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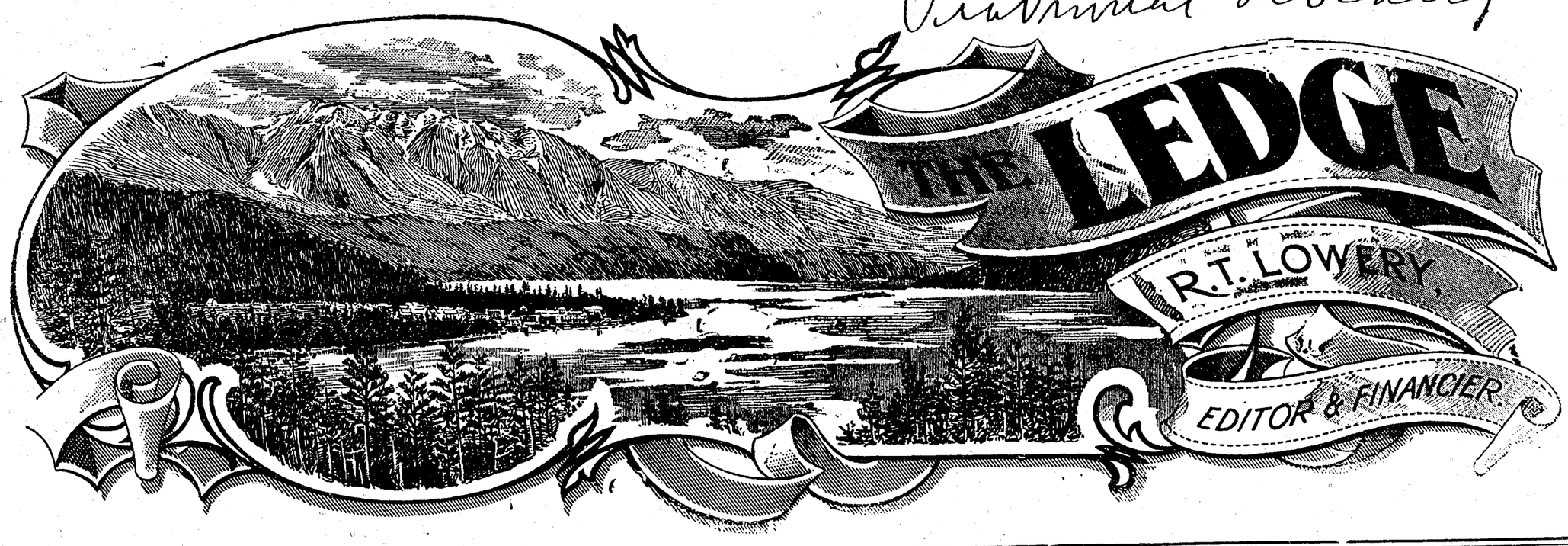

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General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Our woodpile is growing—so is our neighbors'.

Hunters are numerous these days but game is scarce.

H. Byrnes will erect a handsome residence on Union street shortly.

Born—At Silverton, Sept. 2, to the wife of F. Liebscher, a daughter.

Service in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Rev. A. E. Roberts.

Ask Williams about fruit when you are thinking of putting up jam for the winter.

Clothes may not make the man, but he can be judged pretty well by the way he keeps them.

W. W. Fallows, of Sandon, has been appointed Slocan agent for the Similkameen Coal Co.

Carl Lindow, of Slocan City, accidentally shot a finger off his left hand last week, while hunting.

Dan McLachlan has returned from a visit to the Lardeau. He reports Ferguson as being animate.

The new trestle on the Nakusp branch is about completed, and traffic that way will be reopened in a few days.

The Royal Seal is a hand-made cigar and F. B. Hawthorne will tell you all about it when he calls upon you.

Drop in and consult Williams when you want cigars that will burn without driving the neighbors out of town.

Services will be held in St. Stephen's church on Sunday next. Matins and Litany at 11 o'clock; evening prayer, 7:30

There was mail for everybody this week—this being the catalogue season. The crop of suckers must be good in this camp.

Billy Letterick writes from Idaho that he is working a property of his own over there—one that will make a million dollar mine.

F. G. Fauquier has been held for trial charged with stealing $3000 government funds while Gold Commissioner at Revelstoke.

Wm. Harris, one of the most popular young steamboat men in Kootenay, was married to Miss M. M. Lyons in Nelson last Thursday.

Williams is selling some of the finest cucumbers ever seen in this camp. They can be eaten without taking out a life insurance policy

Another monarch will reign in Kootenay next month It is the Little King and will be made by the Kootenay Cigar Co, of Nelson

H. C. Thomlinson is having a wagon road built from his ranch home on the Queen City flat, to connect with the Carpenter creek road.

Two very popular Kaslotes, R. A. Cockle and Miss Hannah Bush Boon, were united in marriage at Kaslo last Wednesday by Rev Beer.

M. L. Grimmett and wife have given up their summer residence in New Denver and taken up their residence in Sandon for the winter months.

W. H. Kidwell, manager of P. Burns' branch at Kaslo, and Miss Jessie May Blackburn, of Nelson, were married last week by Rev. Wright of Nelson.

Mrs Merkely has an article in her display window that is essentially typical of New Denver's home production. All it needs is a rattle and a place to deposit a nipple.

W. R. Will was in Nelson last week looking after the carload shipment of ore sent to the smelter from the Canella group, Goat Mountain, the returns from which went over $2,000.

The church people of Kaslo have induced the city council to draft a by law exempting church property from taxation The proposition will be submitted to a vote of the people.

Fresh snow covers the mountain tops and there are other peculiarities about the weather to indicate that we are experiencing squaw winter—among which is this, that it is colder than hell, at last accounts.

Dr. A. Milloy, the popular dentist of Rossland, is now at the Newmarket attending to the molar repairs of New Denver's populace. He will be here until Saturday, when he leaves for Sandon, remaining there until the 20th.

We have received at our heliographic station intimations of several matrimonial collisions impending in the local circuit. The mice have chewed up our cake basket, but we have chases of all sizes in which we can put anything upon which we can make an impression.

In the rowing race between Gaudier, the Canadian, and Towns, the Englishman, held last week at Rat Portage, on the Lake of the Wood, Towns won with the greatest of ease. Gaudier is 45 years of age, weighs over 200 pounds, and has held the championship of the world since '95. Towns is 32 years of age, and weighs only 154 pounds.

