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Facts about B.C. Mining

A Valuable Pamphlet Issued by the Minister of Mines Dealing with the Subject.

A pamphlet, artistically printed and filled with valuable information about the mineral resources of British Columbia, has just been prepared by Minister of Mines McBride for free distribution at Glasgow and Buffalo expositions. It is the most comprehensive and interesting document that has ever been issued by the government along these lines, and ought to be of inestimable value in giving to the world a better idea of the vastness and wealth of this favored province. The value of the pamphlet can be best judged from the following extracts showing the character of the information given:

"British Columbia has produced, to date, $62,584,442 of placer gold, $12,812,860 of lode gold, $12,638,449 of silver, $7,619,626 of lead, $4,862,583 of copper, and $49,140,917 of coal and coke. The mineral production for 1900 was $16,844,751. Lode mining has only been in progress for about 10 years, and not 20 per cent. of the mineral land has been even prospected; 300,000 square miles of unexplored mineral-bearing land are open for prospecting.

"The total area of British Columbia is about 382,000 square miles, of which 285,000 square miles are estimated to be wooded. The county is traversed in a north-westerly direction, by four more or less continuous chains of mountains, between which lie valleys of varied width, well suited for agriculture.

"It may be truthfully said that the whole province has been proved worthy of systematic examination, or prospecting, as it is usually termed. As yet, serious work of this description has been confined to within a comparatively few miles of the railways, and not more than 20 per cent. of the entire area of British Columbia can be said to be really known, while not half of even that portion has been examined closely or in detail, by which means alone will its value be shown.

"It will thus be seen that about 300,000 square miles of country, known to be extensively mineralized, still remains as a virgin field for the prospector and for the investor in undeveloped prospects, a field such as exists today nowhere else in the world.

"The following brief outline of the mineral development of British Columbia may not be out of place Naturally, the country was first explored and opened up from the Pacific seaboard. As early as 1835 coal was discovered at Fort Rupert by the Hudson's Bay Co., and in 1851 the same company opened up the extensive coalfields at Nanaimo, Vancouver Island. In those days the market was very limited, and it was not until 1875 that the output of the province exceeded 100,000 tons per annum. Since that time, however, the market has gradually increased until, in 1900, about 1,500,000 tons of coal and 85,000 tons of coke were produced, the market, rather than the mines, being the limiting factor in the production.

"The Vancouver Island collieries have produced to date a total of about 15,000,000 tons of coal, and within the past two years one of the coalfields on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains has been rendered accessible by a railway, and has made an output during the past year (1900) of over 200,000 tons of coal, 66,000 tons of coke also being manufactured

"At present the only working collieries in the province are in the two districts just mentioned, but the distribution of coal seems general, since it is known to exist in places along the whole western slope of the Rocky Mountains: it is found in the interior valleys at Nicola, on the Thompson river and in the Omineca district; it occurs on the Pacific Coast, on Vancouver Island, on the Queen Charlotte Islands and along the Skeena river, while recent reports confirm its discovery in the Chilkat district of the Lake Bennett Mining Division.

"In 1858 alluvial or placer gold was found in British Columbia in the bars of the lower Fraser river Hardy and adventurous prospectors followed the stream up—following the golden trail thus struck—and, in 1860 and 1861, on the head-waters of the river, they discovered the exceedingly rich placers of the Cariboo district, which produced gold to the value of about $50,000,000.

"The news of these rich finds traveled abroad and brought about a rush of gold-seekers from the then failing goldfields of California and from almost every part of the world. From this time practically dates the opening up and settlement of British Columbia.

"Within the next ten years the province produced about $33,000,000 worth of placer gold, the greatest production in any one year being in 1863 and amounting to about $4,000,000. All of this gold was obtained with pick and shovel, without the aid of any machinery, which, as a matter of fact, could not be taken into the country over the crude trails and roads which served well enough for the pack animals of the early miners and prospectors.

"It is only the repetition of the history of all placer mining countries that prospecting for lode mines receives little or no attention until after the placer grounds have been so culled over as to force the prospector into new fields of labor. Nor is this to be wondered at; the placer is the 'poor man's mine'; he needs little or no capital to work it; its product is cash, to all intents and purposes, and he is his own master—all attractions too great for his sturdy independence of the prospector to allow him to think of searching for lode mines, which, when found, require so much capital to work them as to leave but a very small interest in the property with the original owner or locator, while, at the same time, the necessity of transportation facilities for the product of the mine limits the field of search to within a comparatively few miles of a railway or navigable waterway.

"Development of these mineral discoveries was unavoidably slow, being delayed by the lack of transportation facilities which, it will be readily understood, could not be obtained until sufficient work had been done on the prospects found to prove their value and to give reasonable grounds for believing that a proper and sufficient return would be obtained on the capital invested in the establishment of the requisite means of carriage and communication.

"Thus, it was not until 1886 that the lode mines of British Columbia really began to be productive, the output from this source during the six years immediately prior to that date amounting to an average value of only about $60,000 a year, derived from selected rich ores found near the existing lines of transportation.

"In 1893, however, the value of the production of the lode mines of the province rose to $800,000, since which time there has been a steady increase, until in 1900 the output from this class of mining had reached a value of $10,069,757. The increase thus shown in the short period of seven years gives ground for faith in the country as a future large producer of mineral wealth, and indicates that British Columbia will prove to the capitalist a profitable field for investment

"The country is great and growing in importance; there is room for and need of a greatly increased population. The total population of British Columbia is estimated at 160,000 souls; our mineral output for 1900 was $16,000,000; just $100 for every man, woman and child in the country from mining alone. The current wages paid in and about the mines are as follows: Miners receive from $3 to $3.50 per day; helpers, $2 to $2.50; laborers, $2 to $2.50; blacksmiths and mechanics, $3 to $5.

"The climate of the country is favorable—much milder than east of the Rocky Mountains. The conditions of life are easy; luxuries are scarce, but want is unknown. The laws are just and equitable, and the administration thereof fair and sure, as is guaranteed wherever the British flag flies at the mast head.

