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From the Lake Towns

Grace Williams is visiting Miss Horne in Ferguson.

Mrs. Harry Aylwin is visiting friends at the Coast,

Bob Cunning paid a visit to New Denver on Monday.

Slocan City has raised a fund for a Labor Day celebration.

Several merchants will pull out of Slocan City next month

Bob Johnson and Harry Woolley have returned from Kettle river

Bob Allen has sold his meat shop in Slocan City to Harvey Aitchison

Monte Davys and family have gone to England for the balance of the summer.

Mrs. George Alexander, of Kaslo, was visiting friends in New Denver last week.

Joseph Millward is doing business in Cranbrook His family still resides in Nelson.

Mrs. Kernaghan and family from Revelstoke are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Wm. Brandon and Arthur Murray have started a fruit ranch on the hill, back of Silverton.

Lee Chism has come down from the Ottawa to do assessment work on his claims at Eight Mile.

The Methodist Sunday School will hold their annual picnic Wednesday, July 27th at Rosebery.

Mrs. Tucker, who has lately been the guest of M.s. Geo. B Garrett, left on Tuesday for Dawson City.

Bruce White went to the Mollie Gibson Monday with a view of getting the mine in shape to resume operations.

The buildings now occupied by THE LEDGE will be for sale or to rent after the 1st of August Apply to the ed tor.

Wm. Thomlinson will visit the properties of the Lightning Peak Co, this week The company has recently paid in full for the properties.

The Vernon News has issued a special edition descriptive of the beauties and resources of the Okanagan valley. It is a handsome quarto of 80 pages, full of illustrations and reflects credit on the enterprise of the firm.

Jim Bowes paid a visit to the Okanagan last week in search of a new hotel site. Jim has always run one of the best hotels in the Slocan, but like others he has grown weary of feasting on scenery, and the boom that is always to come.

A. O. Ostby was burned out in Poplar last week. The fire is supposed to have started from a lighted lamp, as it was the custom of the family to keep one burning all night Ostby and his family had a narrow escape, and got out with a scarcity of clothing Several trunks, and some ham and bacon were saved from the lower story. The insurance was $700.

We have received for review a song entitled "It was summertime in Dixieland" The cover is a dream in black and yellow. A primrose moon looks down on a bilious looking couple seated in a garden of gigantic cauliflowers. It is most affecting. Inside there are four pages of music. This we do not know much about, but it is clearly printed and looks easy. The publishers assert that [illegible] year. If so, we pity the poor public.

Tom Saunders caught a char in a very curious way this week. He had hooked a small trout, when a char seized it by the tail. Tom gave a gentle pull, but [illegible] seized the trout more firmly in the middle of the body and refused to let go He thought he was our bulldog and hung on as if he thought the trout was a delinquent subscriber But, alas for misplaced energy, Saunders gradually drew him closer The net was ready, and with one fell swoop the surprised fish was landed in the boat.

POPLAR MINING NOTES.

J. A. Magee of the Spyglass company has been in Poplar the past week looking after the business of the mine.

Parson Smith commenced work the past week on the Denver group, located across the river from Bosworth station.

The tunnel being run on the Silver Glance lead by D A. Murdock is in 25 feet, the quartz carry good gold values throughout

Perkins Bros. the past week crosscut a 4-foot lead of quartz carrying peacock copper. The claim is about two miles up Poplar creek.

The incline on the Golden Eagle group, near Gold Hill is down 40 feet following the lead Altogether 80 feet of work has been done on the group this season.

Poplar is beginning to look like a mining camp. Every morning a train of pack animals is loaded with supplies at E. L. Masterson's store for the working mines in the vicinity.

Henry Magnussen and Eric Strand have completed the trail up to the Silver Cable group on Tenderfoot creek, and have now four men at work on their rich galena properties.

The shaft on the Mother Lode is down 35 feet and the ore body is improving with depth. On the surface the ore was concentrating, and at 35 feet the bottom of the shaft is nearly all solid galena. At a depth of 50 feet the ledge will be crosscut.

Messrs. Nesbitt, Munro, Gordon, Burns and Lewis this week completed work on the extension to the trail west of Rapid creek. There is now a fairly good trail extending from the wagon road to about a mile south of the Morning claim. Two miles more would open up the Territory as far as the Alhambra group, recently located, and the government should give some assistance to the prospectors on Rapid and Rusty creeks.