In an exhibition drill at Phoenix on Labor Day the Slocan Star's crack hammer and drill team, Ross & McLeod, put a 43-inch hole in a rock in ten minutes. At this point the rock split. At Spokane during the Fair to be given by the Elks this month, this team expects to meet the heaviest drillers in the Northwest. One thousand dollars will be given in prizes.

Following are the newly-elected officers of the Slocan City Miners' Union: J. Nixon, president; Geo. Nichol, vice; Bert. O'Neil, financial secretary; S. B. Clement, recording secretary; H. S Baker, conductor; John Skinner, warden; financial committee, F. Carlisle, H. L. Fife, F Purviance; trustees, J. V. Purviance, D. Kennedy, S. B. Clement; executive board, J. V. Purviance, C. M. O'Brien, J. A. Foley, H. L. Fife.

Mrs Grant Thorburn leaves this week for Dawson, where she will join her husband. The citizens of Silverton, to which camp Grant and Mrs. Thorburn have been enthusiastic adherents since away back in the nineties when Four Mile creek used to run through what is now the business portion of the town, presented Mrs. Thorburn with a beautiful gold watch and chain, and innumerable costly presents, in remembrance of her many acts of kindness administering to the comfort of the early pioneers when bacon and beans were a luxury with a bannoc on the side.

Porcupines are sociable animals, and like some "prints" of bygone days, they always carry a quill. To prove that the best of feelings existed between himself and the keeper of a Union-street hennery, one of these quillsome brutes made an afternoon call. Finding the front door open Mr. Porkey walked in and proceeded to take an inventory of the household effects. Tiring of this he reclined on a fur rug and took life at its best until the man of the house arrived, when, to show his appreciation of the hospitality he had partaken of, he pounded the floor with his quill packer, scattering them over the floor—but his remarks were too pointed to be kindly taken.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

A small force are doing development work on the Idaho.

Buildings will be erected at the Fisher Maiden this week

The ledge has been tapped on the Maud E, one of the Noble Five group.

Several stockholders from Ohio inspected the Native Silver Bell this week.

The mill at the Enterprise has been completed and will be put in motion this month

An expert representing English capital examined the Baker group, on Kokanee creek, last week.

The Silver Glance [illegible] property situated near Bear Lake, will soon be added to the shipping list.

Work has been suspended on the Leviathan group, across the lake from Kaslo More funds needed.

The U & I group, Ten Mile, was examined last week by T. Wren of Spokane, one of the owners, with a view to working the property this winter.

Billy Ferguson has driven a 30-foot cross-cut tunnel on the Tail Holt this season, cutting the ledge and exposing ore, which is rich in gray copper, assaying as high as 1000 ozs. silver to the ton

Reports from the Hoodoo are very encouraging Winter quarters are being erected, so that the property may be worked throughout the winter months. J. M M Benedum has the work in charge

Crown grants are being applied for on the Railroad group, V. & M., Mimic, Ha-ha, Evening, Jennie, Violet, Violet Fraction, Return, Tramp Planet Fraction, Central, Red Fox, Red Fox Fraction and Monument No. 3.

Messrs. Wills & MacNaught completed the purchase of the Capella group Tuesday. They will soon have things in shape to let the world know just what they have got in this valuable Goat Mountain property. It is a big thing.

Spokane capitalists represented by Sid Norman, have taken a bond on the Gatineau and Simcoe group, Ten Mile, and will push development work during the life of the bond, which covers a year. C. E. Smitheringale and Tom Reid are the sellers.

Tom Lloyd and Andy Tunks have taken a working bond on the Mary Durham, a Goat Mountain property, and have started work on it The Mary Durham was one of the first properties located in that dry ore belt and considerable work has been done upon it. A strong lead has been exposed by open cuts and a shaft and some very rich ore has been taken out. A. Jacobson, C. Barber and H. A. Hicks are the owners

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons Since January 1 to Sept. 7, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		1696
Last Chance		1058
Slocan Star	148	2343
Ruth		261
Bosun		280
Hewett	100	1199
American Boy	40	1163
Ivanhoe		636
Trade Dollar		150
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	20	360
Sovereign		117
Wonderful		44
Arlington	120	2720
Two Friends		40
Enterprise	20	420
Hartney		140
Black Prince		125
Goodenough		185
Miller Creek		20
Reco		165
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields)		53
Silver King		14
Noble Five		50
Red Fox		1[illegible]
Antelope		16
Queen Bess		1174
Monitor		845
Corinth		81
Bachelder		23
Rambler		[illegible]
Surprise		[illegible]
Kaslo Group		[illegible]
Chapleau		[illegible]
Speculator		10
Max		10
Soho		[illegible]
Emily Edith		[illegible]
Phoenix		[illegible]
Alpha		[illegible]
V. & M		[illegible]
Marion		[illegible]
Ruby		[illegible]
Esmeralda		[illegible]
Hampton		[illegible]
Capella		[illegible]
Fourth of July	7	[illegible]
Total tons	455	[illegible]

AT THE QUEEN BESS.

Development work at the Queen Bess [illegible] in a most flattering condition, and there is every indication that within the next few months it will assume a position as one of the most extensive and richest producers in the Slocan Situated in the heart of the [illegible] has the distinction of being worked by English capital. The property was opened up some three years ago, when it was operated by the Dominion Development and Agency Company. Since then the Duncan Mines Limited, have assumed control, and the Queen Bess Proprietary Co is a subsidiary to the undertaking

The mine paid several dividends until it was decided to expend the whole proceeds in development, with a view to reaping enhanced benefits later. A deep tunnel was commenced in September last, and since then only enough ore has been taken from the upper levels to defray the cost of exploration work. A three-drill compressor plant has been put in to facilitate driving, together with a large ventilating plant operated by water power. This main tunnel is now in 1,700 feet, and is seven feet by nine feet in the clear. A shaft was also started from the lowest of the previous tunnels, and this has been sunk 220 feet on the vein. The lode has been opened up at two stations below No 5, that is Nos. 6 and 7, 100 and 200 feet respectively below No. 5. A raise has now been started from the main tunnel to connect with No. 7. This will be 185 feet long, and No. 8 station will be located half way up the raise. The lode has been proved at Nos. 6 and 7, and ore is being extracted at the present time. The lode at the level of the main tunnel has not yet been explored, but the upraise will soon be completed, and the vein in the lower level will then be explored. All ore from the upper levels will be handled through the main tunnel, thus expediting the work and reducing the cost of mining.

EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

The Payne Will Soon Have Three New Levels From Which to Stope Ore.

In an interview in the Nelson Miner, Manager Garde of the Payne said: "In regard to the Payne development, work is being pushed as fast as possible and within a couple of months we will be able to open up three new levels, Nos. 6, 7 and 8, at one time, and show up the ore bodies that are below the present workings. The shaft connecting No. 5 level with No. 8 level, which was driven from the north side of the hill, is being sunk at a high rate by contract and raising from No. 8 is in progress at the same time. The connection between these levels should be made before December 1st. The shaft is now 136 feet down below the No. 5 tunnel. A new hoist was recently installed and is now being operated by air This hoist takes the place of the gasoline hoist which was not entirely satisfactory The air is furnished by a compressor located at the portal of No. 5 tunnel. Air drills are now used in the shaft for sinking. At the same time the raising and driving is in progress in No 8 level and this in future will be accomplished by means of electric drills I recently purchased for the Payne a complete two-drill electric plant and it is our intention to give this plant a thorough trial The electricity for the plant is generated at the mine. If the electric drills operate successfully, as we have reason to expect they will, a larger plant will at once be installed. The drills are a new style, called the Durkee. They are made on the same lines as the air drill, but the power for the same is transmitted through a flexible shaft from a dynamo located close to the face of the workings. I believe that electric drills will be the solution of the economical operation of mines located, as many are in the Slocan, remote from sources of supply and where the facilities for reaching the workings are difficult. The electric plant has been shipped and will be installed and ready for operation inside of two weeks and after trial I will be able to give you further particulars

"I have every hope of getting into as rich and as large ore shoots below No 5 level as were found above in the old workings. The showings of ore in the footwall of No. 5 level is very encour[illegible] at the greatest possible speed we are taking out ore simultaneously from the upper level, regular shipments are being made to the smelters and as good returns as ever are being obtained

[illegible] tion." Mr Garde said, "Really we have no concentrating ore in the mine, but we have about 100,000 tons of back fillings that we will be able to treat at a profit I am going east in a few days to consult with the board of directors in Montreal and one of the questions that will be seriously considered will be that of treating these back fillings."

The Royal Seal is gradually driving the imported cigars out of Nelson.

British Columbia Mining

A General Review Given in the Engineering and Mining Journal by E. Jacobs.

Continuing his article on Mining in British Columbia, the first installment of which was published in these columns last week, E. Jacobs says:

More reduction works are being established as the demand for them increases. Smelters have been erected at Pilot Bay, Nelson and Trail, in the Kootenay; at Grand Forks, Greenwood and Boundary Falls, in the Boundary, and at Van Anda, Texada Island. The smelter at Northport, Washington, is within 20 miles of Rossland, and other smelters in the United States also treat ores from British Columbia. The biggest stamp mill in the Province is at the Ymir mine, where a battery of 80 stamps is in operation. There are other stamp mills, concentrators, etc., but it is evident that an enormous quantity of plant and machinery will be required to meet the rapidly growing requirements of ore production and treatment.

Much outside capital has already been employed in connection with the mining industry of the Province, but much more is needed for the more extensive development of its enormous mineral resources. Eastern Canadian money has been put into mining and smelting enterprises at Rossland, in the Boundary and elsewhere. United States capital has done much towards developing mines at Rossland and in the Slocan, and the British Columbia Copper Company, Limited, of New York, has spent more than $600,000 on its Mother Lode mine and smelter, near Greenwood, with good returns now coming in. A comparatively large amount of British capital has also found its way into British Columbia mining enterprises, but all these combined will very probably falll far short of the aggregate that two or three years hence will be similarly employed in the Province, so big will be the future of this important industry.

The following are some of the British Columbia mines whose total dividends to date have each exceeded $100,000. More have paid totals, ranging from $10,000 to $50,000 but the list given, though incomplete, will serve to show than an appreciably large aggregate amount has been returned by the mines over and above the still larger total of earnings that has been expended in development and equipment. The figures are taken from the New York Engineering and Mining Journal and the British Columbia Mining Record:

Payne, Slocan	$1,[illegible]
Le Roi, Rossland	1,[illegible]
War Eagle, Rossland	565,920
Cariboo, Camp McKinney	487,087
Slocan Star, Slocan	425,000
Idaho, Slocan	292,000
Reco, Slocan	287,500
Hall Mines, Nelson	220,000
Whitewater, Slocan	200,000
North Star, East Kootenay	185,000
Centre Star, Rossland	175,000
Ruth, Slocan	165,000
Ymir, Nelson	111,000
Rambler-Cariboo, Slocan	105,000
St. Eugene, East Kootenay	105,000

A few words in conclusion as to the attitude of the Provincial Government towards the mining industry. At last year's session of the local legislature authority was given to appoint a commission to enquire into the working of the mining laws of the Province, but nothing definite has yet been done in the matter. There is a feeling among mining men that there is a disposition to unduly burden the mining industry for revenue purposes, but there is not, on the whole, much ground for reasonable complaint The opinion is general that it will be well for the legislature to avoid tinkering with the mining laws, for the less frequently they are altered [illegible] those investing capital in the industry. Apart from the two per cent. tax levied on the output of the mines less freight and treatment charges, which mine owners are endeavoring to have remitted, it is agreed that further legislation is not called for.

A brief synopsis of the most important clauses in the mining laws of the Province is of interest here. A free miner is a person, male or female, above the age of 18 years, who is the holder of a valid free miner's certificate, which costs $5 for a full year or a proportionate sum for any shorter period, but all certificates expire on May 31. A free miner may enter on Crown lands and, too, on other lands where the right to enter has been reserved, and may prospect for minerals, locate claims and mine. Claims may not be located on Indian reserves or within the curtilage of any dwelling. Should a free miner neglect to renew his certificate upon expiry all mining claims held by him under its rights, if not crown-granted, revert to the Crown, unless he be a joint owner, in which case his interest or share reverts to his qualified partners or co-owners. It is not necessary for a shareholder in an incorporated mining company, as such, to possess a free miner's certificate.

