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Rich Strike Reported on the Ram's Horn, a Promising Property on Tracy Creek.

That the country about Lewis and Tracy creeks is to assume considerable importance in the near future is attested by the ore bodies which are being uncovered, and the persistent work which is being done on the various claims. The ore for the most part runs exceptionally high in copper, with some silver and gold: galena is also found in this belt.

W. M. Sprague came down on Wednesday and reports a rich strike of high grade copper ore on the Ram's Horn, a claim owned by him and Mr. G. Aakus. Mr. Sprague says they discovered the float three years ago but did not succeed at the time in finding the lead, and it was only a few days ago it was accidentally uncovered. So far as the examination has gone the ledge is about six feet wide and carries ore similar in character to that on the Estella. The new lead has been traced into the Viking claim below the Ram's Horn. The Viking is owned by Messrs. VanArsdalen, Amme and Grundy Aakus.

There are other leads on the Ram's Horn which, until the recent discovery, have been occupying the attention of the owners.

Mr. Sprague says the Tracy and Lewis creeks country is coming to the front and that the next three months will witness great changes in that section.

Chickamon Stone.

The work on the Chickamon Stone is going right ahead. The development is showing up larger bodies of ore. The ore so far mined for shipment has been taken out entirely in the course of development. The force is being increased as fast as possible. The road is now nearly completed to the mine when shipments will commence.

Shipping Ore Now Being Taken From the Estella.

Word has been received from Tracy creek that the Estella company at a depth of about 90 feet ran a cross-cut and ascertained the lead was fourteen feet wide, all solid ore. The work of sinking the shaft will now be continued, which will tap the 400 foot tunnel now being driven. The ore which is being taken from the working is an excellent shipping product.

On Alki Creek.

Robert Dewar came down from Alki creek on Tuesday bringing with him some splendid specimens of ore from the Mystery claims owned by him. He says here is one tunnel twenty feet in length on the claim, besides several open cuts on other leads which traverse the property, one of which is ten feet wide on the surface. In the tunnel there is eighteen inches of ore which will assay 26 per cent copper.

Adjoining the Mystery are the Alice, Thistle and Celtic claims, in all of which Mr. Dewar is interested. But little aside from surface work has been done, but the showing is an excellent one. Mr. Dewar regards the district highly, and believes that with further development some fine bodies of ore will be uncovered.

Chickamun or Chickamon.

The question as to how to spell Chickamon it seems has been definitely settled. There were such a variety of ways of spelling the word that the uninitiated were entirely at sea, Chickmun, Chickamun, Chicamun, and Chickamon. The latter, it is decided is correct. It was determined to ascertain how to spell it, and John H. Fink sent to Spokane and the word was found in a Chinook dictionary. Chickamon has been adopted by the mining company using that name.

Rich Strike on the Defender.

A strike of rich ore on the Defender group of mines is reported this week. The group consisting of the Defender, and Tip Top on Wasa creek were recently located by E. Ford. Mr. Ford says the discovery was made while running an open cut, the vein being about four feet wide with a pay chute two feet in width. The ore is galena, and carries high values.

Galena has been found everywhere in that vicinity, but in most instances it has been associated with copper and as development progressed the galena practically disappears. In this instance the ore is solid and gives every appearance of being permanent.

On the Brittle Silver.

The owners of the Brittle Silver group have commenced work in earnest. While the property was but recently located, the owners are so well pleased with its appearance that they will go on with development to ascertain its value. A number of men are now employed in building a trail over the divide and doing preliminary work. Don McKay is superintending the work.

SILVER THREAD GROUP.

A Wall Street Syndicate Takes a Bond on the Property.

The Golden Era says: "Mr. Mulford of Windermere has bought the Silver Thread property, on Horse Thief creek, outright, paying therefor $50,000 cash.

This is an error; the property was originally bonded to Collett, Starbird and Roberson for $40,000, of which $5,000 has been paid, and by them rebonded to Mr. Mulford on behalf of a Wall street syndicate for an amount which was not made known.

Eastern Capital For B. C.

M. Guggenheim Sons, the smelter people, have just incorporated in New York the Guggenheim Exploration Company for the purpose of mining in the Northwest and British Columbia. The capital of this corporation is $6,000,000 divided into 60,000 shares of $100 each. The stock it is said has already been subscribed by New York capitalists.

The Guggenheims acquired a number of interests in the Boundary creek country several years ago, through their agent Col. John Weir. Considerable work was done on the properties, and Weir was called away. Col. Weir said three years ago that British Columbia had the brightest future before it of any mining section in America.

A General Race Meet.

There is a general belief in town that there will be racing events other than that between Easter Lily and Homely Hank at Cranbrook on the 30th. It is said that owners of other horses are desirous of again trying issue with the racers of Fort Steele and Cranbrook.

It is certain that there will be a good meet at Fort Steele on September 4, considerable money having already been subscribed for that purpose.

EMERALD GROUP BONDED.

E. C. Egan Bonds the Half Interest of R. Rogers for $10,000.

E. C. Egan of Winnipeg is becoming largely interested in the mining development of East Kootenay, he has secured several valuable claims and is engaged in developing them. Mr. Egan has great faith in the mineral resources of the district. It was he who first brought the Big Chief prominently before the public, and his recent bonding of the Golden Fleece and Stanley in the Tracy creek district has emphasized still further his belief in East Kootenay mines.

His latest acquisition, or at least the most recent made known, is the bonding for $10,000, of the one-half interest owned by R. Rogers in three claims known as the Emerald group, on the north fork of Boulder creek, adjoining the Big Chief group.

The ore is similar in all respects to that found on the surface of the Big Chief, it carries free gold which is discernable in the rock. These claims are recent locations, having been recorded in May last. The other half interest is owned by Mr. Egan and William Carlin.

Developing the Daisy.

Adjoining the Chickamon Stone group on the west is the Daisy, owned by J. H. Fink, W. E. Johnson and A. W. Bleasdell. The owners have commenced the development of the claim and will continue it to determine its value. There is a fine showing of galena but it is believed by the owners that in a short time it will develop into a copper property.

Mining Notes.

R. O. Jennings is stirring up the mining fraternity on the necessity of getting ores together for the Paris and Spokane Expositions. He is not content with sending them word but is making a personal canvas, with the result that he is getting in some fine specimens. He was at Tracy creek last week, and up Wild Horse and Perry creeks this week. Fort Steele will make a creditable exhibit.

Reports from the different mining sections are to the effect that there is an unusual amount of development work being done. In fact, never in the history of the district has there been such activity.