"Total production for all years up to and including 1900:

Gold, placer	$ 62,584,443
Gold, lode	12,812,860
Silver	13,649,809
Lead	7,619,956
Copper	4,862,583
Coal and Coke	49,140,917
Building stone, bricks, etc.	1,950,000
Other metals	84,640
Total	$152,155,208

"Production for each year from 1890 to 1900 (inclusive):

1852 to 1889 (inclusive)	$ 71,981,634
1890	2,608,803
1891	3,521,102
1892	2,978,580
1893	3,588,413
1894	4,225,717
1895	5,643,042
1896	7,507,956
1897	10,455,268
1898	10,906,861
1899	12,393,131
1900	16,844,751
Total	$152,155,208

"It is with great satisfaction that we can this year again point to our statistics as proof of our rapidly increasing importance as a mining community. Our total yearly output, while in itself not inconsiderable, is not as yet very large in comparison with that of some of the older mining countries, but it must be remembered that lode mining in British Columbia is the growth of the last six or seven years. It is not the amount of the present output so much as the wonderfully rapid growth of the mining industry indicated thereby, which causes our present satisfaction and confidence in the future.

"As has previously been said in the reports of this department, our actual growth as a mining community must and will be measured by our actual output, as shown by reliable statistics, and it is such actual output alone that can give us, as a province, a standing among the mineral-producing countries of the world. It is, therefore, best to let the statistics of the output actually made speak for themselves, and attention will simply be directed to the preceding tables.

"Table I. shows the total amount which the mining industry of the province has already, though but in its infancy, contributed to the wealth of the world, and gives details as to the minerals from which such amount was derived. As may be seen, the wealth so contributed amounts to $152,155,208, which has been chiefly derived from—in order of importance—gold, $75,397,808; coal and coke, $49,140,917; silver, $13,649,809, and lead, $7,619,956.

"Table II. shows the amounts contributed yearly to make up this grand total, and the rapidly increasing sums credited to the recent years illustrated, as nothing else can, the growth during these years of mining in the province From this table it will be seen that the value of the mineral output of the province for the year 1900, the closing year of the century, amounts to $16,844,751, as against an output of $12,393,131 for 1899, an increase of $3,951,620, and a proportionate growth for last year of nearly 32 per cent.

FLOAT FROM NELSON.

The reputation which Nelson sought to establish for itself as a Godly Sabbath observing city was shattered to flinders last Sunday. Those bad boys played ball again, and played on the the "village green" too. The hills reverberated with their yells, and the afternoon snooze of at least one of the city dads was rudely interrupted The Sunday schools had a surplus of girl scholars, and the street car traffic to the park was a penny-reading concern. All of which might have been overlooked had the Nelson boys played to win, but they allowed the Redmen of Trail to distance them by five laps. The score stood 9 to 4. It is said the game was put on by consent of the mayor, and his denial of any complicity in the matter is taken with a grain of salt. "All deacons are good—but, there's odds in deacons," says an old New England proverb. The sentiment applies to mayors with equal felicity, particularly to Nelson mayors, and it is amusing to note the difference in two men's conception of the power vested in that office. Last year's council never wrote itself John Houston & Co., Limited.

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Considerable agitation is manifest in labor circles over the rumor that a capitalist movement is on foot to close down all the mines in B. C. with a view to crushing out labor unions. Capital will find that in this respect labor unions are like Truth, crushed to earth they will rise again, with double strength of force. Among the various opposing schemes that are commanding attention is that of a Co-operative Labor Mining Co., to develope new mining territory and find employment for itself. A good enough scheme if the transportation facilities of the country were not controlled by the C. P. R. Of course there are plenty of hot-headed radicals who propose a sword and gun defense of this right to labor to live, but they, fortunately, are in the minority, and reason will rule. Government ownership of the mines will settle the difficulty beautifully, if difficulty should arise.

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On Friday night at 10:30 o'clock, the 31st of May, Miss Belva McKinley was released from gaol after serving one week of a six months' term, to which she had been committed by Magistrate Crease. The lady had been accused of appropriating certain garments belonging to Mrs. Knapp, whom Belva visited with the ostensible purpose of buying a house. Her arrest, trial and conviction was accomplished in the short space of three hours; she was denied counsel, and summarily convicted on very slender evidence. But Belva has gentleman friends, and one of them, a young lawyer, interested himself in her behalf with the aforementioned result, Judge Walkem having reversed the magistrate's decision, and ordered the fair sinner's release. And now the chief of police, who acted in the matter, and whom a certain faction have long accused of too great partiality towards the ladies who traffic in love, finds himself the object of considerable criticism, not to say censure, for his action. Belva says he unlawfully abstracted a number of photographs of Nelson gentlemen from her room, and that she will make him suffer for it. And people are asking, what did he want of those photographs, anyway?

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A slightly irascible Nelson gentleman who has troubles of his own in the liver and stomach line, is a terror to the restaurant where he takes his meals. His appetite is as capricious as a spring trout, and he is as hard to please as a teething baby The waiters quarrel among themselves as to who shall not not wait upon him, and the proprietor starts for the back door when he sees his customer entering the front. One day last week a new waitress was installed, and she, of course, was detailed to wait on the Captain. In a very short space of time she came back with his order, and this is what she said: "That old duffer 's crazy, or drunk, or something. When I ran over the bill of fare he just muttered, 'Hebrews thirteen and eight.'" Somebody hunted up a Bible, and the whole establishment was relieved to find the gentleman had discovered so eminently respectable a manner of expressing his dissatisfaction

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The Arm of Kootenay which embraces Nelson, is doing its annual sanitary work for the city. The high waters have covered and carried away all the unsightly objects and foul-smelling debris, carrion And other filth, which is allowed to accumulate on the beach. The health officer of this city appears to have a keener scent for smallpox than for any other pest.

The water in Carpenter creek has not yet been turned into its old channel under the Union street bridge, although Road Master Moore has had a gang of men employed the better part of a week. All traffic for Silver mountain mines and residents across the creek has to be ferried around to Union bay. A temporary foot bridge was thrown over the stream Monday afternoon by the citizens.

A gold coin depreciates five per cent. of value in 16 years of constant use.

General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

A. J. Marks was in town this week.

It is said that Kaslo has 1,500 people.

Eddie Mathews has gone to Cape Nome.

Neil McInnes is the latest chief of police at Sandon.

H. Clever got in a fine carload of steers last Friday.

It used to read Slocan City, but now it is City of Slocan.

The Red Mountain wagon road will be built this month.

The Arlington pays a dividend of $20,000 this month.