A mineral claim is a rectangular piece of ground not exceeding 1500 feet square. The claim is located by erecting three posts as defined in the Act. In general, location of a claim must be recorded within fifteen days from date of location. A mineral claim prior to being crown-granted, is held practically on a yearly lease, an essential requirement of which is the doing of assessment work on the claim annually to the value of $100 or, in lieu thereof, payment of that amount to the mining recorder. Each assessment must be recorded before the experation of the year to which it belongs or the claim is deemed abandoned. When assessment work to the value of $500 has been recorded the owner of a mineral claim is, upon paying a fee of $25 and giving certain notices, entitled to a crown grant, after obtainment of which further work on the claim is not compulsory.

Leases of unoccupied Crown lands are granted for hydraulicing or dredging, upon the recommendation of the Gold Commissioner, after certain requirements have been complied with. An application fee of $20 is payable. Leases may not exceed 20 years' duration. For a creek lease the maximum area is half a mile, and the maximum annual rental $75; hydraulic lease, area 80 acres, rental $50, and at least $1000 per annum to be spent in development; dredging lease, area five miles, rental $50 per mile, development work $1000 per mile per annum, and a royalty, payable to the government, of 50 cents per ounce on gold mined.

Mineral or placer claims are not subject to taxation unless crown-granted, in which case the tax is 25 cents per acre per annum, but if $200 be spent in work on the claim in a year this tax is remitted A tax of two per cent. is levied on all ores and other mineral products, the valuation being the net returns from the smelter; that is, the cost of freight and treatment is deducted from amount taxed, but not that of mining. These taxes are in substitution for all taxes on land, and personal property tax in respect of sums so produced, so long as the land is used only for mining purposes. A royalty of fifty cents per thousand feet is charged on all timber taken from the land for mining uses

Fees payable are: For free miner's certificate, $5 per annum; records, $2.50 each; leases under "Placer Mining Act," [illegible] where the nominal capital is $100,000 or under, and $[illegible] where it exceeds that sum.

BARGAINS THIS WEEK.

Fall apples, bell box, $1.00; green pears, 40-lb crate, $1.25; large yellow cling peaches, $1.40 per crate; watermellons, this week, 15 cents each; 15 lbs. granulated sugar, $1.00; 6 bars the best washing soap, 25 cents; box boxes of apples to arrive this week; fresh eggs, 35 cents a dozen; butter, cheese, fresh hams, live chickens, etc. Mail orders attended to satisfactorily. Spot Cash. J. F. DELANEY,

Commercial Merchant, New Denver.

THE LEDGE is two dollars a year in advance. When not so paid it is $2.50 to parties worthy of credit. Legal advertising 10 cents a nonpariel line first insertion, and 5 cents a line each subsequent insertion. Reading notices 25 cents a line, and commercial advertising graded in prices according to circumstances.

FELLOW PILGRIMS: THE LEDGE is located at New Denver, B. C., and can be traced to many parts of the earth. It comes to the front every Thursday and has never been raided by the sheriff, snowshoed by cheap silver, or subdued by the fear of man. It works for the trail blazer as well as the bay-windowed and champagne-flavored capitalist. It aims to be on the right side of everything and believes that hell should be administered to the wicked in large doses. It has stood the test of time, and an ever-increasing paystreak is proof that it is better to tell the truth, even if the heavens do occasionally hit our smokestack. A chute of job work is worked occasionally for the benefit of humanity and the financier. Come in and see us, but do not pat the bull dog on the cranium, or chase the black cow from our water barrel; one is savage and the other a victim of thirst. One of the noblest works of creation is the man who always pays the printer; he is sure of a bunk in paradise, with thornless roses for a pillow by night, and nothing but gold to look at by day.

R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1901.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Joe Martin is again showing in the face of B.C. politics.

The streak of yellow is again showing in the Slocan foliage.

Canada is in a flutter. The Duke of York is about to draw cards.

With a full barn Manitoba faces the winter with a glee born of plenty.

The use of printers' ink has cured many a case of commercial dyspepsia.

B. C. politics would make a fine subject for a series of puzzles in the daily press.

The coming of a lead refinery to the Slocan is awaited with interest. Will it ever come?

It is reported that the smoke of a smelter may ere long blow across the beautiful face of New Denver.

"Procrastination is the thief of time." Some of our subscribers have the complaint in a severe manner.

If there was only one town in the Slocan it would be the best camp in B. C. Lack of unity and concentration decreases strength.

Judging from the sympathy expressed for McKinley in Canada the chord between the two countries must be exceedingly strong.

It is now time for U. S. presidents to quit shaking hands with the public, and make all comers leave their guns in the hands of a caretaker.

Andrew Carnegie must have much annoyance in the giving away of his wealth. Poor Andy, if he only owned a Slocan newspaper how happy he could be!

The Nelson post-office building should have been built in Ottawa and shipped out when finished. Its construction at present is a bright example of what politics will do in Canada.

Visitors continue to tell us that Europe has no finer scenery than that to be seen around Slocan lake. Some day tourists will be thicker around New Denver than flies around our paste-pot.

O'Brien, who was recently executed in Dawson, attempted to win the priest who officiated at his sacrifice. He [illegible] insane as he imagined [illegible] that he was the Virgin Mary.

This week for the fourth time Lowery's Claim will come up the shaft and take a jaunt through the universe. It will be appreciated by knothead minds with a delight equal to that of the boy who has to [illegible]

[illegible] lost art. When a thief is first caught his head is shaved [illegible] is paraded on the streets in such a way that every one will know him. A second offense means death. This law would decrease theft in any country.

In a province where the spoils system is permitted the public will always receive a service that is more or less marked with dishonesty or incompetency.

Lowery's Claim, which appears for a fourth time this week, has already a circulation exceeded by few publications in the west. The first number (June) is already out of print, although plenty of the second and third issues are still obtainable.

It is cruel to place a weak man in a position of temptation. If he had never been allowed to handle public funds such a pleasant man as F. G. Fauquier would not now be feeling the bitterness that has come from the show-down of his accounts.

