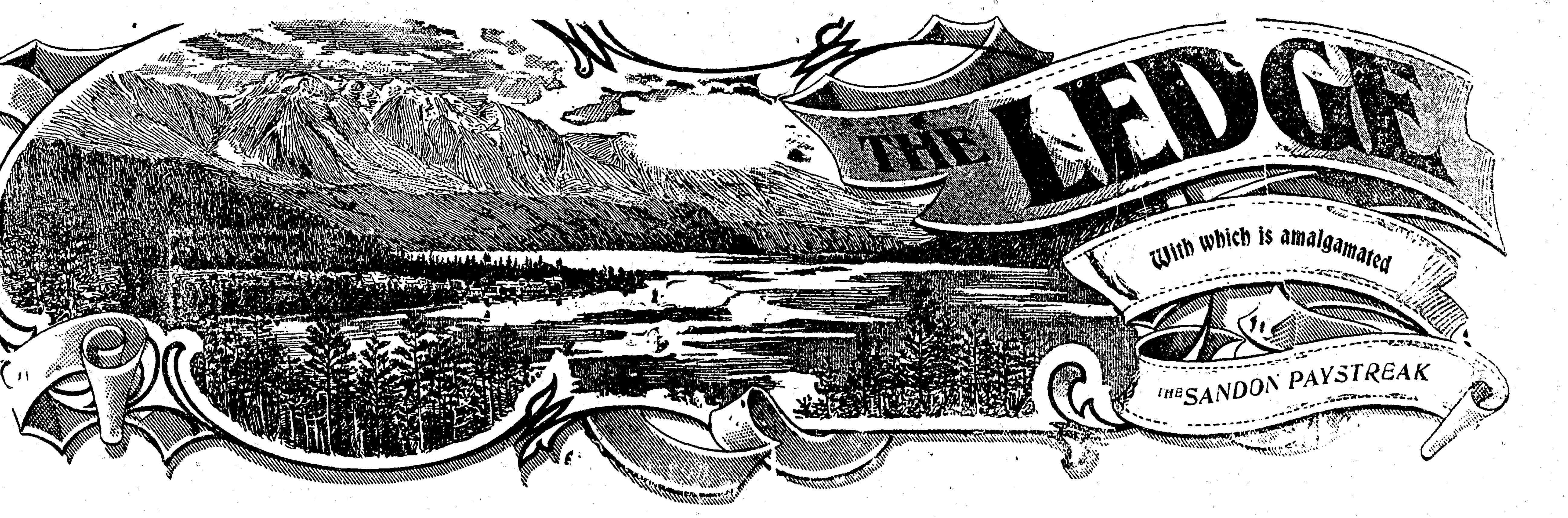

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From the Lake Towns

The dog poisoner is causing woe in Three Forks.

Several Butte miners arrived in the Slocan last week.

Mrs. Henry Stege returned from Spokane on Tuesday.

W. J. Adcock is going out of business in Slocan City.

Kaslo is all agog over a fashionable wedding this week.

George Kydd is now manager of the Royal bank in Ottawa.

The 2-ton shipment of Cripple Stick ore netted $100 per ton.

The recent shipment of ore from the Alberta gave upwards of $100 per ton.

A true bill of fraud has been found against Whittaker Wright by the London court.

T. McNeish, Jas. Cross and J. T. Tipping have taken a lease on the Bell, one of the Republic group.

Flags of truce are seen flying almost every day in New Denver. And it is always in front of happy homes.

Several dances have been given at the Hotel Slocan in Three Forks recently, and there will be several more this winter.

Last year the first of our winter's snow fell on November 6th. This year we can paddle about comfortably in our shirt sleeves.

Services will be held in St. Stephen's Church Sunday next. Matins and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock; Evensong at 7:30.

Two deaf and dumb pugilists by the name of Roman are starring the country. They do not explain how they live without talking.

The Bosun shut down on Oct. 31st, and Manager Sandiford is in Vancouver discussing the situation with a London representative of the company.

Won't somebody cut up and carry away for kindling wood the forsaken band stand. In its present condition it makes the eyes sore and the heart sick.

A car of high-grade ore was shipped from the Rouse claim, on the North Fork, this week, by Messrs. Hunter & Fairbairn, who have been working the property for the past three months.

The Lieutenant-Governor has cancelled the proclamation calling the Legislature together on Jan. 21, and has issued a proclamation convening that obstreperous body on Thurday, the 26th inst.

Rev. J. Calvert delivered an optical lantern lecture at the Bosun mine last Friday evening. He took the boys through Australia and Palestine, with a side trip through Yellowstone Park and our own province.

Hermann Clever is to be congratulated on being able to open his butcher shop in his larger and modernly improved block. The business block he has erected on the ground where his old block stood, is in every way a great improvement on the old building.

Lovers of good entertainment will be pleased with the high-class article to be provided this (Wednesday) evening in Bosun hall by the Maridor-Goulding Company. They are perhaps the best aggregation of artists that have come into the Slocan for a year or more, and are highly spoken of by the Kootenay and outside press.

PYTHIANISM EXEMPLIFIED.

Last Monday was a red letter day for Pythianism in the Slocan. On that date New Denver lodge, No. 22, formally opened their new Castle Hall, and to enjoy the festivities with them, Sandon lodge, No. 24, sent down a special train of 20 or 25 Knights. In addition to these, there was in attendance Supreme Representative Noble Binns of Trail, Grand Master-at-Arms Irvine of Nelson and H. C. Hallett of Greenwood.

In all there were upwards of 60 members present, and from 8 o'clock in the evening until 5 o'clock the following morning, the hall was the scene of an old-time Pythian love feast.

Rank work was the main feature of the gathering, five candidates being given a taste of the butt end of the mystic goat.

Teams from the Sandon and home lodges competed in the first rank work for a prize offered by the Grand Chancellor, the visiting team walking off with the honors.

At midnight a sumptuous lunch was served, and between the degrees speechmaking and other entertainment was indulged in.

The event will long be remembered as one of the most happy fraternal gatherings ever brought together in the Slocan, the only feature to mar its success being the non-arrival of G. K. of R. and S. Emile Pferdner of Victoria, who failed to get here, owing to a railway wreck on the main line.

