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THE UPPER ST. MARY'S

Development on the Humming Bird Group Shows Up a Fine Grade of Ore.

Nearly every day some one comes from the upper St. Mary's with wonderful reports of the rich ore which is found in that section. Tom Hurd and his partner, Peter Meachan, came down from there last week, where they have been developing the Humming Bird group of mines on Lookout mountain, about ten miles from the crossing of the east fork of the St. Mary's river. This group of claims consists of the Humming Bird, Whipper will, Robin, Last Chance and Mountain View. The work on the claims so far consists of surface work and small open cuts. The main ledge is from 15 to 25 feet in width, cutting the formation. The ore carries copper pyrites, grey copper and galena. This ledge can be traced through all of the claims. Two hundred feet north is another ledge six feet wide, carrying the same grade of ore. The formation is dolomite lime and quartzite. There are several diorite ledges on the property.

Mr. Hurd says that it is a tunnel proposition with splendid tunnel sites; in running a tunnel with each foot drove a foot in depth will be gained. "I am satisfied we have a mine" continued Mr. Hurd, "and inside of another year there will be such a rush into that country as will astonish the oldest inhabitant."

The claims are about 55 miles from Fort Steele. Some splendid specimens of ore were brought down which represent an average of the ledges. Such ore will attract attention in any mining camp.

Viking and Crescent Bonded.

E. H. Thurston has taken a bond on the Viking, Cresent and Mascot claims from H. L. Amme, V. VanArsdalen and Grundy Lukhus. The amount of the bond is unknown. These claims are adjoining the Estella in what is known as the Tracy creek basin. From those who have visited the property it is learned that it is one of more than ordinary merit. The vein of the Estella it is certain passes through the group, and a rich vein recently uncovered on the Ram's Horn has been traced to the Viking.

The number of bonds now being taken on properties is a certain indication that the Fort Steele district is attracting more and more attention.

Big Dipper.

Work will be commenced at once on the Big Dipper group of claims on Sullivan Hill. This group is the property of the Big Dipper Mining Company of Spokane, in which several prominent Spokane mining people are interested. The Big Dipper group lies to the west of the Sullivan group of mines. N. C. McInstry will have charge of the work.

Four Feet of Nickel Ore.

This strike demonstrates that the people of British Columbia and Canada do not appreciate the wonderful and varied wealth of the Fort Steele district.

The first assay made from the ore of the Grace Dore claim went 2.15 per cent nickel, valued at $5.05. Another assay made by McNamara of an average sample across the whole four feet of the matter, went $5.17 in gold, 90 cents in silver, and 15¼ per cent in nickel.

The above is not the first strike of nickel that has been made on Wild Horse creek. Four years ago nickel was found in the capping of the ledge on the Hidden Hand and the Iron Mask claims; the assays gave a return of from nine to fourteen per cent nickel.

We learn that further tests will be made of the ore from these claims to see if there is nickel in the ore at a depth.

NORTH STAR AND SULLIVAN HILL.

The Kimberley Consolidated Mining Company Will Resume Work on September 1st.

A full force of men are at work developing the Black Bear. They are working on the vein. At the bottom of the shaft there is two feet of clean galena, and three to four feet of concentrating ore. The property is under bond to Chas. Estmere.

The shaft on the Owen Sound Boy fraction is now down 27 feet and the indications are excellent. This fraction joins the Hope one of the Sullivan group.

On Tracy Creek.

On Tracy creek there is no abatement in the development of the claims, news comes down every day which is most encouraging. Work is being done on the Ram's Horn with good results, the ore being of a fine quality with a good per centage of copper. The ledge from the Ram's Horn runs into the Cresent and Viking claims. Work of development on the latter will probably go on under the supervision of the new owners.

The new strike of galena on the Defender is highly regarded, and the owners are thoroughly prospecting the claim.

Work in the shaft on the Estella has been discontinued, and the men are now engaged in running the new tunnel, which is being extended to connect with the shaft.

On the property of the Tracy Creek Mining Company the work is progressing with satisfactory results.

PERRY CREEK.

Developing the New York Jewelry Shop.

William Morrow came down from Perry creek yesterday. He says Gus Thies is making good progress on the Jewelry Shop claim, which is situated about two miles above the old town. During the past month a seventy foot tunnel has been driven and the property is constantly improving. Several men have been employed in the work. It is a fine large free milling gold proposition, and the ore chute carries values from $12 to $20 a ton in gold, and some copper value. The ledge on this property is from 50 to 80 feet wide, and the ore chute from three to five feet. It is the intention to continue work all winter.

Mining Notes.

There are 37 mines in the Slocan from which ore was shipped this year.

Donald McKay returned from the Brittle Silver group of mines on Thursday.

One mining man says, that he will stay with Fort Steele as it will be the center of great mining activity before many months. He missed it in the Slocan, Rossland and Boundary creek country, and proposes to be on the ground when the boom strikes Fort Steele.

A PROMISING MINING DISTRICT.

A Brief Account of Development Near Tobacco Plains and Elk River.

But little is heard in this section regarding the properties about Tobacco Plains and Elk river country. C. E. Scherf was in town a few days ago and gave a representative of THE PROSPECTOR some interesting information regarding the work being done in that section of the district. He said Mr. M. Phillips has some promising properties, among them the Longworth, upon which little work has been done aside from assessment. The work on the claim consists of a shaft down eleven feet in depth in a lead nearly four feet in width, carrying copper sulphides and tellurium, the latter carrying gold. On the back end of this claim there are several rich stringers carrying the same character of ore. This claim is located across the gulch from Little Copper mountain.

On Phillipps' creek Potts and McLennan have a claim called Belleview, with a ledge five feet in width, carrying copper sulphides which assays 35 per cent copper. The claim is developed by an open cut, giving a depth of fifteen feet at the face.

The Minnie, owned by Mr. Milliken, has a shaft twenty feet deep, with a pay chute two feet wide of copper sulphides carrying high values.

ON ELK RIVER.

There are several properties in this vicinity which give good promise, among them the Happy Frank group, consisting of the Happy Frank, Y. Z. & King George and Evangeline. There are twelve quartz leads on these claims, cutting the formation, each carrying copper and galena, with some gold and silver. No. 1 tunnel on the Happy Frank is 48 feet in length; No. 2 is in 36 feet. An open cut was run which shows a face of eight feet. On the contact a good seam of ore was encountered carrying copper sulphides.