The Slocan seems to be recovering from the many blows it has sustained in the past, and having had all the complaints a mining section is heir to it should now blossom into an era of prosperity that will give many of us an opportunity once more to feast our eyes upon a bank account before we hand our tickets to St. Peter.

The dash of snow on the mountain tops, the early morning coolness and the smile on the coal-dealer's face all indicate the fact that the restless hand of time has again pushed us up against the stern reality of buying more fuel. It is ever thus. Warmed by the sun for a time, and then in a few short weeks compelled to light the fire in the morning and wait for the boom that is always coming in the spring.

The most costly state funeral which has ever taken place was, perhaps, that of Alexander the Great. A round million was spent in laying Alexander to his rest. The body was placed in a coffin of gold, filled with costly aromatics, and a diadem was placed on the head. The funeral car was embellished with ornaments of pure gold and its weight was so great that it took eighty-four mules more than a year to convey it from Babylon to Syria.

Sir Thomas Lipton blew in half a million last year trying to secure the empty honor of owning the swiftest yacht. If he would blow his money by raising the wages of those who have earned his fortune for him some real good might be accomplished. Running a yacht race may win the applause of gamblers, but a shilling more a day to his toiling employees [illegible] real blessings than can [illegible] on the race track of the sea.

RUSSIA GRANTS FOREIGNERS.

A recent decree of the Russian Government prohibits foreign ownership in mining claims or other property in the Pacific Maritime Province, the island of Sakhalin and other islands along the Pacific Coast. [illegible] miles of coast [illegible] to Vladivostock. [illegible] along the coast [illegible] petroleum wells on the Island of Sakhalin are practically a foreign enterprise. The law does not in so many words refer to the foreigner, and the whole measure seems to be dictated by reasons of coast defence, and to be a regulation similar to that which forbids a foreigner to hold land in the neighborhood of the Russian frontiers. As special permissions have already been accorded to certain foreigners to work the mineral wealth of this region, and much foreign capital has been invested one way or another in that country without the necessary permit, a considerable amount of loss will result from the new law. As foreigners must enter all such undertakings subject to Russian law, they will have no redress for any loss they may experience from the decree. The position of affairs in China, and possible complications in the east, are doubtless the motives for the new decree. It is hard to see, however, how the conduct of mining enterprises on or near the coast could prove dangerous in case of war.

WHAT THEOSOPHY IS.

To the Editor of THE LEDGE:

Sir—Your Nelson correspondent in your issue of the 30th ult., in commenting on the Theosophical lecture given here a fortnight ago refers to Theosophy as the religion of the Hindoos. Kindly allow me to inform your readers that the word Theosophy is derived from two Greek words—Theo, divine, and Sophia, wisdom. This divine wisdom is the silver cord running through all the religions of the world, therefore Theosophy gives no more allegiance to Hinduism than it does to Christianity, nor to Buddhism more than to any other form of religion in the wide world; seeing as it does in these various forms but one Eternal Truth even as there is only one centre to the circle.

F. W. PETTIT, F. T. S

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 6, 1901.

COMPLAIN OF TOO MUCH.

The Engineering and Mining Journal, of New York, the leading mining journal of America, if not the world, and a recognized authority on all questions relating to the mining industry, has this to say of the memorial recently issued by the B. C. Mining Association:

"We give below the list of grievances presented by the British Columbia Mining Association, some of which are solid enough. The taxation in an ambitious, growing Province, with a population still comparatively small, is inevitably heavy, and it is not easy to see how it can be reduced to any considerable extent. Some of the legislative grievances are also serious, though we think the Association makes a mistake in including among them the requirement of statistical information, and the regulations concerning the safety of mines and hoisting machinery. If these clauses had been omitted, the memorial would have been stronger."

TUNNEL TO THE NORTH POLE.

In this year, when so many different attempts are being made to reach the Pole, it is interesting to learn the most extraordinary plan yet suggested to accomplish that object. A tunnel is the method proposed by Captain Louis Launnette, formerly of the French navy. Captain Launnette's idea is that of building a tunnel of closely cemented ice blocks and lighting it with electricity he could establish a route to the Pole perfectly protected from the elements and available for travel at all times, with bases of supply at convenient intervals, an abundance of dogs for traction and constant communication throughout its entire length.

He has proposed to travel overland to some point in Alaska, whence a vessel designed for Artic waters would sail with the expedition to a point already selected by Captain Launnette—a point as far north as it is safe to navigate. Thence during the short summer the expedition would be rushed over the border of the region of perpetual ice, where the main base of supplies would be established. Then the icemen and laborers would unpack their tools and set to work at the tunnel road to the North Pole. It is proposed to have an ice floor, ice walls and an ice roof. Dallas News.

THE PALM
Is in Nelson
W. G. BROWNE
will tell you
about it.

THE NELSON HOTEL BAR
makes a specialty of mixed drinks, and affords . . . . . .
A Weary and Thirsty Public
a 24-hour-day opportunity of drinking the most delicious beverages produced by art and good liquors. The cigars can be smoked when not a breeze is stirring, and add pleasure to the life of any lover of good tobacco.
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The question was asked by a bright eyed daughter of sweet temperament and lofty aim, and Grandma adjusted her glasses to the situation and replied:

"Well, now, daughter; it do puzzle me to know what there is strange about that. Them mothers mus' be poor critters, indeed, not to be able to see where they have misled themselves an' failed in their callin'. When I was a gurl I suppose the same question was asked, an' when you grow to be as old as I be they will be askin' it still. Why, bless yer soul, child; its no fault o' the young men, nor the young women, nor be the mothers all to blame. It's the way o' the world. Society, child, society's to blame. Yes, they had society when I was a gurl, an' some o' it was much the same as it be now; but not so much so. In them days women looked deeper into things than they do now, an' even what was the "way-up" set looked deeper th'n th' surface. Men in them days was mighty proud o surface showin's, prouder'n they be today, and they didn't bother their heads about what was underneath so long as the surface looked good. Today it's different. While we women is tuckin' an' frillin' an' fixin' the surface ter look good, the men, an' especially the young men, is doin' a heap o' thinkin' about what's underneath. An' they ain't long gettin' through the sham front that society puts on. Them mother's gurls what's complainin' may be the nicest kind o' gurls in society, but when a man goes lookin' for a wife, child, he doesn't nowadays go to the social bargain counter. He sees in the society gurl a heap o' beauty, put on, an' a heap o' sham an' frills—but, take the wings off a butterfly an' what have you—jest an ordinary grub. That's the way the men o' today look at it."