Messrs. Violet, Reynolds and Greeley went up to the Bill Nye claim on one of the branches of Wild Horse, taking a pack outfit with them. They will build a cabin and make preparations to develop the property thoroughly during the coming winter. The Bill Nye is a claim well spoken of.

Collett & Starbird who have a bond on the Silver Thread group of mines near Windermere will commence at once the development of the property.

Since January 1st there has been 379 new mineral locations recorded, and 400 records of assessment in the office of the gold commissioner. This is a pretty good showing for a district which the Winnipeg Free Press said was not half prospected.

Hon. George E. Foster is expected here before long when it will be determined whether or not work will be resumed on the Dibble group this fall.

There are several mines in the vicinity of Creston upon which considerable work has been done. The one showing the greatest amount of development is the Alice, owned by George Alexander of Kaslo, and his associates. A tunnel has been driven in the mountain for a distance of 400 feet. The ledge is 2½ feet wide. The ore is silver-lead and gives an average value of $40 to the ton.

It is reported that some fine ore has been uncovered on the Golden Fleece claim on the divide between Tracy and Lewis creeks. It was found in the tunnel now being driven.

GOOD IF TRUE.

A Big Body of Copper Ore Reported To Have Been Uncovered.

It is reported that a company working a group of claims on the west fork of the St. Mary's river are engaged in working a monster lead said to be fifty feet wide, carrying ten feet of solid copper ore with considerable galena shot through the balance of the lead. This lead and ore body has been traced for a distance of 1200 feet. No further particulars regarding this strike could be obtained.

SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Stolen From Molsons Bank, Winnipeg, Last Fall Recovered.—Man Named Anderson Under Arrest.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

The $62,000 stolen from the Molson's Bank, Winnipeg, between the 28th of September and the 4th of October, last year, have been recovered, and John W. Anderson, who was employed as junior clerk in the bank at the time, is lying in the provincial jail charged with having committed the robbery.

Anderson was caught by a man named Davis, a young Canadian private detective. He came to Winnipeg in March last and secured employment as clerk in Jerry Robinsons & Co.'s dry goods store. He located Anderson's lodgings and secured lodgings in the same place and became friendly with Anderson, in whom his suspicions had in some way become centered. Anderson was working with the McCleary Manufacturing company. Anderson went on Sunday evening to the place where he had cached the money, Davis watching his movements. On Monday afternoon in company with his lawyer, Harry Whytla, and half dozen Doukhobor laborers, who could not speak a word of English and who did not know what they were employed for. Mr. Davis went to the place where he had seen Anderson, and after some little search the cache was discovered and after a few moments digging the stolen money was in possession of the detective and his lawyer. The place where the money had been hid was in the scrub on the east side of the Red river a short distance beyond Louise bridge it was in a valise and carefully planted a couple of feet below the surface, the money was soaked with water and somewhat mouldy but appeared to be intact and it is understood that the entire amount stolen has been recovered. Davis will claim the $10,000 reward.

Anderson is 23 years of age and came to Winnipeg last October from his home in Hastings, Ont., to take a junior clerkship in the bank. He was well and favorably known, was not known to have any bad habits.

The Chicago festival committee at a meeting decided to invite premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the event.

The Episcopalian Provincial Synod at its meeting in Winnipeg decided to complete the endowment of the Calgary diocese, and discussed a change in the method of electing bishops.

IT WAS LOADED.

Pete Henrietta and Pat Redmond Severely Injured In the Gem Mine.

A serious accident occurred at the Gem mine on Sullivan Hill Wednesday afternoon whereby Pete Henrietta had his leg and arm each broken in two places and Pat Redmond was badly cut up. It seems that before going to dinner several shots were fired in the bottom of the shaft, the report from which was distinctly heard. After dinner Henrietta and Redmond went down the shaft to resume work noticing one hole which had apparently shot without breaking rock they concluded to drill it deeper when an explosion took place, with the result mentioned. The full extent of Henrietta's injuries were not ascertained, as it is possible he may be injured internally. He was taken to Kimberley a distance of 2½ miles on a stretcher and Dr. King of Cranbrook was called. Redmond was not badly hurt. Superintendent Houghton did everything in his power for the sufferers. Both men were old miners but supposing the hole had shot did not test it as is customary. One theory advanced by an old miner is that one of the shots blew the collar and primer from the other and the report was the same as though the shot had gone off although under such circumstances the report is sharper than ordinary.

The Windermere Sports.

Fort Steele people who went to Windermere to attend the sports which took place last Saturday, report having had a most excellent time. The races were good but the horses from this section seemed to be the prime favorites. There was a big crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Building Notes.

The Galbraith-Elton block is fast approaching completion, and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

The cellar for the Kershaw building on Riverside avenue has been dug. The contractors have the timbers framed and the building will be pushed to completion.

Dr. Douglas Corsan has purchased from N. Hanson the lot adjoining the residence of Dr. Brodie, and will build a residence thereon soon as the lumber can be obtained.

Four rafts of lumber came down the river early in the week from the Wasa mills.

St. John's Church of England.

Divine service will be held in St. John's church at 7.30. Strangers welcome.

Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All the children invited.

There will be preaching every Sunday at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

The September Races.

The races on September 4th promise to be a grand success, the programme has been partially arranged, this much has been definitely decided upon.

The first event, 300 yards in heats. Second event, one fourth mile in heats. Third event, 600 yards in heats. The purses in each race will be $100 to the first and $50 to the second. It is thought that these liberal purses will draw the racers from many of the outlying towns, and from Macleod and Calgary.

The committee at Cranbrook met Thursday evening to decide upon what will be done on the 30th. It is thought that a good programme will be arranged and make a still further inducement for the out of town flyers to visit this section, as both race meets will occur within a few days of each other.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFLETS.

Ville Marie Bank Goes Into Liquidation.—War in the Transvaal Imminent.—Major Girouard, the Egyptian Hero, Dined.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—Eugene Debs will visit Winnipeg on October 1st.

During July 4616 immigrants arrived in Winnipeg.

Tidings from the Transvaal are decidedly warlike.

The Ville Marie bank in Montreal has gone into liquidation.

Twenty-five buildings were destroyed by fire at Inwood, Ont.

J. H. Todd a prominent merchant of Victoria, B. C., is dead.

Trouble is brewing in the boot and shoe trade in Toronto.

General Otis has closed all the insurgent ports to freight traffic.

Wagers are being made in New York on the coming international yacht race.

The Beaver yacht has been chosen to represent Canada against the Genesse of Rochester.

