S. Rashdall, Ed Shannon and M McLean was appointed to draft additional by-laws for the guidance of the local branch.

The election of an executive of five was deferred for a month.

Communications were read from A. L. Belyea, secretary of the Provincial Mining Association, and from Angus K. Stuart, collector of ores for the Canadian exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, relating to ore samples. Ore sacks for the shipment of samples were left in the hands of the local organization, with instructions for shipping These sacks are furnished free to any one sending a sample of ore, and arrangements have been made with the postal department and the railroads to carry all exhibition samples free of charge.

A motion was passed at the meeting authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the executive organization at Victoria, protesting against the proposed amendment to the Assessment Act relating to the taxation of crown granted mineral claims

The meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 14th.

GETTING THE MUZZLE READY.

A despatch from Vancouver says:

"Davis, Marshall & MacNeill, C. P. R. lawyers, have written to the newspapers, saying that the press will in future be held responsible in "damages" for any published statements from the executive of the U. B. R. E., 'containing false or misleading information respecting the C. P R. which may be injurious not only to the company but the province.'

"The U B. R. E. is called an unincorporated and irresponsible body.

"The latter has issued a statement to the effect that Winnipeg is solid, Revelstoke firm, and the men confident of victory."

In place of the press being muzzled it would be to the interest of the province for the newspapers to stand firm in demanding the government to take action against the C. P. R to compel it to handle freight. A shipment of goods was made from New Denver to Vancouver three weeks ago, but the goods have not yet arrived. A local merchant has been endeavoring for a month to get some goods from the coast, but is told be the wholesaler in Vancouver that the railroad company refuses to take the goods If the C. P. R. cannot handle the freight business on the coast with its non-union workmen, it should not be allowed to tie up the business of the country by refusing to handle its freight. It should be compelled to do the business or let somebody else do it

DUNSMUIR'S TROUBLES.

At the regular meeting of the Ladysmith union coal miners Saturday, the results were announced of the committee appointed to interview Mr. Dunsmuir. As was well known, the committee had failed to meet Mr Dunsmuir. A report had come to this meeting that a "representative" of the company was in town ready to grant on behalf of the company any concessions to the men except the recognition of the union The proposition was voted down. The men are more determined to stand by the union now than when they joined. There does not appear to be the slightest sign of that weakening that many hoped would be the beginning of the end.

Trying to Steal Green's Thunder.

The opposition is after Mr McInnes for introducing the same bill as Mr. Green brought forward last year for excluding Chinese from working underground in mines. McInnes last year insisted on including Japanese in the bill, thus causing its disallowance His good faith is called sharply into question. He admitted it was the same bill, Mr. Green has re-introduced his measure as well.

THE GREAT LAND STEAL.

The all-absorbing sensation of the present session of the legislature has for its text the allotment by the government under Premier Dunsmuir, on September 7th, 1901, of something like 900,000 acres of incalculably valuable crown lands in Southeast Kootenay—lands situated at the extreme southeasterly extremity of that district and known to be rich in coal, petroleum and minerals of various kinds—in satisfaction of the earned land subsidy of the Columbia and Western railway for sections 1 and 3 of its line. The act of the legislature for the assistance of the construction of the road in question provided for the making of the grant, but restricted the selection of the lands to alternate blocks along the line of railway, or when these were exhausted, to the country reasonably contiguous

It has been held by those who have disputed the legitimacy of the grant made by the order-in-council, that 200 miles away from the nearest point on the railway could not, by any elastic interpretation of the grant statute, be accepted as "practically contiguous," and during the past two sessions, John Oliver, Smith Curtis, E. C. Smith and others have been persistently seeking the full annulment of what has been described as a scandalous misappropriation of the heritage of the people. So insistent did the objection in the legislature become that the government, on March 18th of last year, passed a second order in-council, formally cancelling the grant as ordered and prepared, and this session a bill has been brought forward by the first minister to ratify the second council order and make absolutely certain the non alienation of the lands in question. This is, in effect, what the objecting members have been seeking, and it must command their support for consistency's sake, and also for the preservation of the lands for the people.

They are, nevertheless, anxious to go further and ascertain what lies beneath the bold attempt to perpetrate, as they aver, one of the greatest steals on record When it is mentioned that the lands allotted away from the railway line are said to have carried with them the rights in coal and oil, in what is described as the richest section of the province in regard to these resources, the magnitude of the transaction may be appreciated. Naturally the Canadian Pacific Railway company, which is so interested, is not disposed to surrender so immense a concession without a desperate struggle, and it is therefore likely that every possible leverage will be used to defeat the bill for the ratification of the cancellation, even if such a defeat should mean the passing of the Prior government. On the other hand, the heroes of the land grant disclosures, John Oliver, et al, declare that they do not desire to overthrow the government by any such action as killing the very bill which they have forced the government to offer, to guarantee the interests of the people; and, to make the situation more complicated, even the cabinet is said to be divided as to negativing the legislation, one portion of the ministry, with its particular following, standing by the legitimate interpretation of the statute, under which the right of selection was given altogether away from the line of railway.

A committee of investigation, asked for by Mr. Oliver, has been granted by the house, and has entered upon its duties, but it is evident the government majority therein will seek to burke rather than facilitate a prompt and thorough investigation, hoping that the estimates will be passed and the session abruptly ended ere any final finding can be made. There is sensational evidence to come before this committee, while instances of blackmail in connection with other matters are freely talked of in the corridors, and may be made the the subject of their inquiries later.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1902 was, approximately, 80,000 tons Since January 1 to April 11, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
American Boy		571
Antoine		81
Arlington		40
Black Prince		17
Bondholder		1
Bosun	90	340
Blue Bird		20
Dayton		4
Enterprise		165
[illegible]		[illegible]
Idaho		21
Ironclad	30	450
Monitor		195
Meteor		19
Ottawa		103
Payne	35	919
Queen Bess		174
Rambler—for March		419
Reco		150
Wagnite		30
Ruth		94
Rio		9
Red Fox		21
Slocan Star		600
Slocan Boy		16
Silver Glance		55
Surprise		3
Total tons	97	[illegible]

No Convention Necessary.

