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From the Lake Towns

It is rumored that there is a deal on for the Chapleau.

It is rumored that the Emily Edith will resume operations.

Alex Lucas, of Kaslo, is assessor and collector for the Slocan district.

The California, on Silver mountain, will resume operations in the spring.

A small force of men will be put to work at the Mountain Chief early in May.

There are over 2,000 tons of zinc ore on the ancient dumps of the Mountain Chief.

Joe Butler has a deal on with New York people for 14 of his Slocan and Poplar claims.

Dr. Kirkwood has returned to Salt Lake after visiting friends in the Slocan for a week.

The Speculator is closed down, probably awaiting the erection of the Arlington mill in the spring.

The Fisher Maiden once more has money in the treasury, and pays its bills through a Spokane bank.

Last week the Port Hope shipped seven tons to Nelson. It is under lease to Chas. McNichol, and partners.

A merry crowd of skaters have flocked to Harris' Lake this week. On Sunday a number chased the puck over the ice.

The bachelor ladies of New Denver are getting up a social dance and at home, to be held on the evening of February 16.

The Neepawa will resume operations next month. The returns from the last car of ore were highly satisfactory to the owners.

New Denver is the best lighted camp in west Kootenay, thanks to the energetic, persevering policy of the Denver Light and Power Co.

Most of the young people of the Lucerne went to Silverton Thursday evening to take part in the skating carnival given in the rink.

New Denver's street lights were turned on this week. The Lucerne is the only camp in the Slocan whose streets are lighted by electricity.

The anniversary of Scotland's honored Bobby was celebrated in New Denver by the usual wearing of the Tam and the oiling of the gullet with Scotland's smokey booze.

George Fairburn was seriously injured in the eye the past week by having a piece of steel fly into it and cut into the eyeball. He left the following day for Vancouver to be treated.

A deal is on again for the Mollie Hughes. There are some good showings in this mine. One car of ore now ready for shipment, will run 250 ounces in silver, and $10 in gold to the ton.

To celebrate its seventh anniversary, New Denver Lodge No. 22, K of P., will give an at home in Pythian Hall, Clever block on the evening of Feb. 22nd, to which the public generally is invited.

A large number witnessed the optical lantern lecture given by Rev. Jas. Calvert in the Methodist church last Thursday evening. The lecture will be repeated tonight (Thursday) to enable many who were unable to attend to hear it.

It is reported that A. W. McCune has sold his interests in Peru and will return to the Slocan and open up the Mountain Chief, near New Denver. McCune should feel warmly towards the Slocan for he made nearly a million out of the Payne.

The delay in paying the lead bounty is irritating to Slocan mine-owners who are short of money for development work. You cannot cut the red tape away from the government. It has to be unwound by a lot of officials with wax on their hands.

At a recent auction sale of Ontario timber limits Peter Ryan made $36,000 as his commission. He is now being sued for $25,000 because he did not accept the bid from a chap called McDermott. Charley Waterman, of Nelson has never had an experience like the above.

Victoria has a new weekly paper called Truth. It should be a success as its editor, D. B. Bogle, is one of the most finished writers of the west. He was for a long time editor of the Colonist, but lost his job by making a few remarks while an enemy was within earshot.

It is stated that work will shortly be resumed on the Mollie Gibson mine which was closed down a year since by a snowslide in which several lives were lost, and all mine buildings demolished. There is plenty of ore in sight in the mine on the first, second, third and fourth levels.

The mine owners of the Slocan should pool their zinc product, and ship to Europe where they can get returns for everything that is in the ore. The annoyance of waiting so long for payment can be overcome by making an arrangement with some bank to pay a cash percentage upon the value of the ore.

LEAD BOUNTY REGULATIONS.

Under the Lead Bounty act of last session regulations have been approved by order in council governing the payment of the bounty on lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada.

The regulations provide, among other things, that all producers of lead bearing ores who desire to avail themselves of the bounty must notify the minister of their intention to make a claim under the act declaring the name of the mine producing the ore, its situation, and the names of the president, secretary and manager, as well as the name of the official authorized to make the claim.

All claims must be substantiated on the oath of the manager of the mine. They may be made monthly, but no claim will be recognized unless in conformity with these regulations.