Neil Regan and Norman McLellan are looking at the east.

On Red Mountain work is being resumed on the Congo group.

Extensive iron deposits are being opened up near Kitchener.

H. H. Pitts is prospecting through B. C. for a new business location.

Bob Cunning and George Smith have gone to Ireland for a brief spell.

A baseball team from Northport will play in New Denver next month.

BORN.—In New Denver, on May 30, the wife of L. Alexander of a son.

Many Slocan prospectors are going to the Lardeau and East Kootenay.

In East Kootenay the Paradise has 1,000 tons of ore ready for shipment.

Ask Williams about those delicious walnuts he keeps behind the counter.

J. M. Benedum will develop the Hoodoo claim, on Lemon creek, this summer.

High water cost Sandon $2,000 last week. Trouble never ceases in that burg.

J. Q. Gwillim and wife have returned from England. They will live in Nelson.

A. C. Garde, a Rossland mining man, has been appointed manager of the Payne mine.

Toledo capitalists are forming a company to work the Lone Star group in the Lardeau.

J. Frank Collom has bought the Hill Top from J. C. Butler. It adjoins the Speculator.

An addition to New Denver's main school will be built just as soon as the plans are ready.

Mr. Heatley, after several pleasant days spent with Mr. Sandiford, has gone to Portland.

R. A. Creech has left Sandon to take a position with a coal company in the Crow's Nest Pass.

The Rev. A. M. Sanford is now pounding the Word of God into the sinners of Rossland.

A hoisting plant will be put in at the Speculator. About 30 men are employed at this property.

For several days past the receipts at the New Denver record office have averaged over $300 a day.

At a depth of 900 feet a ledge of high grade galena has been tapped on the Highlander at Ainsworth.

Work has again commenced on the Evening Star, Bayne creek. It is owned by Hugh Sutherland.

According to the latest and most reliable calendars published this is the month of June and wild roses.

Over in the Similkameen D. R. Young is on the board of a land syndicate. He supplies the air for the company.

W. H. Brandon has returned from Blairmore, where he has secured some coal lands for an eastern company.

E. P. Bremner settled the machinists' strike in Vancouver. In labor troubles Ed is an excellent seidlitz powder.

Services will be held in St. Stephen's church on Sunday next at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. C. Arthur Mount, Vicar.

R. I. Kirkwood has gone into East Kootenay to spend several weeks looking over the country for prospects that will make mines.

Tom Collins is resting in Nelson after a hard winter's work upon his claims. John is in Nelson every morning; but is no relation to Tom.

Kaslo has gained a lap on Nelson. All the Slocan returns are now sent to the city of great expectations since Chip got his new commission.

Grant Thorburn has gone to Kamloops on a prospecting trip for business. He will return to Silverton in time for the running of the red fish.

Wm. Koch, who is one of the most energetic business men in this country, purchased eight more horses last Friday. They cost him $2,000.

The store room in the rear of the Clever block was moved this week to allow the completion of the work of levelling off the government reserve.

The Chinese Commission visited Sandon, but did not stop in New Denver. There are no Chinese in the Lucerne, except probably one or two white ones.

David W. King flitted through Spokane the other day. He was probably chased by an idea and expects to ride to Cape Nome on the wheels in his head.

Seneca G. Ketchum has disappeared from Sedro-Wooley, Wash., where he has been running a paper for three years. He has probably gone out for a drink.

A deal is on with Ohio capitalists for the Washington. This property is one of the oldest in the Slocan and has been shut down for years Sid Norman is pilot for the deal.

The Bosun shipped another carload this week. Shipments will be discontinued for some time, the force of men having been reduced to a few miners on development work.

The Slocan Star will not shut down. The ore is being shipped to the Puget Sound Reduction Co. The mine and mill keep 120 men busy. The mill handles 100 tons a day.

The Last Chance closed down last week owing to an excess of water. Work on the Galena tunnel will be continued with 15 men. This is one of the best tunnels in the Slocan.

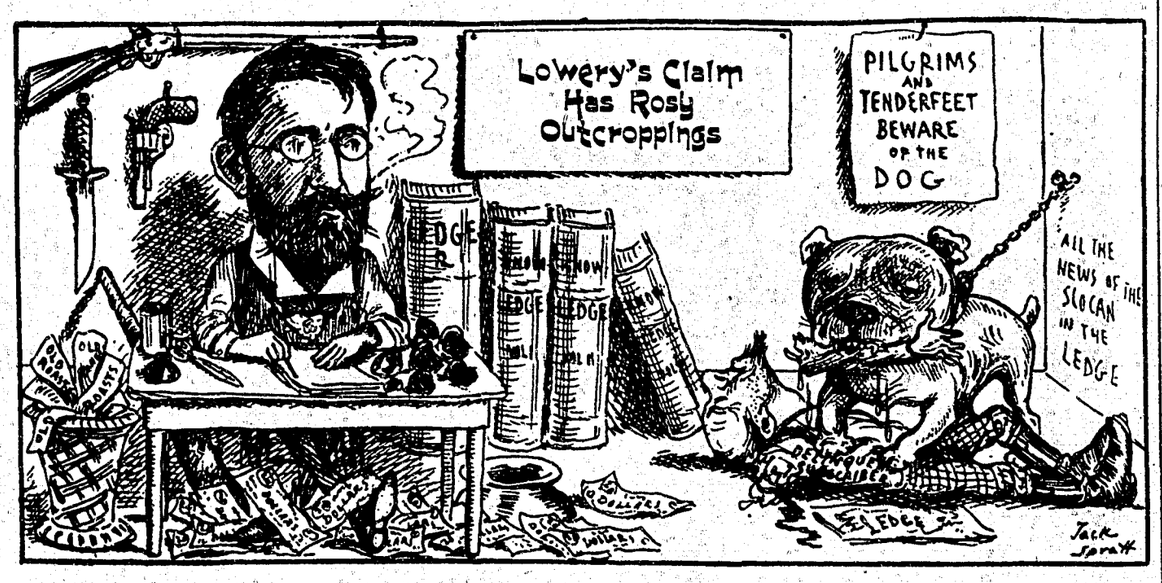
The closing of stores in Nelson every Thursday afternoon is some inconvenience to outsiders who go to the city on business. The trouble can be easily remedied. Have the holiday in the forenoon.