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 October 31, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week.	Total
American Boy		729
Antoine		210
Arlington		43
Alberta		7
Black Prince		12
Bondholder		0
Bosun	40	1057
Blue Bird		52
Cripple Stick		2
Dayton		4
Dolly Varden		20
Enterprise	40	715
Fisher Maiden		280
Hartney		42
Hamilton		4
Highland Light		2
Idaho	60	320
Ivanhoe	51	780
Lucky Jim		103
Mercury	21	101
Monitor	20	700
Mountain Con		20
Meteor		52
Nansen		2
Ottawa		120
Payne		1842
Queen Bess		204
Rambler		1118
Reco		153
Republic		70
Ruth	42	725
Rio		9
Red Fox		119
Rouse	20	20
Slocan Star	31	2066
Slocan Boy		18
Silver Glance		55
Sunset		41
Surprise		5
Vancouver		20
Wonderful		33
Total tons	315	11,356

SLOCAN ZINC.

During the year about 1800 tons of zinc ore have been shipped from the Slocan to Kansas. There are about 2,500 tons ready for shipment which will probably be sent out before February. This supply will be principally drawn from the Payne, Ruth, Ivanhoe, Wakefield, and one or two others.

If advisable the Slocan mines could ship 15,000 tons of zinc ore yearly.

The Wakefield sold 200 tons last week. It ran 45 per cent. zinc, 30 ounces in silver and 4 per cent. lead. The Wakefield will ship hundreds of tons this winter. The magnetic separator is in operation at the Payne which enables that mine to send out a product running 55 per cent. zinc, 16 ounces in silver and a trace in lead. The process in use at the Payne separates the iron from the zinc.

The Slocan Star has an immense amount of zinc in part of its workings and could easily ship 500 tons a month for several years.

Zinc now goes in sealed cars from the Slocan to Iola where it is opened in the bonded warehouse recently established at the smelter. A government assayer samples the ore. Zinc and silver pay no duty, but the usual duty is exacted on lead when the contents in the ore amount to over 2 per cent. Altogether the zinc problem in the Slocan is becoming more practical.

A SLOCAN CASE.

At the fall assizes in Nelson, in a suit over a claim on Payne mountain, decision was given in favor of Ransom, Garde and Jones. Particulars of the case are as follows:

In 1898 one Dilley located the Parrot mineral claim on Payne mountain, this claim being subsequently acquired by Selous and Snyder. In 1901 G. F. Ransom located the Belleview fraction, also on Payne mountain, lying between Big Timber, Emporium and other crown granted claims, and in 1902 he applied for a certificate of improvements. Snyder and Selous in the meantime had surveyed what they alleged to be the Parrot ground, and also applied for a certificate of improvements.

The Parrot claim, as surveyed, covered practically the entire Belleview ground, so the Parrot owners adversed the application of Ransom, with whom Garde and Jones had become interested. Then in January, 1903, the Belleview was relocated by one Nelson, as Redress No, 2, and by him transferred to Ransom et al., who then adversed the Parrot application, relying on both the Redress and Belleview locations.

The chief contention of the Ransom people was that the Parrot claim as surveyed was not the same as the Parrot ground as located, and in this they were supported by the judge, who found that the Parrot location stakes had been removed from their original places before the survey was made.

The judge also held the Belleview location invalid for want of blazing, but held that the Redress No. 2 was a proper location, and as this was owned by Ransom, Garde and Jones, they got judgment, voiding the Parrot claim, with costs.

GOLD HAS DEPTH.

Those individuals who talk about gold mines not being operated to as great depth as copper propositions would find it instructive to study the Congress mine, in Arizona. The Congress has been an excellent producer for many years, and on the dip of the vein, the lower workings are said to be from 3,500 to 3,600 feet below the surface. Mineralization of gold-bearing quartz seems to have sufficient depth there for the ordinary investor.

SILVER-LEAD QUOTATIONS.

Oct. 29	Silver, 60½	Lead,	£11 3s9d
Oct. 30	Silver, 60	Lead,	£11 5s
Oct. 31	Silver, 59¾	Lead,	£11 5s
Nov. 2	Silver, 59½	Lead,	£11 5s
Nov. 3	Silver,	Lead,	£
Nov. 4	Silver, 59⅝	Lead,	£11 5s

BUNKHOUSE PHILOSOPHY

By the Editor

Spuds.—"Say, Kaiser, phat does yez think of Chamberlain's policy?"

Kaiser's Ghost laid down the chunk of limburger he was munching, took the cotton batting out of his nose, and remarked:

"Vell, poys, I dond know much aboud Joe Chamberlain, but if he can build a tariff fence in frond of everyding excepd der British colonies, I dinks ve get em all in our sack. Der Unided States is der natural market fur many of our dings, but Sam he cut us aff mit der pig dooty. If ve can get der cinch on der British market fur our veat, cheese, apples, minerals and odder dings, ve back Uncle Sam inter der sump up to his neck while ve svim avay on der vaves of Imperial prosperity.

"Canada must do somedings. Become independent, annex to der States or form a combine mit England and shovel frost to der fellars over der vall. If ve could ged der United States in der game vid us, I dinks all der vorld vould only be dooce high. But if dis deal of Chamberlain's goes thro, ve must exped all der odder fellars to play back, vich vould make gin fizzes and odder dings come mighty high in dis vonderful C. P. R. country. Missoury Ike has just come over der trail from Nelson and he vill dell us der news."

Ike blew the foam from his air valves, and tuned his ozonagram as follows:

"Pardners, there is hot times in Nelson. The people of that refined and cultured city sent John Houston to Victoria, fully expecting that he would be handed a portfolio, but when I left the burg John had just got back without even a pocket book. There is all kinds of rumors in the air. Some think that Joly dinked John because his language is sometimes more forcible than elegant. Others say that John did not know how to hold a dress coat at the proper angle, or walk in a ball room without touching the floor or lisp sweet nonsense in French. If John is not good enough to sit in the cabinet he is not good enough to sit in the house. His turn-down is a direct insult to Nelson, and if he is an outlaw in the eyes of an ornamental figurehead, where does his friends get off at? To tell the truth, Houston is long on brains and short on taffy. If he was an oily-tongued Ananias and a simpering, sap-headed Judas Iscariot, full of deceit and skimmed-milk ideas, he might bunk with the crowd at Victoria, but he cannot crush his manhood and play false to his nature to Joly any crowd of pin-headed politicians. He is plain John Houston, just the same on the lookout chair of a nation as he was when he packed a nut-cracker press into Nelson, and boosted the third commercial city of this province into its present proud position. John is not sugar-coated and does not wear diamonds. If he was and did the coast crowd would freeze onto him like a mulatto tackles ice cream. I'm from old Missoury and you have got to show me why they want to get shet of one of the strongest characters in the history of this great western province."