The provincial executive of the Liberal party met in Vancouver last Friday and unanimously voted that a convention was not necessary or advisable. The meeting was very harmonious.

ECHOES OF FERNIE SETTLEMENT.

While the coal miners in the Fernie strike have all gone back to work, they are not by any means satisfied with the conditions of settlement. if the Press committee of Gladstone Union, is to be believed The committee makes the following statement:

"Most of the men now recognize that the pill is pushed so far down their throats that there is nothing to do but swallow it. They are dissatisfied with the Western Federation of Miners, and believe it to exist only for quartz miners and not for coal diggers It is quite true that our members of the district union were instructed to sign the agreement, because the strike was already called off, and the schedule would have been in force whether we signed it or not. Before we had been on strike seven weeks, before we had even been deprived of one meal or appealed for any outside relief at all, the strike was settled by trickery. We were beaten, but not in a fair fight, and wish all throughout the west to know this, and also of the damnable condition existing in Fernie. Most of the men talk of affiliating with the United Mine Workers, believing no benefits are to be derived from a Western Federation of Miners' charter. It is no use trying to deceive ourselves at all. We have not gained complete recognition of the union, we have lost 5 cents a ton on No. 1 and No. 2 mines, Fernie; 10 cents a ton on No. 3, and where we formerly received $2.50 a yard we now get $1. Besides this there are other substantial losses to the men on timber, tracklaying, etc., and we must go back to work with 'scabs.' It is true that a few company men have secured a raise in their pay, Michel camp especially making a substantial gain, but on the whole the rise does not equal the deductions, and we go back to work on the same old system, nine hours underground and worse off in the pay, because of the strike."

RAISE IN PRICE OF COKE.

"It is an outrage on the smelting industry in the Kootenays and Boundary that the Crow's Nest Coal company should have advanced the price of coke again," says Walter H Aldridge, general manager of the Canadian Smelting works at Trail. "This action was taken immediately on the settlement of the strike at the coal mines, and is probably defended on the ground that the cost of production has been enhanced by the increases in wages secured to the Morrissey and Michel miners in the form of the settlement. The increase cannot be justified on this ground, however, for it is an indisputable fact that at Fernie, where the bulk of the coke is produced, the price of production was decreased substantially by the same terms of settlement. In fact, Manager Tonkin is understood to have expressed great satisfaction at the net outcome of the negotiations, and a scrutiny of the situation will reveal that he loses nothing by the arrangement. Despite this the price of coke has gone up and the smelting industry is saddled with additional costs after a period in which the industry was practically paralyzed as the result of the coke famine.

"Six months ago we were purchasing coke a $4 per ton. Then the price was advanced to $4 25. Now comes a further advance to $4.50, and with it a distinct hardship that affects the entire country, inasmuch as the mining industry is indirectly affected just as seriously as the smelter people are. Where low-grade ores are being handled on a narrow margin every increase in cost is serious."

WHERE ARE THOSE TOURISTS?

About a year ago the Kootenay Tourist Association was formed, with branch organizations in all the small towns in the district. Its object is to affiliate with other associations of the kind and lend its aid to bring before the people of Canada and the United States the many attractions of the most westerly country in the world.

At that time copy was prepared and money raised to use in the printing of a pamphlet for distribution, telling of the climate, scenery and residential attractions of the principal points. Since the matter was placed in the hands of the head organization in Nelson nothing has been heard of the pamphlet, and it might be well to enquire what has been done with the money.

The associations at Victoria and Vancouver are steadily at work. During the past year the Victoria association alone distributed 120,000 of various publications, illustrating the scenery and telling of the attractions of the country. A large number of permanent residents were drawn from the United States, who were of British origin, and had not formerly known Victoria's attractions.

The example of California did much to awaken the province to its fallow resources The revenue from tourist traffic in Southern California last year was estimated at $25,000,000.

If the tourist trade could be turned this way it would bring to British Columbia thousands of moneyed people, who live to spend money for the very things we have such an abundance of

Sandon News Croppings

What the Busy People are Doing where Even the Snow Moves Quickly.

Mike Erquhart from Trail is doing the surgery for P. Burns.

E R. Atherton returned Sunday from a three days' visit to Nelson.

The repairs to the city flume will be completed in time for the spring rush

A Davis, the well-known tailor of Sandon, is taking a few dips at Halcyon.

S. E. Lovering left Monday for Revelstoke to attend the teachers' convention

Dave Moore, the Trail ore buyer, was in the camp Sunday and Monday looking for contracts.

Wm. Howarth left for the coast on Friday to produce typographical triumphs on the Ozonagram

"Big Jim" Macdonald returned Saturday from Nova Scotia, where he spent the winter with his parents.

Thomas Brown is packing his goods for Phoenix, where he intends to go heavily into the furnishing business

The new assessment act is a subject of considerable discussion among mining men. Generally speaking, it is favorably received.

Roy Clothier, one of Rossland's celebrated hockey players, left for the Golden City Monday after visiting in Sandon for a week.

James H. Thompson has returned from the Boundary, where he was taking a look at the big mines. He took charge at the Slocan Star Monday.

P. E. Richardson, who has been behind the block for P Burns for a couple of years, has been transferred to Calgary, where he takes charge of the shop.

Angus J. Macdonald and Howard Thompson returned Saturday from Nelson, where they represented Slocan division at the Western Federation convention.

An exciting hockey game was played between the Slocan Star team and an aggregation of the town boys. The Star team won by 10 to 9. The ice is in fine condition.

Maxwell Stevenson of Philadelphia spent several days in town last week looking for zinc for a New York syndicate. He visited the Ivanhoe and other big zinc properties. He claims that he can give better returns than offered by Iola or Antwerp.