The smelting of all lead bearing ores, on which a claim for bounty is to be made, shall be at all times under the supervision of an officer of the department of trade and commerce, and this officer may at any time demand a floor sample of any ore delivered at the smelter, for smelting purposes.

The books of any mining company coming under the act are to be open at all times to the inspection of a supervising officer. The cost of such supervision is to be paid by the claimants and will be deducted pro rata from the bounty according to the quantity smelted during the fiscal year.

AFTER THE C. P. R.

It looks as if the Silver-Lead Mining Association is getting down to business. The late drop in freight rates on zinc is one result of the Association's action, and now an interesting fight is on between the association and the C. P. R., in which the miner's association is trying to force the railway to cut off the increase in rates on lead. The contention made by the association is that the railway acted in bad faith when it increased the rates on lead.

The matter has been taken before the railway commission at Ottawa.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1903 was, approximately, 15,200 tons Since January 1 to Jan 23, 1904, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Blue Bird		20
Comstock	60	80
Enterprise	40	60
Hewitt		20
Idaho		30
Ivanhoe		18
Last Chance		41
Mountain Con		27
Monitor	20	20
Neepawa		16
Ottawa		20
Payne	98	128
Port Hope	7	7
Reco	20	101
Ruth		101
Slocan Star	63	187
Sovereign		20
Sunset	21	21
Total tons	329	912

SILVER-LEAD QUOTATIONS.

Jan.20 Silver, 56⅜ Lead, £11 6s3d
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Jan.25 Silver, 55 Lead, £11 12s6d
Jan.26 Silver, 55¾ Lead, £11 11s3d
Jan.27 Silver, 55⅞ Lead, £11 11s3d

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The mill at Alamo is ready to grind ore. It has been overhauled and machinery put in that will assist greatly in making dividends.

Sandon News Croppings

Geo. Creech returned from the coast this week.

Geo. Rogers will return from the east in a few days.

The Ivanhoe is shipping six cars of zinc ore to Iola.

Pat McCue has gone to Seattle for a week's holiday.

The Slocan Star is shipping about one car of ore a day.

J. C. Ryan, of the Soho group will return to Kaslo this week.

John Campbell and his partners shipped 20 tons of ore to Trail last week.

Mrs. Garde and children are wintering at Strathcona hotel in Nelson.

All the hotel and Saloon licenses have been renewed except the Clifton.

Six cars of zinc ore were shipped to Iola last week. There is more to follow.

All signs point to a busy summer around Sandon. The millenium is about due.

Rossland's hockey team has Sandon's forwards, and Trout Lake the defense.

Miss Ada Pound has been advanced to Postmistress, vice Miss McDonald, resigned.

A carload of ore was sent out from the Cinderella-Medford group, Three Forks, yesterday.

A cross-cut tunnel will be commenced in the Lucky Jim after the surveying is finished.

Chas. Sherwin was admitted to the hospital this week suffering from a severe ear trouble.

A special train was run to Nakusp on Monday to take the Sandon curlers to Revelstoke.

Born,—At the home of D. McCuaig, Three Forks, Jan. 15, to the wife of J. M. Barton, a daughter.

M. Nicholson, who was admitted to the hospital a short time ago afflicted with pneumonia, returned to the Payne this week.

C. A. Bigney, who with his partner has a lease on the Majestic and Unexpected, struck a nice streak of clean ore a few days ago.

Mesdames. Cavanaugh, Lyons, Crawford and Ritchie accompanied their husbands to Revelstoke to witness the curling games.

As a banker Ed Atherton seems to be a success. He can count money probably faster than any other man in the Silver City.

John Buckley, a pioneer of Sandon, has closed the Clifton House and is leaving the Silver City for the White River country, Alaska.

The wedding of Miss Jennie Hammond, formerly of Sandon, and Dr. McLennan, of Nelson, was solemnized in Seattle on Tuesday.

The Payne has sold 500 tons of zinc ore to the Lanyon smelter in Kansas, and is making arrangements to ship 1,000 tons to Antwerp.

The Ivanhoe will [illegible] Tuesday afternoon. The new tram is in running order, and soon shipments will be resumed on a large scale.

It didn't take long for Thos. Jones, the Iola zinc buyer, to get a corner on the zinc output of the Payne and Ivanhoe, when the new freight rate to Antwerp went into effect.

