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Dan McKenzie Secured Verdict for $2,500.

WAS INJURED FEBRUARY 11, 1901

Trial At the Greenwood Assizes This Week Before Judge Walkem—Case Will Be Appealed to a Higher Court.

This week a case of considerable local interest came up in the assizes which were held at Greenwood by Judge Walkem, it being that of McKenzie vs. Granby Con. Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd., for $5,000 damages for the loss of an eye in an explosion.

The accident happened on the 11th of February, 1901, in the No. 1 stope of the Knob Hill mine. The plaintiff, Dan McKenzie, was running a machine at the point mentioned, when the drill struck a missed hole, the explosion destroying the sight of one eye. McKenzie's partner, Tom Kerns, happened to be away from the machine at the time, and so escaped. J. K. Brown appeared for the the plaintiff and McDonald & Heisterman for the defendant. After the evidence was all in, and the learned judge had made the charge, the jury retired, and after being out three hours and a half, brought in a verdict of $2,500 for the plaintiff.

The case occupied the time of the court for two days, and was concluded Thursday night. The plaintiff had the following witnesses: Tom Kerns, Wm. Nelson, the company's blaster, Sandy McDonald, and W. Martin, who had worked one shift at the mine. For the defendent, the following went down to court: Wm. Yolen Williams, the superintendent, J. F. Hemenway, of the office force, P. J. Dermody the foreman, Jno. Pierce and Geo. Cattenach, shift bosses, and J. Landsberg. C. N. Collins was foreman of the jury of eight, the verdict being brought in by six.

Charge of the Judge.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Walkem called particular attention to the signs which the company has posted around the mines in conspicuous places, warning workmen to use care, and one of which was produced in evidence. It reads as follows:

"All miners are requested to thoroughly examine ground in the stopes when going on shift, and to bar down all loose rock, and be specially careful to look out for missed holes, and if any are found to report same to shift boss, thereby protecting themselves and others from accidents. By order of the SUPERINTENDENT."

The case will probably be appealed.

GRAND FORKS WILL OUT DO HERSELF.

Some $4,000 In Prizes For Dominion Day Sports.

This year's Dominion Day celebration will be a greater affair than anything that has yet been given in this line in the Boundary, according to the programme that has been mapped out. Secretary Harkin, of the celebration committee, has given it out that over $4,000 will be offered in purses and prizes Dominion Day, July 1 and July 2, under the auspices of the Grand Forks Driving & Athletic Association. In addition to the running and harness events, there will be hose contests, lacrosse, football and baseball matches and athletic sports. The Nelson B. C., lacrosse twelve will play the Grand Forks team, and in regard to the base ball, hose and football contests, teams are expected from half a dozen points, including Greenwood, Phoenix, Republic, Rossland, Nelson and Spokane.

A leading feature of the race meet, when the new $10,000 race track will be inaugurated, will be the appearance of Dr. M., the famous guideless pacing wonder, who will endeavor to break his record of 2:25. Racers and trotters are expected from Washington, Idaho, Montana, Calgary, N. W. T., and the leading cities in the interior of this province. There will be a general illumination of the city each evening.

The three railways which enter into Grand Forks have agreed to sell round trip excursion tickets at reduced rates and excursion trains will be run. Altogether the celebration promises to be the most successful ever held in British Columbia.

The Rossland, Nelson and Kaslo companies of the Rocky Mountain Rangers will be under canvas at Grand Forks July 1 and 2, and will give a military drill with Maxim guns.

Snowshoe Director's New Deal.

George S. Waterlow, of London, England, one of the largest shareholders in the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Ltd., operating the Snowshoe mine in this camp, is becoming interested in claims in the Omenica district. His syndicate has recently entered into an agreement for the option to work and investigate a property on Vital creek in the Omenica country, the syndicate's engineer being already en route to report on the mines.

Phoenix vs. Greenwood.

Last Saturday the Phoenix tennis boys went down the hill to Greenwood, and later came up again victorious. The following is the result of the games:

Singles—Smith beat Brimacombe, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; McArthur beat Chesterton, 6-0, 6-2; Wilmot beat Gordon, 6-0, 6-3.

Doubles—Boucher and Smith beat Gray and Brimacombe, 7-9, 6-4, 6-2; Chesterton and Wilmot beat McArthur and Gordon, 6-1, 6-2.

NO ROOM AT KAMLOOPS

For Miners Who Are Totally Disabled.

SO SAYS THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

Replies to Resolution Sent by Phoenix City Council—Duties to be Given on the City Debentures.

At Wednesday's meeting of the city council a letter was read from Hon. J. D. Prentice, acting provincial secretary, in regard to the resolution sent the government, asking that arrangements be made for admitting totally disabled miners to the Old Men's Home at Kamloops. Mr. Prentice stated that the executive might issue an order in council covering the matter, but that the home was already overcrowded. Hon. E. G. Prior, minister of mines, and Smith Curtis, our member, acknowledged communications on the same subject.

The finance committee reported favorably on the following accounts: W. H. Moore, $25.50; J. R. A. Scott, $32; Standen Printing Co., $10; N. Lemieux, $37.50; C. H. Flood, $18; D. J. Matheson, 65 cents; Fashion Stables, $22.50.