Major Girouard, the Egyptian campaigner, was dined by his fellow compatriots at Aylmer, Que.

The Canada Atlantic train wreck fatalities now number eight, two other passengers may not recover.

Rev. Dr. Hamil, the distinguished Irish Presbyterian minister, has reached Montreal en route to Winnipeg.

W. W. Ogilvie of Montreal predicts a large yield, exceeding forty million bushels of wheat in Manitoba and the Territories.

Counsel for Dreyfus are well satisfied with the manner in which the case is being conducted, the strain however is telling on the prisoner.

Vancouver, August 11—The New Westminster, B. C. writ has been issued returnable August 31st.

Big Strike on Horse Thief Creek.

Steve Young who just came down from Windermere says that on a group of four claims claims on the divide between Macdonald and the south fork of Horse Thief creek, owned by Messrs. Scott, VanCortlandt and West, a lead has been struck recently which is from 80 to 100 feet wide, and that the ore is of the same character as that on the Red Line. It is said to be the biggest thing yet uncovered in that section.

Prospectors are rushing into that country from all parts.

A large number of men are at work developing the various properties in the vicinity of Windermere.

Carloads of Ore Specimens.

The first carload of ore samples for the Paris Exhibition will be shipped from Nelson on the 20th inst. says the Nelson Tribune. W. D. Scott, who has spent the last few days in Nelson, says that two carloads will be shipped from the Nelson and the Slocan districts, and one carload from the Rossland and Boundary districts. The ore will be shipped to Ottawa, where it will be sorted by Dr. Dawson. The samples selected will be labelled with the name of the mine, assay value, etc., before being shipped to Paris.

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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C. for permission to purchase the following piece of unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands situated on Wild Horse creek adjoining the Cumminns Block 807, Group 1, about two miles from Fort Steele. *Beginning* at the southwest corner, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence following bank of Wild Horse creek for the west line to point of commencement. Containing in all 320 acres more or less.

H. L. AMME.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 27th day of May, 1899. 23-27

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days from the date hereof I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following piece of unoccupied and unreserved Crown land situate about three miles north west of Elko, described as follows:—*Commencing* at the Initial Post, being 400 feet westerly from the No. 2 Post of the "Wynstay" mineral claim; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains to the place of beginning. Containing 160 acres more or less.

C. F. SMITH.

Dated at Fort Steele the 31st day of July, A. D. 1899. 31-35

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The "Wynstay" Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—About three miles above the bridge on Elk River.

Take notice that I, Charles F. Smith, agent for Harold Winterbottom, Free Miner's Certificate No. "B 10404", 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.

C. F. Smith.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1899. 31-39

NOTICE.

The "Macintosh" Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—About three miles above the Bridge on Elk River.

Take notice that I, Charles F. Smith, agent for Charles H. Mackintosh, Free Miner's Certificate No. "8758A" 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.

C. F. Smith.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1899. 31-39

NOTICE.

The "Burton" Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—About three miles above the Pack Bridge on Elk River.

Take notice that I, Charles F. Smith, agent for George B. Watson, Free Miner's Certificate No. "B9511A", 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.

C. F. SMITH.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1899. 31-39

NOTICE.

The Copper King Mineral claim, situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Bull River, about one-half mile above the Pack Bridge.

The Copper Queen Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Bull River, about one-half mile above the Pack Bridge and adjoining the Copper King mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Jacob P. Fink, Free Miner's Certificate No. "B 9700", 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 claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

JACOB. P. FINK.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1899. 27-35

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Big Chief Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On the north side of Boulder creek, East Kootenay, about two miles from the mouth.

Golden Coin Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, adjoining the Big Chief Mineral Claim.

Ames Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Boulder Creek, East Kootenay, adjoining the Big Chief Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, William R. Ross, F. M. C., No. 15673 A, agent for K. J. Highby, F. M. C. No. 18428; Walter VanArsdalen, F. M. C. No. B 9933 and H. L. Amme, F. M. C. No. 30589 A, owners of the above mineral claims (known as the Big Chief Group), intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under *Section 37 must be commenced before* the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 1899.

25-32 W. R. ROSS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, with whom plans have been deposited, for permission to erect a bridge, with a suitable draw span, over the Upper Columbia River, at a point known as the Salmon Beds.

P. CARTER-COTTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1899. 24-28

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NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

(No. 98 of 1899.)

In the matter of John Lewis, deceased and in the matter of "The Official Administrators Act". Dated 27th day of June, A. D. 1899.

Upon reading the affidavits of Maude E. Crease and James F. Armstrong it is ordered that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator for the County of Kootenay, shall be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John Lewis, deceased and that this order be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the "Prospector" a newspaper published at Fort Steele in the County of Kootenay.

(Sgd.) J. A. Forin, J.

Creditors and other claimants should file their claims with J. F. Armstrong, Official Administrator, Fort Steele, B. C. 27

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1899.

Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Aug.—The Alaskan boundary dispute has loomed up large on the political horizon this week owing to the somewhat impassioned speech of Sir Charles Tupper in the House on Saturday and the dignified and patriotic comments of the Premier in reply. The occasion was the announcement made in that morning's papers of a delay in the reassembling of the Joint High Commission, owing to the failure to arrive at the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question. It will be remembered that when the adjournment was made last February it was intimated,—although certain prominent opposition ists professed to doubt it,—that the one and only cause of trouble was the delimitation of the Alaskan boundary question. At that time Sir Charles Tupper thought it necessary to severely criticise the policy of the British Commissioners, even his long experience in diplomacy failed to teach him that, with only a very partial knowledge of the exact conditions.

IT WAS RISKY WORK.

offering criticism thereon. But with the fuller knowledge which he now possesses he readily appreciates the mistake which he made, and with a candor that does him credit he frankly admits that his censure was uncalled for, and his attitude a mistaken one, and that the policy of the Government was worthy of the unanimous endorsation of the country, and should now receive his full support. Having thus satisfactorily prepared the way, the Opposition leader proceeded to urge more aggressive action on the part of Canada first by providing immediately for the construction of a light railway from the seaboard through all Canadian territory to Dawson City, and second by excluding all but British subjects from holding territory or working claims in the Yukon. The venerable baronet spoke with considerable warmth of apparent inertia of the Imperial Government, and condemned in somewhat strong terms what he was pleased to term its laissez faire policy, adding that had Great Britain been dealing with any other country than the United States she would not have been half so lenient.

SIR WILFRID COUNSELS PATIENCE.

