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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

HYPNOTISM or mesmerism has been more or less believed in by scientists for the past one hundred years, and well-authenticated cases of persons under the hypnotic influence are growing more numerous than formerly. One comes from Toronto. An actress, Miss Florence Stone, during the progress of a performance of Trilby at the Princess theatre in that city, is said to have been actually hypnotized by Ralph Stewart in the role of Svengali. At a certain part in the play Miss Stone turned in her chair and looked Stewart full in the face, a bit of business which had not previously been used by her. Stewart took her by the hand and was leading her across the stage when she suddenly sank at his feet. The curtain was rung down immediately and those in the house who thought that the act had been finished, applauded mightily. A member of the company came on the front of the stage and announced Miss Stone had been seized with a fainting fit, caused by over-work. She declared she had been hypnotized and became very hysterical, but recovered sufficiently to conclude the play. This may have been a genuine case of animal magnetism, but more likely it is an advertising scheme of some enterprising manager.

THE prophesy made by Sir William Van Horne a few years ago that British Columbia was about to enter upon an era of the greatest railway building in the history of the world, has really come to pass, and within a few years those portions of the Province which were once deemed absolutely inaccessible from a transportation point of view will be placed in daily communication with the outside world. With the railroads, have sprung up new towns all over the Province, and population has increased by leaps and bounds. The majority of these towns are not, as some would have us believe, of mush-room growth, for in many cases they are surrounded with those resources that go to establish permanent success. But it is not only to our vast mineral resources must we look for future prosperity. Indeed, it is quite probable that the grand scenery throughout the mountain regions of British Columbia may prove only second to our mineral resources as a revenue producer. When it becomes known to the outside world that in this Province there is enough scenery to make a dozen Switzerlands, the tourist travel of the whole world must turn in this direction. We should, therefore, make known to the leisure class throughout Europe that here we have the greatest wealth of natural scenery in the world.

ACCORDING to a medical journal, the ordinary much maligned tobacco cigarette must yield the first place as a destroyer of nerves and vitality and general enemy of mankind. Its successful rival, which has appeared recently in the field, is the tea cigarette. It is made from unbroken leaves of green tea mixed with a little tea dust. The combi ation is moistened, rolled and inserted in a paper wrapper, so that outwardly it looks like an ordinary cigarette. The effects a e peculiar. The smoker first experiences a thickening sensation of the head and if afflicted with a desire to sit down. This phase is followed by a period of intense exhilaration, which, presumably accounts for the habit; the third phase is nausea and disgust for food. The beginning of recovery is marked by a yearning for tea in any form. The tea cigarette habit is said to be peculiarly difficult to overcome.

EVERY person interested in the development of South Africa under British auspices must regret the defeat of the Spriggs' Ministry at the Cape of Good Hope. It may not be generally known that since the first establishment of representative government in that colony there has been little, if any, change in the representation in the Assembly. The colony was originally settled by the Dutch, and the agricultural constituencies are peopled by the descendants of these people. But by the immigration of late years of a large English element, the cities have increased in size, and from causes which it would take too long to enter into at present, friction between the original settler and the English element sprang into existence. Sir Gordon Spriggs attempted to introduce a redistribution bill by which the cities with their increased population could obtain fair representation in the Assembly. In this he was deafeated. A dissolution was granted by the Governor, Sir Alfred Milner, and the general election which followed resulted in the return of 40 Bond representatives and 39 Progressists. These latter supported Sir Gordon Spriggs. Both sides were pledged to redistribution but differed in the details. By late despatches we learn Sir Gordon Spriggs has resigned, owing to a want of confidence motion, which was carried by two of a majority and moved in the Legislature by Hon. W. P. Schriener, Q. C. formerly Attorney-General in the Cabinet. Mr. Schreiner is a German by birth, but educated at Cambridge. He is considered an able but impracticable politician.

IT is reported from Dawson City that there is a typhoid fever epidemic there, and that the deaths average three or four daily. What a delightful place to live!

THE Victoria *Times* is of the opinion that it is time for the Liberals of British Columbia to organize. No doubt the *Times* is animated with a desire to put on a bold front, but the fact remains that there is no possibility of the Liberals of this Province perfecting an effective organization. No matter how much the Liberals pretend to believe that they won a victory in 1896, the facts simply show they have been deceiving themselves. In nearly every constituency where victory was achieved the fight was a three-cornered one—two Conservatives against one Liberal. In Yale-Cariboo the means by which the Liberals carried their man are too well-known to demand special mention. Moreover, many Conservatives throughout the Province, led away by false issues, voted the Liberal ticket, and these same Conservatives are now the most active workers against the men they helped to elect in 1896. Not only were certain Conservatives deceived by false promises, but many Liberals were the victime of Grit deception, with the result that what was once the Liberal party

British Columbia is not now even a shadow of its former self. Bossism has also wrought disaster and when the time comes to write the epitaph of the Liberal partya fitting inscription for its tombstone would be: "Strangled in its infancy by Boss Bostock and his ring."

THE British Columbia *Review*, published in London, Eng., has the following in regard to the closing up of the Agent-General's Office: "In an interview which a press representative had with the venerable Sir Charles Tupper this morning, he said that he was very sorry indeed to hear that the office of the Agent General had been shut. 'I consider it of the utmost importance,' said Sir Charles, 'that the Government of British Columbia should have a well-informed agent here thoroughly acquainted with British Columbia, and able to give persons interested in this country reliable information, particularly at the present time, when so many events of momentous importance in the development of the Province are occurring. The interests of British Columbia demand that there should be some agency for the distribution of accurate information regarding the country. So much British capital is already employed in the development of the Province and Canada generally that it is absolutely indispensable that statistical and other data should be readily forthcoming from some office situated in the city.' Sir Charles seemed to think that the decision in question would probably be followed up by the appointment of a new Agent-General in London; and if a rumor current in the city this afternoon is correct, the British Columbia Government have already regretted their mistake, and speedily endeavored to atone for the bad impression previously created."

"IN an off-handed way, a few weeks ago, THE ECONOMIST took occasion to remark on the circumstance that an eastern clergyman had complained bitterly of the great decrease in the birthrate of Ontario. The matter would not have been referred to again, had it not been that the *Province*, a daily paper published at Vancouver, disposes of the birthrate question with the following significant paragraph:

"Several of the *Province's* esteemed contemporaries are learnedly discussing the low birthrate in Ontario, and are trying hard to find a reason for it. The explanation is quite simple. There are not as many babies being born in Ontario now as there were formerly."

There is a significance in the foregoing paragraph which merits our most serious attention. The amiable editor of the *Province* left Ontario nearly two years ago. Up to the time of his departure from Ontario there had been no complaint as to the decrease in the birthrate of that Province. This circumstance in itself may not be given undue prominence, but when taken in connection with the fact that within two years from the time of his exodus the birthrate of Ontario had shrunk to such an extent as to provoke comment from a member of the Anglican Synod, we submit that there are sufficient grounds at least arouse a suspicion that his departure may have had some bearing on the backward condition of baby culture. The case simply stated is as follows: While the genial editor of the *Province* lived in Ontario the birthrate was at no time below the average, in fact it was a little above if anything; then he left, and all at once, or within a reasonable space of time, there was a noticeable decrease, so conspicuous as to excite comment. Of course, it may be contended that in any event this falling-off would have taken place, and was not necessarily consequent upon the departure of any one living at that time in Ontario, but the fallacy of this reasoning will manifest itself when it is pointed out that no proofs are forthcoming to support such an illogical conclusion, but there is abundant proof to demonstrate that there is a shrinkage in the baby industry; moreover, it will be admitted that the editor of the *Province* is no longer a resident of that part of Canada in which this once thriving industry is said to have shrunk and shrivelled into insignificance. It is not a sufficient answer to the complaint that even if the editor of Canada's only critical paper once more took up his residence in Ontario, conditions precisely the same as those that existed previous to the time he left would not prevail; all we have to deal with is the plain fact that the editor of the *Province* newspaper left Ontario at some time within the last two years, and in a reasonable time thereafter a reputable clergyman complained that baby culture was at a standstill. If further proof were needed to establish a case against the editor of the *Province*, we believe it may be found in the paragraph quoted above, and taken from page 4 of that paper. Instead of offering some explanation for the low birthrate, he treats the whole subject callously and contemptuously, and with a knowing leer, says: "The explanation is quite simple; there are not as many babies being born in Ontario now as there were formerly." This alone sustains the contention that if the editor of the *Province* is not responsible for the low birthrate, he knows more of the matter than he is willing to divulge.

THE Toronto *Telegram* suggests that when he is completing the monument to George Washington in dear old Lunnon, David Christie Murray might write the following neat but not gaudy inscription:

G. WASHINGTON,
AN AMERICAN WHO COULD NOT TELL A LIE.
We shall not look upon his like again.

THE Martin family are bobbing up all over the country. A brother of "Joseph the Fighter" has recently been elected president of the Winnipeg Liberal club. And still people wonder at crime.

THE manager of a Montreal theatre recently extended an invitation to Earl Aberdeen to patronize a performance of "The Ballet Girl." His Excellency did not reply, but the Countess wrote the manager that the Earl did not like plays in which there were ballet girls. Countess Aberdeen may be correct in her statement of the case, but we would prefer to have the assurance from the lips of her husband.