"But, Grandma, you forget that the people of social circles have the blood of noble ancestry running through their veins. They are of better stock than the common people, and should be considered more worthy."

"Perhaps so, daughter, but you can't prove what's in a man nor woman by what their ancestors were. Silas allus said that blood was a good thing in a horse if it made him go faster. An' if I was goin' to buy a filly I'd get one o' good blood; not because o' her pedigree, but because she'd be a better horse. With men an' women its jest that way. Society frills an' make-believe an' fuss an' fiddle an' butterflyisms don't go for much. It's the woman that men look at—that which is beneath the surface. And, do you know, child, that there is jest as warm a heart, jest as big a soul, jest as much virtue, in the gurl that works for a liver as there is in the butterfly belle of society; an' if she does it to lighten the load of the father, mother or other members of the family, it's my opinion she is worthy of a beam more honor than the society out of blue-blood stock. Not that I'm agin bein' well-born, child. A good blood be good—if it makes good people. But the society or thoughtless world is what sets their daughters up fur to marry well, with nothin' to recommend 'em but the blue-blood that flowed through the veins of their ancestors a hundred years or more back, have mighty little to offer as an inducement fur any young man t' take a-holt. Gurls be gurls the hull world over; that is, they be built upon about th' same general plan o' construction. They ain't no great difference in the outer shell o' any o' us, from royalty down to peasantry. But there be a heap o' difference in the way we have developed what's in us. If there be any good in being o' good stock, and I'm not sayin' there is, but if there be, then it o't to show in somethin' deeper than on the surface. Deeds o' kindness, works o' love, simplicity o' character, lofty ambitions, charitableness, freedom from sham an' social foibles; these characteristics should show in the lives o' the gurls o' today. This be a practical age, an age o' "works," not o' fume, fuss an' fizzle. The gurl what works develops a stronger, nobler character, and becomes useful to those about her. She learns to know the meaning o' life, learns to know herself, and, knowing herself, she learns to develop the best that is in her—and any gurl what does this, be she o' high stock or low stock, is sure to make her's a successful life. Remember this, child, an' don't be tucked away in the idea that life is a dreamy fairy-land for butterflies to play in."

WOMAN'S REASON IS GOOD.

A writer in a New York magazine tells what he endeavored to learn about corsets. He got inquisitive and took a day off to satisfy his curiosity on the question. This is the way he tells about it, and it might be said right here that he is not the first man who has mastered the subject in a brief space of time:

"With this subject in my mind, I dropped into the office of my friend, Dr. Pulvis, one day, and talked to him about it. Doc knows a whole lot about such things, (and thinks he knows a trifle more), so I told him what I had been reading, and asked his opinion of it. In reply, he said: 'Well, sir, those articles are all right; I've read them myself, and I endorse every word of them. The corset has certainly done a great deal of harm. The women are, as a rule, convinced that intemperance is the great curse of the country, but I doubt if it has done as much injury as the corset. However, it is not an unmixed evil, for it has undoubtedly done much to make the practice of medicine profitable, although, at the same time it has helped to deprive us of some of our business.'

"'How is that,' I inquired.

"'Well, if you notice, we have very few obstetrical cases now. The couples who marry nowadays don't raise such families as were raised in our grandfather's days; some have one child, some two, and many none at all. The young ladies are as willing and anxious as ever to marry, but, as a rule, they are just as anxious to avoid maternity; their excuse is, the great danger attending it; and, it does seem to be more dangerous than formerly, and the corset is, mainly the cause of it.'

"'But, our grandmothers wore them, didn't they?' I suggested.

"'I guess they did; and their daughters, too, and the present generation is suffering for it.'

"I remembered that there are said to be two sides to all questions, and to learn something of the other side of this, I concluded to call upon my married sister and discuss the subject. A fellow ought to be able to rely on what his sister tells him, and Annie has worn corsets long enough to know something about them, so I went hopefully to her and asked:

"'Annie, why do you wear corsets?'

Her reply was very encouraging and stimulating: 'Why do I wear corsets? What a question; why do I wear dresses, stupid?'

"'Because it's the fashion, I suppose," I replied. 'But that isn't exactly answering my question.'

"'Well, I could do without a dress about as well as I could do without a corset.'

"'But all women don't wear them, do they?'

"'Yes, all except a few cranks and dowdies. Anyhow, you men don't have to trouble your heads about it; you don't have to wear them.'

"'No, thank the—well, that is one of the luxuries monopolized by the fair sex; but, now, honest, Annie, don't you believe you'd be better off without them?'

"'Oh, I don't know. I suppose if they all quit wearing them we'd get along somehow; but who wants to go flopping around like a 'slomucky slouch?' That's what I'd look and feel like without a corset.'

"'Well, it certainly can't make you feel very good to be squeezed up in a tight corset.'

"'Thank you, I don't lace.'

"'Of course not. By the way, what made you faint in church that Sunday night?'

"'Why, the heat, of course; you don't suppose my corsets had anything to do with it, do you?'

"'Oh, I don't know, I have heard it said that they do sometimes cause women to faint.'

"'Well, mine don't. I don't pinch myself in like that fool Fanny Bowers. She sleeps in hers.'

Seeing that Annie was about to lose her temper, I changed the subject, and inquired after the health of Mrs. Wilson, a friend of hers, who has been in the doctor's care for some time.

"'She isn't any better, poor thing; the doctor says she'll have to submit to an operation.'

"'What for?' I inquired.

"'Oh, female trouble, and I'm afraid she can't stand it, and I hear of so many women dying after those operations that it scares me.'

"'Um, a dangerous business. Does she wear corsets?'

"'Why, of course she does. What's that got to do with it?' she replied, with more warmth than appears necessary.

"'Oh, nothing, I suppose, though I heard a doctor say that if the women would quit wearing corsets, there would not be so much of this 'female trouble,' but I don't know anything about it.'

"'No, I guess not; nor the doctors either. They are always picking at the poor women about something. I think it's a shame! They had better attend to their own business.'

"'Maybe they think it is some of their business; most of their patronage appears to come from the women, and those who make a specialty of female diseases, I notice, are always busy.'