The Sweet May owned by Mr. Scherf has three leads cutting the formation north and south, with a slight dip to the east. The development consists of an open cut of seventeen feet, at the end of which a shaft was sunk, having a depth of 27 feet. The ore is copper sulphides assaying $10 in all values. The hanging wall is quartzite, the footwall porphyritic quartz. Two hundred feet above this lead is another lead with five inches of clean copper sulphides. Aside from a little surface work no development has been done on this lead. Below the main lead is another ledge carrying gray copper in talc. Assays from this ore have returned a value of $104 to the ton.

The Jennie, the adjoining claim, has an open cut and a tunnel driven in 38 feet. The ore is galena and copper. Mr. Scherf and several others are interested in the property.

The Last Chance owned by Fred Tampion so far shows only surface work. There are a number of other claims in the district, showing a greater or less amount of development. The district is seemingly a very promising one, and the surface indications are excellent, the leads strong and well defined, and the quality of the ore in most instances would justify still further development.

Around Moyie.

The new compressor on the Lake Shore mine at Moyie was started up on the 17th inst.

It is expected that the new concentrator on the St. Eugene mine will be started up in about six weeks.

About $10,000 was paid out in wage at Moyie last month.

DEVELOPING STAR GROUP.

Work Will Probably Continue All Winter.

P. C. Sloess on behalf of the Bull River Mining Company of Spokane, who own the well known Star group of claims at the head of Quartz creek, over the divide from Boulder creek, arrived in town on Monday last and immediately went up to look over the property. He returned on Thursday and said to a representative of THE PROSPECTOR: "I have gone over the ground pretty thoroughly but am not prepared to make a comprehensive statement. Since the company took hold of the property but little work has been done in the way of development, most of the work, so far, having been preparatory. There are indications of seven leads traversing the property, varying in width from six inches to twelve feet. Two of these leads carry galena and some copper pyrites, the other leads consists of different varieties of iron pyrites and copper. The properties are well situated in regard to timber and water supply, with a good trail to the claims from Fort Steele. It is impossible to form any opinion as to the possibilities of this section, as there are no claims near by which show any amount of development, but the general surrounding conditions appear to be favorable. So far the values of the ore from the various croppings has not been fully determined, however, samples which were taken about a month ago from the croppings of the galena ledges gave a value of from $17 to $20 in all values. What will be done in the future has not been decided as the details have not been fully outlined, although it is possible that several men will be kept at work this winter, preparatory to an extended exploration of the property in the spring.

BONDED FOR $20,000.

E. J. Walsh Takes Hold of the Emerald Mine.

E. J. Walsh has taken a bond on the Emerald claim on Alki creek, from W. Meachem, the price being $20,000. The life of the bond is one year. This claim has been well spoken of. It is situated one half mile south of the Pollen group and lies between the Hardscrabble owned by Fred Hazen, and the Alice owned by Dewar and Murphy. There is 12 feet of a lead carrying copper and galena on the Emerald, and it is said to be one of the best showings in that section. Mr. Walsh is at present in the east, and what he proposes to do could not be ascertained.

Chickamon Stone.

Development is progressing and considerable ore is being taken out. The buildings for the accomodation of the men has been completed. The wagon road to the mine has been completed and is in good condition for the transportation of ore.

M. Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, has returned to his duties. He was warmly greeted upon entering the court.

There is great distress in Puerto Rica in consequence of the late flood.

WINDERMERE DISTRICT.

Several New Towns Started.—Mines Being Developed.—Items of Interest.

(Correspondence of THE PROSPECTOR.)

As already stated by Mr. Steve Young, the recent strike by Messrs. West, Scott & Van Courtland on Horse Thief creek, is without a doubt one of the greatest strikes ever made in the Kootenays.

Fred A. Mulholland representing a syndicate, has purchased the townsite of Copper, from E. T. Johnson. "Copper" is situate on the west end of Lake Windermere, and commands a grand situation; lots will be placed on the market at once.

Geo. Stark has resumed work on the Delphine with a small force, it is the intention of the owners to work the property throughout the winter.

Copper City is all the talk at the present time.

R. R. Bruce is working a force of 20 men on the sitting Bull group, on Boulder creek.

It is the intention of the new Golden syndicate, to put in a winter camp at the Pretty Girl mine.

Peterborough, a townsite owned by Messrs. Innes, Bacon, Bruce and Neave. Lots are on the market.

James Stoddart is developing the Silver Thread group on Law Creek.

C. F. Smith representing the Mackintosh syndicate, is completing arrangements for the further development of the Red Line group, on Macdonald creek.

Isaac Melan has located a very promising looking prospect near the Sitting Bull group.

It is rumored that the syndicate who have purchased the townsite of Copper intend making some extensive improvements on the townsite, and that they will expend a large amount of money between now and fall. The town is situated on the C. P. R. branch from Steele, along the west side of the Columbia lakes, up Toby creek, to connect with the Arrow Head branch.

D. R. McLean, the well known mining man, is making an examination of several propositions on Toby creek.

The Windermere townsite agent, H. F. Collett, has moved into his new quarters opposite the recorder's office. The townsite building is certainly a great credit to the town.

R. L. T. Galbraith and Judge Vowell left for Fort Steele during the past week.

The Swansea mine is looking better than ever under the management of Mr. Bannitins, M. E.

Windermere town lots are still in great demand, special inducements to purchasers being offered.

All the principal mining properties are working but miners are scarce.

A large number of prospectors came over the trail from Argenta during the past week.

Development Wanted.

One thoroughly developed mine in the vicinity of Fort Steele would give such an impetus to mining in the district as to bring our town more prominently before the country. The mineral is in the mountains and all that is required is sufficient capital to extract it. No where in the province is there such surface showings, and the development so far indicates that the leads at depth are as good or better than appeared on the surface. The man who stays with the Fort Steele district will make a fortune in legitimate mining.

The government is not doing much for this section in the matter of roads, a few trails have been built, but roads must eventually be constructed.

Cascade is called the Gateway City. Fort Steele can claim the honor of being the pioneer city of all the Kootenays.

Jay P. Graves of Spokane is a hustler, several years ago he secured control of the Old Ironsides and other mining property in the Boundary country, and never stopped until it was thoroughly developed, and now he has a smelter to treat the ore. Mr. Graves was equally energetic when selling real estate in Spokane before the panic. It would be a good thing for British Columbia if there were a few more hustlers of Mr. Graves stamp in the province.