Samples of ore sent to Nelson from the Hecla for assay, gave gold returns: Schist, $4.80, and quartz, $8.85. This is a good return, as the samples taken were right across both ore bodies, then each was thoroughly mixed and quartered, thus giving a fair average assay of the lead. The Hecla is owned by Chism & Hendrix and is an adjoining claim to the Broken Hill A tunnel is being run on the Calumet, also owned by Chism and Hendrix, to catch the rich galena lead that has been found on the Carson. The tunnel is in about twenty feet.

Dan. McRae and Chas. Diamond a couple of weeks ago located the Alhambra, Diamond Ray, Mountain Goat and Emma at the head of Rapid creek. There are two leads running through the claims, one 18 inches of concentrating galena and the other 5 feet of iron. An assay from the surface of the galena lead gave 82 ounces in silver and $2.80 in gold No assays have been had from the iron Development work will be started on the claims as soon as Mr. Diamond recovers from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which requires the constant attendance of his partner

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A ring which is said to be the one presented to Joseph by Pharaoh on the occasion of his appointment to the office of Prime Minister, reposes in a small velvet case in the office of Abe Lipman, [illegible] part of an art collection on which Mr. Lipman made a $50,000 loan. The ring is valued at $1,000 It was obtained by Professor Lansing, of Damascus, and the most famous Egyptologists believe it to be the original gift from the King of the Egyptians. It is probably 4,000 years old, having been made 2,000 years before Christ. It is a circle of gold set with a scarab. The collection was owned by a former real estate operator.

Masterson, Griffith & Co., Trout Lake, sell all the supplies needed by lumber camps and mines.

MINING RECORDS.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

ASSESSMENTS.

Apr 9—Quien Sabe
" 13—Hoodoo for two years.
" 20—Two Brothers, Mountain Con
" 25—Creole
" 26—Twin Sister No 2, Queen of the Hills, Black Hussar, Twin Sister No 1, Golden Belt, Mojavo.
May 4—Mollie, Teller, Leadville, Madonna, Col. Sellers, Kathleen.
May 9—Katie fr, Argo, Gypsy Lass, Otis, Anniston
May 11—Silver Leaf No 2
" 12—Memphis, Coronation, Mabou, Empress fr, White Sparrow
May 18—Sidelight.
" 20—Neepawa
" 25—St Lawrence, Dalhousie, Argentite fr.
May 26—Kimberley
" 31—Monteroy fr, Shiloh.
June 4—Crazy Jane, Lady Franklin, Brentwood, Reckie, Aston, Aston No 2, Jack, Jim, Crown
June 4—Mimic
" 6—St Louis, Dividend, Alhambra
" 8—Chesapeake.
" 9—Rainbow.
" 10—Morning Star, Sheffield fr
" 13—Vendor, Carleton, Pontiac.
" 14—Danube, Silver Park, Utica.
" 16—Black Fel, Wilno, Roter, each for two years.
June 20—Fir.
" 22—Constance, Zillah.
" 24—Reliance, Sheffield.
" 25—Anchor, X L C R, Porcupine, Seville, Maple Leaf, Sunbeam, Fallen Leaf.
June 27—Wedge fr, Bassett, Rother fr, Jennie Long, Fourth of July, Truro, Alma for two years, Regina, Bertha, Bertha fr.
June 28—Free Gold, May, Joy, Joy fr
July 4—Hoboken two years, Gatineau two years, Simcoe two years, Ve Fraction, Florence two years, Soldier Boy, Jose, Shenandoah, Victor, Vevey fr, Eclipse, Sligo, Iron Cap, Bluebird
July 5—Bright Light
" 6—Hamilton, Hazelton, Pendleton, Little Chillie, Colorado, Silverton, Little Dorrit fr, May.
July 7—Francis M, Alberta, Superior fr, Ophir, Alliance, Dixie, Olympia.
July 9—Bessie.

LOCATIONS

Apr 20—Togo, on Lemon creek, D C Robertson; Makaroff, same, Jos Dearin
May 9—Ellen Dare, on Lemon creek, Dan Hanlon.
May 11—Elena, on Springer ck, Antonio Mazzeo
May 12—Torpedo, on 1st n f Lemon, Thos McNeish
June 4—Clyde, on Tobin creek, J V Purviance
June 6—Slocan Bell, on Twelve Mile creek, E C Snyder; Lalley fr, divide between Springer and Ten Mile, C M Kirkwood.
June 8—Golden Hill fr, on Republic hill, A R Bolderston
June 20—Lakeview, south from town, H A Hicks
July 4—Noonday, head of Springer, J E Skinner and Blair Carter
July 5—Jenny Lynn, Ten Mile creek, John Taylor.
July 6—Virgel, divide n f Ten Mile and Four Mile, J M Gillis.
July 7—Christina, same, W White.

