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Granby's Shipment Increases
 Despite a temporary cutting out of one half of the Granby compressor this week, the weekly output not only kept up to that of the previous week, but actually exceeded it by 164 tons. The present work and progress at the big mine is most gratifying and a period of steady activity appears to pervade all departments. There can be no questioning the fact that a laudable and businesslike effort is being made to make the most of the now favorable tone of the eastern copper market.

The Payrolls
 Wednesday was pay day for both the Granby and Rawhide mines, the aggregate sum disbursed reaching the handsome total of about \$61,000. The Rawhide pay roll was the largest that mine has paid out for some months, while the Granby's disbursement is gradually creeping up to the old average figures of a couple of years ago. The individual figures were approximately: Granby, \$44,000; Rawhide, \$17,000.

Boundary Ore Tonnages

Following are the returns of the output of the mines and smelters of the Boundary district for the week ending April 12, and year to date:

Granby	24,666	339,832
Mother Lode	7,524	116,462
Rawhide	3,682	42,538
Jack Pot		8,188
Others	191	3,297

SMELTER TONNAGES

Granby	23,655	384,782
B. C. Copper Co.	13,141	170,754

Hospital Dance
 Chiefly owing to the public spirit displayed by Messrs. Frank McDougal and John Findlay, the dance given on Easter Monday in aid of the general hospital, turned out a brilliant success. The above-mentioned gentlemen had worked unceasingly, we might add single handedly, and the splendid success which has rewarded their unselfish labors speaks more eloquently than volumes for their part in the matter. The committee were fortunate in securing the accomplished services of W. B. Marks as floor manager, that gentleman carrying out his duties to the entire satisfaction of the assembled company. There was a large number present, no less than 110 tickets being collected at the door, but of course these figures do not by far represent the number sold. The music, which was furnished by the Werner orchestra, was up to their usual high standard of excellence and delighted everyone, the floor being continuously occupied until the peep o' day.

Dismantling the Snowshoe
 R. Gosse, representing the Canadian Consolidated company, arrived in town recently and has been engaged for some days in removing and shipping the large 400 horse power motor from the Snowshoe mine, the lease of which was thrown up some months ago. With the exception of one half section of the compressor, the property of the Consolidated, which is still standing, all the machinery of value has now been removed. The motor was shipped to trail. We understand

City Band Concert
 What will in all probability be the last concert this season, will be held in the opera house, next Friday, when the members of the city band, assisted by the best local talent of Phoenix and Greenwood will render a program of vocal and instrumental music. A splendid program has been prepared and whether one is a lover of music or not, it would seem to be the duty of everyone to remember the date and by their presence materially help so deserving an institution as the city band. A city without such a musical organization as a brass band is a place to be pitied, if not avoided, and as the opportunity to keep and maintain one is right at our door, it behooves every public-spirited person to lend the coming entertainment their whole-souled support and patronage. During the coming summer, when holidays and in all likelihood celebrations will be in order, the presence of a uniformed band will be found to be a valuable acquisition and immeasurably add to the chances for the success of such events. It is for the purpose of providing the funds for the purchase of uniforms that the concert has been arranged.

that as soon as the trails permit, the machinery of the War Eagle to the south of the town, will be taken down and shipped to the various properties of the company.
 The Pioneer Placer Mines, Ltd., are preparing to test their properties on French creek with a Keystone drill, which has recently arrived.

AN AUSTRALIAN WRITES ON PHOENIX AND DISTRICT

Newness and Solidity of Boundary Mining Attractive to European Capital—Expresses Surprise Why Promising Claims in Phoenix Are Idle—No Stability Like Low-Grade Proposition—City Free from Crime.

(Written Specially for Phoenix Pioneer)
 The following appreciative article from the pen of W. G. Boynton, an Australian journalist who passed through Phoenix recently on a tour of the Province and the Pacific States, will be found interesting as showing a view of the possibilities of Phoenix and district, as seen from the standpoint of an outsider. Although Mr. Boynton was but a fortnight in the Boundary his letter exhibits a keenest of observation seldom, if ever, seen in the chronicles of the most-accomplished globe trotter.