The mayor was authorized to give H. N. Galer an option on the city debentures for 60 days.

P. BURNS & CO. MAKING CHANGES.

K. Rees Will be New Manager of the Phoenix Branch.

Last Monday Blake Wilson, of Nelson, one of the firm of P. Burns & Co., accompanied by Julius Ehrlich, of Greenwood, and Manager Urquhart, of the Rossland store, were in town. As a result, it has been decided to discontinue both of the shops now being conducted by the firm in Phoenix, and establish a new one, from which all the business of the firm will be done. The new location selected is the large store room on First street, in the rear of the Bank block. Contractor Scott is now making the necessary alterations in the room to accommodate the firm, which is expected to be occupied early next week.

Josiah Stirrett, who has been manager of the local branch of P. Burns & Co. for the last two years or more, has been transferred to the Cranbrook shop, and left early in the week for the scene of his new labors. King Rees, who was formerly connected with P. Burns & Co., but who for the last two years or more has been partner in the firm of T. M. Gully & Co., Greenwood, has accepted the management of the Phoenix store of P. Burns & Co., and will take charge next Monday, also moving his family to this place.

Bob Densler, who was originally interested in the Rawhide, Brooklyn, Snowshoe and other claims in this camp, came in from Spokane Tuesday. He still has mining interests here.

150 MEN KILLED

Horrible Fatality at the Fernie Coal Mines.

WORST IN THE PROVINCE

Occurred Late Last Week in the Crow's Nest Coal Co.'s Colliery—Subscriptions Being Generously Made for the Widows and Orphans—Phoenix in Line.

Just after the Pioneer had gone to press last week word was received that the worst fatality that had ever happened in a mine of any kind in British Columbia had occurred in the Crow's Nest Coal Co.'s colliery near Fernie, and that about 150 miners had been entombed. The news spread fast, but nothing definite was obtainable till Saturday, when it was learned that the first reports had not been in the least exaggerated.

In the neighborhood of 150 men were at work in the mine when the fatal explosion happened Thursday evening, and scarcely one escaped to tell how it happened. But it did happen, and left hundreds of widows and orphans in its dreadful wake. The first intimation to those outside that a disaster had occurred, was a rush of coal dust and a column of fire which rose 1,000 feet in the air above the fan.

Relief parties were at work to attempt to rescue the entombed miners in 12 minutes after the accident took place, and have been at work steadily ever since, bringing out the blackened and charred remains of the unfortunate victims. At first it was extremely dangerous work, but gradually the air has been forced into the mine, and all this week the bodies of the dead miners have been brought out and buried as fast as they could be reached. No such disaster has yet taken place in the history of coal or other mining in this province.

Where It Happened.

The Fernie mines are worked almost entirely by tunnels, and the explosion is said to have occurred in the No. 2 tunnel, where over 100 men were at work at the time. This is connected with the No. 3 tunnel, where others were at work at the same time, but some of these managed to escape before being reached by the deadly fire damp.

Volunteers were called for, and dozens of willing men at once began the work of rescue, dangerous as it was. This was somewhat delayed by the necessity of repairing the air pipes which had been practically destroyed by the explosion. No fire was found in the mine, showing that the death of the victims had probably been instantaneous. In all about 210 miners had gone in to work on their shift at the fatal time, and fully three quarters of those never came out alive.

Relief Fund at Once Started.

The Fernie Board of Trade, realizing the necessity of prompt action for the destitute families of the victims, at once sent out telegrams like the following which was received by the Pioneer last Saturday:

Fernie, B. C., May 24, 1902.
Pioneer Pub. Co.,
Phoenix, B. C.

We would urgently call attention of all people that a great calamity has overtaken the town by a mine explosion; 150 men have been killed, and much destitution prevails. Kindly collect subscriptions and forward same to the Bank of Commerce Relief Fund.

FERNIE BOARD OF TRADE.

In nearly every city and town of the province, relief funds were at once started, and subscriptions came in liberally from all sides. Phoenix was not behind in this matter, and a substantial sum will be sent to the bank at Fernie for the widows and orphans.

The C. P. R. immediately sent a check for $3,000, the government sent $5,000 and the directors of the Coal Co., in Toronto, sent word that they would pay all funeral expenses, relieve against want and suffering and provide permanently against destitution.

What the Inspector Said.

Many accidents are occurring with more or less frequency in coal mines everywhere, and it is said that a serious accident had been feared by the coal miners at Fernie for some time, and that some had refused to work in the mines there on that account.

In the face of this, however, the coal people say that the mine had been inspected by Archibald Dick, the government official for this purpose, only the day before, and that he had given a written certificate of the safety of the property. The company's rules are strict about smoking in the mines, and but a few days before the disaster several convictions were had before a local justice for infringement of the rules.

James McGregor, mining inspector for this district, was formerly in the East Kootenay district, but was transferred. On his trips to Phoenix, he has talked with people here, saying that he fully expected that a serious accident would happen at the Fernie coal mines some day, and that it would be attended with large loss of life in all probability. It would thus appear that the mining inspectors do not agree in the matter, and the prediction of the one who was tranferred was fulfilled.