Henderson Returned.

(Special to THE PROSPECTOR.)

Victoria, August 22.—Henderson was returned by acclamation on Tuesday.—*Victoria Times.*

At Home.

The Kootenay Club gave an "At Home" last evening which was largely attended by the members of the club and invited guests. This was but one of the social events given by the club, and like the proceeding ones, it was a most delightful affair. When the club members spread themselves to entertain their friends, they make an unqualified success.

Government Work.

The Government road gang left on Monday for White Fish creek where they will repair the trail. A bridge will be built over the north fork of the St. Mary's, also one on the east fork. This will enable prospectors and miners to reach that portion of the district at all times.

A gang will be sent to the Shookum Chuck district to repair roads and trails in that vicinity.

W. J. Doyle has had charge of a gang of men employed in building a trail up Boulder creek to the summit; this trail connects with the one built by Wheeler and Violet. The party returned on Wednesday having completed the work. Mr. Doyle says that they have done a good job. He reports a foot and a half of snow at the summit on Wednesday morning.

The Shamrock.

New York, Aug. 18.—The American cup challenger Shamrock passed Sandy Hook bound in, at 8:14 a. m. today.

Columbia Money.

A wager of $100 or any part of it is now open for betting, that the Columbia will win the International yacht race in October.

The money is deposited in the bank at Fort Steele subject to any and all bets. Bring on your Shamrock money.

Church Notes.

There was a meeting of the members of St. John's church on Monday evening last to discuss the matter of a new church building. A committee of the rector and the church wardens were appointed to formulate some plan to raise the funds necessary to build a new church.

The Kershaw block is nearly completed.

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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 Cummins' 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. LE 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. "23404A", 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 "Mactntosh" 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. "8775A" 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 "Barton" 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. "9561A", 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 9760", 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. 18925; Walter VanArsdalen, F. M. C. No. B 9623 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.

25-23 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.

F. CARTER-COTTON.

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands and Works Department.

Victoria, B. C., 19th June, 1899. 21-5

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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

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. 11213B, 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. 11213B agent for Robert Dewar, Free Miner's Certificate No. 19088, 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 Goodarre Free Miner's Certificate No. "30082A" 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.

J. A. HARVEY.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1899. 32-40

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1899.

FORT STEELE MINING DIVISION

An Expert Opinion of Its Mineral Wealth. A Region of Vast Promise and Huge Ledges.

The Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay district comprises a large tract of country lying in the extreme south east corner of British Columbia, bounded on the south by the international boundary line, on the east by Alberta, one of the North West territories, on the west by the district of West Kootenay, and on the north by the water-shed between the Columbia and Kootenay rivers.

The main valley which is from five to fifteen miles in width, is formed from the Kootenay river which flows in a south easterly direction for 120 miles though the district, separating the Purcell from the Rocky range of mountains. The intervening country consisting of bottom lands interspersed with hay meadows which lie along the bank of the river and its numerous tributaries, while rolling bunch grass hills, sparsely timbered with fir, yellow pine, and tamarac, extend back to the foot of the mountains, affording every facility for horse and cattle ranching, also farming on a small scale. But it is well to bear in mind, that the prosperity of this district depends entirely on the development of its mineral wealth, the possession of which has now been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt, and it is only a matter of time, and we believe a short time at that, when this portion of British Columbia will take its place among the great mineral producing regions of the continent. A great change has taken place within the past year. We have now several ore producing mines, fresh locations and new discoveries are being made, and development work is being pushed forward with much more zeal and vigor on the different mineral belts, showing up valuable deposits of gold, silver and copper.

Fort Steele, the distributing point for the district, is situated on a bench overlooking the Kootenay at its confluence with the St. Mary's river and Wild Horse creek, and eight miles from the Crow's Nest railway. It will become in the near future one of the most important places in the mining industry of the district.

Up Wild Horse creek about five miles from Fort Steele is the old Kootenay placer camp, out of which millions in gold dust have been taken. Two companies are at present engaged in hydraulic mining, besides some chinamen. It is a picturesque spot, with its ancient buildings, Chinese quarters and old graveyard, surrounded by piles of debris, bare bedrock and high cut-banks, showing the immense amount of work that has been done in the past, during the palmy days when gold could be got in plenty, just for the digging; and without doubt there is a large extent of ground to be washed which will pay well for the trouble. But the chief interest from now on will center in the gold quartz properties in the vicinity, as numerous claims have been staked off on the main creek and its tributaries. Recent development work and assay returns show that there are valuable deposits of gold quartz within a radius of four or five miles of the old placer camp, which are only waiting for capital and labor to be worked to advantage.

Following the mountains north from Wild Horse creek, a mineral belt extends for a distance of thirty miles. There are numerous outcrops with good surface showings on which many locations have been made.

Wild Horse creek includes the famous Big Chief, Dupont, Dardanelles, Lily May, Noble Five, and other free-milling gold groups. In the same camp are large deposits of galena, viz., The Kootenay King, Watson and others. Gray copper and galena are found in the Dibble group, Keystone and Percy and others, while copper pyrites seems to be distributed in large quantities, carrying gold and silver, through the entire mineralized zone of thirty miles by twenty.

Tracy, Lewis and Wasa, with Four-Mile and Six-Mile creeks, may be mentioned now as being an extension to the north of the same mineral belt.

The whole of this section is highly mineralized the ore values going as high as two thousand dollars to the ton. Copper in its various forms, galena, high and low grade; gold quartz, and nickel are all to be found; usually in large deposits. There is no better field for investment than this section.

The Estella, Rover, Ramshorn, Golden Fleece, Lewis Creek Mining Co., Tracy Creek Mining Co., Wasa and Mammoth all bear witness to the extraordinary showings of ore to be found in this locality.

To the south the Bull river section adjoins, showing large deposits of gray copper, copper pyrites, and gold quartz. The most notable locations are the Mabel, Chickamun Stone, Griffith group, Empire, Blue Grouse, and Tontine group. This takes us to the Elk river section with its copper showings. From here to the international boundary line is one succession of copper prospects, many of them with excellent showings. Indeed, this section, so far, seems to be a copper belt solely, the ledges being strong, well defined and continuous. The country rock includes slate, quartzite, diorite, schist, porphyry, etc. The Burton, Wynstay, Happy Frank, and others to numerous to mention, are in this belt.