"'The more reason why they should keep their mouths shut, and not go around abusing the people who support them.' And Annie broke the conversation by leaving the room to look after something in the kitchen.

"I picked up a ladies' magazine I saw on the table, and, idly turning the leaves, I found scattered through the advertising pages many attractive cuts of corsets of various makes and patterns; most of them are shown enclosing the waists of good looking, and partly undressed young (always young) ladies, with waxdoll faces, and hair clawed up and touseled in the most stylish manner, having nicely rounded, boneless arms, and enormous projections of 'bust,' standing in positions suggestive of the kangaroo.

"The 'sloping bust' is all right, of course; no lady of fashion, or any member of her family, would have any use for a bust that did not 'slope,' any more than for a watch that did not run, but, I suppose, there are slopes and slopes, and the only way to secure the correct slope is to wear a corset that is a genuine, perfect sloper. Annie returned from the kitchen, and seeing how I was employed, said:

"'Looking at the corsets? I think you must be going crazy on the corset question. Going to write an article on the follies of the female sex?'

"'I am just looking at these pictures, and learning some of the good qualities of the most admirable articles.'

"'Now, don't make a fool of yourself over something that don't concern you. If you had ever worn a corset you would never think of dressing without one. It's a great support for the body, bracing you up, and keeping you in good form as nothing else can, and then, well, what does a woman look like without one, anyhow?'

"Now, as I have never worn a corset, I don't feel quite competent to argue the question with one who has had many years' experience as a wearer of this most delightful and indispensable contrivance, so I merely reply: 'I don't know.'

"'No, and if you believe everything cranks say or write about corsets you'll simply make yourself ridiculous, that's all. They can just say what they please about us, we are not going to quit wearing corsets, so now! What are you going to do about it?'"

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To JOHN ELDRICH, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the "Vernon" Mineral Claim, one of the "Nonpareil" group, situate near Bear Lake, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District:

YOU are hereby notified that we have expended $103.65 in labor and improvements on account of your interest in the Vernon Mineral Claim. The above mentioned $103.65 is your proportion of the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute 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 subscribers, under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1901."

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 18th day of July, 1901.

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To the Estate of N. D. MOORE, or whomsoever it may concern:

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents in labor and improvements upon the Mollie mineral claim, situated near Sandon, in the Slocan Mining Division, and recorded in the office of the Mining Recorder for the said division, being the amount required to hold said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act for the year ending November 18th, 1900.

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JOHN VALLANCE.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1901.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

MINNIE HA-HA, EVENING, JENNIE, VIOLET and VIOLET FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Tributary Creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE That I, E. M. Sandilands, Cft. No. B 52312, acting as agent for P. Burns, Cft. No. B 50522, and D. D. Mann, Cft. No. A 8554, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 28th day of August, A. D., 1901.

E. M. SANDILANDS.

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: West of the Sapphire, on Payne Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Herbert T. Twigg, as agent for the Payne Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 53375, 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 5th day of September, A. D. 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

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Dated this [illegible]

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Dated this [illegible]

P. M. HAYES.

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Supposing A should buy a gun,
Then B must purchase more than one;
And C, who cannot be outdone,
Will go a cannon better.
Now A, if not entirely mad,
Another gun or so must add,
As many as the others had,
Until he overtops them;
And B and C will order more,
Exactly as they did before,
And lay up implements of war
Till lack of money stops them.

For this is the Balance of Power,
Humanity's loveliest flower;
If we were not afraid
Of the guns we have made
We should all be at war in an hour.
The war clouds may threaten and lower,
But never will break in a shower,
For we haven't the cash
To do anything rash,
Upsetting the Balance of Power.

Then B, on some convenient day,
Will make a secret league with A,
In which they practically say,
They'll go for C together;
The secret, being one of State,
Is certain to evaporate,
And C may soon anticipate
Extremely sultry weather.
So C his neighbors will fatigue
With patriotic base intrigue,
Until he makes a secret league
With each of both the others;
So any two to fight are loath,
Because the third is bound by oath,
To fight against and for them both
As enemies and brothers.

And this is the Balance of Power,
Diplomacy's climax and flower;
If we did not surmise
We were all telling lies
We should all be at war in an hour.
The war clouds may threaten and lower,
But never will break in a shower,
For you cannot depend
On a foe or a friend
When it comes to the Balance of Power.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

To Adam in his great transgression there came a prophetic voice declaring he should be doomed to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. The bounteous gifts of Nature were in future to be cared for, nursed and cultivated. His whole life was now to become one of solicitude and activity, and even then when his best skill had been bestowed on the means of living, he was to see it mayhap swept away by the storm to perish by drought or be devoured by the locusts, and stand amid the ruins of his labor an humbled and impotent man. That decree of Heaven, which was to be so literally fulfilled to Adam, has followed his descendants down through all the ages and as populations and manufactures increase this anathema is becoming more decided in its prediction and more emphatic as a living necessity. The alliance that exists between Capital and Labor is the closest tie of interdependence that binds the human family.

Capital is refined as being the accumulated savings of labor and the profits arising from the savings of labor; it is the essential of progress, and hence every industrial pursuit demands an application of its resources in the development of labor.

Labor is of two forms, forced or voluntary; the forced being that which holds humanity as a slave or in a state of serfdom. In the days of Roman power it was considered a source of wealth to be possessed of slaves and serfs, and some of the work erected by such labor stands today as historic monuments that are the surprise and admiration of the world. Voluntary labor is evolved from the gradual liberty that arose from the cultivation of trades, and the mechanical demands on skilled labor. The workmen became isolated individuals, into many professions, thus disrupting the common basis of labor and diverting the minds into various channels of production, so that the labor of today is an offer of skill on the market for a consideration of value to be compensated for by an exchange of money or other goods of equal value.