A HANDSOME PRESENTATION.

Miss Julia McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald, who was called home some time ago on account of the serious illness of her mother, had rather a pleasant surprise yesterday morning when she received a parcel containing a handsome silver fruit dish and sterling silver purse, accompanied by an address. The gift was from the Governing Board of the Sandon Miners' Union hospital, Sandon, B. C, where Miss McDonald was acting as trained nurse previous to being summoned home. The dish bore the following inscription: "To Miss Julia C. J McDonald, with best wishes of Board of Directors, Sandon Miners' Union Hospital, Feb. 1st, 1903." The address expressed regret at Miss McDonald's departure and wished her every success in her chosen profession. It is scarcely necessary to say that she is greatly pleased with the handsome remembrance from her far away friends.—Cornwall, Ont., Standard.

CLOSED FOR SLIDES.

The Rambler-Cariboo mine has suspended operations pending the passing of the slides annually occurring near the property The manager was instructed several days ago to close the mine, and these instructions were acted upon the past week. The men engaged at the property are familiar with the danger at the season advanced. An effort was made to dislodge the slides with powder, but this did not have satisfactory results.

Almost every year a big slide has come down in the vicinity of the mine, but no one has been injured. This year the danger may be greater than usual because of the unusually deep snow on the hills Last spring the slide struck the corner of the boarding house, shifted the whole building a couple of feet and broke every pane of glass on the premises without doing any more serious damage

It is expected the mine will resume in the course of a month.

Misfortunes Never Come Singly

P. J. Hickey left on Wednesday for Mineville, N. Y., on a sad mission, having received news of the death of his brother. Only six weeks ago Thomas Hickey, well known to Slocanites, passed over the great divide, and by the death of his other brother Phil is left the only surviving son of the family. It is his intention to bring his mother out to Spokane to reside. Phil has the sympathy of his many friends in his sad bereavement

Presentation

On Saturday evening the boys at the Slocan Star presented retiring Foreman Goukrogers with a dressing case and gold chain, as a token of their esteem. Mr. Goukrogers left Monday for California He has been in charge at the Star for three years James H. Thompson succeeds him.

At the Payne.

The completion of the zinc refinery at the Payne, is temporarily delayed owing to the shortage of timber. The property is now shipping its zinc ore to Trail, the first carload going there this week. The company expects to ship 600 or 700 tons to Trail this month.

RICH LARDEAU ORE.

During the past two weeks, with two men, M. L. Moyer, who has the management of the property, has taken out of the Horseshoe mine in the Lardeau camp, 125 sacks of carbonate ore, worth $200 to the ton in silver He is running now on a vein 18 inches in width, which is known to run as far as the showing on the Lucky Boy.

The Lucky Boy, the adjoining property to the Horseshoe, is just as rich, if not more so, than the Horseshoe. At this property three veins have been exposed. The carbonate vein, the same as that being explored at the Horseshoe; the gray copper vein, cut while sinking the incline, and which does not appear on the surface, and another vein higher up the hill, on which little or no development has been done. All these veins are lying very flat and dip into the hill at an angle of about 25 degrees. Most of the work now being done is on the lowest vein. The men are raising to the surface for air on a gentle incline and are taking out on the way a six-inch streak of almost pure gray copper, which runs anywhere from 400 to 2,000 ounces silver and 8 per cent lead.

OFF FOR CANADA.

A dispatch from London says: The immigration movement towards Canada is still spreading The latest to become interested are the arsenal workers. Yesterday six hundred government employees were discharged from the royal arsenal, through slackness of work. Many are booking for Canada. A local clergyman has received a guarantee for permanent work for any number of competent tool makers, fitters, brass finishers, machinists, patternmakers, iron moulders and boilermakers.

Lord Lyveden is jubilant concerning the Canadian tour of the British parliamentary party. He thinks Canadians do not realize the motherland's intense, if newly-awakened, interest in Canada. Many members of the party will take their wives and children with them. It will be, he further asserted, the most distinguished party that ever left England since the time of the Crusaders.

WINNIPEG BOOM TALK.

"I am afraid that there will be a perfect jam," said Mr Hugh Sutherland of Winnipeg to a Toronto paper the other day, referring to the influx of immigrants. "Even now there is scarcely a room or a bed to be had in Winnipeg, and I believe that within a month there will be 7,000 or 8,000 people under canvas there. In fact, there will be a repetition of the scenes of the great boom of twenty years ago, when more than that number lived in tents, winter and summer The North Saskatchewan valley seems to be the Mecca of the majority of those going farther west, and many are also going into the Peace River district. The routes of the Canadian Pacific Northwest branch and of the Canadian Northern through that country are bound to be thickly populated within a few years."

Big Machine Shops.

Probably one of the finest machine shops at any mine in the province has recently been installed by the Granby Consolidated at its mines in Phoenix. Almost any kind of machine work can now be handled there, the plant being complete in every detail and housed in a large building erected especially for this purpose.—Pioneer.

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MANY a tourist is born to come out west and waste his collateral upon air more desert than that of the Slocan.

HIRED men are becoming so scarce in Ontario that this summer many a husband will have to work overtime.

A cruel man remarked the other day that some women in the west get everything from the east except their children.

LOWERY'S CLAIM is now published in Vancouver, where all letters should be addressed. It is a great mental tonic and should be taken regularly.

IF we had a dollar for every time that we have written the word Slocan our bank roll would be so big that you could not back it into an ordinary barn door.

WM. MCADAMS went to the coast this week without the slightest persuasion, and unattended by a body-guard. He will not escape from Vancouver for some time.

E. D. MATTERSON, the man who invented the hydraulic process for working the gold out of gravel beds, is dead. He died broke, but will get a monument to his memory. This helps some.

SPRING has not sprung itself to any extent so far this year. Its loathness to break away from the embrace of winter will make the mountains of the Slocan shed an ocean of tears along about June.