THE Winnipeg Liberals do not believe in taking Father Time by his forelock. Although Joseph Martin, by the grace of Lieut.-Governor McInness became Attorney-General early last August, the Liberals of the prairie capital bottled up their enthusiasm until October 20, when they passed a resolution of congratulation to the only Joseph. Perhaps his Winnipeg friends wanted to feel satisfied of their ground.

ONE pleasing characteristic of Mr. Sifton's Galician friends is that they manifest a praiseworthy desire to destroy each other. A female of that tribe killed her husband and five children, a few days ago. That woman has built for herself a monument more enduring than marble.

AN Iowa girl has broken through all the well-established rules for committing self-destruction, by poisoning herself with a breakfast of spiders. It may not have been the most romantic method of shuffling off this mortal coil, but it was original and from all accounts most effective.

WHILE *en route* to the old country, Hon. J. H. Turner was interviewed at Winnipeg. The position of parties in British Columbia was truthfully outlined by the ex-Premier. In reply to the question: "Has the government decided upon some definite policy wherewith to make a bid for popularity, Hon. Mr. Turner said: "No, I don't think so. They will probably attempt to show that the late government was extravagant in finances. Before our defeat, a large loan was authorized to cover a considerable overdraft incurred in developing the country's resources, its roads and its trails. This loan has not been issued and consequently the overdraft still stands against the province. The members of the government will hold up their hands in holy horror and exclaim: 'Behold the extravagance of your former rulers.'"

THERE have been many curious escapes from prison. Nearly twenty years ago, a prisoner in a Dakota lock-up not only escaped from the place in which he was confined, but with assistance of a friend he placed the building on his sleigh and took it home. Another strange dash for freedom is reported from New York. It is that of Henry Bradley, a Governor's Island convict, who last week, stole a government steamer, and in the exciting chase by an armed guard that followed on another steamer, he gave his pursuers the slip. Bradley, who belongs to New York, was an engineer by trade. Two years ago he enlisted in the regular army, but last year he deserted.

He was re-captured after a short absence and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Along with the other convicts on the island he was put to work on the dock, and was assigned to the task of coaling and getting up steam every morning, preparatory to the arrival of the crew on the General Fair, the government ferry boat, which plies between Liberty and Governor's island. Armed guards watched over the prisoners, but at 7 o'clock one morning, while the other convicts worked on the dock, Bradley was alone on the steamer. Shouting to the guard at the landing slip that something had gone wrong with the engines, he said:—"I'm going to see how she works." Immediately there was a puff of steam, the hawser was cast away from the boat, and before the surprised guards could recover from their astonishment the General Fair had steamed out of the dock and was heading for mid-stream with Bradley for crew and passenger. An outcry was at once raised, and within four minutes the Hattie Palmer, a government steam lighter, had started in pursuit. The Hattie Palmer had an armed guard on board, and put on full steam in an effort to catch up with the fleeing convict. Bradley, however, is an experienced engineer, and he was able to get every inch of speed that was in the General Fair out of her. When he saw the Hattie Palmer leaving Governor's island in pursuit he ran directly for the Atlantic dock Brooklyn. With full speed on he ran in between a barge and a steamer moored in the dock, and without waiting to turn off steam, jumped upon the barge, from which he made his escape through the dock. When the Hattie Palmer arrived Capt. Miller found the General Fair firmly wedged between the steamer and the barge, with her engine still running. During the run across Bradley exchanged his prison garb for the working clothes of the engineer of the General Fair, which were hanging in the engine room. The guard on the Hattie Palmer landed and made a thorough search of the docks and the neighborhood, but without finding Bradley. Few people were around at the time, and no one seemed to have observed the escaping engineer. An alarm was sent immediately to police headquarters, but Bradley has not yet been recaptured.

THE Brooklyn *News* makes what is perhaps the most serious charge ever brought against a paper in this Province, if not Canada, when it accuses the Rossland *Miner* of having published its recent article on the alleged meat monopoly because P. Burns & Co. refused to patronize the *Miner's* advertising columns to the extent of $40 per month. We reproduce the exact words of the *News*: "Mr. C. E. Race, of the Rossland *Miner*, thinks there is a good chance for anyone with $100,000 to invest, to start in opposition to P. Burns & Co., the meat merchants of Kootenay. The *Miner*, however, should be fair and tell also that the column article did not come out till Burns refused to run a $40 card in the paper. A more intelligent idea of the case could then be obtained by the disinterested. Mr. Burns' agents, by the way, in Brooklyn and at the head office deny almost in toto many of the statements made by the *Miner*."

It is inconceivable that any paper in Canada should resort to such methods, and for the honor of the Press, we prefer to believe that the *News* has been misinformed. No doubt the editor of the Rossland *Miner* is anxious to secure business for his paper, but we doubt very much if he ever descended so low as the *News* would have us believe. If nothing else, surely a dread of the law, in such cases made and provided, ought to prevent the intimidation of business men. In the meantime we prefer to believe that the *News* is mistaken in attributing such motives to Mr. Race, and we hope that gentleman will take the earliest opportuity of clearing the Press of British Columbia from the stain which has been cast upon it. Speak up, man!

CIRCULAR.

Provincial Secretary's Office.

20TH OCTOBER, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour, by direction, to request that on and after the receipt of this circular, you *will discontinue to send The Economist* newspaper to any Department or Office of the Provincial Government, with the exception of the Government Printing Office and the Library of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

To the Manager The Economist, Nelson.

The above gem, which was received at this office last Monday evening, demands a little explanation. At first sight, the impression might be created that for THE ECONOMIST the poor-house loomed up in the distance, and that the Martin-Hume Government was about to enter upon an era of unprecedented economy. We believe we can convince our readers that this view of the situation is misleading and that the economy supposed to be practised by the new government is simply a myth. In the first place, this paper has never been addressed to any department or office of the Provincial Government, "with the exception of the Government printing office and the library of the Legislative Assembly." It is sent to the Government printing office in exchange for the British Columbia *Gazette*, and no bill has ever been rendered the Provincial Librarian for the paper. Several members of the late Government subscribed for THE ECONOMIST as individuals, and paid their subscriptions out of their own private funds. No voucher was ever presented to the Government for the payment of one subscription to this paper. THE ECONOMIST is now forwarded to the gentlemen of the late cabinet, but addressed to them as private members. So when the Provincial Secretary expresses a request to "discontinue to send THE ECONOMIST" to any department of the Provincial Government, he simply makes a request that has no meaning whatever. It may be that THE ECONOMIST is still forwarded to the offices formerly occupied by the gentlemen who subscribed for, but it certainly is not addressed to those departments, and should not have been opened by any person except the person for whom it was intended and to whom it was addressed. It will thus be seen that THE ECONOMIST does not suffer financially by the order from the Provincial Secretary's office, nor does the Government save one cent by its order. It would be expecting too much from the present government to believe that any one member thereof would subscribe for a paper that he could read for nothing in the Provincial Library. Incidentally, it would be an act of wisdom on the part of the Provincial Secretary if he would refrain in future from sending such idiotic letters from his department.

WITHOUT desiring to reflect on the present fire brigade, it must be said that a city the size of Nelson should have more adequate fire protection than it now enjoys. In the organization of municipal governments the most difficult question is how to provide protection against fire. And it would be bordering on the marvellous if Nelson were an exception to the general rule. The funds required to equip a fire brigade and provide the necessary apparatus to fight a conflagration are usually more than a young municipality can afford, with the result that it is only when a fire occurs, the citizens discover what really little protection they enjoy. The corporation of Nelson has accomplished a great deal in this direction, but as His Worship pointed out at the council meeting last Monday, a great deal more has to be done in the future. There are certain portions of Nelson, spread over such a wide area of territory as it is, that would be completely at the mercy of a fire. We refer more particularly to the residences on the hill, where a fire would gain so much headway before the arrival of the brigade, that it would have completed its work of devastation. We believe our present brigade could be depended upon to do good work in almost any emergency, but it must be confessed, that it would be wise to have a reorganization of our whole system of protection against fire.

The trade returns for the quarter ending with the month of September show that our sales to the outside world are decreasing as compared with last year; but that our purchases from it and the Government's inevitably levy upon these purchase, are increasing. Our exports stand at $43,400,000 as compared with $47,800,000 for the same quarter last year; while our imports reached $43.190,000 this quarter, the figure for the same quarter last year being only $32,999,000. The taxation on these purchases jump from $5,120,000 last year to $6,780,000 this year. This is a striking change in the wrong direction, remarks the Montreal *Star*.

MINES AND INVESTORS.