Secretary Riordan, of Phoenix Miners' Union No. 8, circulated a subscription list and scon obtained over $100, which was sent on to Fernie. In addion to this $25 was handed in to the Eastern Townships Bank for the same object.

VICTORIA DAY AT GREENWOOD.

Good Crowds and Good Sports Were the Rule of the Celebration.

Last Saturday's Victoria Day celebration at Greenwood drew a large number of visitors from all over the Boundary, and from Nelson and Rossland. The special train brought about 250 from Grand Forks, as well as others from Cascade, Eholt and Phoenix. There were even a few from Midway, where they had a celebration of their own.

Two brass bands—one from Greenwood and the other from Grand Forks—discoursed sweet (?) music during the day, and assisted in making things lively for the visitors. The was a full list of sports, which had many onlookers.

In the horse races, Charles Emmert's Northern Eclipse won the half mile freed for all. Lee's Easter Lily won the 600 yard dash, and F. W. McLaine's mare won the saddle horse race. Joe Gillis' Brownie won the pony race.

In the foot races Fred Mitchell, of Greenwood, won both events, making the 100 yard race in 10 4-5 seconds, and the 220 yard in 23 seconds flat.

Grand Forks did not do a thing to the Greenwood nine at base ball, beating them by a score of 8 to 2, in a game watched by an immense concourse of people.

Much interest was evidenced in the hose reel races, there being three teams to enter, the Rossland, Grand Forks and Greenwood teams. In the hub and hub race, Greenwood got first money in a close race. In the wet test, Rossland ran first making the time of 27¾ seconds. The Greenwood and Grand Forks teams both made flukes, and consequently there was no second money awarded.

The hill climbing contest was watched with a good deal of interest, there being two entries. James Morgan, of the Mother Lode mine, went to the top of Jubilee mountain and brought back the flag in 13 minutes.

J. Murphy was killed in a log jam near Midway last week Friday.

Midway had a successful Victoria day celebration last Saturday.

SHAFT HOUSE WAS BURNED

About $6,000 Loss at the Winnipeg.

FIRE OCCURRED 6 A. M. YESTERDAY

Started in Dry Room—Machinery Badly Damaged, But Other Buildings Were Saved—There is Some Insurance.

Yesterday morning the Winnipeg mine shafthouse burned down, entailing a loss of about $6,000.

The fire started about six o'clock in the dry room, and as a high wind was blowing it could not be checked. By the hardest kind of work on the part of the mine force, the rest of the mine buildings were saved. It is not known yet how the fire originated.

In the shafthouse was located the 7-drill straight line Rand air compressor and boilers which had been used for several years, as well as the pumps. Yesterday Edgar Plewman, in charge at the mine, had his hands full in getting the two pumps out of the lower levels before the mine filled with water.

Richard Plewman, managing director of the Winnipeg, will arrive from Rossland on this afternoon's train, to look after matters. There was some insurance, it is thought about $1,800, in the London and Lancashire.

USING A SECOND SHAY ENGINE.

Phoenix Ore Traffic Necessitate More Locomotive Power.

This week a new Shay locomotive was placed in commission on the Phoenix hill, for the purpose of handling the ore traffic between the Granby mines and the smelter at Grand Forks.

One of these powerful locomotives has been in use here for some months, and is known as No. 111. The new machine is numbered 1902, and began work here last Monday. These engines can easily haul twenty empties up the Phoenix hill, where one of the old kind can handle but ten or fifteen.

It is the plan now to have the trains of ore made up with 25 cars each, and to run two of these every day through to the smelter, the passenger engine hauling some of the empties up the hill when not otherwise busy. This will give the hauling of the entire 1,500 tons of ore daily over to two train crews and two engines. The new Shay is precisely like the old one, except that it has some improvements, such as doing the oiling entirely from the cab, etc.

Boundary Mining Notes.

A rich find of free gold ore is reported from the Waterloo, Camp McKinney.

The two 80 h. p. boilers for the new Snowshoe compressor have arrived at the mine, and are being set up.

June 30th is now said to be the approximate date for the blowing in of the Sunset smelter, the delay being caused by the non-arrival of the new ore crusher.

While nothing definite has been given out, it is known that the War Eagle people, in this camp, are planning to resume operations on that mine at no very distant date.

It is expected that the B. C. mine owners will shortly begin some prospecting work on their claims in Summit camp. Foreman Anderson, who has been on a trip to California, has returned to the Boundary.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following table gives the ore shipments of Boundary mines for 1900, for 1901 and for 1902, as reported to the Phoenix Pioneer—

		1900	1901	Past Week	1902
Granby Mines,	Phoenix	64,533	233,424	9,841	148,253
Snowshoe,	"	297	1,731	....	660
Brooklyn,	"	150	....	....	....
Mother Lode,	Deadwood	5,340	99,034	1,696	56,332
Sunset,	"	....	802	....	150
Morrison,	"	....	150	....	....
B. C. Mine,	Summit	19,494	47,405	....	....
R. Bell,	"	....	560	....	....
Winnipeg,	Wellington	1,076	1,040	....	785
Golden Crown,	"	2.250	....	....	625
Athelstan,	"	1,200	550	....	....
King Solomon, W.	Copper	....	875	....	....
No. 7 Mine,	Central	....	665	....	310
City of Paris,	"	2,000	....	....	....
Jewel,	Long Lake	160	350	....	1,140
Carmi,	West Fork	....	890	....	....
Ruby,	Boundary Falls	....	80	....	....
Miscellaneous		3,230	2 444	....	....
Total, tons		99,730	390,000	11,537	208.255
Granby Smelter treatment, tons		62,387	230.828	9,276	138,611
Mother Lode Smelter treatment, tons		....	118,448	....	49,018

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FERNIE'S GREAT DISASTER.