Replying to the leader of the Opposition Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke with extreme moderation, and while admitting that Canada had very great excuse for irritation at the attitude of the Washington authorities, he urged that in view of the unassailable justice of our position we should have patience yet a little longer. There were three ways, the Prime Minister pointed out, by which international disputes might be settled:—by compromise, by arbitration, and by an appeal to arms. The first of these would appear to be about exhausted, for the United States appeared determined to concede nothing. The idea of war was out the question and consequently arbitration alone remained. It is certainly not encouraging to hear from the chief Canadian Commissioner, who has taken an optimistic view of the situation all along, the statement that, "at this moment, in the last days of the month of July, the question is not perhaps any more advanced than it was in the last days of January". Even while admitting this however Sir Wilfrid adds: "I do not give up hope—— I will not believe, because it would be too painful to believe for a moment, that we cannot settle this question by arbitration."

CANADA'S HEAVY TRADE LOSS.

While Canada may be excused for showing some impatience at the treatment she is receiving, it is satisfactory to realize that there is complete unanimity in the country, and that the people have absolute confidence in the statesmanship and ability of their representatives. The foremost cause for irritation rests in the fact that time is the important feature in the situation. The Americans may be well satisfied to leave things as they are, for while all means of trade communication with the Yukon lie, wholly or in part, through American territory, the coast cities of the States are securing the vast bulk of the trade. The question of principle unhappily appears to have little or no weight; it is a matter of expediency, every time with them. If Canada today possessed a railway through her own territory into the heart of the gold country by which equal facilties could be given to her merchants to supply the commercial needs of that country with their American competitors, the Dominion would possess a trump card that could be relied on to win the trick,—but that advantage has been denied us through the action of the Senate in throwing out the Yukon Railway Bill. There is small satisfaction in crying over spilt milk, at the same time it is well not to forget the circumstances which led up to the present condition, and while we may be willing to accept the regrets of the Opposition leader for his mistakes in the past, his withdrawal and apology will not, unfortunately, undo the mischief which has resulted from the partisan action of his Senatorial supporters.

WORTHY OF HIS HIRE.

The outrageous statement of Mr. Taylor the Conservative Whip, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had accepted a bribe from a wholesale house in this city in return for special favors in the matter of Government contracts, has had a beneficial effect which was not contemplated or intended by that gentleman when he uttered the slander; it has given rise to considerable discussion upon the question of the remuneration which the country should pay its Ministers. The demands upon the financial resources of our public men are very exacting, and the majority of the Ministers of the Crown, both Federal and Provincial, and without regard to party, make very large pecuniary sacrifices when they give up their private business to enter the service of the country. A man's income is not to be valued at its actual cash amount but with regard to his necessary and legitimate expenditure, for it is an axiom, requiring no proof, that under some conditions $1,000 would place a man in affluence, while under different circumstances he would be poor with $10,000. A proposal to make a substantial increase in the salary of the first Prime Minister, is being warmly endorsed on all sides, for it is generally recognized that a salary of $8,000 a year is not only out of proportion to what is paid for services of far less value to the country, by big financial and commercial corporations to their principal officers all over the Dominion, but it is miserably inadequate to the actual legitimate demands upon it. It is no matter of surprise that the Premier has refused to sanction the proposal to present him with a large sum of money to augment his present income, for it would be scarcely possible to carry such a project through without the development of conditions which might occasion criticism. The very fact that our public men are so sensitive of their honor should give increased impetus to any proposal that would place them in a position that would make such a suggestion unnecessary.

THEY ARE INCORRIGIBLE.

The Senate has thrown out the Redistribution Bill contrary to general expectation, and contrary to its own intention up to within a day or two of the debate which ended in its rejection. The method adopted was unsatisfactory from every point, for the amendment proposed by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, did not venture to impugn the principle of the measure but attacked upon an unimportant side issue,—the minor question of its constitutionality. Even in the Commons the opposition was very mild and half hearted, and Opposition journals of the more independent type agreed that the bill was reasonable and fair.

The fact appears to be that a majority of the Senators, actuated by the childish desire to show the Government that they were not scared by the proposal to limit their powers, and careless, as usual, of the public weal, rejected a necessary and inevitable piece of legislation in a spirit of irresponsible bravado. Of course the Government has been greatly strengthened by this action in its contention that "the present constitution of the Senate is inconsistent with the Federal principle in our system of government and is in other respects defective, —— and should be so amended as to bring it into harmony with the principle of popular government.

Animals That Keep Guard.

It is well known that many animals appoint one or more of their number to act as sentinels to guard against suprise while the rest are at sleep, or feeding or at play. Among the animals —using the term in the widest sense—that are thus prudent, may be named the following:—Wasps, ants, chamois and other antelope, prairie dogs, wild horses, rooks, swans, Australian cockatoos, zebras, quails, certain monkeys, flamingos, New Zealand silver-eyes, shags and other birds, marmots, moufid and other sheep, seals, African wild cattle, huancoes, elephants, etc.

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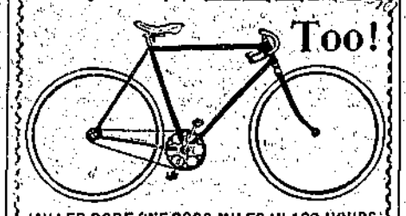

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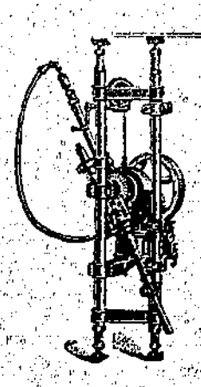

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The Prospector

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1899.

FOR the past two weeks there has been a dearth of railroad news. The work of the contractors of the line of the North Star branch was going merrily on, when suddenly like lightning from a clear sky came the wire, "Stop all work on the North Star branch north of the St. Mary's river". No reason was assigned. The citizens of Cranbrook were paralyzed, dumbfounded, indignant: there are not adjectives enough to describe their consternation. What! is the C. P. R. to desert us. Is the scheme we have cherished of making Cranbrook the commercial, mining, smelting, agricultural, and everything else center, to be thus thwarted? Are we to be crushed, metaphorically speaking, under the iron heel of a gigantic octapus? No, we will not stand it we are bigger than the C. P. R. The board of trade is hastily gathered together, they resolve and resolve, and their indignation is wired to Montreal. Having vented their indignation and let off the superfluous steam, they breath easier. When someone says let us take something. This strikes a sympathetic cord and they adjourn to a convenient hostelry and drown their sorrows in a flowing bowl. Then Brother Simpson went down to his office and wrote an article, which makes everything clear as mud, explaining the whole matter, and that he knew of it all of the time, that the building of the road was only delayed, that the road will be built, in the sweet bye-and bye.