Around all the Slocan mining camps is found a little bird called "the camp robber." It is useful in its habits so much as it disposes of the garbage which might otherwise become a superfluity, but inasmuch as in its avarice it prevents the gopher and chipmunk from performing the same useful office, and as, when not prevented, it will take every opportunity of stealing everything in sight of any value, at times it becomes a nuisance. In very much the same category as "the camp-robber" must be classed the Rossland mining broker. Formerly the chief market for British Columbia mines lay in Spokane, and the Spokane mining broker was at least honest to the interest of his employers and as far as can be expected from human nature, fairly true to the interest of those who sought his advice in regard to investment. But the Spokane mining broker was to use a vulgar expression "too slow" for his Rossland brother. He was the gopher and chipmunk of the camp, performing a humble and useful function, and this was not in keeping with the aspiration of the Rossland camp-robber who coveted everything in sight. The staple market veered to Rossland, thanks to the extraordinary ramifications of a large London company, to whose actions we will devote more attention at a future date, and trading upon the demand created by the operations of this company, the Rossland broker, or rather coterie of that ilk, blossomed forth as an incipient aggregation of Comstock operators. So lon as the big London company purchased properties and thereby created a legitimate demand for those stocks, the brokers did a large and profitable business, but when this company ceased purchasing, and there was no further trading in those stocks, in order to keep up the excitement, a flagitious interest had to be excited, and this was done by manipulating certain properties. The ring would secure for themselves control of a property, put in a manager, furnish him with enough funds to do some development work, and then on the strength of an alleged big strike, would boom the stock three or four hundred per cent. on its market value, and by advertised deals among the members of the ring would induce those confiding members of the investing public, who are looking for a good thing to put their money into the new bonanza, and then the brokers realize. The public in a few weeks also realize that they have been duped, and symptoms of a new bonanza that is to be—appear in the advertising quotations of the brokers. Fortunately for British Columbia the local investing public remember the proverb, "once bit—twice shy," and the Rossland promoters are receiving what little support they get from those investors in Eastern Canada who have not yet learned that all is not gold that glitters. At the present time there are not five mines in the Rossland camp whose stock by any parity of reasoning can be figured out to be worth fifty per cent. of the price at which it is quoted in the market. The balance of nominal mines consist of some properties upon which development work is being pushed that will tend to develop in the public investor a desire to acquire stock therein, and of others upon which the money lying dormant in the treasury is being wasted in the chimerical hope that something in the shape of a big body of ore will turn up, or that some big syndicate will happen along who can be turned down. The Rossland camp is not in a healthy condition, and the recent slump in its securities is a very tangible indication that the investing public has realized the situation. If a man must invest his money in mines, and no better investment can, as a rule, be secured, let him put it in a dividend payer, whose management is in the hands of business men, who will handle it as a business, and not in a wild cat, of whose capabilities he has no other guarantee than the interested encomiums of a mining broker.

Push Development Work.

The New Denver *Ledge* expresses the belief that the Slocan will experience a great influx of capital with the opening of next spring, and advises claim holders to put in the winter on such properties as have a promising showing, so that they can be turned off at a good figure. Each and every one of the Slocan lake towns have good properties behind them. Some are developed into shipping mines, others, not so far advanced, can only be classed as prospects, but it makes little difference just now how they are classed, the fact is that all will soon be shippers on an extensive scale, and the towns that have been in a state of collapse for the past year from the effects of the boom, will be revived and business will proceed on a more extensive and firmer basis. The outlook is indeed bright. The upward tendency of business has been noticeable for some months. In some localities, and especially Slocan City, the revival has been wretchedly slow, but it is now being felt and a better spirit pervades the business and mining circles. The gold, silver and copper properties tributary to it are being slowly developed, and in every instance the showing is most satisfactory. All that is needed is to attract moneyed men to this locality, and the putting in operation one or two of the big Springer or Lemon creek properties. This might require some months, owing to the tardiness experienced in getting wagon roads to those localities, but that section will not long remain inactive. New Denver and Silverton are somewhat more fortunate than Slocan City, though both have suffered some from the effects of the general collapse in the mining business. The rich Four Mile properties have contributed regularly to the business institutions of Silverton and strengthened the general confidence of its citizens. The coming winter promises to see scenes of great activity there. New Denver has suffered the least of any of the lake towns and is forging ahead at a rapid rate. The fact that it has and ever will be the banking centre and government seat, gives it a standing that can never be shaken. In addition to this it has shipping mines and deleloping properties close at hand that ensure its permanent prosperity. With the future so promising, concludes the *Ledge*, the policy of every holder of mineral property should be to push development work without ceasing, and bring their properties to that stage of development where expert buyers can see them and buy them.

British Columbia's Future.

Mr. P. A. O'Farrell, the correspondent, in a special letter to the Toronto *Globe*, writes of the great resources of British Columbia as follows: It is in the coming century that Canada and British Columbia in particular, will play a glorious part. The people of Ontaria, Quebec and the Eastern Provinces have achieved great things, and have made the Dominion possible, but the people of the Northwest Territory and British Columbia are going to wreath laurels around the brow of the Dominion which the people of the East have never dreamed of. British Columbia is as extensive as France and Italy combined, but in natural wealth and fruitfulness she exceeds them both. Her agriculture is limited, for her glorious mountains diminish that, but those very mountains are storehouses of mineral wealth sufficient to meet the wants of the world for all time to come. British Columbia's forests are so vast and so valuable that all the gold in the treasure vaults of all the Empires of Europe would not suffice to buy them. Her rivers teem with the finest salmon, and the climate of British Columbia is similar to that of the British Isles, and will, in the course of ages, produce a race of people who, it is to be hoped, will imitate the races from whom they sprang.

Mining Notes.

The Bosun is making regular shipments of 20 tons.

The Wakefield Mines will ship 75 car loads of ore this winter.

Nine men are employed on the Essex group, above Silverton.

The Condor group, is showing up well with work. The property is being surveyed.

Twelve inches of clean galena ore has been encountered on the "16 to 1," situated on the south fork of Kaslo creek.

The New Denver *Ledge* is doing a great work in bringing the mining possibilities of the Slocan before the outside world.

The *Silvertonian* says: "One of the changes to the Mineral Act that is being agitated, is that where a prospector fails to do his annual assessment work, the claim will not be open for re-location but will revert to the Crown and be advertised and sold at public auction to the highest bidder."

The thorough examination of the Monte Christo is to be undertaken by Mr. Hastings, of the War Eagle mine, and Mr. Hardtman, of Montreal. Both are exceptionally conservative men. The former, however, had a better opinion of Rossland mines in general when he first visited the district than the latter. Their report will be awaited with great anxiety by the great body of shareholders in Rossland mines.

OLD EVANGELINE.

She is a Great-Great-Great-Grandmother.

From forty to fifty thousand Americans visit the Valley of Annapolis, N. S., every summer, in the first place to escape the heat of the United States; in the second because a sojourn in that part of Acadia is cheap and delightful; in the third place—and chiefly—because it takes in the scenes of Longfellow's poem, "Evangeline."

Those scenes, as beautiful today as they were early in the last century, are exploited for all they are worth by the hotel keepers, and for a good deal more. The hotel keepers of Acadia live and flourish on Longfellow; every line in "Evangeline" is worth a summer boarder to them, and the summer boarder means a profit of $100 at the end of the season. Indeed, the hotel keepers are talking about erecting a monument to Henry W. Longfellow in some part of Acadia, possibly in Grand-pre.

Despite last century's deportation of the Acadians there are fully 20,000 of them at the present time living between Yarmouth, one of the gateways to the province of Nova Scotia, and Halifax, the other, among whom are, doubtless, many descendants of Benedict Lafontaine and Basil, the blacksmith. At all events the names of Lajeunesse and Lafontaine are common enough in the valley.

All the Acadian did not leave the valley with Evangeline and Gabriel. Many of them who were not pure whites managed to conceal themselves in the "forests primeval" and fished and hunted there until the minions of King George had become satisfied that nothing more was to be feared from the French of Acadia. When the crisis was over they emerged from the forests and settled down in the places where their descendants are to be found today with that strain of Indian blood that makes them bold hunters and patient fishermen, but unfits them for competition with men of British descent in civilized enterprise.

If L'Evangeline and other local newspapers are accurate in their statements, the valley contains a surprising number of centenarians. There is at least one Acadian now living near Eelbrooke, Digby county, who is in her 104th year. The parish register vouches for this woman's age, and her name is Evangeline Lajeunesse. This ancient dame has undoubtedly some Mic-a-Mac blood in her veins, and the strain is observable in her many descendants down to the sixth generation, as represented by two-year-old Nanette des Noyes, born in Eelbrooke on July 24, 1896.

Old Evangeline, for as such is she known and venerated from Yarmouth to Halifax, was born in August, 1795, and married in 1811. She became the mother of eleven children, two of whom are now living, one a son in Lowell, Mass., the other a daughter in Yarmouth county, N. S. This daughter—Mrs. Emma Langlois—has had fourteen children, nine of whom are living, but scattered, they and their descendants, all over the United States and Canada. It is a great-great-grandchild of Mrs. Langlois who is referred to as the two-year-old, and therefore a great-great-great-grandchild of old Evangeline. Considering that they are Acadians this is not by any means extraordinary, for those people marry young, and, in fact, there is a tradition in Tusket which says that an old man died in that municipality in 1873 who beat Old Evangeline by a great, in other words, when he departed this life, he did so as a great-great-great-great-grandfather.

As for the personality of Evangeline, she is quite lively and attends St. Anne's Catholic church regularly every Sunday, rain or shine. She does not wear glasses, in fact, if the truth must be told, she cannot read, but she smokes a clay pipe with great gusto and takes a pinch of snuff now and then. She has been using tobacco more than seventy years. As regards the dress of the quartette it is the Acadian peasants' Sunday best.

An Empress Mother.

It is barely possible that the czar of all the Russias, having experienced the delights of domestic peace, desires to extend something of the same blissful condition of things all over the earth. Perhaps this explains his recent peace manifesto.

The czar's domestic happiness is due, of course, to the czarina. As Princess Alice of Hesse she was chiefly notable for her amiability. She is the favorite grand-daughter of Queen Victoria.