TRANSFERS.

Apr 12—Matrice ½ and Premier ½, W H Wall to D H Gibson.
Apr 18—Skylark and Ranger and 14 other claims, Sheriff Tuck conveys all of Percy Dickinson's interests to R W Hannington, at the suit of Elmer J Felt
Apr 20—Tonka No 2, Grant Cox to Fred G Carlisle.
Apr 30—Democrat and Royal, ¼ in each, A F McNaught to John Thining; Club ½, same to same
May 5—Beauty fr ¾, J M McGregor to E Lemieux
May 10—Fourth of July No 6 ½, R [illegible] same.
May 13—Alhambra, all, R Kurtzhals to Jas Smith.
May 20—Bonnie Doon, publisher's affidavit re delinquent owners; Southern Chief 9-16, R A Bradshaw to James B Foley.
May 26—Notice by registrar of county court of letters of administration being issued, appointing Leo Doiron administrator of estate of Joseph Doiron.
May 30—Mabou ¼, Geo Williamson to R I Kirkwood; $500
May 31—Boston, all, D Graham to M Murphy.
June 4—Blue Bird, all, L R Doiron to A H McMillan.
[illegible] to Geo F Weinant
June 17—Shenandoah ½, Clara Werely to C E Barber.
June 24—Lone Dutchman ¼, T Henderson to J A Kirkpatrick.
June 29—Creole, notice by J R Greenfield that his license has lapsed and his interest now falls to co-owners.
July 4—Dundee, Four Friends, Doiroat and Summerseith, ¼ in each, W T Shatford to Pioneer Mining Co, ltd; Slocan Prince ½, same to same

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT.

Apr 22—Hidden Treasure, Crusader, Boulder, Weymouth.

Sandon News Croppings

There was frost in Sandon Monday night

More than 60 Eagles are getting ready to fly in this city.

P. J. Hickey is in Poplar looking after his interests in that camp.

Frank Malcolm and Bob Heddle are pounding rock and steel at the Cork mine.

Billy Karr is building a house in Vancouver, and will remove his family to that city

E M Sandilands and F. H Hawkins have been appointed agents for the Elmore oil process.

Bill Davidson has more muscle than any other member of the B C legislature. He gets it by hitting the drill in the Mountain Con.

Ed McLeod has added more paint to the Kootenay. He is bound to keep the surroundings in harmony with the nervebracers behind the bar.

The tax on telephone messages causes many funny situations to take place. A Sandon man holds the record for getting ahead of the losing monoply.

Labor day will be celebrated in Sandon on September 5th and 6th. About $2,500 will be given in prizes. A delegation visited Slocan on Monday to see if that town would postpone their celebration on the same day, but without success

A VALUABLE DEPOSIT.

Johnson and Fry, goldminers and prospectors, have discovered a rich deposit of scheelite in the Willow Creek region of Caribou. The Provincial Mineralogist says it is more valuable than gold, and makes 14-cent steel worth 64 cents. Hitherto the only place in the world where scheelite has been found is Northern Australia.

Johnson and Fry say they have an immense deposit of the stuff which they will work at once It is the mineral from which tungstic acid is manufactured The original discoverer was K W. Scheele, the Swedish chemist.

Charles Sweeney, president of the Federal Mining Company, says the Sumpter Miner, is drawing a salary of $18,000 a year and gets a large share of the dividends. His case furnishes a remarkable illustration of what changes may be made in a man's fortune in a short time. Ten years ago Mr. Sweeny was poor and made his living by serving as a deputy United States marshal. When a certain bullding burned he remarked it was his last bit of property he had in the world upon which he could have realized Now he has a fortune running into the millions and draws an annual salary that would have looked like a fortune to him a decade ago.

Always have a bottle of Sandon beer in your pocket when you go fishing. Write to the New York Brewery and get a case.

THE SLOCAN MINES

The Idaho will ship zinc ore to Kansas.

The Monitor flume will be finished in a few days.