AT PHOENIX.
 When the traveller across continent arrives in Phoenix he at last begins to understand the size and solidity of the present mining operations of British Columbia. The fact that Grand Forks with its industry and local importance depends very largely upon Phoenix for its prominence becomes apparent. For from Phoenix much of the mineral wealth is derived that maintains and keeps the Grand Forks smelter running night and day. The magnitude of its mining operations may also be gathered from the additional fact that from among its groups of mines, one alone, the Granby, has a daily output of upwards of 4000 tons of ore. Others such as the Rawhide and the Wellington are also among its shipping mines,

while in the immediate vicinity and almost in the town itself, are situated the highly promising claims composing the Denver, Little Burn and Marshall-Rhoderick groups, all of whom may reasonably be expected to follow suit and emulate the Granby in importance. To handle the increasing amount of ore thus produced, two branches from the main systems of this continent, the C.P.R. and Great Northern railways, both have their depots, yards and sidings in this city. So that its nearness to the actual world of progress is maintained by an ever increasing development. The completeness of this railroad system, astonishing as it may seem, is to be supplemented in the near future by the construction of an international or interprovincial highway running past Phoenix to connect by way of Grand Forks, with roads leading eastwards through Alberta. This will constitute a link in the continental system of communication and is to be constructed with a special view to its adaptability for automobile traffic.

Standing as Phoenix does at an altitude of 4800 feet, it commands the further advantage of having a healthy and matchless climate, and this factor may eventually permit of its becoming a summer and mountain resort and healthy residential centre. For it is quite within the bounds of possibility that many jaded travellers of luxury will some day, looking out from their touring cars, picture to themselves a new life to be had in this eagles' nest among the mountain ranges.

Yet, it is with today's achievements that we have to deal, and a few of these will bear mentioning. The country, being chiefly one of a copper-gold mineral formation, seems to bear tapping at all points, and has increasingly rewarded its more persistent exploiters. From the Granby mines, as before stated, flows the present stream of wealth, but others are now hopefully productive. The ores on some of the Phoenix claims are of the most promising character, the gold returns from one of them, still unworked,

assaying as high as \$8.00 per ton plus the copper values of another \$4.50 on a working basis; this in itself is additionally significant for the future of the camp. The amount of mineral country attaching to Phoenix is everywhere in evidence around the city itself. From the convenient heights of Phoenix may be viewed surrounding belts of mountain ranges of rocks, all of these not half-explored regions will doubtless develop into prominence in the near future. Thus, although some properties may not be working at present, yet those already on the productive list speaks well for the immediate and future development of Phoenix.

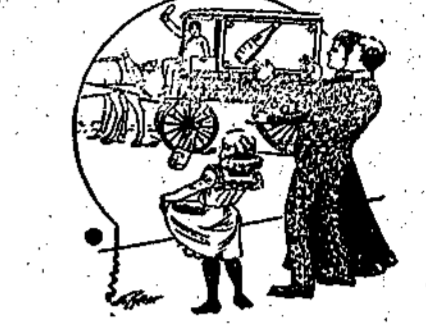
The city has the highest altitude of any incorporated community in Canada, and it would certainly seem that its claims and aspirations are equally on a level with its high altitude. There is a certain amount of businesslike briskness apparent, more in keeping with Eastern Canada, and very dissimilar to the despondent attitude of some towns not far away in the mountains. Elevation of position may lead to this region of rising hopes, and such makes trade more buoyant and of better worth. At any rate the contrast between decadent and advancing cities becomes here most pronounced.

But unfortunately, and as a setback, to make men more careful, the effect of spirits becomes here most evident, for the climatic exhilaration assists alcohol, and has a tendency to produce speedy intoxication, especially in this so with the new arrival; yet nevertheless the city is singularly free from drunkenness and is remarkably free from crime of a serious character. However, the wise institution of a fine brewery in the town affords a headway of resistance against any possible inroads on the part of whisky.