Some of the business people of Sandon had to climb into their stores by way of ladders up to the back doors and windows as a result of the flood. The front entrances to two of the churches were also washed away.

The smelter may smoke at Kaslo, but anybody can smoke in Nelson provided they have the price and can find Gus Matthew. Gus has recently quit fishing and gone to fixing up his cigar store so that it will be just like New York. He has cigars to burn.

The Nelson Miner stated last week that the editor of New Denver's leading excitement was in that town wearing store clothes. The story was made out of whole cloth as the suit in question never hung on the peg of a hand-me-down store, but was constructed by an artist on the latest fashion in male attire. All suits look alike to some members of the fourth estate.

Gus Matthew who runs the Cabinet cigar store in Nelson is coming down in the world. He has been perched so high that some of his customers who have heart failure object to climbing the steps. Consequently he is making his store 60 feet deep and dropping it to a level with the sidewalk. The flavor of his goods will not fall with the floor. They will still stay up high, in contrast to the price.



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, snowslided 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, JUNE 6, 1901.

On the Rail

I was glad to get out of St. Paul, even if Jim Hill does live there. I have since learned that Jim is about to desert the town for New York. With a little talk I might have induced him to settle in New Denver, but being pressed for time I had to hurry away home. On the train to Moosejaw were many settlers bound for God's country—Alberta. I sat beside a rancher who was going into North Dakota. After a long silence he turned to me and said, "Stranger, deon't it beat all how so many different kinds of people have sprung from one set of parents, Adam and Eve." I intimated that I doubted the story, but he flared up and said that we might as well believe it as anything we saw in the Vancouver papers.

Behind me I heard a gentleman ask a lady where she was going. "To Lowery," the fair divinity replied. I guess not, says I to myself, not if Thornton knows himself. Oh, no, my sweet gazelle, you cannot go to Lowery, and his chaperone a thousand miles away. It would not be proper my sweet-scented blend of love and passion, for the bible says that the strange woman is liable to bring sorrow to man and drive him to patent medicines. This is what I said to myself. Outwardly, I was calm; but inwardly, I was one Carpenter creek of emotion. I knew not the minute when this lovely female reality would plump herself into my lap, entwine her beautiful flesh-tinted arms around my neck, weep on my boiled shirt and lisp through a fog of tears, "Oh! Thornton, I have found you, my affinity, At Last! At Last!" and then faint away before I could escape. The horrible possibility of such an event grew upon me, for you cannot tell what these American women will do, and besides this might be another Carrie Nation. However, about the time I was ready to jump through the window along came a burly brakie shouting, "Lowery, next station!" and the light flashed into my upper stope. The lady intended to get off at Lowery, a little town out on the plains called after Tom of Minneapolis, and had not the remotest idea that I was on the train.

The train crossed the boundary just as the daylight struggled with darkness. At this point we were held up by three men. One went through my baggage while another made me take my coat off and show him that I had been recently inoculated with the pus of cow-pox. A third man wanted to know where I was from as he was keeping track of all immigrants. It was the easiest hold-up I was ever in. Not half as serious as the one in the diner that morning.

At Moose Jaw quite a crowd rushed for a sip of coffee and a bunk or two of indigestion. A fellow from Maine stood beside me drinking a cup of coffee and kicking at the price. The price was 10 cents. The lady behind the game was real handsome, and finally she gave the cent man from Maine a hot roast for which she charged nothing. While she was handing it to him I remained silent and tucked into my lower stope about $7 worth of north-west condensed dyspepsia put up in the delusive names of pie, sandwiches and other pleasing titles. The lady only charged me two bits, and as I climbed aboard I thought that it pays better never to "sass" the presiding genius of a railroad lunch counter.

The C.P.R. is a wonderfully safe road to travel on, and seldom kill a passenger, although occasionally someone dies of heart failure after looking at their freight charges. I noticed this twelve miles out from Fernie. Just after daylight the vigilant engineer saw something white across the track. It was a washout, and standing on the air he plunged into it. Part of the engine went off, and all the cars were more or less ditched except the Pullman. I was asleep in the Pullman and did not awake until an hour after the accident, which is an excellent testimonial for the gentle and efficient manner in which the C. P. R. conduct their slight mishaps. Not a soul or body was injured in the wreck and after a delay of a few hours, giving the passengers a chance to watch the coke ovens at Fernie tint the ozone with a light black smoke, the train resumed motion and enabled us to reach that western Mecca, Nelson, just as the policemen were rubbing their eyes, and the rumble of presses told me that the two Daily Losers were about to flood the city with intelligence. From Nelson to New Denver the time passed quickly, Joe Bradshaw had a month's stories to tell me, the principal serial being about the way Gib Stanley had located a stream of cool, limpid water.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

According to its population more babies are born in New Denver than any town of equal size on the continent, a fact which speaks volumes for its inhabitants. In addition to this infants seldom die in the burg, which proves that New Denver mothers either know how to keep death from the cradle, or else the climate is so healthy that the grim monster is frosted every time it makes a grab for anything with life in it.

Nelson wants a lead refinery, Kaslo wants a smelter, and nearly every town in B. C. is clamoring for something that will smoke and make noise and dirt in their towns. New Denver is not howling for any of these things. It does not want its flower gardens and pretty homes streaked with the smoke and fumes of lead works. It is the most ideal and beautiful town site in America, and when the world finds it out thousands will make their homes here, and an army of tourists will pour minted gold into our laps until the sight of anything yellow will give us a desire to hit the trail for Three Forks.

An advertisement from the department over which W. C. Wells presides in our beloved Local Legislature appears in three Slocan papers, but not in the LEDGE, although it has a greater circulation than all the other Slocan papers. This does not look right. If Wells does not know of this paper's existence he is too ignorant to occupy a public position. If he does he should exhibit common sense in expending public funds. But, then, perhaps there may be a coon in the fence who gives him pointers on advertising, and he is pliable enough to follow them.

A SUDDEN RISE.