BETTER support your local paper when it is alive, rather than shed tears at its grave. Tears are wet and full of sympathy, but with perhaps the exception of a pretty woman no one can raise a mortgage with them.

ONE of the most joyful episodes in an editorial career is that period when a long-lost delinquent subscriber turns up with the dough, to use a modern expression. There is more joy at such an event than there is around ten weddings.

THE Ozonagram, edited by R. T. Lowery and Wm. McAdams, will come to life in Vancouver about the 1st of May. It will cost $2 a year and the circulation is limited to over a million. Write early and get a front spot on the list.

IN Texas a man with a dog gets protection. A passenger train on the Texas Midland recently ran over a handsome dog, and in court his owner received a judgment for $50. This decision indicates that dogs have some rights in Texas that must not be trifled with.

WHEN Paul Kruger hit the pike for Holland he hid $20,000,000 of Boer gold in South Africa. The English government has spent much time and money searching for this hidden treasure, but without success. Better hire a few Slocan prospectors. They will locate anything.

IF you want to reach heaven always be kind to editors. Bring them plenty of news and once in a while throw in a dollar to show that your soul is on the track. Even if you forget the money, bring in the news. Editors live by news; although some of them have been known to eat occasionally.

THE editors of the new Vancouver paper arrived in that city this week without even the police being notified. The success of the publication is now assured. One of its editors has already written copy in a place where the windows are barred so that the boarders cannot fall out, while the other has never held the worst hand in any newspaper game he has been in.

LACK of education is a sad thing. Recently we wrote an article and used the phrase "hole card." A paper in Texas, quoting the same, made it "whole card." We are at a loss to understand why an editor, especially in Texas, does not know the difference between a hole card a whole card. It is true that a hole card can be a whole card, but a whole card is not always a hole card. The editor in Texas can now look at his hole card and see if he can catch on. Otherwise he should attend the college in Sandon for a brief period.

GAMBLING PR FITS BIG.

Did you ever hear of the "man who broke the bank at Camanea?"

Possibly not, as the Camanea gambling resort has not attained the fame and prestige which is given to Monte Carlo. The bank is there, and it equals if it does not exceed its better known rival in the domain of the Prince of Monaco.

Frank L. Proctor is the ruler of this gambling territory. In extent it is far greater than the territory of the prince. It occupies an entire state in Mexico. Frank Proctor has entire sway over the state of Sonora. The government of Mexico has given him a long term lease on the gambling privileges.

Camanea is the largest and richest mining camp in Mexico. It is in the center of Proctor's gambling principality. Not many years ago Proctor, now Prince of Camanea, was a cowboy in Arizona, not extremely well fixed in this world's goods.

Not many years ago W. C. Green married a daughter of Proctor and afterwards managed to attract eastern capital to mining schemes he had on foot in Senora. Today he owns a $30,000,000 copper mine. Through Green, Proctor was provided with the gambling privilege in the state. The concession gives him the income of a multi-millionaire.

Over the gambling tables at Camanea it is said that $20,000 passes every night. Some days the total amount has run up to $200,000. It requires 500 men to operate the tables, and a profit of $2,000,000 a year is derived from that place alone.

Not only does Proctor control the gambling of Camanea, but also that of Hermosillo Guaymas and Alamof. When it is understood that the population of Sonora would rather gamble than eat it may be appreciated what an enormous sum passes into Proctor's hands yearly.

A FINE LINE.

An amusing story of the zeal with which the special constables of the C. P. R. perform their duty is told by a Vancouver man. The narrator says that he went down to the dock to see a friend off on the departing Empress, but was turned back by a special constable because he had no pass. Having fortified himself with the necessary document he again went down and had the satisfaction of observing the impartiality with which the rule was enforced in all cases. As he approached the wharf Mr. Marpole himself was held up. "Pass, please," said the official. "I am Mr. Marpole," said the superintendent, "I don't care who you are," said the constable, "you must have a pass." And back Mr. Marpole had to go. The next was a well-known hotel keeper wheeling a baby buggy. He produced his pass. "Where is the pass for the child?" asked the constable. "You don't want a pass for the baby," replied the hotel man. "Oh, but I do," said the constable. "Our orders are strict. Nobody can go on the wharf without a pass. You can go but the baby can't. The baby must stop right here." And the baby did.

A CHEERFUL VIEW.

Two men who had been sitting together in the seat near the door of a railway car became engaged in an animated controversy and their loud voices attracted the attention of the other passengers. Suddenly one of them arose and said:

"Ladies and gentleman, I appeal to you to decide a disputed point. My friend here insists that not more than three people out of five believe they have souls. I take a more cheerful view of humanity than that. Will all of you who believe you have souls raise your right hands?"

Every hand in the car went up.

"Thank you," he said with a smile. "Keep them up just a minute. Now, will all of you who believe in a hereafter please raise your left hand also?"

Every hand in the car went up.

"Thank you," he said. "Now, while all of you have your hands raised," he continued, drawing a pair of revolvers and levelling them, "My friend here will go down the aisle and relieve you of whatever valuable articles you may have. Lively now, Jim."

AN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT.

A New York woman who was visiting friends in Washington says that she overheard the following conversation between her host and the colored butler:

"James, I expect some friends this afternoon and expect you to attend to the door."

"Yassum, should like to oblige you, but I sholy can't today."

"Why not?" asked he mistress of the household with some asperity.

"I dun got an engagement—very important miss—very important."

"But you shouldn't have made an engagement without consulting me. You will have to postpone it."

"Deed ma'am I sho' would be glad to, but I can't, nohow," was the answer.

"Yes, you can," said the woman, now thoroughly vexed. "Any engagement can be postponed."

"Yassum, I know that," said the butler, "but I sholy has to go to this one. My brother is gwin to to be hung an' I feels though I had to go."

THE GATE TO MATRIMONY.