This ends up the Rocky Mountain range of mineral prospects on the east side of the Kootenay valley in South East Kootenay. North of this division the mineral belt runs through the Windermere division where there are some most excellent showings of ore, viz., the Delphine, Red Line, Hot Punch, Swansea and others, and thence through the Golden division, forming altogether a mineral belt that probably has no equal.

On the west side of the valley to the boundary of West Kootenay are some of the best known camps in East Kootenay, to wit, the North Star, Sullivan, St. Mary's, Moyie and Perry creek.

Moyie is a camp lying by itself some thirty miles from Fort Steele. This belt contains galena in large quantities. The country rock is a metaphoric slate, lying nearly horizontal with a slight dip to the east. Through this the ledges, true fissures, traverse, and are of great strength and continuity. It has lately been demonstrated that these fissure veins occur on the west side of the latter; the development work showing up large bodies of high grade galena. As most of the Moyie mines are shipping ore they may be considered as beyond the prospect stage, and practically determine the permancy of the ore deposits.

Perry creek at present holds its position as the premier gold camp, but we imagine that Wild Horse creek will be a most worthy rival. The ledges on this creek are wide, strong and continuous, the main ledges being traceable for nearly twelve miles. The country rock includes slate, diorite and schist, in which the veins occur. Most of them are perpendicular veins having a strike to the north and south. In this vicinity many copper and galena lodes have been recorded, so in time we expect to see it develop into a good active mining camp. Some of the quartz ledges in this section carry high values in gold, but the general opinion inclines to the belief that the future of the camp depends upon the enormous ledges of low grade ore.

St. Mary's river includes the North Fork, Alki, Mathew, Baker and White Fish creeks. This is another copper country, the country rock being chiefly syenite, hornblende, and schists with slate and diorite. The ledges are strong, wide and continuous, free on walls, sometimes heavily iron capped, carrying pyrrhotite, copper pyrites, galena, mispickel, etc. This section offers extraordinary advantages to large companies, (the great drawback at present being want of transportation), as considerable development is required to prospect these huge ledges. The ore bears a striking resemblance to that in West Kootenay, the pyrrhotite being exactly similar and the occurrence in similar conditions. In course of time this section is bound to be one of the largest copper producing sections in British Columbia.

The North Star and Sullivan groups, last but certainly not the least. This belt contains the largest known deposit of (silver-lead) galena in the district, if not in the world. These two large group of mines, over two hundred, are situated about twenty miles west of Fort Steele, have a bright future before them. As the only shipper in this section for three years the North Star has kept East Kootenay well before the public, and is still doing so by its further developments. The Sullivan is following its good example, and we trust to see the time when these properties will require a smelter for each mine. Through this belt runs a very strong vein of mineral carrying pyrrhotite and copper pyrites in a silicious matrix which occur in a contact fissure between slate and diorite. This ledge is traceable for a considerable distance, thus giving indications of being permanent and continuous. The country rock is altered slate and schist, and bears some comparison to that around the Moyie mines, but the ore deposits do not occur in the same form.

The great feature of this district is the extraordinary preponderance of eruptive rocks and the infinity of veins that seem to run in every conceivable direction, all of them carrying mineral. As the country is still in its infancy it is only fair to trust that it will become one huge mining camp. If one ledge out of fifty turns out well, it will be hard to find its equal in any known part of the world, and the diversity of minerals gives every investor an opportunity to support his preference.

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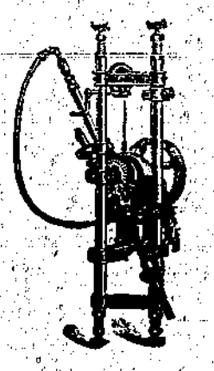

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A REMARKABLE CONVERSION

In order to secure salvation one must experience a change of heart, so all revivalists say, and this is what Brother Simpson of the Herald has done, his conversion was almost as sudden as that of St. Paul. We are convinced of this by reading an editorial in the now defunct Wardner International of April 14, 1898, just 15 months ago, and only a short time before the plant of the International was removed to "Beautiful Cranbrook."

"Having had considerable experience with that city," refering to Chicago, "we are led to remark that up to the present time we had labored under the impression that Chicago had secured her great population by hundreds of thousands of people stopping there instead of passing through. It seems that we have been mistaken. In the future the people may gaze upon Cranbrook as a municipal anamoly, a freak as it were, in the growth of towns. As each person passes through, the town will be the larger, for it is. Then when the road is completed and passenger trains running through the town, the daily increase in population will be enormous. There is one advantage in figuring on such a basis: every town on the road can figure the same way."

Elsewhere in the same issue appears the following: "Some towns live on past glories, others go ahead, Wardner is of the latter class."

Again! "It is no guess or promise with Wardner, on the contrary it is absolute and material progress that marks the course day by day. The people see it, and the people have so willed it, they are the judges, for by their energy and capital are towns built. In no other way can it be done. That is why Wardner leads today in East Kootenay." The International in those days was full of such stuff, trying to tear down every other town in the district. The railway passed through Wardner and the town was almost deserted, and then the International ceased to exist and the Cranbrook Herald sprang into existence, and under the same editorial management proceeded in the attempt to demolish every town in the district praising "Beautiful Cranbrook," belittleing other towns. If the editor was consistent it would be all right, any newspaper in the district which dare rise in its own defense and utter a disclaimer against the claims of the Herald. Then the editor plays the baby act, as it shows in the following item from the last issue of the Herald:

"The Fort Steele Prospector would do better by the district if it could refrain from indulging in petty jealousies and work on a broader and more liberal plan. Every time it prints an article intended to injure another town in the district, it simply injures Fort Steele. It should remember that each town in the district must stand on its merits, and that as the properties tributary to Fort Steele are developed, just that fast will Fort Steele forge ahead. Fort Steele is all right, but the attempt to down other towns in the district will not help it."

So far as the people of this town are concerned there is no jealousy of other towns, on the contrary, they believe that many towns will spring up in the district, and extends a welcome to them all. Which will be the mining and commercial center, though, it has not been determined, we believe that it will be Fort Steele.