D. R. Beatty has acquired wealth as radidly, perhaps, as any man that could be mentioned. Beatty lost his home and practically all he possessed in the great storm which swept Galveston off the map. On the night of January 10th he walked into the Galveston News office. He had $20 in his pocket which constituted all his available assets. While he was in the News office the news was flashed over the wires that oil had been discovered at Beaumont. Two hours later he boarded a train for Beaumont, arriving there shortly after daylight; with what was left of his twenty dollars he began operations and today his check is good for a cool million. This is the bright side of the story. The dark side is that Beatty is now practically a physical wreck and has aged fifteen years in three months. The smile of his face is frozen into a frown, he eats but little, and nervous prostration robs him of his sleep We are not ready to admit that his last state is better than the first —Honey Grove Signal

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the ladies and friends of New Denver for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us in our late bereavement.

W. L. JEFFERY AND FAMILY.

Since the trouble arose at the Northport smelter and the subsequent laying off of the greater part of the force at the Le Roi, all kinds of reports have been circulated regarding the operation of both the mine and the smelter. The latest is one that goes to show that the ore from the Le Roi has, since March 1st, netted only 4 cents a ton.

Williams finds the weather rather cool for selling ice cream, but is confident that ere long conditions will be just the reverse.

At the annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners and the Western Labor Union held the past week in Denver, Colo., it was shown that the organization was in a prosperous condition and had a membership of 50,000 men. The report of the treasurer showed that the trouble in the Cœur d'Alenes cost the organization $50,000

A Seasonable Chat

The warm weather has struck us at last with a vengeance, and is evidently here to stay for some time.

Ladies; are you prepared for it?

With suitable summer garments. If not, we were never in a better position to supply your demands. Here are a few lines that will interest you:

Summer Shirts in White Duck and Piques, with insertion trimming, at $2, 2.50, 2.75 and 4.50 each.

Linen Crash and Denim Shirts Plain or Trimmed with white braid at $1, 1.25, 2.00, 2.75, and 3.50 each.

Ladies' Blouses in Prints, Muslins and Percale, white and colored, sizes 32 to 42, at 75c, 1, 1.25 1.50, 2, and 2.50 each.

Ladies' Parasols with good silk tops, steel rod and fancy handles, at 1.50, 1.75, 2, 2.50, 3, 3.50, and 4.50 each.

Ladies' Gloves White Silk at 42c, 50c, 60c and 75c a pair. White undressed kid at $1 a pair. Ladies' Kid Gloves, white, cream lemon, with black backs, at $1.25 and 1.50 a pair.

Ladies' Hosiery in black cotton and Lisle at 15c, 20c, 25 and 35c a pair.

Ladies' Corsets in the "D. & A." and "E. Y." in long and short waist at 50c, 75c and $1 pair.

MARTIN O'REILLY & CO., Nelson, B. C.

Watch Repairs by Mail

We can serve you equally as well by mail as if you left your watch personally.

If you want a new watch send us the money you intend to invest in one, and describe the style preferred, and we will send you the best value procurable for the money.

Brown Bros., The Jewelers, Nelson.

NOTICE.

LIQUOR LICENCE ACT 1900.

THE FOLLOWING Applications have been received for Retail Liquor Licence and will be considered by the Board of Licence Commissioners for the Slocan Licence District at the Court House, New Denver, on Saturday, the 15th day of June, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m.—

Angus McGillivray, New Denver
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MAN'S BATTLE WITH THE BEASTS

Man has to fight for his life with the animal kingdom in these days just as he did in the stone age, though now he has got the upper hand, it is hard to realize that the old, old struggle is still going on. While wild beasts and venomous serpents kill thousands of people every year, other animals join with them in the constant attacks upon the food supply of mankind.

In Paris rats destroy each year food worth $1,000,000, and the value of the food destroyed by these animals yearly all over the world is estimated to amount in the aggregate to $70,000,000. In England $200,000 a year is spent by the farmers in wages to "bird scarers," and large amounts are spent in this country in fighting sparrows, gypsy moths, potato bugs and other agricultural pests. In South Africa damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars is done every now and then by visitations of locusts. A pigeon in harvest time eats its own weight in grain a day, and a blackbird or thrush will eat its own weight daily of ripe fruit. Many kinds of birds exist in summer largely upon plants raised by man for his food. In the west prairie dogs make almost useless about 2,000,000 acres of otherwise good grazing land. In New Zealand there is a sheep-killing parrot which destroys from 20,000 to 30,000 sheep a year, and thousands of young lambs are killed each year by eagles in various parts of the world.

The destruction wrought by birds which eat grain and fruit is much more than compensated for by the manner in which they help man to keep down the innumerable insect army which year after year attacks his crops, and which otherwise might entirely destroy them. So the grain-eating birds might be said, after all, to be enlisted on man's side in the interminable war--a body of mercenaries who help themselves to their pay.

A few years ago Italy produced in a year 55,000,000 gallons of olive oil, worth $18,000,000. Last year this fell off by a quarter, due to one insect alone, the oil fly, which has devastated the olive orchards since 1897. The phylloxera, which ravaged 2,900,000 acres of French vineyards, cost that country $660,000,000. The Colorado beetle ruined one-third of the American potato crop in 1859, and several years following, costing the country more than $100,000,000. Crete pays a bounty of $200 a ton for locusts' eggs. Five years ago 60 tons were destroyed in one year, equal to 680,000,000 locusts. It is calculated that locusts annually devastate 8,000,000 acres, and destroy half the crop on an area of double that size—that is to say, this one insect alone lessens the world's food supply by $200,000,000 a year. The gypsy moth costs the world $2,500,000 a year, and the sugar-eating ant doubles that sum, while the termite, an ant-like wood-eating insect, destroys property in North Africa valued at more than $5,000,000 in a twelve-month.

In India 90,000 head of cattle are killed every year by wild beasts and venomous serpents, and in Finland wolves kill 5,500 head a year. In Australia wild dogs kill 8,000 sheep annually, and the loss among the flocks and herds of the west from wolves also is large. Man no longer

Goes forth with a pine for a spear 'gainst the mammoth,
Or strikes through the ravine at the foaming beneath.

But just the same, that he may live, he has to keep up a constant slaughter of the hordes of the armies of the animal kingdom.

MINES OF SOLOMON.

Several diamond drill operators have recently returned to America from the gold coast of West Africa where they went a year or two ago under contract to re-open the lost mines of King Solomon. The location is the scene of the ancient native workings that tradition says were searched for gold for Solomon. The Americans found there shafts sunk 200 feet or more in the solid rock, drifts and tunnels thousands of feet long, and the remains of primitive hoisting and drilling appliances, left when the mines were abandoned, many centuries ago. The ancient workers stopped work when they reached water level, having no means of pumping water from that depth. The mines contained a free milling gold, easy to treat, and were apparently very rich. What will be found at greater depth is not given out.