Toronto Telegram:—There is not a member of the Laurier Government mean enough to give Hewitt Bostock, M. P., a gold brick to rub on the wounds and bruises of suffering constituents of Yale-Cariboo.

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Toronto Telegram:—If Hon. F. Carter Cotton can put Hon. Joseph Martin on the shelf and make him stay there he will be hailed as the logical leader of the Conservative party in Canada by the eastern Tories, who have seen several men try that game and fail.

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Cascade Record:—Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, is sojourning at Victoria. This has no connection with Joe Martin's preparing for a scrap.

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It has been suggested that Joe Martin's visit to Colorado was to get a few pointers from Governor Waite.

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The members of the Canadian Mining Institute will leave Montreal on their excursion to British Columbia on Friday, September 1st, at 9 o'clock. The excursionists will be away three weeks visiting Rossland, Trail, North port, Boundary, the Slocan, Ymir, Nelson, and the collieries at Anthracite, Canmore and the Crow's Nest Pass. A number of the members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers have signified their intention of travelling to British Columbia with the Canadian Mining Institute excursion en route to their meeting at San Francisco on 25th September.

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The British Medical Association have collected and published a mass of statistics in regard to intemperance and mortality. The collection covered 4,234 deaths. The average length of life was computed with the following results:

	YEARS.
Total abstainers	51.22
Habitually temperate	62.13
Careless drinkers	59.67
Free drinkers	57.59
Habitual drunkards	52.03

This is at variance with the usual accepted theory that intemperance shortens life.

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Alexander Henderson, Q. C. of New Westminster, was sworn in as Attorney-General of British Columbia on the 7th inst., to succeed Mr. Martin. He will be obliged to stand for re-election.

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There was no necessity for Joe Martin going to Colorado or California for pointers regarding F. Carter Cotton. If he had visited Fort Steele he could have received all the information required.

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Joe Martin has resigned and his successor has been appointed. However, he is still a member of the house and his name is Fighting Joe.

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Ores are coming in fast now, and, after all, Fort Steele will not be left out in the cold at Paris and Spokane.

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Editor Lowrey of the New Denver Ledge is the most pessimistic humorist in all of the Kootenays. In fact should Mr. Lowrey leave the country there would be no one left upon whom his mantle would fall but Brother Simpson of the Cranbrook Herald.

A Wise Contractor.

Sandy McDougall, a railway contractor of the North Star branch, has the following interview in the Macleod Gazette. He throws a few boquets at Alberta and says:

"British Columbia is going ahead. Its mineral wealth is being developed, but capital is coming in at a slow rate. Much more of it is needed to carry on the development work at such a rate as the richness of the claims warrants. Another and very considerable feature of British Columbia's wealth, is its timber. Eastern British Columbia will never be the country it should be until this timber finds the market. And this will not be until there is a greater demand for it near at hand. When the whole of Alberta is irrigated and the most of it under cultivation, then British Columbia will go ahead by leaps and bounds."

"You believe then" he was asked, "that the true development of British Columbia depends upon the prosperity of Alberta, and will follow after it?"

"I do indeed" replied Mr. McDougall, "and I cannot see how it can be otherwise."

Such talk is pure and unadulterated rot, as though the development of British Columbia was dependent upon the development of Alberta. THE PROSPECTOR is of the opinion that the wealth of British Columbia lies in its mines, while its timber resources are secondary. All of the timber in East Kootenay will be needed at home, as its mines are developed. British Columbia would go ahead even though Alberta did not exist.

The Silver King near Nelson, B. C., is sending regular to the smelter 200 tons of ore per day. The ore which is now being shipped is some of the best ever taken from the mine, carrying native copper which can be plainly seen.

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Kootenay Notes.

A strike of good ore was made along the line of construction of the C. P. R. near Duncan city.

Another big strike has been made in the Payne mine, the famous Slocan producer.

B. C. Riblet has the contract for the construction of the new tramway for the Wakefield mine near Silverton. The tram will be 7000 feet long.

The ore shipments from the Slocan from January 1st to July 29th amounted to 15,920½ tons. Thirty-seven mines were included among the shippers, the Payne taking the lead with 5,271 tons. The smallest shipment being one of three tons from the Fidelity.

Every Man a Sandow.

There is one position in which even the weakest person may defy successfully the efforts of a Hercules. If the tips of the two index fingers be pressed tightly together no man, no matter how strong, will be able to pull them apart, provided that the pull is applied gradually and there is no jerk. There have been many attempts to explain why with the fingers in this position so much force can be resisted, but none of the explanation has been satisfactory. Theories of weight, balance, and strain have all been advanced in vain, but the fact remains and can be easily demonstrated. Care must be taken that the pull must be gentle at first and without any jerking. Later enormous power may be applied without pulling the tips of the fingers apart.

The Rambler.

In my rambles through the suburbs last Sunday my attention was attracted to a windowless building perched upon a hill near the river. My first impression was that it must be either an ice house or a stable. Upon making inquiries I ascertained that it was the Masonic temple. In close proximity to the temple there was a shed filled with empty bottles, and near by a graveyard. I wondered if my informant had not made a mistake, and if the building was not the temple of Bacchus or the lodge room of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

The chief engineer of the water works has much to answer for. At any old time during the day the whistle will be sounded, and this awakens memories of the days that are not, of the days when argosies freighted with wealth from far Cathay, (I am assuming the poet's license, therefore, for Cathay read Jennings), were brought to our shores. I wander to the river bank no vessel is in sight, and I am told that the whistle is blown to notify the people when the engineer's tank is full.

There are some things that Fort Steele needs, as one may see who will walk about the town and notice the lack of paint on so many buildings, and the woful lack of fences, which should surround the many really pretty residences. This lack of paint gives to the town an appearance of uncertainty, as if the owners expected at any time to pull up stakes and depart for new fields. A little expense on the lines suggested would make Fort Steele the prettiest town in Kootenay.

The copper production of the United States during the year 1898 was the largest ever recorded in a single year, or a total of 585,900,232 pounds of copper, which was an increase over 1897 of 34,529,937 pounds, or 6.8 per cent. The exports for the year amounted to 299,765,054 pounds, or about 55 per cent of the total production. During the current year the production has increased but very slightly, while the consumption has grown on a large scale, and an extraordinary increase in prices has resulted.

The Boards of Trade Convention at Rossland Accomplishes Much Work.