The claims made for Wardner are repeated in the Herald, and it savors strongly of insincerity, either the editor did not believe what he was writing about Wardner, or he was talking through his hat, and now it is "alle sammie International, alle sammie Herald." You pays your money and you takes your choice. The people of the Fort Steele district fully understand the situation, and can see that the town on the road is making rapid strides towards wealth and prosperity. "It is not railways that makes a town, and in this district, the towns will have to depend on their mineral wealth and the mines tributary to it, and not the railway.

In looking through the last issue of the Herald, we are forced to the conclusion that something was the matter with its patent innards.

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It was not from any business consideration that the circus stopped at Cranbrook. It was a case of must. The animals had to be fed, and there was plenty of feed in and around Cranbrook.

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THE PROSPECTOR did not say that work was stopped entirely on the North Star branch as was intimated in the Herald. Work was stopped north of the St. Mary's river and it was a telegram from Montreal that stopped the work.

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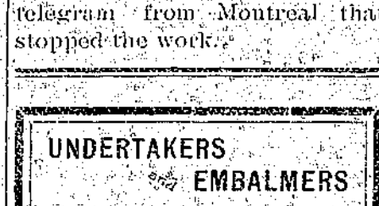

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Transportation Notes.

According to the Libby (Montana) News, Capt. Miller who owns the steamer North Star has in contemplation the putting of the steamer in commission to run from Libby to Tobacco Plains, in order to make a market for the products of the Kootenay valley.

GREAT NORTHERN R. R.

To get into Nelson the Great Northern has resorted to strategy. "A visitor from Nelson says that the new electric street railway company is laying heavy steel railroad iron along Baker street, and that he would not be surprised if it will turn out a scheme of Jim Hill's to enter the city with his passenger coaches from Spokane on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard line," says the Rossland Record." Our informant says that the excuse for putting down the heavy rails is that lighter ones cannot be had is not credited, and that it seems not at all unlikely that the desire of the people of Nelson and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road to enter the town is to be accomplished by strategy and in a quiet way, which could not be done otherwise on account of the opposition of the C. P. R.. The president of the street railway company is president of the Grand Trunk, which is pointed out as another reason why the rumor might be true."

CROW'S NEST BRANCH.

The North Star company will contribute $50,000 towards the cost of the branch line to the mine, but this amount will be refunded by a rebate of 33⅓ per cent of all charges on all freight of the company going over the line until the $50,000 is fully repaid.

Thirteen miles of the Lardo branch of the Canadian Pacific is graded and five miles more well under way. The contractors say that if the rails were at hand, a train could be run from Lardo to Duncan City within thirty days.

There is a vast amount of speculation regarding the north and south railway which was to be built up the valley of the Kootenay, and continued on to Golden. It has been stated that the C. P. R. through its London agents are negotiating for the charter, and another statement is made that the Great Northern will build the road. The people of this valley are indifferent as to who will build the road, providing that it is built. We are informed that a definite statement will be made regarding the construction of this road, in a few days.

The recent rains have played the dickens with the railway. While but few particulars can be obtained, it is learned that two bridges have been washed out between the Fort Steele junction and Macleod, and that a big mud slide is liable to detain all trains for a few days until dry weather sets in.

General Mining Notes.

Edgar P. Rathbone, the famous English mining engineer, is in the Boundary Creek country. He will make his headquarters at Cascade.

The mineral, nagyagite, a telluride of lead and gold, is said to have been found for the first time in British Columbia on the Kingston claim near Kettle river.

Over $30,000 dollars was taken out in one day from Ward's mine in the deep diggings of the Caribou, on Horsefly river.

Seventy-five mining camps will be represented at the Spokane exhibition in October, so Secretary Armstrong says.

The proceedings of the first annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, held at Rossland from August 3rd to 5th has been published in pamphlet form.

The fall meeting of the members of the Canadian Mining Institute will be held at Nelson, B. C., on Tuesday evening Sept. 12. Among those who will contribute papers are: Howard West, A. R. S. M., New Denver; W. Pellew Harvey, F. C. S., Vancouver; S. S. Fowler, E. M., and R. R. Hedley, Nelson, and William Blakemore, M. E., Fernie. A meeting will also be held at Rossland, when a paper relating to the geology and mining practice of that district will be presented. The Boundary district will subsequently be visited. The visitors will be banqueted by the Grand Forks board of trade.

The Rambler.

The town of New Denver is situated in one of the prettiest places in West Kootenay. No where could there be a prettier townsite. The effect however is marred by the unsightly stumps which are in evidence every where, even in the principal streets. This was the condition of affairs two years ago and there is no reason to believe that it has changed. There are a few stumps about Fort Steele which could be removed without detracting from the appearance of the town.

Fort Steele is more fortunate than most mining towns, in that there is few public offences against morality, the average westerner does not parade his virtues, nor does he attempt to hide his shortcomings. There are, however, times and occasions when in the exhuberence of his spirits, he will give utterance to language which is not sanctioned in polite society, and if the spirits are particularly strong, he throws discretion to the winds and indulges in expletives which are better suited to a place where there are no ladies or children.

The new buildings which are being erected in Fort Steele is an evidence that the owners have faith in the town. The buildings are of such a permanent character that every resident is impressed with its stability.

The question of time is a peculiar one in Fort Steele, the government employs the standard, and the towns people another, as there is a difference of an hour, the question naturally arises, which is right.

Is It a Fake.

The Ideal (?) Art Company of Winnipeg is a good thing to leave alone, says the Edmonton Bulletin. A few weeks ago a man representing the company landed in town and passed from house to house securing photographs to enlarge in sepia, as a free sample of their work, the picture fully finished to be delivered to you free, the only condition attached being "that you hang it in your home and show it to your friends." By this form of advertising they were to reap their reward by an overplus of bona fide orders. But the scene changes when another man arrives and does the ground showing only an enlarged photograph as a "proof" and informs you that they will do this picture in "sepia" provided you buy a frame, ranging in price from $4.00 up, and unless you do so you don't get anything.

A man was around town last Wednesday soliciting photographs for enlargement in sepia no charge to be made. As he represented himself as from Winnipeg, it is no doubt the same outfit. A similar concern operating in England last year was shown up in the newspapers so effectually that they were driven from England and at last accounts were operating in France.