More men have been put to work at the Lucky Jim

The Silver Cord, near Cody, will soon be in active operation.

The Last Chance is being put in shape for active operations

About 20 men are woaking on the contract tunnel at the Rambler.

Last week the Ottawa shipped 66 tons of ore; Port Hope, 5; Alberta, 15.

The Ivanhoe has finished its contract for supplying zinc to the smelter at Iola.

Bob Cunning will work the Dum Dum a fractional claim just above the Mercury.

Arthur Brindle is doing assessment work on the Empire claim on Goat mountain.

The Dixie Hummer will be opened up this month. It is the property of Mrs. Phil Hickey.

There are 12 men working at the Mountain Con, and the lessees certainly have a bonanza.

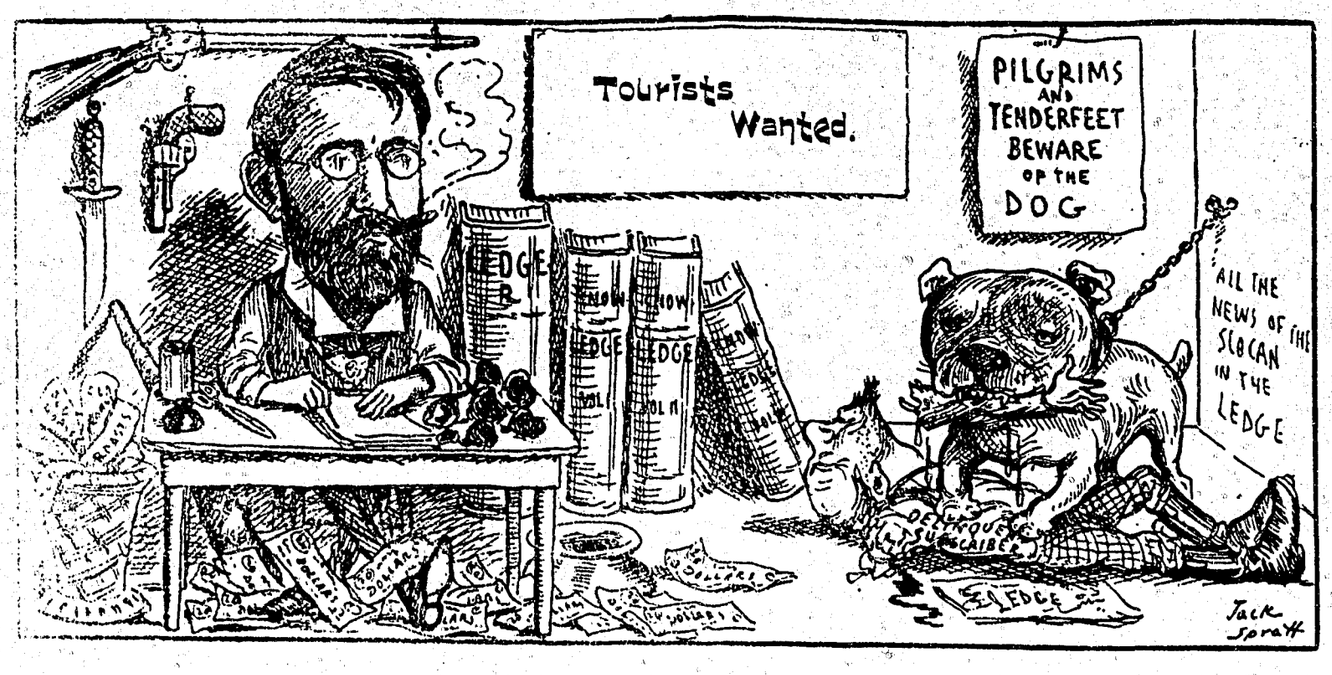
W H. Yawkey, of Detroit will visit the Slocan in a few days. He is heavily interested in the Ivanhoe.

The Idaho is one of the big shippers of the Slocan They shipped 30 tons of zinc to Iola, Kansas, on Saturday and also 20 tons of galena to Nelson. On Monday they shipped 50 tons to Nelson.

BAYONNE GROUP SOLD.