Ike stopped, out of breath, and Kaiser's Ghost jumped up, wiping the limburger cheese off his bazoo, and ejaculated:

"Poys, dos is [illegible] John vill probably make von sacrifice hit and let der party touch der home plate, but, bye und bye, ven he stands in der pitcher's box, Green, Brutus McBride, Wilson and some of dose oder nice poys vill yoost fan der air und die mitout touching first base. I vas a profet, und I can see der finnish. Vell, poys, I see you again. I must now go ond mid der town und puy a papy carriage for mine frent Jakey Dover."

After Kaiser's Ghost had disappeared down the trail the boys turned in for the night to dream about the days when the flesh and the devil will be burned out of those who sit on the box and drive stage for the state.

Sandon News Croppings

Logan McPhee left this week for Nova Scotia.

The "roaring game" will soon start to roar.

Night and day shifts are working at the Ivanhoe mill.

Paddy, the Priest, is again in the midst of his Sandon flock.

The Mercury shipped three cars of ore to Nelson last month.

Bob McPherson is working the O. K. through the Jo Jo ground.

It is reported that the Sovereign will resume operations this month.

T. J. Roadley is taking a course in milling at the Ivanhoe concentrator.

The Empress, near Whitewater, has just shipped a car of ore to Nelson.

Jas. McKinnon left on a trip to old Scotia, Canada's fish country, this week.

The Maridor-Goulding Co. will play in Sandon Thursday evening, Nov. 5th.

Will Irvine and his young daughter paid Ed Atherton a visit on Sunday.

The Conductor, Democrat and Mountain Con are all working under lease.

J. Barber has bought the packing outfit and business of Willie Eccles. Three Forks.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis St. Denis, of Nelson, paid the Silver City a visit the past week.

A. Peterson is in the hospital again, for further attention to his ulcerated face.

The force on the Reco is being gradually increased, and is now about 15 strong.

Packer Powers, of McGuigan, has bought the stock and business of Alex Crawford.

Miss McIntyre left on Monday for Revelstoke, where she will spend some days with friends.

George W. Hughes will remain in camp until February. He has a force at the Sunset all the time.

The McAllister on the north fork of Carpenter will soon have another car load ready for shipment.

Mrs. W. W. Warner and family left on Monday for Sand Point, Idaho, where they will spend the winter.

The Denver house was closed a few days age, and E. St. Lawrence and family left the following day for Spokane.

Gasey Thompson and Jack Cummings are running an hotel, which they call the Oil Exchange, at Kayak, Alaska.

Work has commenced on the Redress No. 2. This claim adjoins the Mercury and is owned by Ransom, Garde and Jones.

Donald McCallum has put in supplies at the Red Rock and will work all winter. The Red Rock is just above the Whitewater mine.

There are 451 men employed in and around the mines of the Slocan in the belt with the Idaho on one side and the Rambler on the other.

Robert Cunning has leased his hotel in Sandon. He will leave next week for Eureka, California, [illegible] the hotel business.

Rev. Jas. Turner, the pioneer parson of Slocan lake, will preach in Sandon on Dec. 13th, the occasion of the anniversary services of the Methodist church there.

H. C. Holden, an old Sandonite, has been confined in a Montreal hospital for more than a year. He is now totally blind and is being cared for by the Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. M. L. Grimmett gave a very enjoyable dancing party in the Auditorium Tuesday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Watson, who is visiting her.

Harry Lowe, Walter Murray, Bob and Dave Sloan are working the Black Grouse on the north fork of Carpenter creek under lease. They will make a shipment in a few days, and have commenced to run a long cross cut tunnel.

Another judgment has been rendered in the Joker and Cody fraction mineral ground. This time Geo. Clark and partners lose the Wild Rose and John Docksteader's title to the ground is declared valid. Clark will appeal the case.

The Last Chance is sinking on the new ore body recently struck in No. 6 tunnel. The ore body is three feet wide, and the product assays 170 ounces in silver and 60 per cent. lead. The force at the Chance is to be increased and shipments will be resumed in a few days.

The Misses Pound gave a hallo-e'en party last Saturday evening to about 20 of their young friends, and it was the brightest home event that has taken place in Sandon this season. Abundant entertainment was provided appropriate to the occassion and every one in attendance spent a most happy evening.

Jno. Cory and Jno. Foster have taken the Cinderella, Medford and Keyser group of claims on a two year lease, and are pushing work on a tunnel on the lead. A great deal of work has been put on this property, but without favorable results. The property is crown granted, and the lessees believe they have a good thing. They are encountering some ore in the work.

In the case of the B. N. White Co. vs. J. M. Harris, a suit to recover possession of the site whereon Harris erected a reservoir for water to run the Sandon electric light plant, was decided last week in Nelson in favor of Harris, the court holding that under defendant's grant from the lieutenant-governor giving leave to expropriate the ground, the B. N. White Co. had no right in the premises.

WHERE TO GET WHAT YOU WANT.

Get your winter furniture from D. J. Roberson & Co. in Nelson.

If you must buy wine, look at the goods in the Kootenay at Sandon.

The beer made by the New York brewery in Sandon is to be found in every camp in the district.

Mrs. Williams has just received a stock of dry goods and ladies' furnishings. Her stock of hand made confectionery has no equal in the Slocan.

SLIGHTLY ACQUAINTED.

The inconvenience of railroad service had always kept Johnnie's father much away from home. He was forced to compress his domestic duties and pleasures into one short evening of the week.

Shortly after one of these visits [illegible] him much depressed by some gloomy reminiscence.

"Why what's the matter, Johnnie?"