The czarina lost her mother—the most brilliant, attractive and popular of all British princesses—at a very early age, and from that time forth her English relatives took charge of her, her aunts, Princess Beatrice and the Empress Frederick, and her cousins, Princesses Maud and Victoria of Wales, being especially devoted to her. But the one who most fully assumed the place of her mother was good old Queen Victoria herself, and it was to her that "Sunny," the pet name by which the czarina used to be known among her relatives, turned for counsel when hesitating between her love for Nicholas on the one hand and her reluctance to abandon the faith in which she had been reared on the other. The advice which Qeeen Victoria gave is best shown by the fact that the marriage took place.

What is so winning about the czarina is her eagerness to please, the manifest delicacy of her sentiments, the innocence of a mind that is far above the average in the quality of its intellect, and last, but not least, the lovely face, exquisite figure and perfect carriage, all of which contribute to make her the most charming sovereign lady in Christendom.

The home life of the czar and czarina is described as idyllic. Those who were familiar with the austere forms of court life as it was understood under the late czar affirm that a new and charming spirit has been infused into it ever since Nikolai Alexandrovitch settled down to his new role. It used to consist solely of seven balls during the season and solemn silence for the remainder of the year. Now it embraces everything that possesses human interest. The czarina of course is the soul of everything that is cheerful. Her little daughter is not wholly abandoned to nurse and governess, as most royal children are but spends much of her time with her empress mother.

Katie Lee and Willie Gray.

Two brown heads, with tossing curls,
Red lips shutting over pearls,
Bare feet white, and wet with dew,
Two eyes black and two eyes blue;
Little boy and girl were they,
Katie Lee and Willie Gray.

They were standing where a brook
Bending like a shepherd's crook
Flashed its silver, and thick ranks
Of green willows fringed the banks;
Half in thought and half in play,
Katie Lee and Willie Gray.

They had cheeks as cherries red—
He was taller most a head;
She, with arms like wreaths of snow,
Swung a bucket to and fro,
As she loitered half in play,
Chattering to Willie Gray.

"Pretty Katie," Willie said,
And there came a dash of red
Through the brownness of his cheek—
"Boys are strong and girls are weak,
And I'll carry so I will,
Katy's basket up the hill."

Katy answered with a laugh:
"No, but you may carry half;"
And, then, tossing back her curls:
"Boys are weak as well as girls."
Do you think that Katie guessed
Half the wisdom she expressed?

Men are only boys grown tall;
Hearts don't change much after all;
And when long years from that day
Katie Lee and Willie Gray
Stood again beside the brook
Bending like a shepherd's crook.

Is it strange that Willie said,
While again a dash of red
Crossed the brownness of his cheek:
"I am strong, and you are week;
Life is but a slippery steep;
Hung with shadows cold and deep.

Will you trust me, Katy, dear,
Walk beside me without fear;
May I carry if I will
All your burdens up the hill?"
And she answered with a laugh:
"No, but you may carry half."

Close beside the little brook
Bending like a shephard's crook,
Washing with its silver hands,
Late and early at the sands,
Is a cottage, where today
Katy lives with Willie Gray,

In the porch she sits, and lo!
Swings a basket to and fro,
Vastly different from the one
That she swung in years agone;
This is long, and deep, and wide,
And has rockers at the side.

JOSIE S. HUNT.

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Birthday Party.

Master Fred Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hume, celebrated his fifth birthday by giving a party to his little friends. There were present: The Misses Ethel Mallette, Ruth Cord ngly, Edith Maud McDonald, Lulu Ellis, Edna Ellis, Mary Rutherford, Celicia Prosser, Evelyn Gurd, Betty Johnson, Flossie Johnston, Ella Madden, Lillian Russell, Jessie Hipperson, Josie Lawrence, Ethel Lawrence, Rachel Robertson, Zillah Emerson, Poppy McDonald, Gretta McDonald, Marion Quinlan, Irene Robson, Mildred Irvine, Beryl Emerson, Geo gie Hume, Vera Hume and Masters Campbell, Robertson, Joe Wilson, Roy Wilson, Reginald Cordingly, Bruce McDonald, ahd Frederick Hume the host. The little guests were chaperoned by Mrs. Horace Hume, Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. Frank Beer, Mrs. William Beer, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Simpson and Miss Clauson. Games were provided and Marion Quinlan gave a very clever tambourine dance, and Zella Emerson sang several songs, little Beryl Emerson playing the accompaniment, The young folks adjourned to the parlor of the Hume to tho accompaniment of the grand march played by Mrs. Quinlan. Dinner was served in the Hume dining room.

The Kootenay.

John V. Blake has been writing a series of letters for the Detroit *Tribune,* in the course of one which he has the following to say of the Kootenay: "Southward acroes the Canadian Pacific railway line along the Columbia river, Arrow and Kootenay lakes, to the boundary, lies the Kootenay district, chiefly famous for what is locally known as smelting propositions, principally an admixture of gold, silver and copper ores. This district has of recent years been the scene of active exploitation. Government returns show that in 1894 the product of the ledge mines of the whole of British Columbia amounted to $874,000, and in 1897 to over $8,000,000, chiefly from Kootenay, notwithstanding that coal for smelting averaged $20 per ton, and facilities for transportation were incomplete. The product for the current year is estimated at $13,000,000, with every prospect of indefinite increase. The Canadian Pacific railway is being extended from Lethbridge west through the immense coal fields of Crow's Nest pass, the product of which inside of a year will be delivered at convenient points for smelting at a cost of about $5 per ton. This whole district is a wooded, mountainous country, the mines of which will soon support a very large population. It is dependent for supplies upon the eastern prairies, but the rich agricultural regions of the state of Washington are the nearest and cheapest source of supply, if no hostile tariff bars the way. The same may be said as to mining machinery and supplies necessary for its development."

In Hymen's Fetters.

Mr. Robert S. Lennie, of Elliott & Lennie, barristers, Nelson, was married at New Westminister, last Wednesday, to Miss Edith Lourise Douglas. The *Columbian* of last Thursday has the following: St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Church was crowded, last night, with people anxious to witness the nuptials of two well known and popular young people, Miss Edith Louise, second daughter of Mr. B. Douglas, and Mr, Robert Scott Lennie, a rising young barrister, of Nelson, B. C., second son of the Rev. Robert Lennie, formerly of this city, but now of Mount Forest, Ont. It having been known for some time that the happy event would come off last evening, a large turn out was present. Long before 8 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony, people began to arrive, and, before very long, every pew in the large building and the gallery, was occupied, an unusually large sprinkling of the sterner sex being noticed. Pending the arrival of the wedding party, the occupants of the pews discussed everything apropos of toilettes, decorations, &c. The latter, though simple, were very effective. Over each aisle was an arch of colored maple leaves, the same pretty leaves appearing and contrasting with the dark lustrous foliage of ferns, palms, &c., which obscured the pulpit, while the choir gallery and organ were outlined in festoons of ivy, brightened here and there with clusters of brilliant pigeon berries It was somewhat past eight o'clock when the bride appeared, on the arm of her father, and followed by her two younger sisters, as bridesmaids, proceeded up the aisle where the groom, attended by Mr. Jas. H. Lawson, jr., of Victoria, was already awaiting. In the brief prelude before the ceremony commenced, the audience had a fine view of a pretty group. The bride was dressed in a gown of white Duchess satin, trimmed with chiffon, over which fell a pretty tulle veil, fastened with a bunch of life-like orange blossoms. About the neck of the bride was a beautiful circlet of pearls and emeralds, which, with bracelets of the same chaste workmanship, were the gift of the groom. Miss Stella Douglas was charmingly attired, in a dress of pale blue China silk, and Miss Elsie in cream satin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, both wearing rings set with pearls and emeralds, souvenirs from the groom. The simple ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. E. Vert, pastor of the church, opened with the familiar hymn, "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden." The responses were clearly uttered, and, before very many minutes had elapsed, the words were uttered which made the young couple one. As the bridal party left the church, the organ pealed out the "Wedding March," and the guests, and then the audience, followed, to give the bride a good send-off, the same consisting of hearty expressions of good will and copious showers of the inevitable rice. After the recherche wedding supper had been partaken of, at the residence of the bride's parents, Carnarvon street, the newly-married couple, amid a renewal of the former demonstrations of good will, took their departure, and drove to Vancouver, and, this morning, proceeded to Victoria, where the honeymoon will be spent, prior to their returning to their new home at Nelson. The invited guests, after the departure of the bride and groom, enjoyed an impromptu dance, which was kept up till a late hour. The bride who was very popular, especially in the younger society circles, was the recipient of many very handsome wedding presents, which included considerable plate. The number of these tokens attested the esteem in which the young couple are held here, while large additions to the list await their arrival at Nelson.

Harry Scott, of the Hamilton Powder Co., was in the city this week.

Some excellent samples of ore are being shown from the Marion, Eclipse, Mowich and other Silver mountain properties where the late strikes were made.

Eddie Senkler, son of Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines, and better known to Ontario people as a crack football player, has been appointed gold commissioner in the Yukon. Perhaps Mr. Sifton wants him to organize his scrimmage line to buck the kickers up tnere. —*Ottawa Citizen.*

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Kaslo city hall is nearing completion.

Kaslo Episcopal church is without a pastor.

Rossland is getting ready for its winter carnival.