The Chicago Tribune calls stenography the "gate to matrimony," declaring that the ranks of this occupation are constantly being depleted to replete wedding processions, and the demand for the workers is thus unfailing. In no other business are the matrimonial chances so good. The stenographer has more opportunity than any other of her sisters in other work to come in contact with eligible men. Qualities which help to brighten an office may do the same for a home, and many men whose business requires their strictest attention, not having the time for extended observation, discover that the young women working in their offices possess the attributes they would desire in wives.

She Had Seen Him.

A young matron whose girlish appearance sometimes subjects her to the persecution of impudent strangers, neatly rebuked one of those public nuisances on an elevated railroad train recently. He was dressed in a style that he regarded as very "fetching," and he ogled the young woman persistently. Finally he edged through the crowd until he was directly in front of her, when he bent down and, lifting his hat, said:

"Beg pardon, but I'm sure I've met you somewhere."

"O, yes," began the young woman in a pleasant voice.

"Delighted," broke in the youth ecstatically.

"You are the young man who calls on our cook," continued the young woman, in a clear voice. "I'll tell Bridget that I saw you."

Can Have Ours.

Fat Goodwin receives many letters in the course of a dramatic season. While playing in Brooklyn recently he and his dog inspired the following, which is probably the most original in his collection: "Dear Mr. Goodwin—Me and my Bro. Teddy want to trade a jack-knife—a six-blader—and our new sister for your bulldog, which we saw in at the matinee the other day. We've used the jack-knife six times and the baby four weeks."

Too Pretty to Hide.

It is lawful for women to hold their skirts high and dry in Joplin, Mo., in muddy weather. Such is the decision rendered by Judge Potter's court. Miss Flo Williams had been arrested for holding her skirts somewhat higher than usual. She demonstrated the elevation of her skirts, and exhibited to the court that her action had been prompted by a desire to keep her silks out of the mud. She was discharged.

LIGHT AND BREEZY.

A man condemned to death recently in France was asked, according to custom, what he would prefer for his last meal. He chose mussels, which, though his favorite dish, he said, caused him terrible indigestion. "This time, however," he added, grimly, "they will not have the chance."

A man of literary aspirations who had his way yet to make in the world wrote a poem, which he submitted to his wife before sending it out for publication. "Why, Henry," she said, on looking it over, "you have made hundred rhyme with onion." "That's all right," he replied, "Tennyson did it." "Yes," rejoined his wife, "Tennyson could do such a thing, but you can't, Henry."

The doctor came slowly downstairs, and entering the room in which the master of the house was seated, said: "My dear sir, allow me to congratulate you! You are now the father of twin boys. Your wife is doing fairly well; still there are faint symptoms of relapse, and I—" "Relapse," fairly yelled the astonished husband. "I was not aware they had relapses in such cases! Whatever will we do with four?"

The Rush to Tanana.

Reports from Tanana do not confirm the earlier news. F. R. Klumb, who made a special trip to ascertain the facts, gives the district a black eye. He says there is no money and no work. No pay dirt has yet been found of any importance. John Mooney and two partners spent last summer there. He says they found nothing, but spent their time and two thousand dollars. The ground is too flat to work easily, even if rich.

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General News Comment

AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

Mr. J. L. Parker, the well-known superintendent of the North Star mine, in the course of a speech at the Jamieson banquet at Cranbrook, said:

"Turning our attention to the coal fields of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and as a mining engineer who has been in the past associated as engineer and manager of collieries mining from 500 to 1,500 tons of coal per day, I may be allowed to speak with some knowledge of the subject, and to express my conviction that the Crow's Nest Pass Coal field, while playing an important part in the business line of this section, is destined from the valuable character and analyses and thickness of its coal seam, to play a greater part in the industrial world in the future. Wherever coal has been found of similar quantity and thickness and spread over such a large area as this appears to do, manufacturing industries have been established. And when we are informed, although I have not yet seen them, that adjacent to this coal field, discoveries of large bodies of bessemer iron ore have been made, with limestone in abundance, I can see little reason to doubt that somewhere in East Kootenay we will see another Pittsburg, possibly a miniature one, but a town of similar industrial capabilities. Whilst waiting for a market for the iron or steel, the collieries will be worked to their fullest extent, since the Northwest is opening up so rapidly But the south will, I am reasonably certain, take all the surplus coal, since there is no coal field west of Connelsville, Pa., that has coal of the quantity and quality of our coal fields. West at Wilkinson, Washington, there is a small bituminous coal field, but it has sufficient to do to supply the local necessities, and its distance makes competition impossible The same remark applies to the coal field on Vancouver Island, so that the Crow's Nest Pass coal field can be looked upon as being essentially necessary to both Canada and the bordering American States, and I do not think it to be any exaggerated statement to make, that inside of ten years 10,000 tons of coal per day will be mined in those coal fields. This means a large number of miners, and a larger population, and with the great Northwest growing, cloth, dress goods, shoes, and the hundred nd one articles necessary for the population will be needed, so that I expect the falls at Bull river to be harnessed, and mills established. Later on as we grow, and a market for pig iron and steel is found, possibly in the Orient, I foresee blast furnaces, bessemer steel converters and rolling mills at work, and East Kootenay teeming with business life and activity."

GROWTH OF ZINC INDUSTRY.

That the zinc industry of the United States is destined to assume large proportions admits of little doubt. Since 1873, using the figures as compiled by the United States geological survey as a basis of computation the total production of metallic zinc in the Uniten States reached close to 2,000 000 tons. These figures do not represent the production of zinc ore, but the zinc in its metallic state. In 1873, the number of tons of metallic zinc produced in this country reached an aggregate of 7,313 tons. The output in 1902 is estimated at 159,000 tons. This increase in production has been gradual, though the tendency of late years has been to show a much greater increase of production in proportion to the increase made between 1873 and 1897.