J. A. Harvey returned Sunday from attendance at the meeting of the boards of trade of Kootenay. In speaking of the meeting he said: "It was the most harmonious gathering I have ever attended. Soon as the meeting convened they got down to business at once; it was business from start to finish. The subjects were ably handled, and a large amount of work was accomplished. Most of the subjects in which the Kootenays are interested was gone over. The eight-hour law, the lead smelting question, (upon this subject G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo and Mr. Aldrich of the Trail smelter, gave a vast amount of interesting information). The subject of trails and roads in the various districts was thoroughly discussed; mail service, redistribution, etc., in fact every subject in which the Kootenays, Yale and Cariboo were interested, received attention. "I believe" continued Mr. Harvey, "that much good will be accomplished by these meetings, which will be held annually. It will show our legislators that we are in earnest in demanding the rights, which are due us, commensurate with the amount received by the Government from the interior".

Mr. Harvey was on all of the committees. He did excellent work in the convention by showing up the needs of East Kootenay, and his faithful work in the committees will be of much service to the district. It was unfortunate that there were no representatives at the convention from Fernie, Cranbrook or Golden.

Mining Notes.

Miners have been sent into West Kootenay from Sudbury to work in the mines.

A rich strike is reported to have been made on the Acorn and Chesnut claims near Donald.

The work on the old Albion mine near Ainsworth will be resumed. The property has been idle for two years.

A strike of 2½ feet of ore on the Granite mine near Ymir is reported.

A miner just returned from the district says that boom prices are killing the district. He says there is any amount of gold, but it takes $66,000 to produce $70,000.

Elwood L. Nase, representative of the B. C. Mining Record the New York Mining Engineering Journal and the London Mining World, is in Nelson.

Paul Johnson formerly of the Hall miners smelter at Nelson, will superintend the construction of the largest smelter in the Dominion, at Greenwood, B. C. He is representing an English syndicate with $3,000,000 capital. The work will be begun at once.

Railroad Rumbles.

J. E. Griffith, gold commissioner, has been making strong representations to the C. P. R. that the success of Windermere as a mining camp is now assured, says the Golden Era, the only element now wanting being transportation, and he has urged that the C. P. R. should push their line in there. Superintendent Marpole will visit the Windermere district at an early date.

It has transpired that MacKenzie & Mann's projects in China have a good deal to do with certain concessions which Sir Charles Ross, the Kootenay capitalist, has obtained since his arrival in the Celestial Empire. No details are given, but it is said here that Sir Charles' concessions are important, and that he cabled for Mackenzie & Mann to help carry them through.

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The Reason He Changed Situations

"Did you hear the reason why I left my old employers," said a drummer the other day to a few friends. To this inquiry they all gathered around, fully expecting to hear a good story as "Tom," (familiarly called by his friends), tilted back in his chair.

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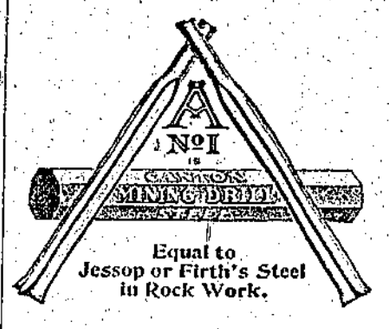

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1899.

Of Interest to Miners.

An adit is a tunnel driven from the surface to the ore bodies of a mine either on the vein or across the formation.

It is not always the largest mine that realizes the greatest profits, nor the richest ore that gives long life to a mine.

The total amount of copper produced in the United States in '98 was 526,375,591 pounds, valued at $61,849,122.

In sampling ore it is very essential that the prospector or miner does not deceive himself, though he not infrequently does so.

The "big" successes in mining are not, were not and will not be made by paying "big" prices for "big" mines, but by developing prospects.

The present stock of gold in the United States is stated to exceed that in any country in the world, being estimated at $975,454,000 which is 50.05 per cent. of all our circulation and $12.81 per capita of population.

The fastest Transatlantic steamship run to date is the trip ending the 15th inst. of the Kaiser Wilhelm, Sandy Hook lightship to Cherbourg, France—5 days, 20 hours, 55 minutes—3190 miles, an average of 22.65 knots, or 26 miles per hour.

If mine owners who are new in the business would take more care in testing their ores or having them tested, and determining from these tests the proper kind of machinery to employ in the treatment of their ores on a commercial basis, fewer failures would result.

The Bonanza pocket mine, at Sonora, Tuolumne Co., Cal., is credited with a production exceeding $2,000,000. A single pocket contained more than $500,000, and one mass weighed $40,000. Most of the gold was taken out with the use of hand mortars. The gold was usually found associated with tellurides, generally petzite.

Among copper deposits one of the most remarkable in America is that at Copper Basin, eleven miles southwest of Prescott, Ariz. This deposit consists of a bed of detritus—the result of the degradation of the neighboring hills of granite and eruptive rock, which is cemented by carbonate of copper (malachite), presumably derived from the numerous small veins occurring in the underlying crystalline rocks, the waters flowing from which carry copper sulphate in solution which has been precipitated in the interstitial spaces of the debris. The waters flowing in the neighboring creeks contain copper in solution, and when at a low stage deposit films of copper carbonate on the bedrock over which they pass.

For many years scientists have claimed that a series of earthquakes was always followed by the active eruption of one or more volcanoes. Whether or not there is any significance in this cannot positively be known, but it is usually the case. Earthquakes have been of frequent occurrence of late, in various parts of the world, and volcanoes are active which have been dormant for years. Mount Etna, on the island of Sicily, and Mauna Loa, in the Hawaiian Islands, are both active, the latter pouring forth a great volume of molten lava, which is flowing down the slopes of the mountain to the sea. Whether these volcanoes are safety valves which, when active, relieve the pent-up internal forces of the earth remains to be seen.

The Atlin Wonder.

A Victoria man has brought to light the largest nugget ever found in British Columbia, the Klondike or Alaska. The lucky find was made by William West of Tootle, Wash., and Garrett Hefferman of No. 57 Henry street, Victoria, formerly a seal hunter and well known to the fraternity as a dead shot. The "Atlin Wonder," the name given to the big lump of gold, was taken out by Mr. West below the discovery on Spruce creek, and was found to weigh 83 oz., 5 dwts. and 15 grs., valued at about $1,500. On the day following the discovery Messrs. Hefferman and West brought the nugget into Atlin, where it is now to be seen at the Hotel Grand. Mr. Hefferman owns the Black Diamond, the claim next the Star, and is a partner of Mr. West and a half owner of the Wonder. He says the nugget was taken out about a foot above bedrock, and is of the opinion that others as large, or even larger, will be found before both claims are worked out.