Nelson, July 14.—The deal for the sale of the Bayonne group, located to the west of the lower end of Kootenay lake, to H Winchell, George T Magee, Albert Janczewsky, Charles F Booth and others, of Butte, Mont has been closed The terms of the bond call for $30,000. The sum of $7,000 was paid yesterday to George Harrison and Fred Ridson, the owners, and the remainder, $23,000, will be paid just as soon as crown grants are issued In a 600 foot tunnel on the Bayonne claim there is a shoot of ore 150 feet long which runs high in gold On the Ohio there is a chute of oxydized ore 100 feet in length which also runs high in gold. The formation is a close grained granite, which usually carries gold values at depth. The properties are considered valuable. The intention of the new owners is to push work and place the properties on a producing basis as quickly as possible The property was bonded to Finch and Campbell of Spokane some three years ago, they doing considerable work, but the bond was allowed to expire.

Platinum was first discovered as a metal in 1741, William Watson, of London, England, having been the discoverer The ores carrying platinum were mined in the neighborhood of Carthagena, Columbia. At one time it was known as white gold For several years after its discovery it was practically a valueless metal, as there was no market for it. In 1788 the king of Spain offered to pay $2 per pound for the metal, and it is said that he purchased 8,800 pounds at that price. Its splendid qualities were not appreciated until well into the nineteenth century, and since the advent of incandescent electric lamps the demand has been so large that platinum's cost has appreciated to the value of gold. Platinum was at one time used as an adulteration of gold coins, owing [illegible] gold in considerable quantity, without materially changing the yellow color of it. Platinum in and around the year 1758 was very scarce in Spain, because so much of it found its way into gold coins, and at one time the Spanish government debased its own coin with the addition of a percentage of the metal in its gold coinage



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WE have been approached. At Lardo the other day Bob Green gave us a cigar.

THESE are the days when the forest fire steals over the hills, and puts many a fat timber limit out of business.

JUDGING from the reports we read about Sunday laws in Ontario the people of that province are scarcely half civilized.

The Mad Mullah has broken out again. The despatch does not say whether he has the measles or the same old kind of pimples.

A GOPHER ran past our office the other day and looked up at us with sympathy in his eyes. We are both in the hole most of the time.

THE other day a bear was seen reading the epitaphs on the tombstones in New Denver's cemetery. This is a sight that few towns can offer to the tourist trade.

WE WOULD rather be a flea, and live upon the back of a greasy Dago than have a soul like some of the animated clay that walks on feet and never pays the printer.

THE scientist who said that the sun was losing its heat should come and sit under our tin roof while we go out prospecting for a ledge of ice with stringers of mint, lemon and other things running through it.

IF THE powder now being wasted around Port Arthur was exploded in the mountains of the Slocan there would be such a boom around New Denver that the oldest inhabitants would be forced to wake up, and admit that they were alive.

THE Province is a great friend of this district. When in doubt it always puts a mine in the Slocan. Some day from its broad columns we will learn that the Treadwell is at Sandon, or the United Verde just across the gulch from Paddy's Peak.

A MINE in Mexico capitalized at $950,000 has paid a dividend of a million in a year. In Mexico they will persist in being opposite to British Columbia. Ignorance we suppose is the cause of it.

IF THE church at any time in the history of the world had had absolute control of the human mind there would not now be any liberty or progress on this earth. For our freedom, our learning and our civilization we have not the church to thank but those brave spirits who blazed the trail through the shades of superstition until the mountain of reason was reached even if every step was spattered with human blood.

WE are inclined to believe that Bob Green and Dick McBride are not so deeply ebonized as we have been led to believe by the rancid press. We watched them closely during their recent trip through Kootenay and not once did we see them drink out of a bottle, turn a blackjack or ring the bell where the curtains are red. There rambled though the mountains was like the picnic of two Sunday School boys, although McBride kind of turned Green as they peeped into the Tribune office, and saw their victim, like an argonaut, setting type through a spy-glass and whistling the latest song from Ymir.

THE man with the hoe, the axe, and the drill has a broad back or he would not carry the load that he does. On his back sits the army, church, and all those who produce nothing but wind. If the man with the load was to straighten up, pull the wool out of his ears, the dust out of his eyes, and the moss away from his brain where would all the parasites slide to? Into a chute of hard work. But then he will never do it in this age. The parson, the politician and the capitalist have got him buffaloed. He will stab his real friend, and hand his sack to those who fatten on his fears, his ignorance and the wheels that revolve in his upper stope.