The zinc industry in the United States virtually dates back only 15 years. Less than thirty years ago zinc ore was considered as so much waste in Missouri, and piled up in large dumps as worthless, for the reason that no method had been invented which would successfully smelt the ore. Then for several years zinc ore sold as low as $9 a ton. Thus the zinc business in this country has been built up within the past few years, and the greatest increase of consumption has been witnessed during the last two years. The United States has been obtaining a gradual increase in the production of this metal, so that it is now estimated this country produces at least 30 per cent of the entire output of the world.

MONTE CARLO MOVES AGAIN.

Wm. Robinson, better known as Monte Carlo, has gone to Edmonton. Monte has been at the front since the days of the construction of the Central Pacific, and has been among the pioneers into every new mining camp in the West. He is well known, not only to the people of the West, but to many prominent state officials and Eastern people. He attended Horace Greely upon his famous stage coach trip across the plains, and was one of the General Grant party on its western tour, while the General was president of the United States. His good humor and drollery attracted the attention of Mark Twain, who, in speaking of him as a cook, said: "He can take a piece of dog, cougar or coyote and make of it a steak or a stew so fine that if you didn't know any better you could not tell the difference And at pastry he can take a turnip, a piece of red flannel and a quart of vinegar and make a mince pie that would make an epicure's mouth water."

Monte came to Fort Steele in the early days and has been doing a good business, but the coming railroad is disturbing his peace of mind He will have none of it, but will go to the far Northwest. When life was young and knew not guile the witchery of the wilds laid him by the heels and dragged him into the hills, and it is dragging him still The people of Edmonton will find in him qualities of wit and humor that are produced only in the land of bolling cotton, long evening twilights and mellow sundowns.—Fort Steele Prospector.

FROM THE WASTE DUMP.

The Arkansas Valley smelter, of Colorado, now has eight furnaces blown in, seven lead and one matte.

The heaviest metal is platinum; the lightest potassium. The latter will float on the surface of the water like a piece of cork.

South Africa is of volcanic origin, and the land in the vicinity of Kimberley is so sulphurous that even ants cannot exist upon it.

The smelter at Golden, Colo., instead of closing permanently, as reported, has closed but temporarily, with the purpose of making repairs.

A rich strike made by two miners, O'Dea and Dempsy, ten miles from Chloride, Ariz., has started a small stampede for the district.

A small smelter has been ordered for the properties of E G Ames and C R. Rotke, Park county, Montana, and will be installed as soon as possible

Within the last fifty years California and Australia alone have produced more than half as much gold as the whole world had mined before Golumbus

Rumors are gaining credence that there will be two railroads enter Tonopah this summer. Numerous railway men are figuring on the field, and work is likely to begin soon.

It is estimated that the volume of business in the machinery industry in the West during 1902 increased from 25 to 50 per cent. over 1901. The outlook is bright for 1903.

Leadville is to have another zinc-lead separating mill, the Yak tunnel company having secured the cyanide plant of the Johnny mine, near the Arkansas smelter for the purpose.

It is of interest to note that only 30 per cent. of the silver produced in the United States is from silver ores, the remainder of the output being a by-product of lead, copper and gold ores.

The Golden Cycle mine, of Cripple Creek, has closed indefinitely because of the mill men's strike, and paid a dividend of $75,000 immediately following the decision of the directors to suspend for a period.

Recent analyses of the nickel-cobalt ore taken from the Black Bird district, Idaho, are said to show that the specimens brought out carry 18 per cent, cobalt and nickel, mainly the former, as the nickel runs low.

The atmospheric pressure upon the surface of an ordinary man is 32,400 pounds, or over fourteen and a half tons. The ordinary rise and fall of the barometer increases or decreases this pressure by 2,600 pounds,

French painters are greatly agitated over the subject of white lead and white lead poisoning. The painters of Grenoble recently went on strike to demand that all employers should zinc white instead of lead white.

The total amount of money coined by all Queen Victoria's predecessors on the throne was $1,025,000.000. During her reign the mint has turned out $2,250,000,000, including $790,000,000 in India—a record for all time.

Both of the 700-horsepower motors, to drive the 60-drill air compressor recently installed by the Granby company at Phoenix, have been shipped from the works at Pittsburg, Pa., and the first one is due to arrive at any time.

Mining Reporter says that the record for cheap mining and milling, so far as the editor has been able to learn, is that of the Spanish mine, Nevada county, Cal. The ore was milled for $0.289 per ton and mined for $0 346 per ton, or a total of $0 585

The American Smelting and Refining company has refused to treat ores from mines having contracts with the United States Reduction company, the concern in Cripple creek that is being boycotted by union men. This leaves no alternative to several but closing.

Important discoveries of copper ore have been made in Saltese, Mont, which has been predicted by some as the making of a second Butte State Mine Inspector Welch has visited the district, and says that it is the most important copper discovery made in Montana during recent years.

Owing to an accident on the Arrowhead branch of the C. P R, thereby delaying shipments of coke from the coast, one furnace of the Granby smelter was blown out Wednesday, leaving but one in operation out of a battery of four, and that one was blown out yesterday. One or more will probably be blown in, however, early next week.

A strike of high-grade silver-lead ore has been made in the down-town district of Leadville, by the New Home mining company Much of the ore uncovered is very high grade, and it is being shipped. It is stated that the new workings of this property are in the richest body of mineral ever discovered, not excepting the palmy days of the Smith-Moffat regime.

A Mr Standish, of New Mexico, has perfected a lixiviating mill which he says is adapted to the treatment of those highly silicious ores on which a premium is charged by the smelters Details of the process ore not made public, but experiments being made with a working model are said to prove a practical method of utilizing information derived from well-known laboratory tests.

The general officers of the American Smelting and Refining company have notified the manager of the East Helena plant of the increase of 25 cents per hundred pounds in the purchasing price of lead, and the material advance of $8 in the value of the metal. As a result of this it is stated by informed ones that the abandoned silver and lead properties of that state will commence resuming.