The Sandon hotel was filled, with four deep in the parlor, this week. Geo. Clarke will have four windows put in the diningroom, and otherwise improve the conveniences of this part of the house.

Three rinks went to Revelstoke this week from Sandon to take part in the curling tournament. They are made up of Messrs. Hall, Cavanaugh, Grimmett, Pratt, Ritchie, Lyons, McMillan, McIntyre, McLeod, Crawford, Murphy, McLaughlin, Gordon and Cliffe.

A movement is on foot to get up a local dramatic club. When we remember what happened when Sandon amateures put on, "Was She to Blame," we are glad, in view of the new movement, that this office is situated ten miles down the hill, and that our water barrel is full.

Some heartless horsethief set the safety switch on Agent Sparkman Tuesday night, and he hit it with his speeder on his way to Three Forks at about one thousand miles a minute. He picked himself out ten feet of snow half an hour later and has been counting stars ever since.

Frank Christie, now in Portland, was for many years in Sandon. In his professional capacity he collected money for H. Clever and Geo. Edwards but did not dig up. These gentlemen stated the facts to the Law Society at Victoria and Christie has been barred from the bar. Many friends regret his backward slide. Whiskey in too large doses, and flirting with the charts pushed Frank into the sump. It is to be hoped that he will rise again, for Frank is a good fellow, more weak than vicious.

NOTED VENTRILOQUIST COMING.

Prof. and Mrs. J. N. G. White of Chicago, the noted magicians and ventriloquists are to appear in New Denver.

Our little city and our citizens should appreciate the perhaps one chance of a life-time to see the great and only Whites in their marvelous performance. Prof. White carries with the show what is said to be the finest set of ventriloquist figures ever manufactured, made in London, Eng., actual cost of the set of six life size figures alone $1,000. The above performance will appear here in Bosun Hall, one big night only, Wednesday, Feb., 3rd. Prices of admission 50 cts., children under 12 25 cts. Remember day and date. They will appear in Sandon Feb. 2d.

The zinc ore associated with iron, such as is in the Payne is easy to handle in comparison with the zinc blended with black jack, such as is found in the Bosun.

Joseph Dorion was caught in a [illegible] in the Arlington basin last week and his body was not recovered until Sunday morning. He was buried at Slocan on Tuesday morning.

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We will now tell why Physical Culture was shut out of the mails. Last fall a communication reflecting upon the methods of Toronto and Ontario physicians was published. No names were given but initials were used. The cap must have fitted a lot of them judging from the result. The correspondent tells of a stern, blue-blooded old doctor who is on the board of medical examiners in Ontario, and has a son. The son is shy on brains but he goes to college. The father examines him, and although he cannot answer some of the simplest questions of anatomy, this wonderful son passed with the highest honors, and now experiments upon the human race under the protection of a diploma and an aristocratic name.

He tells of a society doctor who admits that the teachings of Physical Culture are allright, but he dare not practice them as his patients would all get well and his bank account would die of starvation.

He then tells of two doctors, one a professor in a university, delivering a woman of a baby when they were both drunk.

The last paragraph tells of a doctor who runs a sanitarium for women, and looks like Satan. His constant advice to young women for nearly all complaints is to have their ovaries cut out. His advice universally followed would be a sad blow to the commands of Teddy Roosevelt, and the Bible.

If the statements quoted are true Physical Culture merits the applause of all who have the welfare of the people close to their hearts. If not true no one interested would have noticed them, for it is only when you throw a rock out into the dark and hit a mangy dog that you hear a bark. The editor of Physical Culture is ever ready to correct any false statement that appears in his journal. He wishes to do no man an injustice, and to shut his publication out of the Canadian mails without any warning is a rude and tyrranical act smelling of the Dark Ages. It is an insult to the liberty of the press, and a stinking blotch upon the present government of Canada. The order should be immediately rescinded with profuse apologies and the official who made it relegated to some place where he can learn common sense. He is unfit to trifle with serious matters. If the teachings of Physical Culture were universally followed not a doctor and few surgeons could make their porridge in any country. It tells people how to become healthy and remain so. No doctor can cure anything. By suggestion, if sufficiently intelligent he can direct patients how to correct wrong habits of mind and body and become well, but it is against his monetary interest. His graft would quickly die if all became wise. The doctor like many other trades and professions feasts upon fear and ignorance. So it is little wonder that they fight against Physical Culture, and use their influence to stop its circulation in order that their methods of getting rich may not be molested. If the people of Canada wish to be slaves to medical superstition and the patent medicine fakirs they will permit the postal outrage in question to live. If not they will demand its immediate suspension along with the slave to influence who ordered the semaphore turned against one of the grandest publications this side of heaven.