Many relics of primitive workings were found in the mines, which were evidently abandoned in haste as the water came and were never entered from that day to this. Human bones were found, but nothing to indicate exactly what method was used to sink such shafts and drive tunnels at such depths underground could be discovered by the Americans, who were amazed at the ingenuity of men who, with only what seemed to be their petty, primitive methods, could carry on such undertakings.

The climate of the district is such that at the conclusion of their contracts all the Americans engaged in running drills and opening the mines returned home, though offered great wages to remain. It is their belief that, however rich the mines may be, it will be a difficult matter to reopen and maintain them productively.

MAXIMS OF SUCCESS.

In business three things are necessary—knowledge, temper and time.—Feltham.

The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whither he is going —David Starr Jordan.

Failure is only endeavor temporarily off the track. How foolish it would be to abandon it in the ditch!

The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.—Dr. John Hall.

"Opporchunities," said Uncle Eben, "is pretty sho' ter come to eberry man. But it's a mighty good idea, jes' the same, foh him ter hustle 'roun' an' send out a few invitations."

"Strike while the iron is hot," is good advice, but Cromwell's amendment—"make the iron hot by striking it," is better. If you sit around and wait for the iron to heat itself, you may lose a chance to strike.

A Cry for Proper Food.

The physicians who are denouncing the "quick lunch" habit tell only a part of the truth. They emphasize rapid mastication or no mastication at all, as the main source of suffering and disease among the victims of lunch counters. If these critics would stop to analyze the real conditions they would find that it is the abnormal and artificial craze for sweet and toothsome pastries, fresh batter foods and indiscriminate fluids that are the real cause of the evil. If there is any reformer, with a million or two dollars to spare, who wants to carve a niche in the topmost corridor of Fame's temple let him found a cooking school. Until people learn the difference between real food and the stuff that is concocted mainly to gratify their palates the gastronomic specialists in medicine will be overworked.—Chicago Chronicle.

Quite Satisfied.

A young man who for business reasons had wandered far from his native city, materially but not spiritually, once attended a revival service in the small town where he had taken up his abode. During the service an urgent invitation was extended to all sinners to come forward to the anxious seat to be prayed for by the brothers and sisters of the church. As the young man did not accept the invitation, the revivalist walked down the aisle and placed his hand on his shoulder, inquiring: "Have you never felt any desire to be born again?" The answer was given at once: "No, I was born in Boston."—Short Stories Magazine.

The Little Pig that Staid Home

A Montreal commercial traveler—a bachelor—tells the Herald a thrilling story of what happened to him going up to Toronto the other day. It was a Pullman sleeper, and just across from the bachelor's berth was a handsome little woman and her 8-year-old boy. Early in the morning the two were laughing and playing together and the good-natured bachelor smiled to himself as he arose to dress Suddenly a little foot peeped out from the curtains of the opposite berth and, with a twinkle in his eye, the bachelor grabbed the plump toe and began:

"This little pig went to market, this little——"

"That is my foot, sir," said the indignant voice of a woman

And the train rolled on.

There is a well-known San Francisco lawyer who prides himself upon his handling of Chinese witnesses. Having a Celestial in the witness-box one day, he began:

What's your name?

Witness: Kee Lung.

You live in San Francisco?

Witness: Yes.

You sabbie God?

Witness: Mr. Attorney, if you mean "Do I understand the entity of our Creator?" I will simply say that Thursday evening next I shall address the State Ministerial Association on the subject of the "Divinity of Christ," and shall be pleased to have you attend.

ABOUT THE IRISH.

We were at Ramilico,
We left ours at Fontenoy,
And up in the Pyrenees,
Before Dunkirk, on Linden's plain,
Cremona, Lille and Ghent;

We're all over Austria, France and Spain
Wherever they pitched a tent
We've died for England from Waterloo
To Egypt and Dargai,
And still there's enough for a corps or crew—
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea.

Despite all their sacrifice for England, the Irish are not admitted to equal partnership in the affairs of the empire. Addressing the House of Lords in 1829, the Duke of Wellington said: "The hour of danger and glory is the hour in which the gallant, the generous-hearted Irishman best know his duty, and is most determined to perform it, and still proclaimed unfit to enter within the pale of the constitution. I feel almost ashamed of the honors which have been lavished upon me."

It is the difference between Wellington and Saulisbury Irishmen were Outlanders in 1829, and are Outlanders today.—Jeremie Robillard.

The English Suffered.

A shopkeeper in Munich, Germany, is endeavoring to attract English and American custom by advertising in English. A specimen announcement quoted by the Berlin Times concludes as follows: "Leather and fancy goods and other articles like pormanteaus, cigaretuis, letter cases, broches, walking sticks essentuell. Gentlemen & lady pocketknifes in the grandest selection, with turtles, mother of pearls, ivery, horn, wood, dearshorn from 50 Pf. till 14 Marks."

Why She Liked the Hospital.

Not long ago at a provincial hospital an old woman, who was being discharged completely cured, was having a last interview with the house physician. "Well," he said, "you will have to speak well of the hospital now, won't you?" And the old woman replied: "Ay, that I will, doctor. But, sure, I never spoke ill of it. My 'usband died here."

In Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff's "Notes from a Diary: 1889 1891," there is told a really good story of an Indian official of the name of Paul, who, going home one night in the west end of London, saw a gentleman vainly trying to open his door with his latch-key. The Indian officer, going up, volunteered to open the door, whereupon the tipsy man said, "May I ask your name, sir?" To this the other replied, "My name is Paul." On which, after some reflection, the tipsy man said, "Oh, Paul is your name, is it? By the way, did you ever get any reply to that long, rambling epistle you wrote to the Ephesians?"

The weather had suddenly changed and the temperature of the tram-car was not of the coolest. Enter at one of the stations a lady gorgeously dressed, and inclined to embonpoint. Panting, she took a seat, and removed her gloves, displaying both hands loaded with rings. These she regarded with evident approval, and then remarked aloud, to the joy of some of her fellow-passengers, "Rings is warm!"