Like a clap out of a clear sky last Saturday came the news that by an explosion in the Crow's Nest Coal Co.'s colliery, at Fernie, East Kootenay, nearly 150 miners had lost their lives in the twinkling of an eye. Like all disasters of this kind, there was absolutely no warning. One minute before all was serene and safe, as far as mortal eye could discover. The next, scores of dead bodies were in the debris in the mine, having probably died instantly, leaving many widows and orphans to mourn their loss.

We read of like disasters in far away places, but they do not impress us as does one near at home, as it were. But when such a horrible accident occurs near our doors, we begin to realize the event in all its terrible reality. Without doubt the Fernie disaster is the worst that has yet happened in this fair province, though some large losses of life have occurred at the Nanaimo and Dunsmuir coal mines.

Events like this make all men kin, and widespread sympathy is felt for those who are left behind to mourn the loss of the bread winners of the family. Fortunate is it that this sympathy takes a practical form, and subscriptions are at once opened for the benefit of the bereaved ones. Responses are quickly made, which assists in alleviating the suffering, though nothing can replace the victims. We are pleased to note that subscriptions are being very generally made here in Phoenix for the Fernie sufferers, and doubtless a goodly sum will be realized and at once sent on. Every man in Phoenix should have his name on this list. It is little enough that we can do at best.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR COPPER.

If there is one thing more than another that the mining and business men of the Boundary are interested in, it is the price of the brown metal. When copper was selling for 16 and 17 cents per pound, several months ago, little attention was paid to the price of this metal except by those who had it to dispose of daily, weekly or monthly. But when it began to go down, it attracted much attention, because on its remaining at a profitable figure depended the chief industry of the Boundary.

A month ago it reached the lowest price for many years, and was quoted a shade above 11 cents per pound for electrolytic, the quality that we are interested in. This did not last long, however, and the market soon began to strengthen, being now close to 13 cents. The best authorities on copper do not look for it to reach the price prevailing before the slump for a long time yet, but they do look for it to reach the 14 cent mark, and remain in that region. At this price the largest and most economically managed mines in the Boundary country can operate at a fair profit, if indeed they do not make big money.

In Rossland the low price of the brown metal lately prevailing is given as the reason for the recent curtailment of shipments and operations generally. But the people are not lacking who believe that other things than the price of copper have to do with this condition of affairs in the hitherto premier camp of the Kootenays. However that may be, there is every encouragement to the copper miner in the present upward tread of prices, which it is believed will continue.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

This time it looks as though the Boer war was proctically ended. Let us hope it is not another false alarm.

The Pioneer is the only paper in the Boundary to publish regularly each week the shipments of Boundary mines.

Greenwood's Victoria Day celebration was a creditable affair, and her sister towns all assisted in making it such.

No provision for railway land grants was made by the Ottawa government at the recent session. The same will shortly be said of the British Columbia government.

John Houston, of the late Nelson Tribune, is reported as having editorial designs on Kaslo as well as Nelson once more. Whether he succumbs to the newspaper habit or not, he made a good newspaper while he was at it.

Phoenix is about the only camp in the Boundary where mining machinery is still coming in for development purposes. The strong companies operating here mean business, and are constantly adding to and improving their equipment.

W. A. Galliher, M. P., for Yale-Cariboo, does not seem to care a whoop whether lead duties are arranged to assist the Kootenays or not. At least, that's the interpretation placed on his remarks of late. What was "Bill" sent to Ottawa for, anyway?

Accidents in quartz mines are, apparently, never so disastrous as those in coal mines. For the number of men employed, it is believed by those conversant with statistics in such cases, that the Boundary has a good record in this particular, even for quartz mines.

The government railway bill would not know its own father, so often has it been changed and tinkered, so that Mr. Dunsmuir could secure the needful votes to carry it through. But at least the lands of the people will not be bartered away at this session of the legislative assembly. We can be sure of that.

Uncle Samuel has made good his promise to make Cuba free, and Cuba is now self governing. The Stars and Strips have given way to the Cuban ensign, and Tomas Estrada Palma, the first president of the Cuban republic, is now the chief executive. It remains to be seen whether the Cubans are really capable of self government, and can take their part among the nations of the world.

This from an exchange is worth memorizing by every busines man who wishes to see his town prosper:

"A merchant who supports his local paper is by no means doing an act of charity for even though he may not feel that the advertisement is bringing him proportionate returns he is gaining by it as it helps to boom the town on the outside and make people think it is a good lively place; thus, by helping the town through the medium of the newspaper, he is helping himself."

WHAT EDITORS SAY

IN FIRST ROW—Many men, incapable of running their own business successfully, are quite positive that in a legislative assembly they would sit in the first row of lights.—New Denver Ledge.