IN VANCOUVER a police magistrate has to be a sprinter. A prisoner escaped the court over there the other day and Harry Alexander dropped the criminal code, flew out of the door and nailed the fugitive to the hanging wall. Harry was once the leading lawyer of New Denver, and we are pleased to learn of his upward flight along the path of fame.

THE premier of New Zealand wants Laurier to help him in a protest against the employment of Chinese in the South African mines. Laurier has refused, stating that it is none of Canada's business. Probably he thinks that we have yellow troubles enough of our own.

Two hundred coal miners in Nova Scotia have gone on strike because the company refused to carry their picks into the mine for them. It is easy to pick up cause for a strike when your heart is willing.

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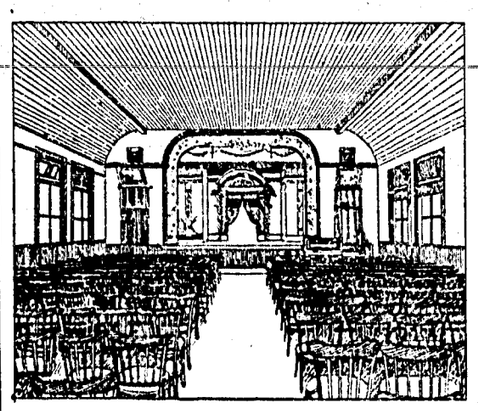
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ZINC AND LEAD PRODUCTION.

The year just closed has doubtless been the most profitable for the zinc-lead fields of Joplin, Missouri, than any for the past 40 years, says the Chicago Mining World. While the output of zinc ore was the smallest of any year since 1898, and the lead output the smallest since 1899, the average price of both ores, which is the true index to profits earned, has beaten all previous records, except the average price of zinc during the boom year of 1899. The causes for the curtailment of production have been well defined and clearly understood. During February and March the coal shortage compelled a suspension of operations at numerous mill plants, while unusually heavy rains during April and May greatly interfered with the operations and output of hand-jig plants, altogether resulting in a decrease below the average output of from 10,000 to 12,000 tons of zinc. This shortage of output was not overcome during the summer months, but was still further increased by the general shut-down of one week during October and three weeks in November and December, so that the total decrease in production for the year, as compared with 1902, amounted to 27,812 tons of zinc and 3,178 tons of lead. The value of the zinc output of 234,732 tons during the past year was $7,914,665, as against $7.973,769 in 1902, a decrease of $59,104, thus showing an average price of $33.72 per ton during the past year, as against an average of $30.33 per ton in 1902, $24.21 per ton in 1901, and $26.50 per ton in 1900. The 23,338 tons of lead produced in 1903 sold for $1,537,920, as against the total of $1,457,121 received for the larger output in 1902, thus showing an increase in value over the preceding year of $80,699, and an average price for the 1903 output of $54.45 per ton, as against an average price of $46.10 per ton in 1902, 45.99 per ton in 1901, and 48.32 per ton in 1900, the total increase in the value of both ores during 1903 being $21,590 over the output of 1902, notwithstanding a decrease of 31,000 tons in the output of both ores.

MIGHT BE WORSE.