Between Salford and Manchester is a glue factory which "smells to heaven." A lady who was obliged to take the ride between these two places quite often, always carried with her a bottle of lavender salts. One morning an old farmer took the seat directly opposite her. As the train neared the factory the lady opened her bottle of salts. Soon the whole carriage was filled with the horrible odor of the glue, and the old farmer leaned forward and shouted: "Madam, would ye mind putting the cork in that 'ere bottle?"

Lord Nelson suffered greatly from sea-sickness to the end of his career.

Ferland's Money Makers

I am closing out my large stock of Dry Goods and Men's Furnishings in Nelson, and am offering the greatest bargains that have ever been given to cash buyers in the Kootenay country. There is no reason why the people of the Slocan should not take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity. Mail orders receive the same attention that is given to orders from customers in person, the only difference being in the time to and from Nelson.

Here are some specials:

SHIRT WAISTS AND SILKS.

Print Shirt Waists, the regular $1 line, 65 cts.
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Regular $4.50 Black Lustre Skirts, to clear, $2.50.

WHITE MUSLIN WEAR.

Corset Covers at 18c, 25c, 40c and 50c.
White Skirts at 75c, $1 and $1.50.
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MEN'S WEAR.

Men's Blue and Black Serge Suits, regular $15 line, yours at $10
Men's Scotch and Irish Tweed Suits, regular $15 line, at $10.
Men's Tweed Suits at $4, $5, $6 and $8.
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Good Tweed Pants at $1.25, $1.50 and $2.

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Boys' Suits at $1.75 $2, $2.50 to $5.
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NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To THOMAS SHEA, owner of an undivided one-eighth (⅛) interest in the Nabob mineral claim, situated on Reco mountain, and adjoining Blue Bird and Trade Dollar mineral claims, and recorded at New Denver record Office.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, B. W. Bull, have done and recorded the annual assessment work as required by Section 24 of the Mineral Act, on the above claim for year ending July 15, 1900, and that your share of expense of said work is now due. Should you fail to contribute your share of expenditure for above work together with cost of this advertisement I will at expiration of said 90 days apply to Recorder to have your interest in above claim transferred to me, pursuant to section 4, Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900

B. W. BULL,
Fire Valley, B. C., March 28, 1901.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To V. H. BEHNE, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Miner Boy mineral claim, situate on the north side of Carpenter creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District and recorded in the Recorder's office at New Denver, B. C., on July 4th, 1892.

YOU or any of you are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents in labor and improvements upon the above mineral claim, under the provision of the mineral act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures, together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of an Act entitled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900.

Dated this 23d day of March, 1901

THEODORE F. ADAMS,
A. F. ADAMS.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To E. J. MATHEWS, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Hattie E mineral claim, at Glacier creek, a tributary of Wilson creek, nine miles from Three Forks, and recorded in the Record Office for the Slocan Mining Division.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim, in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under Section 4 of an Act entitled, "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

JOSEPH B. MARTIN.
Three Forks, B. C., March 21, 1901.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

CEDAR Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Howson creek

TAKE NOTICE That I, Herbert T. Twigg, as agent for The Scottish Colonial Gold Fields, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 30317, and George W. Hughes, Free Miner's Certificate No. 64975, 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 9th day of May, 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

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Localized Notes of Interest

A GRUESOME TALE.

The following letter seeking information has been forwarded to the LEDGE. It tells a tale of murder that is without foundation, but the girls referred to were no doubt in the Slocan at the time, and one of them at least may not be far from Slocan City at the present moment. The letter comes from "Piantagegatan, Goteborg, Denmark," and is addressed to the "Chief of Police, Slocum City, B. C." It reads:

"DEAR SIR,—Excuse me for writing to you, as father and mother are stricken with grief on account of a letter we have received from one Viola Lawrence who is now at the Insane Asylum at Stillacom, Wash. She have written here that her sister, Lillian Lawrence, was murdered somewhere in your country about Christmas time, 1900, as she claim the news was published in the New Denver papers. She state that her sister and another girl were out buggy riding on their out, they were assaulted, then murdered. Now if you can give us any information whether there was a person by that name, Lillian Lawrence, so murdered about 25th December, 1900, or not, or if you know anything about this girl in question, a word from you would be kindly received by her grief-stricken parents. As this girl at the asylum say this is the last place she say her sister, "Slocum City, B. C.," please answer and oblige,

"GUSTAF YULIN"

BIG GOLD PROPOSITION.

A big deal was lately put through on a gold property situated in the Bridge river district, 40 miles from Lillooet. The properties bonded include the Bend Or group, the Ida May group and the Countless group, all of which are controlled by the Bend Or syndicate. The bond runs 18 months and is for $750,000, the first payment of which, $125,000 in amount, is to be made on June 25th, similar amounts being due on December 26th of this year and on June 25th, 1902. The balance of the purchase money, $375,000, is payable either in cash on or before December 26th, 1902, or at the option of the purchasers, in lieu of cash they may deliver 25 per cent. of the capital stock of a company which is to be formed to operate the mines.

The new owners intend to sink 500 feet in three places and open up the property in a thorough manner. A 40-stamp mill will be set up as soon as the development justifies it. The property is a straight free milling quartz proposition, there being no copper found there. No trial shipments were ever made from the mine, but a large quantity of quartz has been crushed and $70,000 worth of gold already extracted

Messrs. J. M. Mackinnon, W. R. Robertson, F. M. Robertson and A. Noel are the original owners.

A MODEL JAIL.

It is said that the new warden of the jail at Nelson is such a terror to evil doers that his influence is doing more to diminish crime in the Kootenays than any agency that has hitherto been introduced. Jail life is no longer popular. If it be true that cleanliness is next to godliness, a man might as well be in church. The warden is, as everybody knows, the most exquisitely neat man in Nelson, and, under his regime, the jail has been transformed into a scrubbing school. Glass, brass, wood, iron and stone are all expected to present the same immaculate exterior as his own irreproachable shirt bosom. Even the prisoners are groomed like thoroughbreds, and one of them has expressed the opinion that the condemned murderer will be quite reconciled to his fate after two months such excessive tidiness. There is some talk of a scrubbing brush factory being started in the city to supply the brisk demand made under these conditions.

IN NEW NELSON.