NOTES OF THE LATEST NEWS.

By Wire and Post From All Parts of the World.

Gold has been discovered on the Irish estate of the Earl of Arran.

The bank of England destroys about 350,000 of its notes every week to replace them with finely printed ones. One evening in each week is set apart for the making of the bonfire.

The largest city in the world is London, which has population equalling the combined population of Paris, Berlin, St. Peterburg and Rome. Its streets, placed in a row, would reach around the world, leaving a bit over long enough to reach from London to San Francisco.

The London Railway News, commenting on the recent orders for American built locomotives, recalls that in the early forties there were running on the Birmingham & Gloucester Railway, now part of the Midland system seven American locomotives.

An Ohio paper says that a kind of paper is made from seaweed, which is so transparent that it may be used instead of glass for windows. However true this may be, the makers of window glass have not yet gone out of the business.

It is doubtful if anyone has more gold and silver than the Pope. It is declared that were he to melt down all the medals, chains, vessels and other objects preserved in the Vatican, the amount of gold obtained would make more coins than the whole of the present European circulation.

The average duration of human life is about 33 years. One-fourth of the inhabitants die before their seventh year, and one-half before their seventeenth year. Of every 1,000 persons, only one reaches the age of 100 years; of every 100 only six reach the age of 65 and not more than one in 500 lives to see the eightieth year. There are about 1,500,000,000 inhabitants on the globe. Of these 50,000,000 die every year, 137,736 per day, 5,505 per hour, about 90 per minute, or three in every two seconds.

The coal output of Anthracite, Banff, Lethbridge and other points in the Territories reached last year the respectable aggregate of about 338,000 tons, or approximately about a third of the output of our Province. It is expected, as a result of the growth of population in the treeless districts of the Territories, that the demand for and output of coal in Alberta and Saskatchewan will speedily increase. At present most of the demand for the coal of the Territories comes either from the railroads or from outside points. But the call for domestic fuel is steadily increasing in the Territories, whose yearly demand on the local coal supply may ere long reach a half a million tons. Meanwhile British Columbia's coal output will doubtless increase from the present yearly yield of rather over a million to several million tons.

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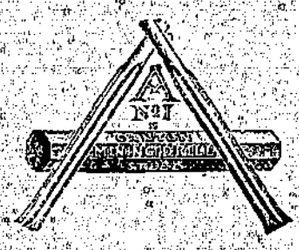

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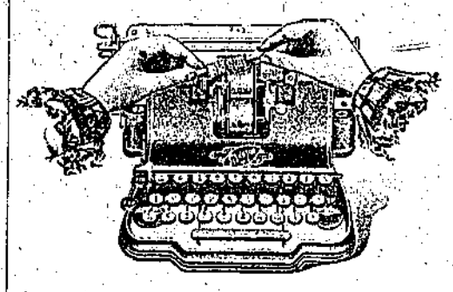

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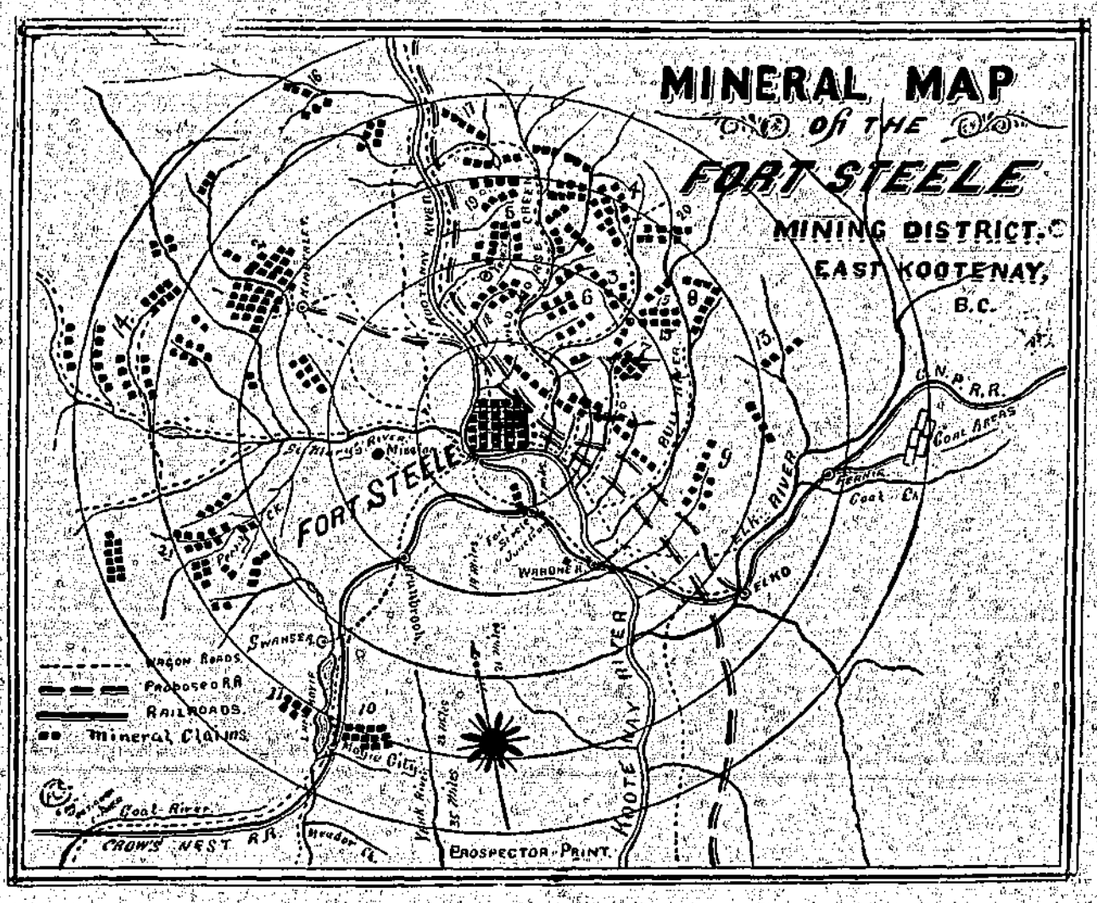

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

J. W. R. Young has gone to Crow's Nest Springs for a temporary sojourn.

Charles Estmere was in town on Tuesday. He says ore has been uncovered on the Owen Sound Boy fraction lying between the Hamlet and Nero claims on Sullivan Hill.