The faro industry is said to be thriving in Sandon.

Fred Ritchie, of Rossland, was in the city this week.

There is an opening at Gladstone for a good physician.

There is a demand at Grand Forks for dwelling houses.

The clerks and salesmen of Rossland have organized a union.

The Hall mines will install an electric plant in the Silver King.

Mrs. Macdonald, wife of W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., is convalescent.

David King, the Kaslo newspaperman, was in Nelson last Monday.

Wm. Hunter, the Silverton merchant, was in Nelson last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Macnaughton, Vancouver, are registered at the Hume.

McLean Bros. will use a new invention for digging on their contracts.

E. O. Lewis and C. E. Chase, bakers, Nelson, have dissolved partnership.

Rev. Dr. Spencer, the revivalist has concluded has labors at Nelson.

P. Burns & Co. have been making improvements in their butcher shop.

A large amount of development work is now going on at Deadwood camp. B. C.

Charlie Steele, a Victoria knight of the grip, paid Nelson a business trip last week.

The grand lodge meeting of the I. O. G. T. is being held in Vancouver this week.

Mrs. King, proprietress of the Allan Hotel, Rossland, visited Nelson last Monday.

Mrs. John Baunerman has returned from a visit to her old home in Renfrew, Ont.

P. J. O'Reilly, formerly of THE ECONOMIST, will start a newspaper at Cascade City.

E. V. Bodwell, of Bodwell & Duff, barristers, Victoria, was in the city this week.

A. Lucas, organizer of the Conservative Union, is making a tour of the Kootenay.

The R. E. Fr nch dramatic company are playing a week's engagement at Rossland.

Rossland papers give columns to reports of prize fights, but scarcely a line to church meetings.

The Lely concert in the Presbyterian church, last Friday night, was a success financially and otherwise.

J. A. McLean, commercial traveller, of Winnipeg, was showing his samples to Nelson merchants this week.

Rev. W. C. Rose, of Nova Scotia, will take charge of the Baptist church, beginning his pastorate in November.

Mr. Justice Martin had several election petitions before him last week. His Lordship has the cases under consideration.

The executive of the Nelson Conservative club are holding a meeting this afternoon. Matters of importance are to be discussed.

The Brooklyn *News* bewails the circumstance that Sir William Van Horne overlooked that important town on his recent trip.

The Catholic bazaar has opened in the building lately occupied by the Lawrence Hardware Co. The bazaar will open every morning at 11 a. m.

Miss Maggie McEachern, late of Collingwood, Ont., died last Friday night and was buried Sunday afternoon. The deceased was 32 years of age, and came here last summer in the hope that the change would prove beneficial.

Frank Oliver, M. P.

Among the recent visitors to Nelson were Mr. Frank Oliver, member of the Dominion House of Commons for Alberta, and his wife. Mr. Oliver is publisher of the Edmonton *Bulletin*, the second paper published in the Northwest Territories, and a publication that has done a great deal in bringing the resources of its district before the attention of the outside world. Mr. Oliver's record in the Commons has been thoroughly inpependent, so much so that at times Sir Wilfred did not feel altogether sure of the support of the member for Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are traveling for pleasure in company with Geo. H. Ham of the C. P. R. He refused to speak for publication.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Notwsthstanding his seventy years, George MacDonald, the novelist, is slowly recovering from the effects of the sunstroke received in August.

M. Caæsar Tompson, the fomous Belgian violinist, has received from King Humbert the honor of kinighthood in the order of Sts Maurice and Lazare.

Professor Koch, the German bacteriologist, is making an exhaustive study of malaria in the hospitals of Milan. He intends to spen l several months in Italy.

Garrison Y. Shall, a convict in the Connecticut State prison, knows all of Shakespeare's plays by heart, having learned them during the last fourteen years of his imprsionment.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has presented a baptismal stone to the new German church in Jerusalem, which is to be dedicated to Emperor William next month.

Sir Walter Besant, who celebrated his sixty-second birthday last month, was born at Portsmouth, Eng., and graduated as eighteenth wrangler at Cambridge thirty-nine years ago

The Pope and his friends or distressed because of the difficulty of keeping his apartment warm enough for him in his old age. Various devices have been tried. Furnace heat has been suggested, but when the Pope heard that it would cost $180,000 to introduce it in the Vatican, with its thousands of rooms, he dismissed the project with a motion of his hand.

Women's National Council.

The Nelson branch of the Women's National Council are making a praiseworthy effort to estab ish a free public library in this city With this end in view they are soliciting aid from the citizens, and while they have not succeeded as well as they hoped, they have met with success enough to encourage them in their effort. To consider how best to carry on the work, the Nelson branch will hold a meeting next Saturday at 3 p. m., to which all women are cordially invited. It might be said, that Mayor Houston has promised substantial aid to the public library proposal. Another matter which the council has under consideration, is arranging for the sale of tickets to a course of lectures on cooking to be given by Miss Livingstone, well known as a lecturer on this subject. Miss Livingstone is highly recommended by Countess Aberdeen. She has lectured throughout Canada to large classes, and she will come here, providing 35 tickets can be disposed of. She charges $3 for a course of ten lessons, or 50 cents a lesson. The Presbyterian school-room can be secured for the lecture course. Mrs. R. W. Day, secretary of the Nelson branch, will give any further information required on this subject.

Sir William Van Horne has got back to Montreal. In an interview, he said that throughout the West he observed marked signs ef prosperity.

THE OUTCAST.

He was an awfully nice fellow and one easily comprehended why Margaret had let her heart go out to him. He was tall and straight and good-looking and he knew how to wear his clothes. There is nothing a woman likes so well as a man whose clothes hang on him as if they were a part of his physique, never noticeable except for their general modishness. Probaly it was the fact of his well-fitting garments that first attracted Margaret to the boy.

Margaret was the child of wealthy parents. She lived in a fashionable street and a gold spoon and smart clothes had been her birthright She met Hubert at a matinee tea and I think it must have been a case of leve at first sight. The boy never dreamed of telling nis love but Margaret had been used all her life to obtain what she wished and the most pachydermatous of young lovers could not fail to understand the drift of such encouragement as hers.

They became prosaicly engaged and because they knew Margaret's fancies were usually short lived, her parents put no obstacles in the way of Hubert's frequent visits.

But the girl's brother came home from a trip abroad. He had mingled with dukes and duchesses, counts and countesses, barons and and baronesses, until his mind was imbued with false notions of aristocracy. He was even snobbish, a fault never laid at the door of his parents and sister. The brother looked upon Hubert with disdain. He resented his constant calls and occasional presence at dinner. The facts of Hubert's good looks, fine manner and well-clothed figure made no impression upon him.

"This man must come here no longer," he said to Margaret.

"This man?" returned the sister haughtily. "This man is my future husband."

"Good God, Margaret! What do you mean? My sister married to an outcast?"

For, in the brother's code, Hubert's good character, good clothes and good manners could not condone the drawback that nobody knew anything about his antecedents. He had come here unheralded, without letters of introduction, with no means, and the only fact known was that his connections lived in London.

Margaret's will could not prevail against that of her brother, and Hubert came no more to the house. Yet—a readily foreseen circumstance—not many months later an elopement was chronicled in San Francisco's inner circle. Margaret had flown with her Hubert. Shortly afterward, they went upon the stage, the modern resort of young persons who seem unable to make both ends meet domestically by the ordinary methods.

I looked now for a reconciliation with the parents, but it did not come. The young couple went to New York and then to London and it was for some months before their names crept into our daily papers. One day an item appeared that was telegraphed all over the country—the death of a noble lord and his two eldest sons while enjoying a yachting trip. The estates and title thus decended to the youngest son, who had quarreled with his father when a mere lad, had gone across to America and had lived since in obscurity. The lawyers had unearthed this son, who had been discovered as an actor in a vaudeville theatre in the provinces. His stage partner was his wife, a beautiful woman who was said to be the daughter of a Californian millionaire.

Dressed up, embellished as the story appeared, the names were accurately given. The fortunate heir was Hubert: the partner of sorrow, now his joy, was Margaret.

But imagine the feelings of the brother who had spurned "the outcast!"—*The Melodramatist. in San Francisco Town Talk.*

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SHORT STORIES.

An Irish crier, being ordered to clear the court, did so by this announcement: "Now, then, all ye blackguards that isn't lawyers must have the coort."

In a New Zealand town one of the municipal candidates, a pronounced Scotsman, had received a present of a huge Scotch thistle, which as the moment happened to be lying on the table of his committee room. A friend, entering, withdrew suddenly with the remark, "I beg your pardon; I didn't know you were at luncheon."

William Smith O'Brien, the leader of the National party of Ireland, who was transported in 1849, had a duel in his younger days, and the two men were placed opposite each other. Just as the signal, "One, two, three—fire!" was about to be given, O'Brien cried, "Stop! No signal, I pray." His opponent's second stepped forward and said with asperity, "This is very irregular, sir. What do you wish to say?" "I wish," answered O'Brien, "to call your attention to the fact that the gentleman opposite me has let the cap fall off his pistol."

The editor of London *News* says that on one occasion the late Justice Matthew Crooks Cameron stood on the G. T. R. platform at London waiting to take the train for Toronto, when a slovonly-looking individual came up to him and offered to shake hands. I do not know you," said the judge, leaning forward on his crutch. "Why, I'm Billy' the porter at the Grigg House. I was one of the witnesses in your court today." "Oh, indeed," said the Judge, with the peculiar manner he had of biting his lower lip and making his goatee stick out. "Well, Billy, the court is over."