THE surface showings of gold, silver, lead and copper around Poplar are exceedingly rich. Up to date the secret has been fairly well kept from the investing public, but unless extraordinary precautions are taken the news will leak out and that camp will be overrun with a crowd of capitalists in search of a greater pile of wealth. The Poplar people should take a lesson from the Slocan if they do not wish to have their peaceful existence destroyed and their minds tortured with bank accounts. We have succeeded so well in the Slocan that the inhabitants are all happy and never suffer from late suppers or the curse of wealth.

A BROOKLYN paper wants to know why men do not go to church. The editor of that paper must be green or he would not ask such a simple question. Men do not go to church because the choir girls do not wear short dresses nor wiggle when they walk; because they cannot smoke cigars in front of the pulpit, and squirt tobacco juice in the collection plate, nor draw to bobtails while the parson is splitting the air with his sonorous remarks about the blood of the lamb. They cannot play ball while all is prayer around them, nor drink out of a bottle while every wizened old prude in the congregation is swallowing them with her eyes and hollering to Jesus at the same time. These are some of the reasons why men do not go to church.

THE little, local, shoestring Tourist Associations that we occasionally find in British Columbia will never build up a tourist trade that will be worth a whoop in Three Forks. The tourist trade should be worth millions every year to Kootenay but it can only be procured by going after it along business lines, just the same as any other legitimate business of great magnitude. We have the goods and this is the way to do the business. Organize a company, with say ten millions of dollars in capital. Then build a complete chain of first-class hotels, with trails and roads to all high points of interest; advertise the fact and the tourist world is ours, bag, baggage, and pikestaff. We have a land of grandeur, but our light is under a bushel, because no promoter has noticed this great chance for investors. Properly explained to men of means there should be little difficulty in procuring all the money necessary for this great enterprise.

IN Kingston, Ontario, the other Sunday Canon Starr got warm and denounced Sunday excursions, and said that they were destroying the fear of God. It is about time such frothy sermons were thrown over the dump amid the rubbish of ignorant ages. The fear of the man-made god is just what we want destroyed. Sunday legislation was started by a pagan ruler of Rome, and God had no more to do with it than Red Paddy. Man has made all the laws and penalties regarding what is called breaking the Sabbath. You cannot break it, and only people with dough-lined brains believe such twaddle. Parsons rant about it because they wish to hold the people in mental bondage for their own aggrandisement. Every day is the same to the Power behind all things, and only foolish man has made any distinction. You may break a creed by not observing Sunday in a certain way, but you can never hurt the real God by any harmless work or amusement at any time.

TRULY ANSWERED.

Boats trading in the Medway in former years rejoiced in rather curious names, and the following was only one of the many amusing incidents resulting from this.

A boat named "What's That to You?" passing a dockyard at nightime was hailed as usual, by the guardsman.

"Boat ahoy! Your captain's name?"

Captain X——"

"And what are you laden with?"

"Coals."

"Where bound for?"

"Chatham."

"Ship's name?"

"What's that to you?"

"I asked you the name of the ship?"

"What's that to you?"

"You shall be reported for your insolence!" roared the coast guardsman. Again he put the question and receiving the same reply, the boat was commanded to remain where she was. In the morning two boats were seen keeping guard. The officials, as they boarded the vessel with full authority to seize the offenders, observed for the first time the name painted in large letters. Amid the laughter and jeers of the crew of the "What's That to You?" they pulled moodily away.

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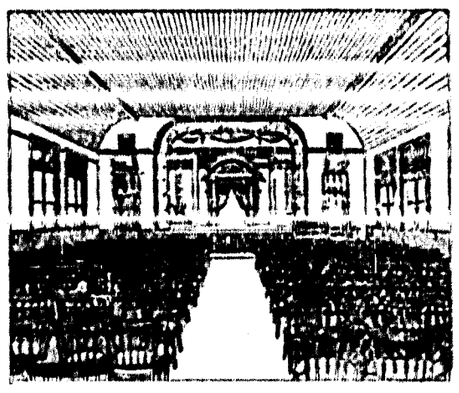

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A Canadian Mint

MR. D R WILKIE, General Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, at the recent annual meeting of its shareholders, submitted some interesting statistics to support his contention that Canadian coinage should be made in a Canadian mint and should have a specifically Canadian form. Silver and copper coins are Canadian in character now, but practically the only gold coins in use in this country are those of the United States. According to Mr Wilkie, there is in the vaults of the Dominion Government and the various chartered banks an aggregate of $34,430,384, all in American gold coins His contention is that all this immense sum should be of Canadian, not American, coinage

Heretofore the immense quantities of gold from the Yukon territory have been disposed of very largely at the Seattle assay office, thus promoting Seattle trade. When there is a Government assay office in operation in some place in British Columbia the stream of the output will be stopped there, and when there is a mint at Ottawa that stream will be diverted to it to be converted into coins of Canadian make and design, and stored in the vaults of the Government and the banks as security for our paper currency.