A DIFFERENCE—The Granby Company is going to handle copper ore from mine to market for $2 a ton; but it still costs anywhere from $25 to $50 to get a ton of Slocan ore treated.—Sandon Paystreak.

VICTORIA DAY—The sweet harbinger of peace descended on the Empire yesterday—even the pugnacious Smith Curtis buried the war axe for the nonce, and rode forth in a hack with the Hon. Mr. Speaker. The tram cars were overcrowded.—Victoria Colonist.

LOADED FOR BEAR—The editor of the Colonist carries in his boots and in his trousers pockets ticklers and tearers and rippers and snorters and slashers and hackers for the benefit of all who dare to lift their voices against his beloved master, or who attempt to interfere with that master's benevolent designs for the benefit of his fellowmen.—Victoria Times.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

The ad that pays the reader will seldom fail to pay the advertiser.

No one ever advertised so successfully that he could stop at any time.

When the public no longer needs your commodity, you will no longer need advertising.

Pear's soap has been advertised 25 years and has not stopped. There is a moral to this tale.

To found a business on honesty, real worth and judicious advertising, is to fonnd it on tied rock.

Advertising is a matter of self-preservation. If you do not hustle for the trade the other fellow will, and you must keep up with him.

Perhaps your advertisement would be neglected by a man one week who the next would be in a mood to read it if it were there. Keep up the good work.

B. C. MINING NOTES

Sandon's ore shipments last week were 95 tons.

Rossland's ore shipments last week amounted to 4,370 tons.

Last week 181 tons of Slocan ore were shipped through Kaslo.

In the Slocan the owners of the Payne mine have decided to buy the St. Keiverne, the adjoining property.

For the year 1901, according to late reports, the Ymir mine showed a net profit of £45,242, obtained from treating 69,505 tons of ore.

It is stated on reliable authority that an English company has offered the New Fairview Corporation $1,000,000 for the Stemwinder, one of its properties.

The Kaslo-Slocan Mining and Financial Company, capital $500,000, has been registered at Nelson, to take over the Chapleau and Mansfield properties.

The Sunset mine near Cody distributed to its co-owners on the 20th inst. the eighth dividend, amounting to $6,000. This brings the total amount of dividends paid to date to $48,000.

A diamond drill is now being set to work on the Similkameen Valley Coal Co's property at Ashnola to find out what is actually there in the shape of coal. The assurances are it will prove successful.

WORTH KNOWING

The Rand gold output last month was 110,588 ounces.

A ferry is now operating across the Columbia river at Trail.

One ton of coal is said to be about the equivalent for steam-making of two cords of dry pine wood.

An estimate gives the copper output of the Lake district, Michigan for 1902 at 200,000,000 pounds.

A. S. Goodeve, of Rossland, will represent the Kootenays at the meeting of the Dominion Boards of Trade.

It is alleged that coal can be mined in the Crow's Nest coal fields at $1.75 a ton, and made into coke, the latter will cost less than $3 a ton.

The Leadville output for the month of May will amount to 80,000 tons. This is the heaviest output for a long time, and 15,000 tons over the April production.

The largest nugget produced by Alaska has been found at Hammond river, Kayakuk district. It was a pure gold nugget in the form of a slab worth $2,000.

The free miner's license is no longer required by working miners in the Klondike, as only property holders are now required to take them out. The license in the Yukon costs $10 a year.

The Newest Version.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I am going ping ponging, sir," she said. "May I go with you, my pretty maid?" "Yes, if you like, kind sir," she said. She led him away to the ping pong net; and then came an hour he'll never forget, for his shoulders ache from the many stoops to pick up the ball, and his eyelid from where she smote him twice with her racket sindll, which left her hand as she struck the ball; and he'll never ping where she pongs again, for he heard him swear when pinged I'm then.—Baltimore American.

Meals 25 cents and up at the Norden cafe.

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Figures Talk

The fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company was held in Toronto on March 7th.

The net profit of the year after paying all operating expense and all charge of every kind amounted to $207,848.39. After paying a dividend at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, a balance of $28,142.89 was carried forward to the credit of profit and loss.

This company's assets are their coal mines and the Townsite of Fernie. Four years ago this Company had no transportation facilities, and their stock sold as low as eleven cents per share. Today their stock is selling at $90.00.

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CROWS NEST COAL COMPANY.

Something About the Organization Which Owns the Fernie Mines

The Crow's Nest Coal Company, proprietors of the Fernie mines, is the outgrowth of the enterprise of a syndicate of Victorians. In 1886 Wm. Fernie, who resided at Oak Bay, learned that the Galt company had applied for a charter through the Crow's Nest Pass, interested a number of other gentlemen, who put an exploring party in the field with Mr. Fernie at its head

The little syndicate, who thus laid the foundation for the greater corporation, consisted of Col. Baker, Wm. Fernie, C. C. Fernie, V. H. Baker, J. D. Pemberton, E. Bray, J. E. Humphreys and F. W. Aylmer.

One week after taking the field in 1887 the party found the first seam on Martin creek. This they named the Jubilee, it being found within a few days of the Queen's Jubilee anniversary. Ledge after ledge were discovered in the years following. Then the B. C. Southern charter was obtained, for the construction of which the company was to receive 20,000 acres a mile. They afterwards purchased 11,000 acres from the government.