With the completion of the interprovincial highway, and a system of smaller local trails, the completeness of the present means of communication will lead to Phoenix assuming an importance of position as yet unimagined. The isolation of such centres among the mountains appears insurmountable, yet this constitutes their unique source of strength, once they are self obtained, and should find themselves self-sufficient. Placed therefore as this city is, away from the greater world, it can become nevertheless a smaller world in itself and comprise all the essentials of a mining metropolis. Regions, such as those surrounding Phoenix, seldom or ever run out, and every year adds to the attractions of the lottery of fortune. The ranges, so remote formerly, are now being brought into direct touch with the markets of the world; and everywhere in the older lands are thousands looking for new fields of investment.

Throughout all but the very newest countries, like South Africa with the Rand, the various mining properties are now showing signs of depletion. Even in Australia itself the working of mines on a paying basis is found to be increasingly difficult. Numerous fields of mineral productiveness are now found to be almost exhausted; yet pride keeps their mines afloat.

This cannot be asserted of the mining properties in the Phoenix district. In the old country investors are growing anxious for further (Continued on Page Two)



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Provincial Items

The annual convention of teachers took place on the 9th, 10th and 11th of this month at Kamloops. All teachers attending were entitled to holidays until the 14th.

Last week 600 Britishers from the steamers Royal George, Tunisian and Empress of Britain, arrived in Winnipeg, followed some hours later by 500 more from the Empress of Britain. The greater portion were bound for Calgary and Vancouver.

A disastrous fire took place last week at Lytton, which, fanned by a high wind, destroyed the Roman Catholic church, and threatened for some time to spread to the adjoining structures; the fire was however confined to the church in which it originated.

The militia at Kamloops were recently quietly instructed to hold themselves in readiness to proceed at short notice to any point along the Canadian Northern railroad grade where trouble might break out on account of the strike of laborers called by the I. W. W.

While a group of ladies were seated in front of the Fifty-second avenue Baptist church, South Vancouver, recently, a humming bird, attracted no doubt by the artificial flowers in one of the ladies' Easter

hats, flew to the flowers and settled down to investigate. It did not remain long.

Premier McBride has replied to an invitation recently extended him through William Manson, M.P.P., that he hopes to be able to visit Prince Rupert and other parts of the north during the early summer. He will then take up with the municipal authorities the question of the desired sale by the government of its valuable central Prince Rupert holdings.

In connection with the recent election in the Cariboo district, the defeated candidate, John Holt, wishes it to be distinctly understood by the British Columbia public that although he appealed for the suffrage of his fellow-electors of Cariboo as a Liberal nominee, it was at the same time upon a distinct and unqualified endorsement of the government railway and fiscal policy.

Victoria claims at least one family which should interest and delight Colonel Roosevelt and which sets a praiseworthy example that if followed would have a material bearing upon the next Dominion census. The "family" consists of five, all under one year of age, twins having honored the happy parents some time ago, to be followed by triplets within the past few days. The trio are all living and all prospective suffragettes.

An Australian Writes of Phoenix and District

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developments, and numerous complaints are constantly being made over the uncertain and unsatisfactory accounts of all mining propositions that come from the well-known fields of the past. Extreme distrust follows on any attractive prospectuses emanating from certain well-known regions; since the numbers of wildcat enterprises that have sacrificed British investors are multitudinous. Such, however, cannot effect the mining properties of the Boundary, for by all evidence these are awaiting proof and nothing against them has so far been advanced. It is on the newness and solidity of this part of B. C., for all classes of men, both prospectors, miners and investors, that the claim of this city rests. It is not remote and barbarous, as are many older centres deserted and decaying. The men to work the adjacent claims are here and the mining record is unsullied. The development is a matter of time alone and the rewards seem certain.