"Nothin', only I ain't got any [illegible] Saturday nights. He spanked me."

The strait of Canso, between Cape Breton and the mainland of Nova Scotia, is to be bridged. The task is an immense one, involving great engineering difficulties, and an outlay of about [illegible]. The bridge will be a cantilever, with a span of [illegible] feet, the longest in the world.

Slander is the revenge of a coward, and dissimilation his defense. —Johnson.

Facts in Connection With an Act of Trickery and Treachery to a Member-Eleet of the Legislative Assembly.

The turning down of John Houston, M.P.P. of Nelson City riding, by premier McBride, under shelter of the wing of lieutenant-governor Joly, has been a live question in Nelson for a week. Mr. Houston returned to Nelson on Sunday night. He consulted with his friends, but refused to make any statement for publication, after seeing how unfairly a brief statement he had made to a Vancouver World reporter had been mangled. He stated to his friends the reasons given by premier McBride for his being turned down, and until McBride's statement could be verified by the lieutenant-governor himself, he or they could not do anything. On Tuesday morning Mr. Houston received the letter from the lieutenant-governor, which is printed elsewhere, and his friends acted promptly. His campaign committee to the number of over forty met on Tuesday night. William Irvine occupied the chair and stated the object of the meeting. A number of speeches were made and the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

> Resolved, that we have the fullest confidence in John Houston, the member for Nelson City, and we give him a free hand to act as he deems best, believing he has been most unfairly treated by the lieutenant-governor, and that premier McBride is censurable for allowing the lieutenant-governor to usurp his (McBride's) constitutional rights.
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> Further resolved, that the mayor be requested to call a public meeting at the opera house on Thursday night, in order that the people of Nelson shall have an opportunity of giving expression to their views on the action of the lieutenant-governor in objecting to John Houston becoming a member of the government of British Columbia.
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> Resolved, that these resolutions be wired to premier McBride.

The next day a well-signed requisition was presented mayor Rose, and he in accordance with the requisition called a public meeting for Thursday night, the notice appearing in the Nelson Daily News. No other notice of the meeting was given and no effort was made to bring out a crowd. On Thursday night between 400 and 500 people assembled in the opera house. Mayor Rose called the meeting to order, and stated his reasons for calling the meeting. He then asked Mr. Houston, who was in the audience, to take the platform, which he did, receiving most hearty applause as he did so. He said:

Mr. Mayor and Fellow-Citizens: It is not long since the two political parties in this province had a more or less heated campaign for supremacy, and one of the results of the campaign was my election as a representative in the legislative assembly for Nelson. I believe my election was somewhat of a surprise; but it must be conceded that the majority of the people of Nelson preferred me to my opponent. After the fight was won, my supporters and friends believed Nelson was fairly entitled to some of the fruits of the victory I had helped win. I hold the honorable position of president of the Liberal-Conservative Union of British Columbia, a position which came to me unanimously. This shows that I am at least a captain in the Liberal-Conservative party, and my election shows that I am a captain who can lead the forces under my command successfully, therefore I was fairly entitled to preferment.

I left Nelson for Victoria, arriving there on the Thursday following the election. I called on premier McBride at his office, and he was apparently glad to see me. He congratulated me on my victory, and said it entitled me to recognition from the party, for had it not been for me the party would have been defeated, and that he was prepared to give me the recognition I had won. I made no demand on him at that time or at any other time. I say this emphatically, because of the statements published in the newspapers day after day that I was in Victoria holding a gun to McBride's head. McBride led me to believe that I was to be taken in the government, and so confident was I of this that at the end of the interview I wired to the president of the Nelson Liberal-Conservative Association to keep the machine in good running order, for my acceptance of office meant a by-election.

At the premier's request, I had another interview with him on the next day, at which it was practically settled that I should be made chief commissioner of lands and works. I was told that one policy of the government would be retrenchment in all the departments, and that a saving of $4000 a year could be [illegible] and other departments. I informed the premier that I was in thorough accord with that policy; and right here I *may say that in every speech I made during* the campaign, both in this opera house and in the Liberal Conservative committee [illegible] only way in which the credit of the province could be restored and made sound. (Applause.) Premier McBride informed me that he intended to take the attorney-generalship himself, as it was deemed best to open only one seat at present.

The result of that interview was such that, on leaving the premier's office, I went to the office of the minister of mines. Mr. Green had done me some acts of kindness in the fifteen years we had been acquainted, and I felt his good offices would not come amiss. My reception, however, was not as cordial as I had expected, and on telling him Kootenay could land another portfolio with his assistance, he turned in his chair and said he would be frank with me; that I had not treated him right in The Tribune during the campaign. Other charges and explanations followed, and I left his office feeling that he was distinctly hostile. I thought first I would write to premier McBride, as Green and, I believed, other ministers were hostile to me, that it would be best for the success of the government and the party that I give way to someone else who could work in harmony with all the ministers. Instead of writing the letter, I went to McBride's office. He was not in, but I found him in the Library. I told him he was at liberty to take back everything he had promised; that I did not want to become a member of the government unless I could work in harmony with its members; that friction and lack of harmony among members had wrecked the Semlin government; that I did not wish to cause friction in his government. McBride asked me what was the matter. I told him of the interview I had had with Green. He replied, "O, don't mind Green, he is billious." He then said, the selection of his associates in the government rested solely with himself; that none of the other ministers had anything to do with it; that he alone dealt with the governor. I again said if my being taken into the government meant friction that I would rather stay out, and that he could depend on me giving his government loyal support. He assured me everything would be all right and that there would be no trouble.

On the following Wednesday I again had an interview with the premier, at his request, when the ground gone over at previous interviews was gone over again. Questions of party policy were discussed, and among other things he said Tatlow had gone out of town so as not to sign checks. This I took knew to be a mis-statement, for Tatlow at that time was in Ashcroft, or on the Cariboo road, negotiating for the opening of Lillooet by securing the resignation of McDonald, the member-elect, in order to get a constituency for McPhillips, the defeated aspirant [illegible] with the premier according a wagon road near Nelson, on which work had been suspended. In fact, work had been ordered stopped on all roads and trails throughout the province. The result of that interview was that work was [illegible] question, not only because the road was actually needed, but because of the influence the resumption of work might have on the by-election.