A Scotch minister and his man were returning from an old-fashioned marriage. "We had better gang in by the back, the nicht," said the minister on arriving near the manse. "What wey?' queried Sandy. "Aweel, there's been a deal o' whiskey gaein', and I think it wad be better." "Na, na, straucht forrit, straucht forrit," persisted Sandy. "Very weel, then; but, at ony rate, I'll [illegible]k on in front a meenit, and you'll tell's how I'm daein!" The minister then walked on a few yards, and called back. "How am I daein,' then, Sandy?" "Brawly, sir, brawly," said the beadle, "but wha's that wi' ye?"

Mr. Curran, on one occasion, was trying a case before Lord Avonmore and a stupid Dublin jury, by whom his best flights of eloquence and wit were wholly unappreciated. Addressing them, with a side glance at the judge, he stated that Hesiod, a famous Greek historian, had exactly expressed his views, and quoted two lines of Latin! "Why, Mr. Curan," said the judge, "Hesiod was a poet not an historian, and the lines you quote are not Greek but Latin: they occur in Juvenal." Curran contended that they were Greek, and the dispute grew warm. At last, Curran said, "Well, my lord, I see we must disagree. If it were a matter of law, I should bow to your Lordship's opinion, but it is one of fact, and rests with the jury to decide. Let us send it up as collateral issue to the Jury, and I'll be bound that they will—find it Greek!"

A well-known musician who writes a very illegible hand once sent an unsually hopeless scrawl to a friend. The latter studied it a minute, gave it up in despair, and then sat down and wrote in reply: "I shall be most happy to dine with you tomorrow at six. Kindest regards to your wife. Yours, etc." In less than half-an-hour his friend appeared, breathless, at his door. "There's some misunderstanding," said he, anxiously. "I wrote you a note asking if you could play the piano part of the trio at Brown's recital, and here you've sent me an acceptance of a dinner invitation; I'm sorry, but I didn't invite you to dinner!" "Well," returned the other blandly, "I didn't suppose you'd really sent me an invitation to dinner: but I couldn't read a word of your note, and in that case hereafter I mean always to take it for granted that you're asking me to dine." For one of his correspondents, at least, the offender now writes legibly.

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Mr. D. D. Mann has returned to Winnipeg from a visit of considerable duration in British Columbia. A reporter of the *Tribune* found Mr. Mann endeavoring to open his mail between the interviews and visits of those having business with him at the office of the Dauphin railway. He said that the whole west was in a more prosperous condition than he had ever known it before. A large amount of development work is being done in the mines and shipping will become more active when the railways now building are completed. There are now about 70 men steadily employed in development work on the mines in which Mr. Mann is interested, and the further they get down the better the prospects looks. There is, however, greater activity in British Columbia mining than people even imagine, and Mr. Mann believes that in the very near future the whole country from the summit of the Rockies to the coast will be dotted over with mining camps and mills, and reduction plants will be as plentiful as flour mills on the prairie. The whole country will become one great mining camp and one of the greatest fields for the production of gold, silver, copper and lead in the world.

Birthday Party.

Master Fred Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hume, celebrated his fifth birthday by giving a party to his little friends. There were present: The Misses Ethel Mallette, Ruth Cord ngly, Edith Maud McDonald, Lulu Ellis, Edna Ellis, Mary Rutherford, Celicia Prosser, Evelyn Gurd, Betty Johnson, Flossie Johnston, Ella Madden, Lillian Russell, Jessie Hipperson, Josie Lawrence, Ethel Lawrence, Rachel Robertson, Zillah Emerson, Poppy McDonald, Gretta McDonald, Marion Quinlan, Irene Robson, Mildred Irvine, Beryl Emerson, Geo gie Hume, Vera Hume and Masters Campbell, Robertson, Joe Wilson, Roy Wilson, Reginald Cordingly, Bruce McDonald, ahd Frederick Hume the host. The little guests were chaperoned by Mrs. Horace Hume, Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. Frank Beer, Mrs. William Beer, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Simpson and Miss Clauson. Games were provided and Marion Quinlan gave a very clever tambourine dance, and Zella Emerson sang several songs, little Beryl Emerson playing the accompaniment, The young folks adjourned to the parlor of the Hume to tho accompaniment of the grand march played by Mrs. Quinlan. Dinner was served in the Hume dining room.

The Kootenay.

John V. Blake has been writing a series of letters for the Detroit *Tribune*, in the course of one which he has the following to say of the Kootenay: "Southward across the Canadian Pacific railway line along the Columbia river, Arrow and Kootenay lakes, to the boundary, lies the Kootenay district, chiefly famous for what is locally known as smelting propositions, principally an admixture of gold, silver and copper ores. This district has of recent years been the scene of active exploitation. Government returns show that in 1894 the product of the ledge mines of the whole of British Columbia amounted to $874,000, and in 1897 to over $8,000,000, chiefly from Kootenay, notwithstanding that coal for smelting averaged $20 per ton, and facilities for transportation were incomplete. The product for the current year is estimated at $13,000,000, with every prospect of indefinite increase. The Canadian Pacific railway is being extended from Lethbridge west through the immense coal fields of Crow's Nest pass, the product of which inside of a year will be delivered at convenient points for smelting at a cost of about $5 per ton. This whole district is a wooded, mountainous country, the mines of which will soon support a very large population. It is dependent for supplies upon the eastern prairies, but the rich agricultural regions of the state of Washington are the nearest and cheapest source of supply, if no hostile tariff bars the way. The same may be said as to mining machinery and supplies necessary for its development."

In Hymen's Fetters.

Mr. Robert S. Lennie, of Elliott & Lennie, barristers, Nelson, was married at New Westminister, last Wednesday, to Miss Edith Louise Douglas. The *Columbian* of last Thursday has the following: St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Church was crowded, last night, with people anxious to witness the nuptials of two well known and popular young people, Miss Edith Louise, second daughter of Mr. B. Douglas, and Mr, Robert Scott Lennie, a rising young barrister, of Nelson, B. C., second son of the Rev. Robert Lennie, formerly of this city, but now of Mount Forest, Ont. It having been known for some time that the happy event would come off last evening, a large turn out was present. Long before 8 o'clock, the hour set for the ceremony, people began to arrive, and, before very long, every pew in the large building and the gallery, was occupied, an unusually large sprinkling of the sterner sex being noticed. Pending the arrival of the wedding party, the occupants of the pews discussed everything apropos of toilettes, decorations, &c. The latter, though simple, were very effective. Over each aisle was an arch of colored maple leaves, the same pretty leaves appearing and contrasting with the dark lustrous foliage of ferns, palms, &c., which obscured the pulpit, while the choir gallery and organ were outlined in festoons of ivy, brightened here and there with clusters of brilliant pigeon berries It was somewhat past eight o'clock when the bride appeared, on the arm of her father, and followed by her two younger sisters, as bridesmaids, proceeded up the aisle where the groom, attended by Mr. Jas. H. Lawson, jr., of Victoria, was already awaiting. In the brief prelude before the ceremony commenced, the audience had a fine view of a pretty group. The bride was dressed in a gown of white Duchess satin, trimmed with chiffon, over which fell a pretty tulle veil, fastened with a bunch of life-like orange blossoms. About the neck of the bride was a beautiful circlet of pearls and emeralds, which, with bracelets of the same chaste workmanship, were the gift of the groom. Miss Stella Douglas was charmingly attired, in a dress of pale blue China silk, and Miss Elsie in cream satin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, both wearing rings set with pearls and emeralds, souvenirs from the groom. The simple ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. E. Vert, pastor of the church, opened with the familiar hymn, "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden." The responses were clearly uttered, and, before very many minutes had elapsed, the words were uttered which made the young couple one. As the bridal party left the church, the organ pealed out the "Wedding March," and the guests, and then the audience, followed, to give the bride a good send-off, the same consisting of hearty expressions of good will and copious showers of the inevitable rice. After the recherche wedding supper had been partaken of, at the residence of the bride's parents, Carnarvon street, the newly-married couple, amid a renewal of the former demonstrations of good will, took their departure, and drove to Vancouver, and, this morning, proceeded to Victoria, where the honeymoon will be spent, prior to their returning to their new home at Nelson. The invited guests, after the departure of the bride and groom, enjoyed an impromptu dance, which was kept up till a late hour. The bride who was very popular, especially in the younger society circles, was the recipient of many very handsome wedding presents, which included considerable plate. The number of these tokens attested the esteem in which the young couple are held here, while large additions to the list await their arrival at Nelson.

Harry Scott, of the Hamilton Powder Co., was in the city this week.

Some excellent samples of ore are being shown from the Marion, Eclipse, Mowich and other Silver mountain properties where the late strikes were made.

Eddie Senkler, son of Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines, and better known to Ontario people as a crack football player, has been appointed gold commissioner in the Yukon. Perhaps Mr. Sifton wants him to organize his scrimmage line to buck the kickers up tnere. —*Ottawa Citizen.*

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Kaslo city hall is nearing completion.

Kaslo Episcopal church is without a pastor.

Rossland is getting ready for its winter carnival.

The faro industry is said to be thriving in Sandon.

Fred Ritchie, of Rossland, was in the city this week.