With all these benefits in view the outlook is encouraging and hence the many present advantages that Phoenix presents to the people of the west. The city is well laid out, open and healthful. True it is hilly, but not enclosed among the mountains, as are so many other mining towns, where the sun is shut off half the day and nearly all the winter. With its mountain site it could rank as a high-class sanitarium and winter sport resort; while not unmindful of its destiny, and the well being of its workers and the people generally, it has a well appointed theatre and ball room in the Miners' Union hall, a building with good accommodation, and able to place recreation and pleasure on a footing equal to many a larger city. The many hotels are commodious and well kept, and none of the sights admit of a doubt as to its substantial solvency. Considering the rocky and unbroken nature of the townsite, the number of sidewalks and excellent roadways commends it to those who know the initial difficulties of constructing a mountain town. Altogether it cannot but increase its prominence, and should keep pace with prosperity in fuller improvements.

The mines have attracted and secured within its limits a large and efficient body of men who have come or returned here from all the corners of the earth and half the mining towns of the United States. These men evidently find in Phoenix one of the attractive places of the earth to live and work in and an air of satisfaction appears to mark their movements.

These manifest advantages and assets of Phoenix should lead to a very solid business basis and its trade be correspondingly encouraging. One complaint now made, that of expensive living, will doubtless be remedied in time, but the wages appear liberal and the work constant, thus a larger margin can be saved than in other and cheaper centres.

The proximity of Phoenix to the United States, and its fine position in the Boundary district, should prove another source of profit, and will consequently advance its interests, when the lands to the south and west become more populous and by their development tend in the direction of its own sphere of progress.

It would seem strange if such a city could not in the nature and course of events make its mark above the average, and found permanent claims to recognition.

The continuance of low-grade ores in the district is found to be very permanent and lucrative to those working them. Rich fields everywhere, with their phenomenal yields, assume a very volatile and airy existence and often disappear as quickly as they rose. One exception remains today, the gold fields of the South Africa Rand, and these

are now low grade and in these find their abiding permanence. The rich old fields of Australia are now but a dream and the cities built on them now await their certain downfall.

It is to the lower grades of ore bodies and the so called poorer mines that are now attracting the eyes of the capitalist investor. In such fields the years have increasing promise, and though the individual mine may fail, yet the country holds good throughout wherever followed by scientific research and developed by the best methods that capital commands.

W. G. BOYNTON.

Canada to Pave the Way

Dr. W. E. Taylor, of Shanghai, speaking before the Empire club of Toronto, recently stated that British diplomacy is under a cloud at present on account of her alliance with the Japanese. The leaders of the young Chinese republic are distrustful of Japan and, naturally, fear the political possibilities of that alliance. The natural conservatism of the English people makes it difficult for the British government to adjust itself rapidly enough to the new situation since the revolution in China. But the Canadians, who are free from entangling alliances and treaties, are also free to come into relations with China on a basis of friendship, and thus demonstrate the existence of Imperial friendships. Canada, the daughter, can, by friendly conduct, pave the way for China's friendly reception of Great Britain, the mother country of the Dominion.

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Children and Good Roads

It is pleasing to learn from the officers of the Canadian Highway association that the children throughout the Dominion are taking a keen interest in the essay competition on "What good roads mean to Canada," and that from all parts of the country papers are being forwarded to the headquarters of the association at New Westminster, B.C.

As an encouragement to the children to busy themselves in the preparation of these essays, the president of the Canadian Highway association, W. J. Kerr, is offering valuable gold, silver and gilt medals, and also a souvenir silver pin to all competitors whose paper attains a certain standard of merit.

While it should not be necessary for this incentive to interest the young people of Canada in their relation to the well-being of the country, the fact remains that in this, as in other things, some inducement is necessary in order to awaken the younger generation to the economic needs of this country.