C. D. Porter, one of the best known mining men in the country, said a few days ago in speaking of the Coeur d'Alene country, that it is now in better shape than it ever was before, and is now being steadily developed. And that the output for the present year will exceed that of last year notwithstanding the recent trouble. The mill of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan which was wrecked by the mob a few months ago, has been rebuilt and is now in operation. The Sunset Peak country is now being opened up, and the Northern Pacific Railway is constructing a branch to that point. The outlook for the Coeur d'Alene was never so good.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFLETS.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Tuesday, Aug. 22.—Dreyfus is lost says Mercier the chief prosecutor of the trial. On the other hand M. Labori, counsel for Dreyfus, hopes to confound his enemies and secure an acquittal.

A major in the First Dakota volunteers has been arrested for publishing a letter in which he refers to his commanding officer as a low contemptible cur.

Admiral Dewey is quoted as saying that self-government should be granted to the Filipinos.

Paris was today the scene of most serious disturbances. The police were unable to restrain the fury of the mob. The interior of St. Joseph's church was torn to pieces and is a complete wreck.

The Germans dislike the American tariff laws.

The steamer Kansas City was storm tossed for two days. During the height of the storm fire threatened the vessel, but the crew managed to extinguish it. The sailors were badly used up by the storm.

Secretary Root studies the Philippine question. Four armies will operate against the Filipinos, and Aguinaldo's bands will be scattered.

The Liberte says that the Dreyfus trial will not be finished before the middle of September.

The reply of the Boers is said to be now on the way to the governor of Cape Colony.

Two Indians and a white man were legally executed at Dawson City.

Prince Henry of Prussia will visit San Francisco.

Michael Orah, one of the best known European authorities on petrographic geology, has been appointed to a position on the Canadian Geographical Survey staff, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ferrier, who is now in the employ of the Le Roi Syndicate.

Sir Charles Tupper is in London. He says that Canada is a unit in the support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the boundary question.

The flood in Edmonton has caused much damage. Logs and lumber in great quantities are floating down the Saskatchewan. Ferries have broken away, and no mails have arrived.

Carranze say that Bell was right. His statement in regard to the stolen letter was true in every particular.

Kid McCoy was knocked out, McCormack did the trick in one round at Chicago.

Canadian bankers will meet in annual convention at Montreal on October 25.

Thousands of veterans of the civil war are encamped at Des Moines, Iowa.

Oom Paul is absolute monarch of all he surveys. There is no hope for anything but war. There is no other remedy for the prevailing conditions in the Transvaal.

In Manila at night everyone goes indoors and stay there until sunrise gun.

The Yagis are still in great fighting trim, and are defying the Mexican forces. A battle is expected.

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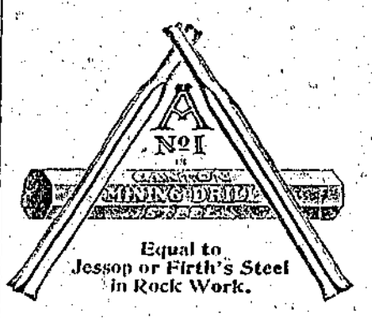

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1899.

FORT STEELE.

The Center of a Vast Mining Region.—Mines That Are Tributary to the Town.—Where the Develment Work is Being Carried On.

Wild Horse Creek.—The Dupont has a force of eight men at work on a large gold quartz property, which is very promising.

The Tontine group has ten men developing the property. The ore is a copper pyrites, and the result of the work done up to the present is very gratifying to the owners.

On the Big Chief there is a small force pegging away developing the property. The small three-foot lead has been cross-cut, showing up a fine ledge of high grade ore. The main ledge has been cross-cut showing a width of 28½ feet.

There are several other properties on Boulder creek working from three to six men on each claim.

On the east fork of Wild Horse there are a number of properties on which development work is being rushed.

On Victoria gulch, another tributary of Wild Horse, the Kootenay King and adjoining claims have a number of men at work.

On the north fork of Wild Horse the Brittle Silver group of claims are working about six men. Assessment work is being done on not less than twelve properties in this vicinity.

On the main creek Bob Dore has a force working on placer ground. Some 15 Chinamen are also working the old placer diggings on the east side of the creek near Boulder.

Brewery creek has several promising properties that are under actual development. The Fort Steele claim owned by T. C. Armstrong has a fine showing of copper ore.

Dardanelles, Doherty, Rocky Mountain, Grace Dore, and many others, all situated on the main creek, and under development.

Messrs. Wallinger, McMillan & Co. are actively engaged in running a tunnel to strike the old channel of Wild Horse creek.

Some fine gold quartz from the Gold Bug which is situated on the lone mountain at the mouth of Wild Horse, was brought in during the past week. The ore will be sent to the Paris Exhibition.

The mines in the vicinity are increasing their force as men can be secured.

TRACY CREEK.

Development work is rapidly being pushed all over the Tracy creek district. The Estella has a force at work taking out ore of a high grade. A new tunnel is being drove on the ledge, and there is a large amount of rich ore on the dump.

The Minnie M., Tiger, John L., J. H. C., Golden Fleece, Stanley, Silver Dollar, Ram's Horn and Grundy are all being developed.

SHEEP CREEK.

At least six different properties are being worked in this vicinity.

WOLF CREEK.

Aside from the regular assessment work there are several outfits engaged in pushing the development of their separate properties. Almost in every case where work is being done rich looking ore is shown in the working.

ON THE STEEPLES.

On the spur of the main range of the Rocky Mountain, immediatel east of Fort Steele, are situated some thirty locations. The regular yearly assessment work has been done on almost all of these claims, while on some a large amount of development is well under way. There is no doubt but that in the near future several of these claims will become producing and shipping mines.

BULL RIVER.

In the vicinity of Bull river and the Sand creek district are situated a large number of promising properties. Among them are the Chickamun Stone, Burton, Wynstay, Empire, Waterfall, Blue Grouse, Happy Frank, Jennie, and many others, all under various stages of development. A number of these properties are employing a large force of men, and are in position to ship ore.

TOBACCO PLAINS.

Several new locations have been made during the past week, and an unusual amount of development work is being done. The ore in this vicinity is a high grade copper. There is a very promising outlook for the properties in this vicinity.

LOST CREEK.

There are quite a number of locations in what is known as Lost creek basin. Here we find the famous Dibble group of mines; also the Emerald, Hudson, Howard, Richmond Hill, Mother Lode, Hillside, Mitchell, Percy and the Foster fraction. On all of these claims there is a good showing of ore. On the Dibble a large amount of development has been performed, and it is reported that a contract for several hundred feet of tunnel is to be let. Another promising property in this vicinity is the Keystone, which is situated on the divide between Maus and Lost creek. Very rich ore has been taken from this claim.