For a time the company was said to be threatened with extinction by the C. P. R., but mainly through Mr. Fernie's efforts, who hung on to his holdings when others weakened, the co-operation of Senator Cox, Robt. Jaffray, Elias Rogers, Col. Pellatt, and other influential capitalists was enlisted and the future of the concern was assurred.

Since that the B. C. Southern railway has been constructed as a feeder to the Great Northern, enormous coke ovens have been built, and Fernie itself has sprung from a hamlet to one of the most promising cities in Canada. The output of the company's mines is almost daily increasing, while the superior coking qualities of the coal makes it desirable for the finest steam purposes. It is estimated that the company has in its lands a coal deposit of twenty-two billions of tons.

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Montreal, May 10, 1902.

To Messrs. The Phoenix Water Supply Co., Phoenix, B C.

Sirs:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of a bottle containing 16 oz. of the water collected according to the instructions which I submitted with my last report.

This sample of water I found to be chemically identical with the samples which were sent before, but bacteriologically to be entirely different. This sample was examined very carefully for the members of the colon group of bacteria and other intestinal forms and for other possible indications of contamination, and I am very glad to be able to inform you that the water was found to be entirely free from all such forms of bacteria and to give all indications of a thoroughly wholesome water supply.

For comparison with any other analysis which you may have made and to give more detailed information regarding the severity of the tests made I will quote to you directly the report from the bacteriological laboratory.

The following tests were made from the sample of water from the Phoenix Water Supply Company.

(a.) To each of three Smith's Fermentation Tubes charged with glucose broth, 2 cc. of water were added and the tubes incubated at 37 c. for 48 hours. There was no trace of gas formation. Two control tubes under the same conditions inoculated with a trace of bacillus coli gave about 50 per cent of gas in 30 hours.

(b.) To each of two flasks containing 20 cc. of Dunhams Solution, 5 c.c. of water were added and kept for 28 hours at 37 c. when there was absolutely no trace of the Indol reaction.

(3.) Lactose, Litmus agar, mixed with 1 cc. of water and plated, on incubation negative results as to the presence of the bacillus coli and no organisms could be found capable of fermenting lactouse.

The various organisms found were those which occur in pure natural waters.

The above experiments entirely exclude the Bacillus Coli, B. Cloacae, the B. Lactis AErogenes and all forms of bacteria which produce Indol.

The slight sediment in the water consists of Chlorophyl-bearing vegetable forms but nothing to indicate contamination.

I enclose memo. of fee for bacteriological analysis.

Yours very truly,
R. T. RUTTAN.

Chemical Laboratory, McGill University, Faculty of Medicine.

Selected Lands in the Boundary.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has selected the lands granted the Columbia & Western railway by the provincial legislature. In a new map recently issued by the department the reservations are indicated by large blocks in colors. The company has selected lands fronting the lakes and the watercourses. Both sides of the north fork of the Kettle river are included as far as the forks, 30 miles up from Grand Forks, and the entire region between that river and Boundary creek, with the international boundary line as a base line, is also blanketed. The lands can be preempted on the usual terms, but the money goes to the Canadian Pacific railway. They are open to mineral location.

Wise Words from Peter Cooper.

In all towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and the business he is in. It does not only pay to advertise, but it lets people at a distance know that the town in which you reside is a prosperous community of business men. As the seeds are sown so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign while you expect to do business. —Peter Cooper.

MUST BE RECORDED WHEN DONE.

Should Be Noted by Owners of all Mineral Claims.

In the B. C. Gazette of last week notice is given that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has made the following order relating to Sec. 143 of the Mineral Act:

That paragraph two of Sec. 5 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1898, be so interpreted that should any free miner perform assessment work on his claim during any one year to the value of one hundred dollars or more in excess of the amount required to be done in any one year by the Mineral Act, the right thereby given such free miner of recording a certificate of the work done to the value of each one hundred dollars so as to cover his assessment work for an additional year in respect of each one hundred dollars in excess, shall be exercisable only at the time of record of the certificate of work in respect of the amount required to hold the claim during the year in which such excess shall be performed. This order comes into force on June 1st.

CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN CABLE.

Total Length Will be About Eight Thousand Nautical Miles.

The steamer Colonia, which sailed from Shields, in the North of England, on May 7, and is now loading the cable in her tanks near Greenwich, is expected to arrive in British Columbia waters about October next, and she will at once commence the work of paying the 3,500 miles of cable to Fanning Island, where the other end of the line will be brought by the steamer Anglia, and by the end of the present year it is expected that the deep sea cables across the Pacific will be carrying Canada's congratulations to Australia and intervening points on the connection between the British continents of the north and south.

The total length of the cable, including 10 per cent allowed for slack, will be about 8,000 nautical miles. The longest span is that from Kelp Bay, on the south coast of Vancouver Island to Fanning Island—about 3,561 miles. The shortest sections are from Fanning Island to Suva, Fiji, 2,093 miles; from Fiji to Norfolk Island, 961 miles; from Norfold Island to a point near Brisbane, Australia, 834 miles, and from Norfolk Island to the northern end of New Zealand, 537 miles.