On Friday the premier became ill, and was not again at his office until the following Tuesday. However, I saw him three times at his residence, and on each occasion the impressions of former interviews were confirmed by his attitude and general talk.

On Tuesday of last week I met him by appointment. He told me he had been sent for from Government House, and that he would have to go there and see the governor. Before leaving he told me to remain at his office until he returned. On his return, he said the governor had intimated that he must fill his cabinet; that he intended doing so, and that he would immediately ask for the resignations of McPhillips and Goodeve. Before closing the interview he said: "I will lay my full programme before the governor tomorrow forenoon, and put an end to the uncertainty that now exists."

The next day at one o'clock I called on the premier at his office. He said: "I submitted your name this morning to the governor, and he did not approve of your becoming a member of the government." I asked if he had given any reason, and McBride said, "No." I then said I would go home, resign my seat, and leave the province, for if I was not fit to associate with him (McBride) I was not fit to associate with decent men. McBride's one concern seemed to be, what would become of him and his government, as my resignation would mean its defeat. He said: "Don't resign, and at the end of the session I may be able to get you in the government." This appeared so ridiculous a statement that I left his office, and haven't seen McBride since.

At first I felt as I imagine a man must feel on being released from serving a term in a penitentiary. I felt as if I could not look decent men in the face, imagining they knew of my disgrace. However, that feeling did not last. I am not a Christian. When slapped on one cheek I do not turn the other to be slapped. When slapped, I do my best to reach the other fellow's face. I did not know whether McBride had told me the truth, and to find out I wrote the following letter to the lieutenant-governor:

THE DRIARD HOTEL.
VICTORIA, October 23, 1903.

Sir,—Premier McBride has just informed me that he submitted my name to you this morning for member of the executive council, and that you objected to me being a member of his government. If it is not asking too much, I would like to know if I have been told the truth. If it is the truth, then the people of the city of Nelson have been slapped in the face, and I will be compelled to leave British Columbia, for if I am unworthy to administer a department of the provincial government, I am equally unworthy of sitting as a member of the legislature. The people of Nelson have honored me three times by electing me mayor, and twice by electing me to the legislature, but I am ashamed today to hold my head up on the street. My address is Nelson, B.C. Respectfully,

JOHN HOUSTON.

Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Victoria, B.C.

In reply the following letter was received on Tuesday last:

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
VICTORIA, October 24th, 1903.

John Houston, Esq., M.P.P., Nelson, B.C.

Sir,—I have received your letter of yesterday, inquiring if it is true that I have objected to your being made a member of the Hon. Mr. McBride's government. It is true. I objected on account of the unfortunate incident of last session when you forgot what was due to the legislative assembly as well as to yourself in your responsible position. There was no intention on my part to insult either your constituents or yourself, as, to judge by your letter, you appear to think. I considered that I had a duty to perform, I may add, a painful duty, and I performed it. I am your obedient servant,

H. G. JOLY de LOTBINIERE.

Evidently the lieutenant-governor knew little of the (what I believe to be trumped-up) reasons he gave for turning me down. Had he been posted he would not have written as he did. There was no "unfortunate incident" at the last session, for surely even sir Henri Joly will not hold that calling Albert Edward McPhillips a damned fool is a good reason for blackening a man's reputation for life. I may have called McPhillips a damned fool, and if I did I came pretty near the truth. The "unfortunate incident" to which I believe the governor refers occurred at the session before the last. It was the occasion when I defied the speaker. It was said I was drunk at the time. That statement is not true. I will admit I may have had four or five good-sized jolts of Scotch, and may have been under their influence. On that occasion McBride, who is now premier, was leader of the opposition and had the floor. The speaker had repeatedly warned him to speak to the question under discussion, warnings which if made three times required the member so warned to take his seat. McBride, as was usual with him, paid no heed to the warnings, and the speaker, who is a good-natured old gentleman, let things drift. I raised a point of order, and after stating it to the speaker (that McBride was not speaking to the question) was told that my point was not well taken. I took my seat, and in a minute or two again made an attempt. I was again told to take my seat by the speaker, as my point of order was not well taken. I did so, but was on my feet again in a few minutes, and this time when told to take my seat, I defied the speaker, and in so doing said I was willing to shoulder any odium that might attach for my action; that I believed the obstruction tactics of McBride and his followers were hurting the province, and that the speaker was blameable for not enforcing his own rulings. I was neither reprimanded nor asked to apoligize either to the house or to the speaker, so I think the lieutenant-governor has gone out of his way to even refer to an incident with which he had no concern. Were he to jig up every member who takes too much Scotch, the house would often be left without a quorum.

If the people of Nelson say I have acted [illegible] my resignation will be on the speaker's desk when the house opens. If they say I have acted unmanly or unfairly at any time since October 3rd, I will leave the province tomorrow.

Mr. Houston took his seat amid applause that could only have one meaning, and that meaning, "We, the people of [illegible] have entire confidence in you."

The mayor, who was presiding, said *that having heard Mr. Houston's statement* the question was open for discussion. Fred Smith rose, and after making [illegible] lutions:

Whereas, at the general election held on the third of this month John Houston was elected by a majority vote to represent Nelson City electoral district in the legislative assembly, and having sat in a previous legislature, he was deemed by the electors of Nelson as a man capable of taking charge of a department of the provincial government as a responsible minister, *and he was urged to present his* claims for recognition; and

Whereas, *he proceeded to Victoria in* accordance with the wishes of his supporters, and in an interview with the premier he was informed that the party owed him recognition, and that he (the premier) was prepared to take him into the government as one of the ministers; and

Whereas, the premier did submit Mr. Houston's name to the lieutenant-governor for appointment as a responsible minister; and

Whereas, the lieutenant-governor objected to Mr. Houston becoming one of his advisors, giving an incident that had occurred in a legislature that has passed out of existence as the reason for his objection; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the people of Nelson, in public meeting assembled, protest against this action of the lieutenant-governor, in denying to a representative elected by the people a right accorded him under constitutional government; and be it further

Resolved, that we deplore the fact that British Columbia has as premier a man who allowed the lieutenant-governor to reject his advice without resenting it by tendering him his resignation;

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the lieutenant-governor, the premier, and to sir Wilfred Laurier, premier of Canada.