FORT STEELE.

Is the supply point for this vast territory, and, from a mining point of view, the only town where complete outfits for the working of a mine can be obtained. All this vast region lies on the east side of the Kootenay, and save a small portion in the south east corner, is not on the line of railway. Forty per cent of all the mineral claims located in the district are situated in the main range of the rockies and are tributary to the town of Fort Steele.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES' ACT, 1897."

"Howe Group Mining Company."

Registered the 18th day of July, A. D., 1899.

I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Howe Group Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company, under the "Companies' Act, 1897," and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U. S. A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $100,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of 10 cents each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Fort Steele, and Daniel Howe, Free Miner (not empowered to issue and transfer stock), whose address is Fort Steele is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:—

To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, procure, hold, and deal in mines, metals, and minerals of every kind, description and character, within the United States of America and the Province of British Columbia, Canada; To carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, milling, and reduction, business; to purchase, acquire, hold, erect, and operate electric and power plants for the purpose of mining and treating ores, and for the purpose of furnishing light and creating power for all purposes; to bond, buy, lease, locate, and hold ditches, mines and water rights; to construct, lease, buy, sell, build, or operate railways, ferries, tramways, or other means of transportation for transporting ores, mining and other materials; to own, bond, buy, lease, sell, and locate timber and timber claims and land; and finally to do everything consistent and requisite for the carrying out of the objects and purposes aforesaid, in their fullest and broadest sense, in the territory aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

(L.S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
23-27 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, for permission to purchase the following unoccupied, unsurveyed and unreserved Crown land, situate in North East Kootenay, described as follows: Commencing at a post planted on the west bank of Macdonald creek; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains, containing in all 640 acres.

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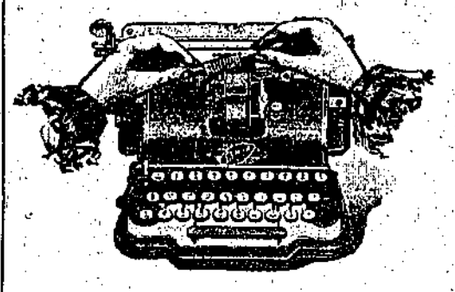

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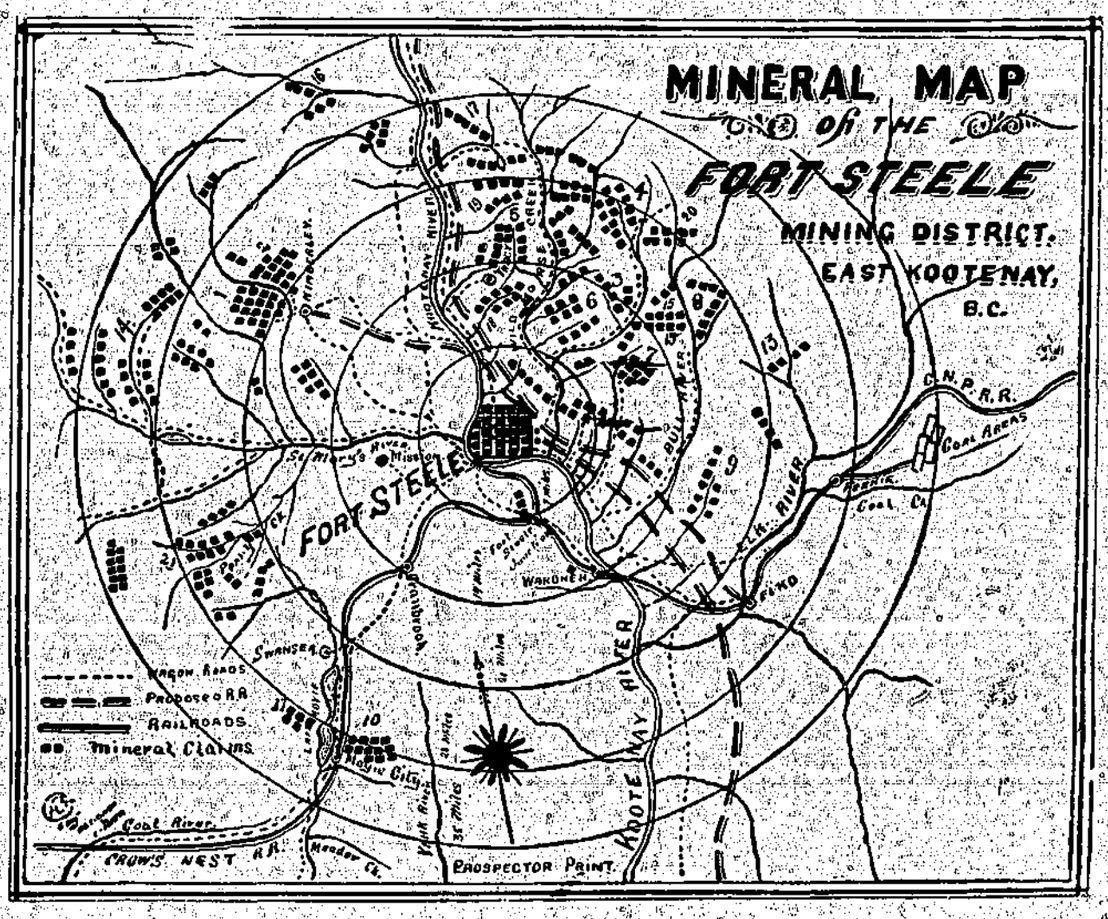

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1899.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Binmore and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reineman went to Brewer's last Saturday for a weeks vacation.

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

N. C. McKinstry and wife arrived in town last Sunday. Mr. McKinstry has been receiving the congratulations of his friends.

WANTED—A good Vest and Pant maker. Apply to L. Cohn, tailor, Fort Steele, B. C.

J. E. Humphrey of the Grange, Wolf creek, was in town during the week.

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Col. Hugh H. J. Henderson of Moyie paid a visit to Fort Steele on Saturday last.

Kershaw's cooking butter at 25c per lb is just splendid.

J. S. Gibbs has been appointed manager of the branch of the Imperial Bank at Golden. The bank was opened on Monday last.

New wall paper at Cain's.