Mr. Wilkie makes the interesting point that familiarity with foreign coins to the exclusion of their own tends to "denationalize" a people, just as the use of foreign songs does. He strengthens this contention by citing the practice of other nations Austria-Hungary, with a gold coinage of $35,000,000, mints its own coins; so does Italy, with its coinage of $20,000,000; so does Australia, with its coinage of $50,000,000; so does even Sweden, with its coinage of $1,800,000.

Formerly the matter of expense was a deterrent; it has now ceased to be so, partly because Canada has become wealthier as the spirit of nationality has developed, and partly through the reduction which science has effected in the expense of the minting process The cost of copper and silver coinage is now more than offset by the admixture of cheaper metal to harden the coin; when copper and silver coins are made in our own mint, the profit will be equally great and just as legitimate. The alloy in gold coins makes less difference between their currency value and their intrinsic value, but in any case the matter of expense has ceased to be of great practical importance It is not at all so important as the cultivation of the feeling that Canada is rapidly developing into a nation and that she ought to have this evidence of her financial automony in the hand of her people — Toronto Globe.

Chinese For South Africa

THERE is no disguising the fact that England, one of the first nations in the world to denounce and abolish slavery, has forgotten and abandoned its glorious traditions, prompted by greed for money. We are to have slaves in South Africa, yellow slaves who will live under worse conditions than the West Indian negroes The ordinance drawn up by our South African mine magnates is based upon force, compulsion, penalties and restrictions. Confinement is in a word the negation of personal freedom and industrial liberty, and is for the benefit of one side only—the mine magnates.

As to whether indentured Chinese labor is or is not slavery, or is an institution "partaking of slavery," one good test is the American standard of what coolieism is The constitution, of the state of California, that should represent both by knowledge and experience the facts, states: "Asiatic coolieism is a form of human slavery and is forever prohibited in this state, and all contracts for coolie labor shall be void"

This was applied to individual contracts and to Chinese who were free to live where they liked, and who were not to feel that after their contracts were finished they were repatriated and lost to all other trades, and who yet became in so many ways such a moral menace and industrial evil that in 1879 the importation, free contract or indentured, had to be prohibited. What the Chinaman is as an imported industrial one can gather from the fact that all our colonies and America have had to exclude him

As one who has worked with Kroomen and other natives in South Africa, I am convinced that this ordinance means slavery, even with the disposition to treat the Chinese well under it, and on that the last people I should trust are the rajahs of the Rand.

It revives in worse forms than the old negro slavery the servitude of yellow to white men in many of its most odious aspects That it is really and in fact by the compound system worse than the old slavery is demonstrated by the Chinese minister, as proved by his suggested safeguards, one of which is:

"That in no case shall it be allowable for the employer or his servant to inflict corporal punishment on the Chinese immigrant, and that any violation of this provision shall be punishable at law as a common assault."

His provision in this respect is justified by what has occured in the past in South Africa

In 1886 a native was beaten to death by an overseer, who was brought up and fined only $125. In the month of February, 1891, a miner caused the death of a native by purposely pushing him into a shaft. He was charged with manslaughter and found not guilty, a verdict that was hailed with approval by the whites in the court.

The Chinese minister also asks that the free and easy transfer conditions of the ordinance, which Lord Stanmore said would enabled men to be bought and sold should be altered and he sagaciously adds: "This is necessary in order to prevent the Chinese immigrant from being made a mere chattel of an *idle or dissipated*."

He then proceeds to riddle the ordinance in other ways all of which goes to prove that the Chinese minister believes what all the colonies affirm, the labor movement everywhere contends, and all but cowardly ministers and shareholding legislators subscribe to, that this Chinese ordinance is a human document for the transhipment of men violently recruited by corrupt mandarins from jails and congested areas of poverty stricken China to be used for the violent breaking down of the standard of comfort of black and white labor in South Africa?

Who are, then, the men who support this ordinance?

By their past records, and the cost they have been to the empire, their callous conduct is inscribed in the reports of two parliaments.