There is an opening at Gladstone for a good physician.

There is a demand at Grand Forks for dwelling houses.

The clerks and salesmen of Rossland have organized a union.

The Hall mines will install an electric plant in the Silver King.

Mrs. Macdonald, wife of W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., is convalescent.

David King, the Kaslo newspaperman, was in Nelson last Monday.

Wm. Hunter, the Silverton merchant, was in Nelson last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Macnaughton, Vancouver, are registered at the Hume.

McLean Bros. will use a new invention for digging on their contracts.

E. O. Lewis and C. E. Chase, bakers, Nelson, have dissolved partnership.

Rev. Dr. Spencer, the revivalist has concluded has labors at Nelson.

P. Burns & Co. have been making improvements in their butcher shop.

A large amount of development work is now going on at Deadwood camp. B. C.

Charlie Steele, a Victoria knight of the grip, paid Nelson a business trip last week.

The grand lodge meeting of the I. O. G. T. is being held in Vancouver this week.

Mrs. King, proprietress of the Allan Hotel, Rossland, visited Nelson last Monday.

Mrs. John Baunerman has returned from a visit to her old home in Renfrew, Ont.

P. J. O'Reilly, formerly of THE ECONOMIST, will start a newspaper at Cascade City.

E. V. Bodwell, of Bodwell & Duff, barristers, Victoria, was in the city this week.

A. Lucas, organizer of the Conservative Union, is making a tour of the Kootenay.

The R. E. Fr nch dramatic company are playing a week's engagement at Rossland.

Rossland papers give columns to reports of prize fights, but scarcely a line to church meetings.

The Lely concert in the Presbyterian church, last Friday night, was a success financially and otherwise.

J. A. McLean, commercial traveller, of Winnipeg, was showing his samples to Nelson merchants this week.

Rev. W. C. Rose, of Nova Scotia, will take charge of the Baptist church, beginning his pastorate in November.

Mr. Justice Martin had several election petitions before him last week. His Lordship has the cases under consideration.

The executive of the Nelson Conservative club are holding a meeting this afternoon. Matters of importance are to be discussed.

The Brooklyn *News* bewails the circumstance that Sir William Van Horne overlooked that important town on his recent trip.

The Catholic bazaar has opened in the building lately occupied by the Lawrence Hardware Co. The bazaar will open every morning at 11 a. m.

Miss Maggie McEachern, late of Collingwood, Ont., died last Friday night and was buried Sunday afternoon. The deceased was 32 years of age, and came here last summer in the hope that the change would prove beneficial.

Frank Oliver, M. P.

Among the recent visitors to Nelson were Mr. Frank Oliver, member of the Dominion House of Commons for Alberta, and his wife. Mr. Oliver is publisher of the Edmonton *Bulletin*, the second paper published in the Northwest Territories, and a publication that has done a great deal in bringing the resources of its district before the attention of the outside world. Mr. Oliver's record in the Commons has been thoroughly inpependent, so much so that at times Sir Wilfred did not feel altogether sure of the support of the member for Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are traveling for pleasure in company with Geo. H. Ham of the C. P. R. He refused to speak for publication.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Notwsthstanding his seventy years, George MacDonald, the novelist, is slowly recovering from the effects of the sunstroke received in August.

M. Caæsar Tompson, the fomous Belgian violinist, has received from King Humbert the honor of kinighthood in the order of Sts Maurice and Lazare.

Professor Koch, the German bacteriologist, is making an exhaustive study of malaria in the hospitals of Milan. He intends to spen l several months in Italy.

Garrison Y. Shall, a convict in the Connecticut State prison, knows all of Shakespeare's plays by heart, having learned them during the last fourteen years of his imprsionment.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has presented a baptismal stone to the new German church in Jerusalem, which is to be dedicated to Emperor William next month.

Sir Walter Besant, who celebrated his sixty-second birthday last month, was born at Portsmouth, Eng., and graduated as eighteenth wrangler at Cambridge thirty-nine years ago

The Pope and his friends or distressed because of the difficulty of keeping his apartment warm enough for him in his old age. Various devices have been tried. Furnace heat has been suggested, but when the Pope heard that it would cost $180,000 to introduce it in the Vatican, with its thousands of rooms, he dismissed the project with a motion of his hand.

Women's National Council.

The Nelson branch of the Women's National Council are making a praiseworthy effort to estab'ish a free public library in this city With this end in view they are soliciting aid from the citizens, and while they have not succeeded as well as they hoped, they have met with success enough to encourage them in their effort. To consider how best to carry on the work, the Nelson branch will hold a meeting next Saturday at 3 p. m., to which all women are cordially invited. It might be said, that Mayor Houston has promised substantial aid to the public library proposal. Another matter which the council has under consideration, is arranging for the sale of tickets to a course of lectures on cooking to be given by Miss Livingstone, well known as a lecturer on this subject. Miss Livingstone is highly recommended by Countess Aberdeen. She has lectured throughout Canada to large classes, and she will come here, providing 35 tickets can be disposed of. She charges $3 for a course of ten lessons, or 50 cents a lesson. The Presbyterian school-room can be secured for the lecture course. Mrs. R. W. Day, secretary of the Nelson branch, will give any further information required on this subject.

Sir William Van Horne has got back to Montreal. In an interview, he said that throughout the West he observed marked signs of prosperity.

THE OUTCAST.

He was an awfully nice fellow and one easily comprehended why Margaret had let her heart go out to him. He was tall and straight and good-looking and he knew how to wear his clothes. There is nothing a woman likes so well as a man whose clothes hang on him as if they were a part of his physique, never noticeable except for their general modishness. Probaly it was the fact of his well-fitting garments that first attracted Margaret to the boy.

Margaret was the child of wealthy parents. She lived in a fashionable street and a gold spoon and smart clothes had been her birthright She met Hubert at a matinee tea and I think it must have been a case of leve at first sight. The boy never dreamed of telling his love but Margaret had been used all her life to obtain what she wished and the most pachydermatous of young lovers could not fail to understand the drift of such encouragement as hers.

They became prosaicly engaged and because they knew Margaret's fancies were usually short lived, her parents put no obstacles in the way of Hubert's frequent visits.

But the girl's brother came home from a trip abroad. He had mingled with dukes and duchesses, counts and countesses, barons and and baronesses, until his mind was imbued with false notions of aristocracy. He was even snobbish, a fault never laid at the door of his parents and sister. The brother looked upon Hubert with disdain. He resented his constant calls and occasional presence at dinner. The facts of Hubert's good looks, fine manner and well-clothed figure made no impression upon him.

"This man must come here no longer," he said to Margaret.

"This man?" returned the sister haughtily. "This man is my future husband."

"Good God, Margaret! What do you mean? My sister married to an outcast?"

For, in the brother's code, Hubert's good character, good clothes and good manners could not condone the drawback that nobody knew anything about his antecedents. He had come here unheralded, without letters of introduction, with no means, and the only fact known was that his connections lived in London.

Margaret's will could not prevail against that of her brother, and Hubert came no more to the house. Yet—a readily foreseen circumstance—not many months later an elopement was chronicled in San Francisco's inner circle. Margaret had flown with her Hubert. Shortly afterward, they went upon the stage, the modern resort of young persons who seem unable to make both ends meet domestically by the ordinary methods.

I looked now for a reconciliation with the parents, but it did not come. The young couple went to New York and then to London and it was for some months before their names crept into our daily papers. One day an item appeared that was telegraphed all over the country—the death of a noble lord and his two eldest sons while enjoying a yachting trip. The estates and title thus decended to the youngest son, who had quarreled with his father when a mere lad, had gone across to America and had lived since in obscurity. The lawyers had unearthed this son, who had been discovered as an actor in a vaudeville theatre in the provinces. His stage partner was his wife, a beautiful woman who was said to be the daughter of a Californian millionaire.

Dressed up, embellished as the story appeared, the names were accurately given. The fortunate heir was Hubert: the partner of sorrow, now his joy, was Margaret.

But imagine the feelings of the brother who had spurned "the outcast!"—*The Melodramatist. in San Francisco Town Talk.*

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of certificate of title to lot 1 (one), block 10 (ten), town of Nelson, notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a duplicate of the certificate of John Roper Hull to the above lands, dated the 10th day of March, 189-, and numbered 15,950a.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

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"Hillside" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—On the east side of Giveout creek, and is the eastern extension of the "Bodie" claim, on Toad Mountain.

Take notice that I, A. G. Gamble, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13592 A, agent for Edward James Bulmer, Free Miner's Certificate No. 20639 A, intend, sixty days after 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 10th day of September, 1898.

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SHORT STORIES.

An Irish crier, being ordered to clear the court, did so by this announcement: "Now, then, all ye blackguards that isn't lawyers must lave the coort."

In a New Zealand town one of the municipal candidates, a pronounced Scotsman, had received a present of a huge Scotch thistle, which as the moment happened to be lying on the table of his committee room. A friend, entering, withdrew suddenly with the remark, "I beg your pardon; I didn't know you were at luncheon."

William Smith O'Brien, the leader of the National party of Ireland, who was transported in 1849, had a duel in his younger days, and the two men were placed opposite each other. Just as the signal, "One, two, three—fire!" was about to be given, O'Brien cried, "Stop! No signal, I pray." His opponent's second stepped forward and said with asperity, "This is very irregular, sir. What do you wish to say?" "I wish," answered O'Brien, "to call your attention to the fact that the gentleman opposite me has let the cap fall off his pistol."