General Arthur cigars and Will's navy cut at Keeps.

Mr McEvoy of the Dominion Geological Survey, was on Perry creek during the week. He will be in Fort Steele in a few weeks.

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W. H. Smythe was in town on Wednesday.

New wall paper at Cann's.

C. H. Klingensmith went to Kimberley on Thursday.

Dr. Taenhauser, manager of the Watch Hospital, has returned from a trip to the country. He says that notwithstanding the fact that work has been stopped on the North Star branch it has not stopped work at the watch hospital. Watches are being treated just the same as usual.

A. Munro, of Vancouver, a well known mine operator was in town during the week. He paid a visit to many of the camps in the vicinity, and expressed himself as much pleased with the showing, but suggested that more development should be done if it was desired to interest capital. Mr. Munro left for Nelson yesterday.

W. M. Sprague formerly of Fort Steele came down from Tracy creek on Tuesday.

There is a demand says the Edmonton Post, for poultry in the Kootenay. The other day Mr. F. A. Richardson got an order for some and the following instructions were sent by telegraph "Ship regardless of age, color or previous conditions of servitude."

George Levasseur of Fernie has resigned his office of justice of peace, to which he was recently appointed.

Several pack outfits went up Perry creek this week.

The Fort Steele district is not the only one from which complaints are made of inadequate appropriations for roads and trails. Everywhere in Kootenay and Yale the same complaint is made.

H. L. Cummins and H. J. Caldwell went up to Perry creek on Wednesday to survey several mining claims for J. W. R. Young.

Hon. George E. Bigelow, mayor of Nelson before incorporation, was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

E. C. Miller was the successful bidder for hauling coal from the Junction to Fort Steele for the Water Works Company.

J. A. Harvey and E. J. Walsh returned from Rossland on Sunday.

E. C. Smith and family left on Monday for Edgewood farm on the banks of Mirror lake. They will return today.

Angus Macleod came down from Windermere on Monday.

D. Binns, manager of the Bull River Mining Company, was in the city on Wednesday.

Jack Hannington returned to his home at Victoria on Monday last.

The lead on the nickel property on Wild Horse creek is said to be 4½ feet wide instead of 2½ feet as stated last week.

Mrs. A. C. Nelson returned from her visit to the Northwest territories on Wednesday last.

Miss C. M. Hearle who has been visiting friends in the city for the past few days, returned to Cranbrook yesterday morning.

Mrs. C. H. Gilpin, Mrs. Cann and Miss Edwards went over to Cranbrook yesterday.

Miss A. S. Bailey, who has been visiting friends in Victoria for the past six weeks, will return home today.

Joe Taenhauser went to the upper St. Mary's on Thursday.

Mr. Kellogg, superintendent of the North Star mine, was in town on Thursday.

Howard Chapman, representing Ames Holden Co's Victoria branch store, was in town during the week looking after trade in boots and shoes.

Remember Kershaw's for fresh fruits; Pears, Peaches, Plums, Bananas, Tomatoes, Oranges and Lemons.

E. J. Walsh says Rossland is a splendid city, and that its citizens are royal entertainers.

The Fort Steele public school will open on Monday next for the fall term. A full attendance is desired.

It is said that cobalt has been found with ten miles of Fort Steele.

Dr. Douglas Corsan returned from Trail on Thursday accompanied by his family.

Quite a number of Fort Steele people went over to Cranbrook to attend the circus yesterday.

K. J. Higbye of the Premier Hotel, Sheep creek, arrived in town on Thursday evening accompanied by his wife.

D. Granger proprietor of the hotel at Canal Flat is in town.

John Taylor of Spokane is registered at the Windsor.

C. S. Sears of Grand Forks, B. C., is registered at the International. Mr. Sears is interested in real estate in this district.

During the discussion of the subject of roads and trails at the Rossland convention, E. J. Walsh of this city said in the course of his remarks, "That it was about time for the Government to abandon deep sea politics and make liberal appropriations for roads and trails throughout the Province."

Steve Young returned from Windermere on Thursday. Mr. Young brings in a report of a large strike of rich ore on Horse Thief creek.

The attention of mine owners is called to the fact that ore specimens for the Paris exhibition must be in by the 20th of August.

READ.

THE PROSPECTOR.

Races on Labor Day.

An effort is being made to have a race meet in Fort Steele on Labor Day, September 4th. The gentlemen who are arranging for the races say that horse racing will be the only sports. There will be good races, and good purses. Soon as the programme is completed it will be made public.

A Race For Blood.

The following challenge was sent to Cranbrook on Wednesday:

"The people of Fort Steele offer to match the mare Easter Lily against Homely Hank; for a half-mile dash, the race to take place on August 30th on the track at Cranbrook. They will also bet $100, and should the people of Cranbrook desire to cover this, the money will be deposited at once in the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Cranbrook."

This challenge was accepted and the race will take place on the date mentioned. It will be a race for blood. The people of Cranbrook feel sure their horse will win, while the Fort Steele people are equally certain that the Easter Lily will carry off the money. Considerable money has been wagered on the results.

A Distinguished Provincial Officer Will Visit Fort Steele.

R. L. T. Galbraith left on Tuesday morning for Windermere, where he has gone to meet the Hon. A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, who is making his annual visitation to the various Indian Agencies in the Province. The judge is well and favorably known in this section, where he was formerly gold commissioner for East and West Kootenay; his first appointment dating back to 1871. He was afterwards made gold commissioner in Cassiar, and was subsequently transferred to East and West Kootenay, where he held office during the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway through the Selkirk's. During the period he rendered valuable and lasting services to the Province.

He will accompany Mr. Galbraith on his return to Fort Steele, arriving early next week.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

"The Blue Peter," "The Wheel of Fortune," "The Maud," "The Amster" and "Blue Peter Fraction" Mineral Claims situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Alki Creek, four miles from head of St. Mary's Lake.

Take notice that I, Clement Hungerford Pollen Free Miner's Certificate No. 11238a, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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, 1899.

32-40 CLEMENT HUNGERFORD POLLEN.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The "Mystery" Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Alki Creek 3½ miles from head of St. Mary's Lake.

Take notice that I, Clement Hungerford Pollen, F. M. C. No. 11238a agent for Robert Dewar, Free Miner's Certificate No. 18880, July 2nd, 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, 1899.

32-40 CLEMENT HUNGERFORD POLLEN.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The "Mohican" Mineral Claim situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—near Mark Creek.

Take notice that I James A. Harvey, agent for Lawrence Goudaere Free Miner's Certificate No. "50682A," 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.

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