An attempt has been made by the Associated Boards of Trade of the Interior to estimate the value of the mineral produced from the mining districts of South Kootenay and Yale during the past year. The figures, which should be very approximately accurate, are as follows:—Gold 204,147 ounces, value $4,219,718.49; silver 3,471,421 ounces, value $1,839,953.13; copper 24,866,977 pounds, value $3,392,174 93; lead 10,168 tons, value $489,792.50, or a total value $9,881,629.10. Tonnage is given as 1,034,830 tons, of which 42,867 tons was shipped to the Hall mines smelter, 330,000 tons to the Granby smelter, 170,000 tons to the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter, 134,217 tons to the Montreal & Boston Copper Company's smelter, 168,000 tons to the Canadian Smelting Works, 186,951 to the Northport smelter and 2,795 tons to smelters in the United States. Assuming the accuracy of these computations, the value of mineral and coal production from British Columbia in 1903 should be in the neighborhood of $20,000,000, and the tonnage output from the metalliferous mines alone considerably over a million tons. The 1903 returns from the Crow's Nest Pass collieries are now available and disclose a very gratifying state of affairs. Coal produced during the year amounted to 652,000 tons, 166,000 tons of coke having also been manufactured during this period. Production from the collieries as follows:—Coal Creek, 240,000 tons; Michel, 262,000 tons; Morrisey, 150,000 tons; the coke ovens at Fernie producing 96,000 tons and those at Michel 70,000 tons. Coal-mining production from the Crow's nest began in 1898, production for that year being under 9,000 tons of coal and rather over 350 tons of coke. In 1902 the output had increased to 442,049 tons of coal and 121,000 tons of coke, while as has been shown an advance on the last returns of about 50 per cent. was made in respect to coal production in 1903. The result is all the more gratifying in view of the suspension of coal-mining operations in the spring of the year consequent upon a labor strike lasting for seven weeks. Labor conditions being now settled and stable and the efficiency and equipment of the mines greatly improved, activity in 1904 should be even more pronounced, and a production this year of a million tons of coal is considered not at all improbable. During 1903 a sum aggregating two million of dollars was paid out in wages and for supplies, while a further expenditure of approximately one million dollars was spent on improvements and in mine development.

WAS WORTH SEEING.

Grover Cleveland, during his first term as President, stopped en route one afternoon at Weldon, N. C., and was greeted by a large crowd of natives on the platform of the little station. A wiry old chap, with "backwoods" written all over him, forced his way through the crowd to Cleveland's side and asked:

"Be you the president?"

"I am, sir," was the polite answer, and Cleveland's hand was streched out in greeting.

The old fellow grasped it, shook it like a pump handle for a half-minute, and then said:

"I've voted for many a President in my time, but never afore seed one."

He stepped back, looked Cleveland over admiringly from head to foot, advanced again and once more grabbing and shaking the visitor's hand, said, from the bottom of his heart:

"Well, Lor'! You are a whopper, tew!"

QUEER FREAK.

Salt Lake.—It has just become known that an extraordinary accident attended the electric storm of last Sunday night, in the Scottish Chief mine, Park City. James Malone and Harvey Roberts, miners, were at work 500 feet underground. At the height of the storm a thunderbolt struck the underground track at the mouth of the tunnel and followed the rails into the depths of the mine. Malone and Roberts were knocked down and badly burned. They had no idea of what had occured and thought that an explosion had taken place. They managed to make their way to the mouth of the mine and found snow falling, accompanied by lightning and thunder.

NO FRILLS FOR HER.

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LOCATIONS.

Dec 12—Canso, Dardanelles Mt, D McKinnon.

ASSESSMENTS.

Dec 3—Nellie Fr, Ouray, Ouray Fr. 17—Millie, Minnesota, Belledona, Pembrooke. 30—Christine, Ontario.

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Dec 3—Freddy. 9—International Fr. 30—Polo.

TRANSFERS.

Dec 5—Rio Fr, Phil Corrigan to Daniel Cosgriff, Nov 8.

4—Unexpected, Majestic, agreement of lease, C French and F H Bourne to C A Bigney and G A Wright, Nov 25.

5—Cataract, ½, J F Foley to Jno M Buckley, Dec 5.

13—Alps, ¾, Snowflake, ¼, Andrew Jacobson to W R Wills, Dec 14.

16—Mentor, Mentor Fr, Second Fr, Bess Fr, Queen Fr, American Girl, Young Dominion Fr, notice of sheriff sale, Nov 13. Same claims, P E Wilson to A H Buchanan, Nov 16.

28—Royal Five, Lake View, Jennie, affidavit re publication delinquent co-owner notice, H M Walker.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS

Dec 11—Port Hope Fr, Erin Mt, C Snyder and H D Lea.

17—Guelph Fr, 1st n f Lemon, W H Davidson.

ASSESSMENTS.

Dec 7—Carson. 15—New Dodworth. 18—Club. 30—Summerseith, Dundee. Four Friends, Dorris, Slocan Prince.

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Dec 3—Hampton, Ping Pong Fr and Ethel K.

TRANSFERS.