DANNY DEAN LOST CONTEST.

Knocked Out in the Fifth Round by Billy Armstrong at Ymir.

Billy Armstrong of Spokane defeated Danny Dean of Phoenix in a contest for the lightweight championship of British Columbia, and a purse of $500. Many sports from Nelson, Rossland and Sandon gathered at Ymir's first fistic carnival. A large circus tent erected on the baseball grounds was crowded. Big money was bet on the event, Canadians backing Dean and the American contingent supporting Armstrong, Harry Ashcroft of Nelson refereed.

Dean won first tosses for corner and gloves.

First round—After sparring for and opening Armstrong landed heavy left to the face, Dean swinging a right to chest. Dean landed heavy body blows three times. Armstrong got home on the neck, bringing Dean to the floor.

Second round—Dean landed a right on the body and followed up, Armstrong fencing for a time. There were frequent clinches. It was Dean's round. In the third Armstrong landed heavily on the face, Dean following him up There was light sparring and frequent clinches.

Fourth round—Dean fought fast, but his blows lacked steam. Armstrong landed on the forehead, bringing Dean down. Armstrong landed several blows and Dean was groggy. It was Armstrong's round.

Fifth round—Armstrong landed heavily over the heart five times, Dean visibly weakening. Armstrong landed again three times. Dean went to floor four times in quick succession and on the fifth fall was counted out.

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BRIEF NEWS NOTES

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO PHOENICIANS.

REV. TROTTER'S ADDRESS — Rev. R. W. Trotter gave an address on the present political situation last Thursday at Miners' Union Hall, at the invitation of the Phoenix Socialist Club. There was a large attendance to listen to the excellent address delivered, and the audience was in sympathy with the speaker.

TWENTY POUNDS HEAVIER—Danny Dean returned Tuesday from Ymir, where he was knocked out by Billy Armstrong on the 24th. He says that Armstrong was 20 pounds the heaviest, and he was not surprised at the result. Dean reports having had a good time at the celebration, which was well attended.

MCINTOSH TO DENVER—John McIntosh, the miner who lost his eyesight three months ago by a premature blast, has gone to Rossland expecting to go to Spokane, and probably to Denver, to consult a famous oculist about the chance of getting his eyesight restored. At the smoker recently given for his benefit by the Eagles, about $175 was taken in.

FAREWELL RECEPTION—Next Wednesday evening a farewell reception will be given to Rev. G. B. R. Kinney, the retiring pastor of the local Methodist church, who has been transferred to Langley in the Westminster district. There will be a concert, and refreshments, and the new pastor, Rev. Green, will also be present, as well as Rev. Knox, of Greenwood. Rev. Kinney will preach his farewell sermon tomorrow evening.

WILL CHARTER A TRAIN—Arrangements have been made for the organization of an aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Grand Forks, with over 50 charter members. The members of Phoenix Aerie No. 158 expect to charter a special train and go to the Forks some day next week, to assist in the institution of the new lodge. Representatives of the order will also be present from Republic, Rossland and Nelson, and a strong lodge will be organized.

"THE HIT OF TWO CONTINENTS."—Edwin Ownes Townes has given many laughing creations to the public, but nothing so satisfactory as "Too Rich To Marry" which comes to Miners' Union Hall Thursday, June 12. It was the hit of the season when presented at the Drury Lane Theater, London, and met with overflowing success financially, as well as artistically; when produced in New York City, the press christened it the hit of two continents.

TENNIS OFFICERS ELECTED—Monday evening the annual election of the Phoenix Tennis Club was held, the result being: President, G. W. Rumberger; vice-president, J. F. Hemenway; secretary-treasurer, O. B. Smith Jr.; executive committee, A. B. Morkill, N. H. Slack, Dr. G. S. Gordon, L. Y. Birnie and J. J. Strutzel. The fee was fixed at $10, ladies being allowed to use the courts every morning and Wednesday afternoon. The courts are being laid with cinders, and will soon be among the best in this section.

THURSDAY'S FAREWELL—Thursday evening a farewell reception was tendered to Rev. J. M. Millar, M. A., and wife, of the Presbyterian church, who leave Monday for the east. The function was in charge of the ladies of the church, and a large number of members and friends were pleased to be present. A programme was given and addresses delivered, a purse being presented to Mr. Millar and a travelling companion to Mrs. Millar. General regret was expressed at the severing of the exceedingly pleasant relations that have existed between pastor and people.

Tomorrow Rev. J. M. Millar will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit for the last time. Monday he starts for Calgary, accompanied by Mrs. Millar, where he will act as supply for June, and then he goes to Brandon in the same capacity.

City and District Notes

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Today is the last day in which to renew your free miners' license.

The long promised cafe parlor cars are now running on the Boundary railways.

Ira McLaren, formerly of Phoenix, is now on the west coast of Vancouver island.

The force at the Snowshoe were given last Saturday and Sunday as holidays.

This week the Jim Hill tracklaying force is expected to get the steel down as far as Curlew.

Judge Leamy, who formerly resided in Greenwood, has moved his family to Grand Forks.

Mrs. Samuel Somerville returned Saturday from a several weeks' visit to Grand Forks.