The resolutions were read and on being seconded by John H. Matheson, the mayor declared them open for discussion. Calls were made for S. S. Taylor, and he took the platform. He said he was the first man to congratulate Mr. Houston on his election, and he would have congratulated him had he returned to Nelson a member of the government. While a member of the party opposed to the party of which Mr. Houston is a leader, he therefore could not agree with him in all things. He was forced to admit that the treatment accorded to Mr. Houston by premier McBride was such as to prove that the premier was not a manly man, but he did not believe the people of Nelson should be asked to censure that honorable gentleman, sir Henri Joly, for the part he had played in the matter. The lieutenant-governor was too honorable a man to lend himself to an unworthy action.

Mr. Taylor's remarks were in effect: Condemn McBride, the Conservative, but spare Joly, the Liberal. Before the resolutions were put, Mr. Taylor, from his seat in the audience, suggested that the resolution protesting against the lieutenant governor be cut out, and the other resolutions would then be supported by himself and others.

W. A. Macdonald followed Taylor, and before he got through he was unmercifully guyed by the audience. Macdonald claims to be a Conservative of Conservatives; one of the pure breed; so pure that he at no time can stomach anything but straight Conservative doctrine and pap. He criticized Houston for daring to attack McBride, the leader of the great Conservative party, a gentleman who was not present to defend himself. He intimated that it would be all right to condemn the lieutenant-governor, but for Conservatives to censure McBride for turning down a man like Houston was absurd. If Houston was a Conservative he should take his medicine and like it. Macdonald took his seat in the audience without receiving the applause he expected, and for the rest of the evening he looked as if he had messed something.

F. J. Deane was called for and he took the platform. He started in by saying that the statement made by Mr. Houston, if true, proved McBride to be a dishonorable man, one unfit to be premier of the province. He then switched and said the people of Nelson would make a great mistake and would stultify themselves if they passed a resolution censuring the lieutenant-governor. Deane simply showed himself a partisan entirely willing to lambaste McBride by resolutions or otherwise, but unwilling to hurt the feelings of the lieutenant-governor, who is a Liberal, and the audience seemed to be aware of it, for he was not applauded when he retired to his seat alongside S. S. Taylor, K. C.

John Houston was then called on. He began by saying the meeting was not called by partisans for party purposes. It was called by the mayor of Nelson to take action on a question that concerned the people of Nelson, and it should be so considered. The three gentlemen who had perceded him had spoken not as citizens, but as partisans. Two were Liberals and they could not forget that they were of that party faith. The other was said to be a Conservative, of which he had his doubts. All three of these gentlemen wanted to appear to be men of lofty thought, so lofty that they did not expect to be understood by the lowly and illiterate portion of the audience. One, S. S. Taylor, K. C., was a defeated Liberal candidate, and it was just possible that he was now more lofty in thought and speech than when, during the campaign, he was pleading for the labor vote. He was lofty, but he was a partisan. He would condemn McBride, a Conservative, but the lieutenant-governor, who is a Liberal, should not be held blameable for his lofty action in placing a stigma on a man whom the people of Nelson have repeatedly honored. Mr. Houston then took up W. A. Macdonald, K.C., and no man ever got such a nice toasting on a platform in British Columbia. The audience fairly yelled with delight when the speaker described the kind of a Conservative Macdonald was, and showed him to be the kind who talked Conservative when away from home, and refused to vote Conservative when at home. It is safe to say that W. A. Macdonald did not have the sympathy of a single man in the audience when Houston got through with him, even from men, who like himself talk Conservative and either vote Liberal or sulk when things don't come their way.

Mr. Houston then took up Mr. Deane, who he said, being an editor, should be more broad-minded than mere lawyers like Taylor and Macdonald. An editor should be able to treat questions from the standpoint of a disinterested onlooker, but Deane had miserably failed. He was a partisan, and could not forget that he was a mere partisan.

[illegible] as a whole cared not whether McBride was a Conservative or whether Joly was a Liberal; what they cared for was their *rights as citizens. While the lieutenant-*governor had the undoubted right to refuse to take the advice of his chief adviser, [illegible] a political right because of drawing-room gossip. No official was so high in Canada to be above criticism for his official acts. Sir Henri Joly had done an act that no other lieutenant-governor in Canada had deemed it wise to do, and he must take the consequences of his act. If high officials, like Joly, could trample with impunity on the rights of citizens, then the people of Canada had neither their boasted liberty nor constitutional government, and least of all did they have what all Britishers boasted so much of, "British fair play."

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The applause that was thundered out when Mr. Houston took his seat was deafening and lasted for fully five minutes.

At this stage of the proceedings S. S. Taylor, K. C., arose and said that mayor Rose had no authority to call a public meeting to condemn the representative of the king in the province. The mayor in reply to Mr. Taylor said: "I called this meeting on being presented with a requisition asking that the meeting be called; the requisition was signed by a large number of well-known citizens. My notice calling the meeting contained no words either censuring or condemning the lieutenant-governor, as you will see if you read the notice, Mr. Taylor. I have as much respect for constituted authority as any man in the audience, and I believe the people of this city have the right to express approval or disapproval of the acts of any official in the land, be they of high or of low degree. The wording of the resolutions before this meeting are in my opinion most temperate; they enter a protest against the action of one official, and deplore the action of another official. [Applause.]

The question was then put by the mayor and a standing vote had. Those who stood up as being opposed to the motion must have felt lonely. All told, they numbered less than 30, out of an audience of nearly 500, and every one of the 30 were men who have fought Houston in civic politics or opposed him at the last election.

The Political Situation.