Dec 4—Bob-o'-Link, ⅓, D D McPherson to John Welsh.

Cub Fr, 1-6, D G McCuaig to John Welsh.

15—Standard, ¼, J H Wereley to C A Lett.

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The Turk will solemnly cross his hand upon his breast and make a profound obeisance when he bids you farewell.

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In the Philippines the parting benediction is bestowed in the form of rubbing one's friend's face with one's hand.

The German "Lebe wohl" is not particularly sympathetic in its sound, but it is less embarrassing to those that speed than the Hindoo's performance, who, when you go from him, falls in the dust at your feet.

The Fiji Islanders cross two red feathers. The natives of New Guinea exchange chocolate. The Burmese bend low and say "Hib! Hib!"

The "Auf Wiedersehen" of the Austrians is the most feeling expression of farewell.

The Cuban would consider his farewell anything but a cordial one unless he was given a good cigar. The South Sea Islanders rattle each other's whale teeth necklace.

The Sioux and Blackfeet will at parting dig their spears in the earth as a sign of confidence and mutual esteem. This is the origin of the term "burying the tomahawk."

In the islands in the Straits of the Sound the natives at your going will stoop down and clasp your foot.

The Russian form of parting salutation is brief, consisting of the single word "Praschi," said to sound like a sneeze. The Otaheite Islander will twist the end of the departing guest's robe and then solemnly shake his own hands three times.

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At the Canadian Club the other day Mr. Foster said that he thought the days of race and creed cries in Canada were past. He may have reason to think that he spoke too soon when he sees The Toronto World making an issue of the defeat of a Roman Catholic for an office in a Liberal organization, or observes The Hamilton Spectator attributing the defeat of a municipal candidate of that persuasion to the fact that the "Grits are hostile to the Catholics."

The Halifax Chronicle has issued a special number which is crammed full of information about what the Province by the sea is doing to swell the Dominion's sum total of prosperity. In the introduction we read:—"Fortune has smiled upon Nova Scotians during the year that is gone. Never before in a single year has the Province made such steady, uniform, and substantial progress, never have the people of all sections of the country enjoyed so much prosperity as in the twelve months past. The new year dawns with almost a cloudless sky and with every promise of favoring breezes. It is a story of bounteous harvests, of many millions wrested from the sea, forest, and mine, of abundant fruitfulness of farm and orchard. It is a story of busy shops and factories in every corner of the Province, of well-employed and well-paid labor, of an energetic, resourceful and contented people hard at work."

PRODUCTION OF PROVINCE.

A bulletin issued by the Bureau of Provincial Information for British Columbia, reviewing the industrial conditions of the past year, gives the output of the metalliferous mines of the province at 1,276,000 tons. The coal mined amounted to 168,000 tons. The total value of the mining output was $19,200,000, which was nearly two million dollars increase over the previous year, notwithstanding the strikes which paralyzed the industry in the early part of the year.

With the exception of the Salmon pack, which was greatly below the average, all other industries show large increases. The cut of timber during the year was 15 per cent. greater, and the dairying output a third. The fruit marketed showed a 35 per cent. increase, and halibut and other fisheries 40 per cent. The value of the total productions of the province was about thirty million. The value of exports was twenty-one million, five million increase over the previous year.

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A writer in Harpers' Weekly relates an amusing story which Bishop Potter tells on himself:

"When one has lived for years in America without any special title in ordinary conversation," says the Bishop, "it is not easy to become accustomed to being hailed as 'my Lord' whenever any service is rendered.

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Located January 1th, 1904

FOREST PELTON.

Dated, New Denver, B. C., Jan. 12, 1 04.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To H. EUMMELEN, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Soho mineral claim, situated in the McGuigan Basin, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay Mining Division.

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum, 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 the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Kaslo, B C., October 15 1903.

J C. RYAN.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

OURAY, NELLIE FRACTION, OURAY FRACTION Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Near the town of Three Forks.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Maurice Gintzburger as agent for The Monitor & Ajax Fraction, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B 69539, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 14th day of January, 1904.

FLORENCE Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Goat Mountain, north of "Turri."

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, as agent for Thomas W. Fitzgerald, free miner's certificate No. B 69269, Noah F. McNaught, free miner's certificate No. B. 64,387, and William R. Will, free miner's certificate No. B 64404, 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.

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