Within the last half century great and fierce struggles have taken place in the labor world. Capital has withheld from the workmen their fair share of profits in their combined production, until forced to surrender. Labor on the other hand has assumed the aggressive, frequently with violence and gross injustice. The power of education has become more universal and the bitter strifes that were formerly attendant on disputes have now been relegated to the arena of reason and forbearance, and calm judgment now reigns in the [illegible] between master and servant in that which affects their mutual welfare. The social status of the workman has been enhanced by the increased value of his labor; his home surroundings are improved, [illegible] attention have been bestowed, affording him opportunities of study or recreation. Technical institutions invite him to share the privileges and advantages of knowledge bearing on his particular profession. By this means the gulf has been narrowed, and now the steady and attentive workman [illegible] confidence and respect [illegible] employer. The workman's [illegible] by bad debts or commercial frauds; he presents his skill in the market and sells to the highest bidder, and when his labor ceases [illegible] Not so with the employer. His life is full of anxious thoughts of the past and future—of contracts that will fail to meet expenditure, of required material increased in value, of debtors of whose payments there are doubts, and other delays and worries that tend to shrivel life and sharpen the temper. And when we ask the question: "What is the matter with the boss?" little we know of the weary hours our employer has suffered on matters that affect our welfare as much as his own. Struggling and battling with adverse circumstances is the lot of many capitalists, and when we consider that not 10 per cent. of those who embark in business succeed, how slow we are to realize the effect of failure on a heroic spirit who has fought and failed, and how miserable we are in withholding the mantle of charity or the sympathetic word. Many have been the methods adopted to solve the great problem of how best to govern the relations of Capital and Labor.

The Workmen's Compensation Act has come to the front with rapid strides and yet the workman clamors for amendments, until capitalists protest against the injustice warred on enterprise, and the serious danger that threatens the life of industry. Our law-courts bear emphatic evidence of the claims made by workmen even where the plaintiff has had the erection of the work and suffered by his own want of skill or precaution; yet in the face of contributary negligence he has the hardihood to drag his employer into court for an accident for which he is alone to blame. On the other hand some employers are anxious to rush contracts on the motto "Time is money" that they ignore the common elements of safety, and when accidents occur through this cause it is but just that the law step in and punish the carelessness that endangers the life of any workman.

We have trades-unionism as another means to an end. The law permits men to combine and conspire for their own welfare, but when you take thought of the coercive measures adopted by this form of society it cannot accomplish much. For instance, two men serve an apprenticeship to a trade; one is a master of his craft, and the other a slow, poor workman. Yet his union demands that his pay equal his superior fellow-workman. Now we contend that this is a double edged injustice—first, on his employer, and next on his brother workman, and society will never in this age of reason tend to smooth the friction that must naturally arise from such unjust demands.

The nearest approach to the solution of the labor question is the principle of profit-sharing. It reduces production to a community of interests: it places the employer on his integrity; watchfulness is superseded by confidence; selfishness is uprooted by justice, and the true recognition of worth is established by the simple act of co-partnership. The workman becomes imbued with a spirit of economy; his work is transposed into a labor of love; all the nobler feelings of his nature are called into action; a new era has dawned upon his life. He labors to save, to promote, to invent; in a word he is a partner with a financial interest that he is compelled to respect. He is consulted in the affairs of the firm, and feels a pardonable pride when his advice takes practical form. Firms under such a ruling are generally successful.

There is another form of solution to the labor question, which is now universally preached—the gospel of Socialism. The great difficulty with it is that not two advocates of its doctrines agree as to its application. From Carl Max, with all the intervening apostles, down to Henry George, each seems to have a remedy entirely of his own thinking. Some seem to aim at the re-modelling of society, some to disrupt society, and not a few labor to produce a state of chaos. Bellamy, in his wonderful book "Looking Backward," wants society to hold the goods of society for the wants of society. A very pretty theory, and admirably conceived and written; but we would ask: "Where would individual genius and talent be relegated to?" Is it human to work for mere applause? Is the feeling of independence to be crushed out of the human soul? The spirit of inquiry and invention would be hushed in the world; individual enterprise and effort would be blocked by the feeling that personal reward for labor expended would be an unknown quantity, and the cry of "Am I my brother's keeper?" would be stifled in the death struggles of civil strife. If Socialism is to be the cure-all of all the antagonisms of society as present constituted, it must come in a more peaceful and acceptable form.—J. M. Dixon, in the Canadian Engineer.

COUNTRY COURTSHIP.

He came in the early twilight. When he knocked she opened the door and pretended to be surprised at seeing him.

"Be it you, Jim?"

Jim admitted being "it" by a curt "Yes," and followed her into the parlor. He sat down on a chair without leaning back, placed his hat in his lap and clasped his hands over his knees. She sat on the far side of the room with her hands lying idly one on the other. After a lapse of fourteen minutes he opened the conversation.

"Folks well?"

"All 'cept pap; he's down wit' woomytiz."

Another long and ominous silence—perhaps twenty minutes.

"Goin' t' begin harvestin' t'morrer," he said.

"Dew tell. Must hev airly crops," from her.

Then the clock had the floor for another seventeen minutes.

"Hoss is sick," she said.

"Waal, I'll be durn. Which un?" exclaimed Jim.

"Bay mare."

"Epizooticks?"

"Epizooticks."

After this outburst nothing was said for thirty minutes.

"Goin' t' th' singin' skule Saturday night?" queried Jim.

"Nobuddy axt me," she said.

"I axes ye," said Jim, bravely.

"I'll go," she said.

Twenty-five minutes elapsed.

"Ole Boss hed a kaff," Jim said.

"Law me," she said.

Twenty minutes passed. Then Jim unlocked his hands, put on his hat and stood up.

"Goin'?" she asked.

"Goin'," he said, and walked out on the porch. She followed him to the door and they both stood thus in silence for ten minutes.

"Must be after eight," he said.

"Must be," she said.

"Good-night, Mandy," he said.

"Good-night, Jim," she said, and shut the door as he walked out of the yard.

And yet this is the twentieth century.

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Some further important discoveries of mineral are reported from New Ontario in the Michipicoten district. South of Lake Wawa a large copper deposit, two miles long, has been found and acquired by A. W. Fraser's Ottawa syndicate and the Clergue syndicate. Some of the ore is reported to be of the sensational richness of 27 per cent. The early completion of the Algoma Central will enable development to go on almost immediately. It is said also that the Clergue gold at Lake Wawa has turned out to be an excellent body of ore. Gold discoveries are reported 17 miles west of Sudbury. The Fraser syndicate is also doing extensive work on the Sakoose gold mine, 9 miles from Dyment Station, into which they have built a spur line and are shipping to the Keewatin reduction works.

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