Victoria Colonist, 27th: The Times published an article yesterday on the political situation which was an agreeable mixture of malice and misinformation. It began by omitting certain quotation marks which would have made clear where what it quoted from the Colonist ended, and where its own comment thereon began. But we should not be inclined to rebut the argument that this was a mere inadvertence, and that the variation in the sense of the article was a sufficient indication of its different sources. It then went on to give its version of what has occurred during the last two weeks. In the first place, it stated that Mr. Houston presented an ultimatum to the government. This is absolutely untrue. It is the interpretation put upon certain facts for interested purposes of their own by Liberal partizans. There is not a word of truth in it. We were very sorry to see from an interview published in the Province that Mr. Macdonald, the Liberal leader, lent his name to this rumor. It is beneath the dignity of the leader of a party to repeat street gossip and dignify it by the name of an "open secret." Any secret in possession of the Liberal wire-pullers of Victoria would indeed be open. This matter of the ultimatum is a matter of fact or fiction. It is either true or untrue. We say that it is untrue, and we know what we are talking about. The Liberal press, and the Liberal leader, have given currency to the report. Will they give equal currency to the contradiction? The Times then went on to say that after two weeks Mr. McBride mustered up courage to refuse a portfolio to Mr. Houston. The Times must have an amazingly poor opinion of Mr. McBride if it thinks it takes the premier two weeks to make up his mind as to who shall or shall not enter his cabinet. And it must have an equally amazingly poor opinion of Mr. Houston if it thinks he would allow himself to be put for two weeks in an entirely false position in his relations with Mr. McBride or any other man. But then, the Times raised another point, "whether the lieutenant-governor or his advisers performed the submerging act is the question." "If," it goes on to say, "His Honor intimated to premier McBride that the head of the Conservative party in British Columbia was not a fit and proper person to assist in the councils from which he (the lieutenant-governor) takes advice, that was a pretty plain intimation that the whole outfit should pack up and get out." This does raise a rather curious question. Mr. John Houston has three times been elected mayor of the city of Nelson, whose affairs he managed with conspicuous honesty, ability, and prudence. He has the trust and confidence of the people of Nelson in a very marked degree, as they have shown by electing him twice to the legislature by large majorities. Not only so, but the people of Kootenay and Yale in general, have been, during the whole course of the growth of these countries, profoundly influenced by the personality and writings of Mr. Houston, and look up to him as one of the really powerful men of Western Canada. It is true that he is blunt to the point of rudeness, and is not devoid of eccentricities. But he belongs to the same stock which produced lord Brougham and Thomas Carlyle, and the features in which he resembles them [illegible]. If the reputation and honor he enjoys in the city in which he lives, and the section from which he hails are not enough, the Liberal-Conservative party of British Columbia has not been backward to recognize his merits. At the last convention of the party he was, we think unanimously, elected the president of the Conservative organization of the province. We should indeed think it remarkable if that personal predilection, still retained as a prerogative of the Crown, debarred a man, three times mayor of his own city, twice its representative, and president of the Conservative Union of the province, from any position in the administration of the country. However high [illegible] personal [illegible] such action of the Crown be based. The Times, with the political [illegible] for which it is famous, says that such an action would be an intimation to the McBride government to "pack up and get out." We have not come to the day under constitutional government when a party returned with a clear majority after an appeal to the country, is receiving any such intimations, and we do not think that in our present governor we have a man who would intimate in any such fashion that his advisers should "pack up and get out," as the Times so elegantly puts it, or would base any intimation of the kind upon any save the strictest constitutional grounds. What the true inwardness of the facts in connection with Mr. Houston and a portfolio is we do not know. But this we do know, that the interpretation placed upon these facts by the Times is false in every particular, as we said before. This we do know, that we trust Mr. McBride and Mr. Houston to consult the welfare of the country and their party in everything, and we equally trust sir Henri Joly to consult the dignity of his high office, and to discharge its functions judiciously and acceptably.

The Price Was Artifical.

In his report to the United States Geological Survey on the production of copper in 1902, Charles Kirchoff says that the copper mining industry of the United States suffered during 1902 from the reaction which followed the unsuccessful attempt during 1901 to maintain the value of the metal at an artificial level. The relapse which came towards the close of 1901 left many producers pledged to sales covering a long period, at low prices, with the menace of heavy accumulations of metal over the market. Yet metal productions were heavier during 1902 than it had been in 1901, because some of the important mines were worked to full capacity and because some of the enlargements and improvements previously begun became effective during the year. Furthermore a number of new enterprises produced important quantities of metal. On the other hand accidents and labor trouble cut down the output of some of the larger undertakings. Unless unforeseen events cause widespread or prolonged stoppage of operations at the mines, Mr. Kirchoff is of the opinion that the production of copper in the United States will be considerably larger in 1903 than it has ever been. The Lake Superior district will yield considerably more copper; Arizona is expected to return a considerably larger product; Utah may reach a total of 35,000,000 pounds, and Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, and the Southern States will report an increase.

The consumption of copper in the United States was enormous in 1902. It was larger also in other leading industrial countries.

As compared with 268,782 long tons in 1901, the total production of copper in the United States in 1902 was 294,423 long tons, of which the Lake Superior district prodused 76,175, or 25.9 per cent, Montana, 138,975 long tons, or 43.8 per cent, and Arizona 53,547 long tons, or 18.2 per cent. This is an increase on the total production of 25,641 long tons, or nearly 10 per cent, as compared with 1901.

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In the aggregate the reporting mines had a stock of 155,665,652 pounds of copper on January 1, 1903, as compared with 282,014,297 pounds on January 1, 1902, a decline of over 126,000,000 pounds during 1902.

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PHILADELPHIA NO. 2 Mineral Claim

[illegible] in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: [illegible] between [illegible] and Granite creeks about [illegible] miles southwesterly from the Thomson group.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. S. Clements, acting as agent for D. S. Prescott, free miners' certificate No. B[illegible], F. L. Prescott, F. M. C. No. [illegible], and W. A. Copley, F. M. C. No. B[illegible], intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this [illegible] day of August, A. D. [illegible]

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NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To THOMAS M. RAE, or to whomsoever [illegible] [illegible] Lake View and [illegible] situated on [illegible] Mountain, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay District.

YOU are hereby notified that we have expended [illegible] in labor and improvements [illegible] above named mineral claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within [illegible] days from the date of this notice you fail [illegible] [illegible] which is now due and payable, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claims will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

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MISCELLANEOUS MINING NEWS.