Provincial Constable Dinsmore, of Grand Forks, was in the city Saturday on official business.

Last Monday the city solicitor of Grand Forks began actions against delinquent taxpayers.

The Granby Exchange bought Mr. Duncanson's household goods through the ad in the Pioneer.

S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby Co., is expected to visit the Boundary during June.

Three weeks from next Friday, the 27th of June, the public school will close for the summer holidays.

This week the Phoenix Water Supply Co. finished putting city water into 16 of the Granby Co.'s cottages.

George W. Wooster, who handles the cash for the Granby Co., made his monthly visit to this camp this week.

On June 1st Howard Moore, of the Bellevue Dining Room, will take charge of the Snowshoe boarding house.

Last Saturday nearly everyone who could get away took in the Greenwood celebration, while a few went to Midway.

Contractor Scott is erecting a three-room dwelling house adjoining that of Thos. Roderick, near the Brooklyn spur.

Wadds Bros., photographers, who have been in Phoenix for a week, went to Grand Forks Monday for a similar time.

Paul Johnson, manager of the Greenwood smelter, was taking a look at the Brooklyn and Stemwinder ore dumps last Sunday.

Dr. Mathison, dentist, will be at his office, Bank block, from June 10th to 14th. Appointments should be made in advance.

Manager Gillis, of the Dominion House, will shortly begin work on a number of improvements to the ground floor of his hotel.

The Ironsides fraction mineral claim, in this camp, adjoining the Banner, is being crowngranted by Alex W. Douglas, the owner.

H. N. Galer, assistant to the managers of the Granby Co., was in Phoenix Saturday, having just returned from a trip to Montreal.

R. A. Brown is driving 4,000,000 feet of logs down the north fork of Kettle river. The lumber will be cut by Lequime & Powers' sawmill.

James Welch, employed at the Mother Lode mine, slipped and fell when walking up to the mine from the celebration last Saturday night, breaking his leg.

J. H. Merrett, of the London Printing and Lithographing Co., Ltd., of London, Ont., was a visitor in the city Wednesday, taking orders for calendars for next year.

Householders, you are sure to have some goods that are useless to you, but can be used by some one else. Call at the Granby Exchange and exchange or get the cash for them.

Dougald McMillan, ex-city clerk of Phoenix, was in Fernie last week at the time of the great disaster, having been detained five days by the mud slides on the Crow's Nest railway.

The evening service at the Congregational church to morrow (Sunday) will be suspended on account of the farewell service of the Rev. J. M. Millar at St. Andrews church.

A. F. McMillan returned from Fernie Wednesday, having been there at the time of the explosion.

Some 15 petitions have been presented to the government asking legislation regulating the business of barbering. That from Phoenix was signed by George Gibson and others.

Josiah Stirrett left for Cranbrook on Wednesday's train, to assume the management of the Burns meat emporium in that lively burg. His many friends in Phoenix wish him the best of luck.

James Casey was given two months by Police Magistrate Williams last Monday, the charge being aggravated assault. Casey was taken over to the Nelson jail the same day by Chief of Police Flood.

Owing to the output of 1,500 tons of ore daily, the Granby mines could not very well be closed last Saturday, to observe Victoria Day, but a number of the employees attended the Greenwood celebration.

Church Services Tomorrow.

Church of England—St. John's Mission; services tomorrow, morning and evening as usual.

St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, Service tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 3 p. m. Rev. J. M. Millar, M. A., pastor.

Congregational—Preaching services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Geo. Broadley, pastor.

Methodist—Service tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at Hardy-McKenzie hall. Rev. G. R. Kinney, pastor.

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Note and Comment

Even though Premier Dunsmuir dropped the objectionable land grants from his railway bill, he does not seem to have smooth sailing in getting it through the legislative assembly. This week Mr. Dunsmuir and members of the opposition exchanged compliments over the bill, that would have been more suitable in a bar room than in he legislative halls. The premier is delaying his downfall as much as possible, but it cannot be postponed much longer. Almost any kind of government would be preferable to the present hodge-podge.

Joe Martin was in Rossland the other day, on legal business, but he would not be interviewed on the political situation at the coast. He had to hurry back so as to keep the government in power for a short time longer, and so as not to have some embarrassing explanations asked.

Jim Hill is rushing his railway into Republic as fast as it can be done, but his efforts to reach the Granby smelter are beset on all sides, the chief opponent of course being the Hot Air line. Only a few days ago an application made to the minister of railways at Ottawa, to build a branch to the Granby smelter, was held over, at the instance of the Hot Air solicitor. But Jim Hill will reach the smelter and build to Phoenix also in due time.

J. N. Greenshields, K. C., the gentleman who represents McKenzie & Mann and a few other people, spent last Sunday in the Boundary, leaving for the east on Monday's train. Mr. Greenshields thinks he cannot do anything with the provincial government in the shape of land grants for railways this session, as he "could not raise a postage stamp on the charters as now proposed." Mr. Greenshields and T. G. Holt, of Vancouver, who is also identified with McKenzie & Mann, came up to Phoenix before going east.

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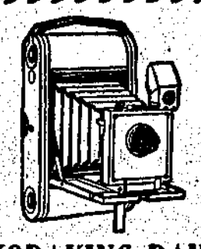

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