A very curious old mine with many romantic associations is that of Quindio, in the United States of Colombia, where cinnibar, the ore of mercury, has been wrought from the time of the earliest Spanish explorers, almost 200 years ago, at a spot 10,000 feet above the sea. Its locality is further remarkable as being one of the wettest places on the globe It is exceptional for the rain to cease throughout the greater part of the year.

Celluloid is a mixture of camphor and gun-cotton. It has the great defect of being extremely inflammable, and as a consequence, many attempts have been made to obtain artificial celluloid that that would not burn so easily. By a new patent, hydrochlorate of turpentine is now substituted for camphor, with the result that celluloid can now be manufactured more cheaply, is more stable, and is less combustible, than as formerly composed.

At the Crowned King property, Prescott, Ariz., George F. Shurtleff is installing a tail-treating plant, to handle the 45,000 tons of tailings on the dump of that property. The tailings are roasted to a red heat to remove enough of the sulphur to leave the iron magnetic so that it may be readily removed The remainder of the tailings, consisting of zinc and silicates, pass over a Whifloy concentrator, during the journey being deprived of the zinc, after which they are ready for the cyanide vats. The capacity of the magnetic separator being installed there is 100 tons per day.

Some idea of the magnitude of the great Washoe smelter chambers and stack may be had from the following information: For one quarter of a mile from the point where the single flues enter, the main flue will be 15 feet high and 60 feet wide in the clear, roofed with structural steel and concrete, with V shaped bottom, under which a tram track runs for removing dust. Above this the flue broadens to 120 feet, same height, with double V shaped bottom, tracks under each, covered with structural steel and steel plates to get a radiating effect. This part runs up the steep hill back of the concentrator, and terminates in the base for the great stack This stack is to be of brick, 800 feet high and 80 feet in diameter in the clear.

[illegible] the Mike representative of the United States Mines company of New York, stated that he was arranging to blow in the furnaces of the smelter erected last season at Mackay, of that state, at a cost of $1,000,000. The smelter has a capacity of 900 tons per day, and Mr Kearn stated that it was the purpose to keep it full blast after starting up. The mine is being actively developed with a crew of 60 men, the ore carrying about 3 per cent. copper and $2 gold and silver A shaft has been sunk to a depth of 700 feet, connecting with a 3 000-foot tunnel, The company has constructed an electric rail line between the mine and the smelter, a distance of 11 miles. This road has a grade of 6 per cent. and it is calculated that the motor will draw a load of ten cars, each carrying five tons, the route traversed being quite mountainous.

Herbert Warner, who alone discovered and held the secret of diamond making, did not live to wreck the diamond industry, as people thought he would, and the circumstances of the loss were mysterious and tragic. Inferior diamonds can still be produced artificially, but only at a cost of about ten times their value. Warner, after years of experimenting, was able to turn out a genuine diamond of large size, and of the first water, at a cost of a small fraction of the complete stone's worth He manufactured his diamonds before an audience of scientists, and produced three fine stones, which were tested and pronounced faultless. Two of them are still in existence and are the greatest curiosities the jewel world has ever seen. But within a fortnight of this triumph, before any of the new stones were put on the market, Warner utterly disappeared from his house in Harley street, London, leaving no trace whatever. So complete was his disappearance that from that day to this not the smallest explanation has been hit upon.

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From the Bull's Kennel

HANK REKLAW

Joe Martin is frank.

He gave his private opinion of Senator Templeman in a public way, on the floor of the House, the other day.

He said; "That gentleman is now a member of the Dominion cabinet and might be presumed thereby to have some knowledge of political affairs. It would appear, however, that he doesn't know much."

Joe Martin is a prominent figure in the Provincial Parliament,—a dignified position, to be sure,—and might be presumed thereby to have some knowledge of what he is talking about, but before accepting as final his opinion of Senator Templeman it might be as well to hear Senator Templeman's opinion of Joe Martin.

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Slocan's rag-time philosopher, Wm. McAdams, and New Denver's sage of the humorous nib, R. T. Lowery, are now preparing to produce cyclones in the literary field at Vancouver.

They are both far from home, but not in a strange land.

When McAdams first visited the Terminal city he was there on important business.

He had an idea, and the Supreme Court was so anxious to learn the reason for that idea that they sent an escort after Billy and paid his way thither.

During that brief stay on the coast, the rag-time philosopher met and talked with and was entertained by three Siwash Indians who had robbed a man, a "crook" from San Francisco, innumerable petty thieves, three Supreme Court judges and other notorious people.

But their company had a depressing effect upon his rag-time philosophy, and he ignored all their pressing invitations to prolong his stay, and meandered home.

New Denver's sage of humorous nib has also eaten crabs fresh from the salt sea, and played over many a fat kitty there where it rains between meals.

If the postoffice department and the Supreme Court do not intervene they will turn loose the first cyclone about May 1.

Politicians are already strengthening the guy-ropes on their political smokestacks.

Get into the cellar!

The twister is coming!

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A strenuous life:

What is it?

Opinions differ; and then, too, there are different degrees of strenuous living.

To the man who plays his fortune on change; who counts his day's profits or losses by thousands, a "strenuous life" means something quite different to what it means to the ordinary business man or artisan.

Generally speaking what I consider is a strenuous life for myself I am not ready to admit would be a strenuous life for my neighbor.

But we each are quite confident that our's is strenuous enough.

And we are quite right: it is as strenuous as we can make it.

But if we could view it from the standpoint of an active life—a life that accomplishes something—how humdrum it would be.

A strenuous life, then, is what we believe our's to be—not what it is.

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But beyond the personal application of "a strenuous life," there is its general application—to communities and the nation and the age.

To an Easterner the life of a mining community is strenuous in the extreme; it borders on desperation.

But to the resident of a mining community it is soft, free and easy.

There is nothing strenuous about it so long as the pork and beans are piled alongside the pick and boulders.

There is, however, one life that IS strenuous—and that life is lived in Sandon.

It is not a question of degree;

Life in Sandon is strenuous beyond all degree.