R. R. Bruce in charge of the Sitting Bull group of mines on Horse Thief creek, has sixteen men employed in the development of that property.

Kershaw's sell the best bread and cake in this town.

D. Bale is pushing work on the bridge across the Columbia river at the Salmon Beds.

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F. M. Chadbourne, representing the Hall Mines Smelting Co., was in Windermere recently.

Dr. Tacnhauser, manager of the Watch Hospital, guarantees all work.

D. McDonald mining expert for C. H. Mackintosh was in town last week.

Rev. Henry Irwin, rector of Rossland, better known as Father Pat, was at Fort Steele on Thursday, and held a communion at the St. John's Episcopal church.

R. D. Anderson, who has been business manager of the Nelson Miner for more than two years, has gone to Sprague, Wash., where he will conduct the Times recently purchased by him. W. F. Thompson succeeds Mr. Anderson on the Miner.

R. T. Wynkoof was in town last week in the interests of the Night Directory Company of Toronto.

Wait Wade for some time a resident of Fort Steele, but more recently of Colville, Wash., is shaking hands with old friends.

Dr. Douglas Corsan and family have taken apartments at Mrs. Levetts.

C. F. Smith returned from a trip to Windermere on Sunday last.

There is two and a half feet of snow in the mountains around Toby and Horse Thief creeks, in the Windermere district.

E. C. Smith of the Edgewood ranch was in town on Wednesday.

H. L. Cummins and E. H. Caldwell returned last Sunday from a trip to Perry creek, where they had been surveying several mineral claims.

P. C. Stoess of Spokane arrived in town on Sunday last, and left the same day to visit the Star group of claims on Quartz creek. He returned yesterday.

J. W. Arthur returned from the Brittle Silver group on Sunday, bringing back with him some splendid ore.

While it has been raining in Fort Steele during the past week there has been a heavy fall of snow in the mountains, which has seriously interfered with the development of claims.

A short time ago H. L. Amme made a location adjoining the Red Line group of mines. He has just affected a sale of the property for $20,000, with a $3,000 cash payment.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh is expected to visit Fort Steele in a few days.

It is stated that the B. C. corporation has decided to fight the Western Federation of miners.

The Payne mine in the Slocan is closed down, the corporation operating it refusing to pay $3.50 per day for eight hour shifts.

There is over $100,000 worth of ore now in sight on the Galena Farm near Stilwater. A concentrator will be built immediately.

Considerable work is being done on Hooker creek in the Grouse mountain district.

John Fink went to the Chickamun Stone mine on Wednesday.

Chas. Estmere the Kimberley townsite man was a visitor at Fort Steele on Wednesday.

R. O. Jennings left on Wednesday for the Moyie district.

R. L. T Galbraith left on Thursday's train for West Kootenay on official business.

Mr. W. McKenzie, a West Kootenay mining expert was a visitor at Fort Steele during the week.

Government Agent Armstrong visited the Skookum Chuck country during the latter part of the week.

Over 1000 mining locations have been recorded at the Windermere office this year.

Fire was started last week in fifty new coke ovens, built at Fernie this year. Fifty more will be in operation in about two months.

Chas. Beilinberg came down from Tracy creek on Thursday.

K. J. Higbye came down from Sheep creek on Thursday.

It is reported that trains are delayed by mud slides on the Crow's Nest branch.

Barnes is getting his string of racers in good shape for the races on the 30th.

P. Larsen came in from the head of Sheep creek on Thursday. Mr. Larsen has some promising claims in that vicinity.

Geo. Gilpin received two carloads of furniture this week.

W. R. Ross is expected back from Rossland today.

Mr. Greenman of Lake creek was in town on Thursday.

The Macleod fair and races on September 27th and 28th promises to be an interesting event. More than $1,000 has been offered in purses for the races.

Joe Laidlaw had the misfortune to fall a short time ago and cut his hand severely on a broken bottle.

There is considerable money up on the race between Homely Hank and Easter Lily. The race will take place at Cranbrook on the 30th.

N. A. Wallinger has gone to Spokane to attend a meeting of the Tracy Creek Mining Company, of which he is one of the trustees.

E. A. Elton went to Kimberley on Friday.

The large safe which formerly occupied a position in the office of the Hotel International has been purchased by Harry Drew for the North Star hotel at Kimberley.

Miss Winnifred Armstrong and her sister Marjorie, who have been visiting their parents for several weeks, will return to school at Yale on Tuesday next, going by way of Nelson and Revelstoke. The young ladies will be missed by their many friends in Fort Steele.

NOTICE.—I have just received a new consignment of seasonable and fashionable suitings, and I cordially invite an inspection of the same.

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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.

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

Hotel Arrivals.

INTERNATIONAL—H. J. Sullivan, Toronto; C. R. McLochlan, H. Percival, Winnipeg; R. E. Clarke, Montreal; Chas. Estmere, Kimberley; Harry Davis, J. T. Deering, Montreal; Geo. Fish, Spokane; F. Murphy, Nelson; R. Helm, Nelson; N. C. McKinstry and wife, Kimberley; A. C. Beach, Montreal.

WINDSOR:—J. Berkman, Wardner; J. Dunbar, Cranson; W. J. Paveratt, Port Hope, Ont.; D. F. Dickson, Winnipeg; C. D. McKenzie, Kaslo; J. Hanson, Medical Lake; P. Chapman, Nelson.

Two Items in Newspaperdom.

The monthly amounts paid to the Post Office for transportation of newspapers since the first of year are as follows: January, $3,474.65; February, $3,498.61; March, $3,919.12; April, $3,714.03. May $3,866.13; June, $3,736.86. Total, $22,159.11.

This means that 4,432 tons of newspapers have passed through the Post Office and been paid for. As there is a local radius of forty miles in which the papers go free and that at least two-thirds of the papers are on the free list, it is fair to suppose that the total amount of paper used by the newspapers of Canada is in the neighborhood of 13,296 tons, or a monthly tonnage of 2,216 tons, having a valuation of not less than $40 per ton, or a total valuation of $88,640.

Will They Come to Steele.

The Eastern Canadian Press Association are on their travels. On their return home they will pass within seven miles of Fort Steele. If sufficient inducements could be offered they would no doubt visit our town. Here is a chance for the board of trade to get its work in. Inside of two weeks the members of the Canadian Mining Institute will be out on a junketing trip through British Columbia. Something should be done to have them come to Fort Steele.

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