Good roads, as everyone will admit, are badly needed in Canada at the present time, but it is only when the people at large are ready to demand this, not merely to request it, that we can expect the authorities, whether local, municipal, provincial or federal to act on this matter on anything like a large scale. The aim and purpose of the Canadian Highway association, as is well known, is to establish a trans-continental road that will stretch from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Alberni in British Columbia, and while it is not the intention of that organization to do more than educate the public and also act in an unofficial advisory capacity, it is yet doing much good work in this cause and will be largely instrumental in getting this highway, four thousand miles long, completed within five years.

We in this district must do our share of this work, and it is up to the good roads advocates of Phoenix and district to bestir themselves and lend all the assistance possible to the officers of the Canadian Highway association in the excellent work they are accomplishing for Canada.

The Acquisition of Riches

To acquire riches at all hazards, and to get rich quick if possible seems to be the object to which most men are bending their energies now-a-days. Even

"The humble man out yonder
Who is working in the ditch,
Has the hope within him hidden
That some day he may be rich:
And forgetting all the seasons
That so foolishly were spent,
He keeps hoping he may profit
By some lucky accident."

If it were not so, many a man who is now able to prey upon the credulity of his fellows would be compelled to seek other employment. The chief postoffice inspector of the city of New York reports that last year the "Members of the Suckers' List" lost \$77,000,000 investing in get-rich-quick schemes; and it is safe to say that all the suckers were not caught on the other side of the line. The man who goes through life taking a flyer at this and that under the impression that he will some day "strike it rich" is in 999 times out of 1000 only wasting his money and making rapid preparation for an old age of humiliation and pen-

ury. The sooner he awakens to the fact that there is no certain short road to riches, and that the lucky accident does not happen to one in a thousand, the better it will be for himself and family. The only safe plan to adopt, if he hopes to have a competency in his old age, is to live within his income and to systematically lay up something from his earnings no matter how small the amount may be. If he is living beyond his means he should keep in mind Mr. Micawber's statement, which was something like this: "Income twenty shillings, expenditure twenty shillings and sixpence, result misery; income twenty shillings and sixpence, expenditure twenty shillings, result happiness." If he cannot do more, he should make absolutely certain of an old age of comfort and happiness, which he may do if he will avail himself of the opportunity presented by the Canadian Government Annuities Act, in regard to which, information may be obtained at any postoffice or on application to the superintendent of annuities at Ottawa. There is no other plan for the purpose which will give him anything like the same returns. So long as his present permanent abode is in Canada, whether he is naturalized or not, he is eligible to make the purchase.

An Inflammatory Letter

The press of this country has had much to say regarding a certain Frederick Crowsley, lately imprisoned, and held without bail, on a charge of distributing mutinous and incendiary literature among the rank and file of the British army at Aldershot, during the present coal strike in Great Britain. The matter complained of shows unheard of audacity and disregard for all the time-honored traditions of the art of government, and in the opinion of all well-regulated minds such an offence calls for an exemplary sentence. For some occult reason the Canadian newspapers have failed to publish the text of this extraordinary document, but realizing the importance, and interest of the subject, the Pioneer, after considerable trouble, is at length enabled to present its readers with the whole communication, culled from an English newspaper. It is entitled: "An Open Letter to British Soldiers":

"When we go on strike to better our lot, which is the lot also of your fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers, you are called upon by your officers to murder us. Don't do it. You know how it happens. We stand out as long as we can, then one of our and yours irresponsible brothers, goaded by the sight of his loved ones suffering misery and hunger, commits a crime on property. Immediately you are ordered to murder us, as you did at Mitchelstown, Featherstone and Belfast. Boys don't do it. Murder is murder, whether committed in the heat of anger or by pipe-clayed Tommies with rifles. Act the man brother human being. Property can be replaced. Human life never. They and their friends own land and the means of life, and when we kick they order you to murder us. When you kick you get cells.

"Your fight is our fight. Don't disgrace your parents and your class as being willing tools any longer of the master class. You, like us, are of the slave class, and when we rise you rise; when we fall, even by your bullets, you fall also. Comrades, have we called in vain? Think things over, and refuse any longer to murder your kindred. Help to win back Britain for the British and the world for the workers."

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