They are the people who have grown rich simply by the accumulation of other people's money, and the scandalous misuse of patriotism and imperial protection, and to secure more wealth they only want slavery enforced by British soldiers, for whom they are too mean to pay.

The present treatment and condition of Kaffir mining labor in the Transvaal is such that one can only infer that the Rand rules the government out there as at home, and that, in its imperious way of getting its interests advanced and mrking large profits out of neglecting the laws, it is a law unto itself.

Certainly it sets at defiance health, sanitary and mining laws, and the proof of this is the results of weak administration, which wealth in Africa is strong enough to defy. With what consequences let the industrial mortality from accident, disease, and neglect testify.

I unhesitatingly say that where slavery, naked and unabashed, prevails in Africa the condition of the same class of natives is, from every point of view, preferable to the lot of the Rand Kaffirs.

To prevent slavery we are at war in Somaliland To prevent it we are continually watching the Somali and Zanzibar coasts. To prohibit it altogether missionary enterprises exists and vast sums of money are expended. But in its personal, physical and domestic results on the people who are thus enslaved, their conditions, without compounds, with their wives and families around them and two free days to themselves, is a Paradise compared with the brutal treatment, bad food and ill usage of Kaffir boys under the British flag by Lord Milner's proteges.

If the Rand magnates are allowed to compound Chinese labor, if they secure their way and have 200,000 Asiatics within walls, every Rand town will become a Kimberley, with a social pest and moral plague superadded to what Kimberley can produce.

We engaged in a long and bloody war in South Africa for franchise, for equal rights for all men, and for the sake of our glorious country all the world should know that the people of Great Britain are opposed to this new form of slavery, that the South African people are solid against it and no one has proved the scarcity of Kaffir labor when properly treated On the contrary, all witnesses declare that time, patience, kindness and good administration, firmly enforced against the sordid elements in South Africa will render unnecessary a step that once taken will eventually lead to the loss of South Africa to Great Britain and pave the way to further moral and political damage to a state that is only greater than others by virtue of the past sacrifices to secure the liberty of the subject and the freedom of the worker.—John Burns, M.P.

WHEN THE STOCK WENT UP

This is a story without a moral. A true tale, however, and treasured in the archives of the Washoe Club as an argument in favor of poker and hard liquor and an illustration of how things sometimes happened in Virginia City's mad, delirious prime. The hero of this chapter from the early seventies was W. B. Thornberg, who twenty years before had made a name for himself as Sheriff of Yuba county. He is dead now, but the story of how his fortune was founded, the tale without a moral, still lives.

Thornberg had been speculating in Savage. His little all was tied up in the stock, which was steadily dropping in value. As the stock's worth waned the greater waxed Thornberg's disgust at his choice of investment, says the Call.

"I'm going to sell my Savage right away," he told a friend. "It goes lower and lower and first thing I know it won't bring enough to buy me a ticket to San Francisco."

On his way to order the sale of the stock, however, Thornberg dropped into the Washoe Club, where he was persuaded to take a hand in a poker game. The game proved fascinating. It continued all that night, went along without interruption until the next day's sun arose and was still going when darkness once more fell As he played Thornberg drank whiskey. The strain of the game, lack of sleep and the generous flow of liquor finally wore him out and when he went to bed it was to sleep the round of the clock

Upon awakening his first thought was of his stock. "It's pinched out by this time and I'm busted sure," he soliloquized as he bathed his aching head and prepared to visit his broker and learn the worst

Soon after Thornberg started to play poker rumors of a strike in Savage had reached Virginia City. The drooping stock revived. The rumor was confirmed. The stock went up by leaps and bounds. When Thornberg returned to earth it was quoted at $300 a share and when he sold his holdings netted him nearly $250,000

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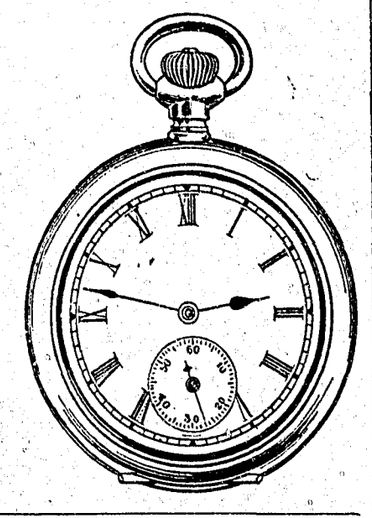

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