The editor of London *News* says that on one occasion the late Justice Matthew Crooks Cameron stood on the G. T. R. platform at London waiting to take the train for Toronto, when a slovenly-looking individual came up to him and offered to shake hands. I do not know you," said the judge, leaning forward on his crutch. "Why, I'm Billy' the porter at the Grigg House. I was one of the witnesses in your court today." "Oh, indeed," said the Judge, with the peculiar manner he had of biting his lower lip and making his goatee stick out. "Well, Billy, the court is over."

A Scotch minister and his man were returning from an old-fashioned marriage. "We had better gang in by the back, the nicht," said the minister on arriving near the manse. "What wey?' queried Sandy. "Aweel, there's been a deal o' whiskey gaein', and I think it wad be better." "Na, na, straucht forrit, straucht forrit," persisted Sandy. "Very weel, then; but, at ony rate, I'll look on in front a meenit, and you'll tell's how I'm daein!" The minister then walked on a few yards, and called back. "How am I daein,' then, Sandy?" "Brawly, sir, brawly," said the beadle, "but wha's that wi' ye?"

Mr. Curran, on one occasion, was trying a case before Lord Avonmore and a stupid Dublin jury, by whom his best flights of eloquence and wit were wholly unappreciated. Addressing them, with a side glance at the judge, he stated that Hesiod, a famous Greek historian, had exactly expressed his views, and quoted two lines of Latin! "Why, Mr. Curan," said the judge, "Hesiod was a poet not an historian, and the lines you quote are not Greek but Latin: they occur in Juvenal." Curran contended that they were Greek, and the dispute grew warm. At last, Curran said, "Well, my lord, I see we must disagree. If it were a matter of law, I should bow to your Lordship's opinion, but it is one of fact, and rests with the jury to decide. Let us send it up as collateral issue to the Jury, and I'll be bound that they will—find it Greek!"

A well-known musician who writes a very illegible hand once sent an unsually hopeless scrawl to a friend. The latter studied it a minute, gave it up in despair, and then sat down and wrote in reply: "I shall be most happy to dine with you tomorrow at six. Kindest regards to your wife. Yours, etc." In less than half-an-hour his friend appeared, breathless, at his door. "There's some misunderstanding," said he, anxiously. "I wrote you a note asking if you could play the piano part of the trio at Brown's recital, and here you've sent me an acceptance of a dinner invitation; I'm sorry, but I didn't invite you to dinner!" "Well," returned the other blandly, "I didn't suppose you'd really sent me an invitation to dinner: but I couldn't read a word of your note, and in that case hereafter I mean always to take it for granted that you're asking me to dine." For one of his correspondents, at least, the offender now writes legibly.

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VENT AND OSSIP

L. M. Livingstone, Brooklyn, is in the city.

O. M. Rosendale has returned from Oregan with his bride.

Marsh V. Adams has been appointed deputy sheriff for the Slocan.

An attempt will be made to arouse interest in the Nelson gun club.

A great number of tickets have been sold for the concert in the rink Friday evening.

The contract for removing the bodies from the old cemetery to the new one has been awarded to Farley & Simpson.

It is announced that W. C. McLean, the contractor, will be married in Revelstoke, this week, to Miss Annie McDonald.

From the appearance of the people on the streets one would surmise that the "miscellaneous receipts" of the city council will be unusually large this month.

E. Billings is in the city making preparations for the opening of the Bittner dramatic company at the skating rink, next Monday evening. The company will be here for one week and will open with Bartley Campbell's "Galley Slave."

Truly a good name is better than precious ointment, as Mr. Gordon Hunter has reason to believe. This gentleman was recently appointed gold commissioner for the Yukon, but had to decline on account of the ill-health of his wife. His appointment was endorsed by every paper in the Province, irrespective of party politics.

YMIR.

Special Correspondence of THE ECONOMIST.

Last Thursday an acetyline gas generator exploded in J. A. Gilker's store, the result being that Fred Burns and a man called Ross were badly scorched about the face.

Fire totally destroyed the Tamarac mine, bunk and cook house on Saturday morning. It is supposed that the bush rats overturned some matches.

John Lightbody met with a serious accident last week. While chopping some underbrush, the axe slipped and entered his knee, causing a very painful wound. He was taken to the Nelson Hospital for treatment.

Ymirites would like to know what the Government intends doing for them in the way of building trails and roads. Lately numerous petitions have been circulated and forwarded to the gold commissioner and the Hon. the minister of mines, but to date we have heard nothing respecting our petitions. We were in hopes that when our representative occupied the position of minister of mines that we would get back a small percentage at least of our hard earned money, which we pay into the Provincial Treasury in the form of recording and assessment fees, poll tax and miners licenses. A short time ago property holders despairing of ever seeing a road built up Wild Horse creek, undertook to build it themselves, commencing at the North Fork and continuing it to the South Fork a distance of about three miles. This work has been finished without one cent being received from the government. We are determined to have this district recognized, and would like to know who is the proper authority to go to for aid.

Rev. Father Rivers, of Rossland, is in the city.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Gold Island" mineral claim; situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Mootenay District.

Where located:—Two miles east of Ymir.

Take notice that I, Walter Askew, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2,630 A, for myself, and acting as agent for W. C. Forrester, Free Miner's Certificate No. 98,363, and Charles W. Arnould, Free Miner's Certificate No; 2,629 A, 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 27th day of September, 1898.

WALTER ASKEW.

Notice of Application to Purchase Land.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described unsurveyed and unreserved land, viz.: Beginning at a post set on the south bank of Kootenay River about 2½ miles west of Nelson, and marked "E. C. Arthur's Northeast Corner," thence south forty chains, thence west forty chains, thence north forty chains more or less to the Kootenay river, thence east, following the meanderings of the Kootenay river, to the point of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.

July 30, 1898. E. C. ARTHUR.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Second Relief" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for J. A. Finch, Free Miner's Certificate No. 1674A, 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 August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, Agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

"Grand Union" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, Free Miner's Certificate No. 4948A, 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 August 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Princess Ida" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Morning Mountain, near the head waters of Sandy Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for B. R. C. Walbey, Free Miner's Certificate No, 2657 A, William H. Bambury, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2751 A, and Michael Egan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2584 A, 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 first day of October, 1898.

JOHN MCLATCHIE, P. L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Big Bump" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: Salmon River, North Fork about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for the Big Bump Gold Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13081A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvement 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 August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Relief Fraction" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, Free Miner's Certificate No. 4948A, 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 August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Star Shine" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, free miner's certificate No. 4948A, 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 August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Canadian Queen" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: North Fork of Salmon River, about two miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for W. F. Mitchell, Free Miner's Certificate No. 33578 A, E. M. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. No. 5292 A, and A. B. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8888 A, 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, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL.

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ARCHETICT Ewart is preparing plans for a theatre building to be erected at the corner of Victoria and Ward streets. The ground floor is to be used for stores and the floor above will be so arranged to accommodate theatrical companies and dancing parties. Allan Bros., the projectors expect to complete the building by Christmas.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

OTTAWA *Citizen*: Mr. Goldwin Smith in the Weekly *Sun* objects to the infliction of the Doukhobortis, Gallicians, Islanders and Jews upon Canada under Mr. Sifton's immigration policy. He especially objects to the Doukhobortis, as not proper material for building up a British province. We agree with Mr. Smith. Yet the Doukhoborstis have much in common with the Bystander in their dislike of war and military service.

A good story is told of the Minister of Public Instruction in France. A committee of the International Arbitration and Peace Association had waited upon him and urged that he should give his approval to a book written for schools by Darmestester on the history of civilization, in which the author enlarged upon the blessings of peace. The Minister's reply illustrates a widespread tendency of human nature. "It is beautiful—it is lovely!" he said. "It is one likely to impart into the heart of youth a love of peace. Every boy shall have it—as soon as France has recovered Alsance-Lorraine.

A Yorkshire Socialist, explaining to a friend the principles of Socialism, remarked that all possessions should be shared equally. "If you had two horses," said the friend, "would you give me one?" "Of course," replied the Socialist. "And if you had two cows, would you do the same?" "Of course I should." "Well, supposing now," said the friend, slowly, "you had two pigs, would you give me one of them?" "Eh! that's gettin' ower near home," said the other, slyly; "tha knaws I've got two pigs." Which story is a parable.

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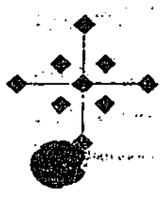

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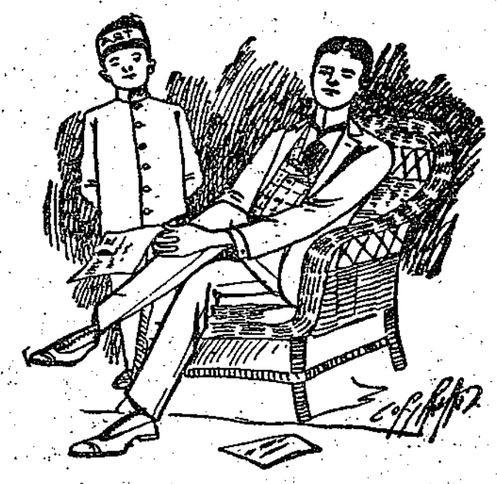

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