Diamonds and minerals have been found in the Republic of Liberia on the west coast of Africa. A representative of the African Review, in the course of his inquiries into this subject, called at the offices of the Western African Gold Concessions, which possesses extensive rights over the Republic—over 4,000 square miles (or one-half) being assigned to them exclusively as far as mining purposes are concerned, and having rights of prospecting in the remaining half. Over the first-mentioned portion of this territory, the rights exercised are to all intents and purposes those of a chartered company, and in the course of a very interesting conversation he had with the managing director he learnt that from the various expeditions sent out during the past year or two to this territory numerous indications of diamondiferous ground have been reported, and a number of miscellaneous stones of various kinds gathered en route sent over. The diamondiferous ground, already reported by the expeditions, it may be noted, consisted of deposits of mineralized blue clay, and was traced along a section of country for some 25 miles, and stated by a prospector to be exactly similiar in character to deposits observed during a twelve years' experience in Brazil. Our representative personally saw and handled specimens of amethysts, rubies, corundum, cinnabar (containing a very high percentage of mercury), and lignite, giving evidence of the existence of coal, which has been reported in Liberia in large quantities. In fact, judging from the variety and quality of the different precious stones and minerals (including gold) brought back by the different expeditions, Liberia would appear to be, as continuously claimed by those acquainted with it, a highly mineralized region, and the Gold Coast gold-mining industry may apparently expect to be assisted by various mines of Liberia in its efforts to compete with the rival producing colonies of South Africa.

Dearth of native labor in the mines and public works on the Rand is the most serious problem now confronting employers and it is absolutely necessary to look for cheap labor outside. The importation of Chinese labor is advocated.

In their report on miners' phthisis, in the Transvaal, the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject find that the disease is largely confined to miners who have worked in metalliferous mines for some time, and is more especially to be found among the rock-drill miners of the Rand mines. In the Witwatersrand 1,210 miners were medically examined at the instance of the Commissioners, and of these 187 were found to be affected by the disease, and a further 88 were looked upon as suspected cases. The average life-span of of miners afflicted with this terrible scourage is 35.5 years. The report ascribes the disease to the inhalation of dust, and states that it is more prevalent among rock-drillers than any other class of workers. It is essential that respirators should be worn by these men and that special attention be paid to the investigation of the character and harmful porperties of the dust in the mines, mine ventilation, gases given off during blasting operations, mine sanitation, and the conditions under which the miners live. The disease is correctly known as silicosis, and is a condition of chronic fibrosis of the lung. The inhalation of fine angular dust in the mine produces enormous development of the delicate fibrous tissue in the lungs. Thereupon bands and patches of solid useless material gradually encroach on the normal breathing apparatus and interfere seriously, and eventually fatally, with the respiratory functions.—African Review.

Volcanic action has in most cases primarily determined the configuration of the crust of the earth, but the chief agents in the formation of tortuous valleys have been streams flowing above ground or below the surface. These naturally take the course of least resistance, dislodging the softest soil, and thus gradually enlarge their channels and are flanked by rising ground.

Gold mining in Virginia began in 1829. The mines are situated in the range from Fredericksburg to Danville, and were in many places rich. Work on these mines was likewise long abandoned. But after the war the industry was revived, new quartz mills were erected and operations conducted on an improved and paying basis. Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee each have a portion of the same gold-bearing range. Georgia has been the greatest producer of any of the Southern States, the mines having been most actively and systematically worked, her yield being nearly half a million annually. The States above named previous to the advent of California, were the source of almost the entire production of the United States.

In 1889 a hunter in the northwest of South Wales wounded a kangaroo. The animal went off through the mulga and the salt bush at a pace too fast for the hunter to follow. The hunter was a bushman and did not depair. He followed the blood trail hopeful of a short search and a speedy bag. At one point of the pursuit it may be that the trail grew faint and necessitated a closer inspection. Anyway the hunter stooped and picked up a piece of stone. This he examined. The red spot was not on it. It was in it. Such was the beginning of the White Cliffs opal fields.

This is the kind of trick Fortune loves to play on designing man. Not very many years ago, when the thatched roof of an ancient cottage near Ripon, England, was removed, a rich nest of five guinea gold pieces was discovered hidden away under it. When the news of this treasure store came to the ears of a neighboring landowner he was so fired by the lust of gold that he forthwith purchased a dozen similar cottages in the district and had them all pulled down, but not a solitary coin was found in exchange for the £3,000 the experiment cost him.

Reported discoveries of new veins of iron ore in the Mesaba range in Michigan are considered important by iron and steel men, because they indicate an extension of the ore limits of the great range. The new find is in the south of the heretofore known limits of the Bessemer ore and for this reason is regarded as one of the most important of the season.

They are poor who have lost nothing; they are poorer far who losing have forgotten; and they most poor of all who lose and wish they might forget. For life is one and in its warp and woof there runs a thread of gold that glitters fair, and sometimes in the patern shows most sweet where there are sombre colors. It is true that we have wept. But oh, this thread of gold! Let us turn off and look back upon its wonderous web and when it shineth sometime we shall know that memory is possession.—Jean Ingleow.

In love of virtue and hatred of vice, in the detestation of cruelty and encouragment of gentleness and mercy. all men who endeavor to be acceptable to their creator in any way, may agree. There are more roads to heaven, I am inclined to think, than any sect believes; but there can be none which have not these flowers garnishing the way.—Charles Dickens.

All civilization is but a creation, a modification, and a re-creation of conscience. And it is more than strange that those who talk so loudly about the testimony of conscience to religion overlook the pregnant fact that this testimony voices its strongest accents in the infancy of the race, and grows ever weaker with the advance of civilization.—C. Cohen.

What is fame to a living man? If he lives aright the sound of no man's voice will resound through the aisles of his secluded life. His life is a hallowed silence, a pool. The loudest sounds have to thank my little ear that they are heard.—Thoreau.

Announcements from Butte indicate that as soon as the additions and improvements for the Washoe smelter have been finished, the entire force of men employed by the Amalgamated company will be returned to duty forthwith.

When a man dies they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. The angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him. —Mohammed.

There is nothing that makes men rich and strong but that they carry inside of them. Wealth is of the heart, not the hand.—John Milton.

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Gold Creek, about one-half mile from Slocan Lake

TAKE NOTICE, that I, A. R. Fingland, F M. C No. B 69293, intend, 60 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 22nd day of October A.D. 1903.

A. R. FINGLAND.

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."

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