If there is any merit in loyalty, if there is any merit in pluck, or faith, or hope, or determination, the people of Sandon deserve a second helping.

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They live in the wake of the destroyer of life and of property, and defy him to the teeth.

Fire, water, landslides and snowslides have no terror for them.

Snowslides come down upon them, burying their roadway out of sight, and shutting daylight out of their windows.

They cheerfully cut the roadway through and shovel the snow away to let the daylight in.

Fire has licked up the buildings in the narrow gulch and left the town a bed of ashes.

They did not sit down to mourn; they went strenuously to work and built another camp.

Water has threatened to destroy the new Sandon, but it did not dampen their ardor, nor take any of the strenuousness out of them.

They cheerfully fight on, threatened by the hills that tower above, the waters that flow turbulently beneath, and the fires that are within.

A strenuous life is Sandon's!

WHY DO NOT MORE MINES PAY?

There is more to mining than simply having a ledge or deposit of ore.

Mining is a legitimate business, to be conducted on strict business principles.

In some propositions and at some time of the development there is quite a gamble to it, but so there is in many lines where the chances for making big money exist.

Is not the steamship business a gamble? Is not the canning business a gamble? Even the farmer gambles every year as to his crops and prices.

The cattle men lose their herd by a storm or drought. The gambling instinct is in human nature, which means wanting to get something for nothing—making money without earning it.

It is for that reason the mining world offers such a profitable field for the dishonest to operate in, for there are chances of making, legitimately, immense fortunes.

It is a field very alluring, and about which most people know very little.

The reason for the failures are—ignorance and dishonesty. I do not mean to say there are no failures by honest, experienced mining men, but the long list will come under the other heads.

This is especially true in a new country like Washington or Alaska, and where there are so many natural disadvantages to overcome.

Here is a case of a property owned by a prospector without money (as usual). It shows good value and is consequently a world-beater. He will not make a reasonable deal with the mining man who knows how to open up the property, and who has the money.

The one-horse broker gets hold of him. Here are two without money, to make their fortune. The broker, by proper manipulation, convinces the prospector that by stocking it for $1,000,000 and tak- 400,000 shares himself, giving Mr. Broker 400,000 shares, and putting 200,000 in the treasury, and by selling same at 5 cents, then raising it gradually to 50 cents, they will make it a paying mine.

The prospector is put in as manager, the broker as president, and it is launched. The laboring man, working girl and poor widow are shown assays of the ore—made by a reliable assayer; they invest The broker thinks he is now on the easy road to wealth, but knows nothing in regard to mining. The prospector knows nothing in regard to managing a mine; he is all right for pounding a drill or hitting a trail. The second year there is no more treasury stock; the mine has trails, cabins, blacksmith shop, etc., with about 20 feet of development work. Is it the fault of the property that there has been a failure? No. That is the story of hundreds.

Then, there are other cases, where the dishonest have organized, on a stranger, bad assays made on the other man's ore and sold stock; have done no work: absorbed all proceeds of sales. The mine was nothing. Was that the fault of the mine? No; but legitimate mining gets the blame for all this. The reason for this is that most people go in for mining as a gamble, not as a legitimate business proposition. They do not seem to think that as good horse sense and business judgment should be used in that as in any business transaction, and not throw money out on mining in the same way they would on a roulette wheel. They trust to the other man's judgment, whom they do not know, and excuse themselves by saying, well, it is a gamble; I will just take a flyer. But if it fails, he condemns mining, and says there are no good mines in this state.

If you are going to invest in mines, do it in a businesslike manner. A good man charges a good price for his time and opinion, but it is cheaper in the long run. I have in mind an illustration which bears on the subject of this article:

It was in California. San Francisco men owned a 20-stamp mill; had a superintendent; paid $125 a month. The property was losing money; stock holders discouraged. The president was on the train returning from the mine to San Francisco; he got in conversation with a mining man to whom he described the situation. The mining man said: "I know what is the matter; you need a superintendent; I know a man; he is worth $300 a month, but he can make that mine pay." The president laid the plan before the directors of employing the $300 man. They held their hands up in horror; the mine was going in debt now, and to make an extra expense of $175 was beyond reason. "Very well," the president said, "If you will not I shall change superintendents at my own expense."

The second month after the new man took charge of the property he was paying dividends. At the end of the year the entire indebtedness was cleared; the mine was paying handsome dividends and the superintendent's salary was raised to $500.

This speaks for itself. It pays in mining more than any other business to have the best men you can get, where there are thousands and sometimes millions at stake. Do not blame mining for your losses. Do not blame the mines for the failures. You do not blame the real estate business if you make a poor deal. Why should you blame mining.—C. E. Bogardus, in N.W. Miner, M. & M. Journal.

The entire stock of the world's money, gold, silver and paper, would not be sufficient to buy one-third of the railways.

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Situate in the Arrow Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Canyon Creek about two miles from the junction with Carriboo Creek,

TAKE NOTICE That I, A. R. Heyland, agent for Peter McDonald, F. M. C. B32335, Ellen McDougald, F. M. C. B32309, Walter Ross, F. M. C 41933, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 24th day of February, A.D. 1903.
A. R. HEYLAND.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO OWNER.

To J. M. M. BENEDUM, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Crossfell mineral claim, situated at the head of Eight Mile creek, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay District, B C.

YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of $207 50 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned 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 portion of all such expenditures amounting to eighty-two dollars and sixty cents which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act 1900"

Dated at Kaslo, B C, this 8th day of March, A. D 1903. ROBERT EWIN.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described tract of land, situated on the south side of Summit Lake on the Nakusp and Slocan Railway, commencing at a post marked "M G.—W. W. C" planted one-half mile south of A R. Hayland post, and about 300 feet from the southwest corner of Summit Lake, thence south 80 chains thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated at New Denver, on the 11th day of March, 1903.
M. GINTZBURGER.

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Dated at Rosebery, March 20th, 1903.
J. J. CALLAHAN.

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