It was in Nelson, and the Moon peeped over the Hills. John and George who were there when Jack Ward sold Booze in a Tent stood upon the Corner talking about How Much Bill Gallihher had done for the Country, when a Cop Hove in Sight. The Cop was AWAKE, and had the New Clothes around Him. In a Voice, loud as the latest Edition of Cottonwood Creek, He said, "Move An." John, over a Chesterfield, bowed and said, "Beg Pardon," but George stood Pat Russell off for the Soda Water until He recovered sufficiently to Dig up Two Bits, then They wondered at the March of Time and talked of the Old Days when such cruel Words were never Spoken It shows that Nelson is getting more like Toronto every Day, but speaks well for John and George. They are Unknown to the Police.

A LA CARRIE NATION.

The Windsor Hotel bar was Carrie Nationized Tuesday night. Ton Saunders turned loose on it, and if the indomitable Carrie had done the job herself it could not have been accomplished to a more scientific finish. Tom had been drinking during the day and was feeling too quarrelsome to be at large when evening came He happened into the Windsor and worked up a promising row. Finally he was put out and then the smashing began. With his bare fist he smashed the glass front, cutting himself severely, then with rocks for lydite shells he finished the job. The bottled goods behind the bar, the mirrors and glassware were left in a shattered mess, and jags in their infancy trickled down the polished fixtures to the floor. There was a general scramble by the patrons of the house to get out of the way of the flying missils, and for a short time Tom had it all his own way. It took five men to carry him to the lock-up.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 85,000 tons. Since January 1 to May 31, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		1486
Last Chance	20	938
Slocan Star	102	698
Ruth		364
Bosun		260
Hewett		570
American Boy	20	728
Ivanhoe		898
Trade Dollar		140
Sunset (Jackson Basin)		320
Sovereign		117
Wonderful		4
Arlington	50	1505
Two Friends		40
Enterprise		180
Hartney		140
Black Prince		100
Goodenough		145
Miller Creek		20
Reco		165
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields		53
Silver King		14
Red Fox		64
Antoine		16
Queen Bess	40	563
Monitor		345
Corinth		66
Bondholder		23
Rambler		518
Surprise		20
Kaslo Group		10
Chapleau		15
Speculator		10
Ajax		10
Soho		39
Emily Edith		40
Phoenix		20
Alpha		40
V. & M		20
Total tons	232	10,664

A PHAIRY TALE.

Did you ever meet Phair over in Nelson? He is a genius. Lately he has been fixing his tavern so that it will vie with the leading hostelries of New York and New Denver, and in consequence nearly everyone has been asking him about the improvements. To avoid wear and tear of the facial anatomy caused by moving the atmosphere to worded replies he now wears under the lapel of his coat the following address: "If you are a friend of mine do not ask me about the improvements." When approached by anyone suffering from the bacteria of curiosity Phair exposes the above sign and silence becomes prominent. It is an efficient and ingenious method for saving the nervous system, although it frequently leads to an appeal at the bar where words taper to a gurgle, and the drouth never comes.

CORNISH ROCK DRILL.

Rowland Machin has had company with him on his present trip through the Kootenays. He represents Wm. Bennett & Sons, the manufacturers of the celebrated Crown brand of fuse. With him are Wm Bennett, of the fuse firm, and J. W. Holman, of the firm of Holman Bros., Camborne, Eng. Mr Holman is introducing the Cornish Rock Drill, which has drilled a hole 20⅞ inches in hard granite in one minute. It is extensively used in Mexico, Transvaal, Brazil, San Salvador, India, and Mr. Holman is rapidly having it placed in British Columbia, having sold ten drills at the St. Eugene this week. It has been tested in Rossland, and those wishing to know results are referred to Mr. Long, of the Le Roi, and Mr. Baum, of the Centre Star, Rossland.

RICH STRIKE.

A despatch from Vancouver to the Minneapolis Journal says: "S. A. Singlehurst has reached Vancouver from Omineca, B. C., with news that rich strikes just made in mining properties owned by Howard Gould and associates of New York will make their mine one of the richest in British Columbia. Singlehurst hurried out 200 miles to telegraph the news to his principals. He thinks Ptarmigan will become a second Comstock. At the 150-foot level the miners cross-cut the vein and found it to be ten feet wide. Samples taken across the face of the vein averaged 500 ounces of silver, 4 per cent. copper and two ounces gold. The ore can be readily moved to tidewater by wagon.

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THE FIRST OIL.

There has been much talk about petroleum in B. C. and Washington, but the first real strike in the north west was made near Olympia, Wash., last week. At a depth of 198 feet in a white sandstone the drill plunged into a small quantity of very heavy crude oil. Drilling is being continued. Plenty of yellow and blue clay has been drilled through.

MAY DIVIDENDS.

The mine dividends paid by American mining companies for the month of May total $2,445,849. Of this sum the St. Eugene mine of British Columbia paid $102,000. Two Montana mines paid $1,515,000; three in Idaho, the De Lamar, Bunker Hill and Sullivan, and Empire State, paid $296,554; five in Utah paid $182,000; the Homestake in South Dakota paid $105,000; seven in Colorado paid $95,900; six in California paid $76,895; the Arizona mine La Fortuna, paid $12,500. Four California oil wells paid $18,300. The Standard Oil Co. has declared a dividend for June amounting to $12,000,000

The Anaconda Standard is disposed to regard the presence of F. Aug. Heinze in Montana as a menace. The sentiments of the Standard towards Mr. Heinze were ably expressed by the Irishman who, with a Chinaman, was riding a mule down hill. Pat, shoved pretty well upon the neck of the animal, turned to the celestial and sagely remarked: "Ave wan of us would get aff an' wa-alk I think I would ride asier" —Reveille

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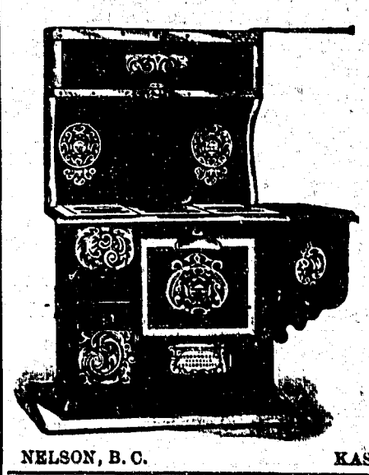
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